



Pender County Parks and Recreation 2025 Adult Coed Kickball League Rules

Location: Hampstead Kiwanis Park, Rutherford Field

League Dates: Thursday Evenings – June 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th (Tournament)

League Times: 6:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Deadline to register & Fees: June 3rd at 5pm, Fees \$90 per team

Players:

- All participants must be at least 16 years or older prior to the first game.
- All players must wear sneakers or rubber/plastic cleats. Metal spikes are prohibited.
- All players must be on the roster.

Teams:

- Each roster is limited to 15 players.
- Each team must field at least six and no more than nine players. If 6 players cannot be fielded, the team will have to forfeit the match. A minimum of 3 females must always be on the field
- Each team has a captain who will be the point of contact for staff and/or other teams.

Game:

- Each game shall last 7 innings or 50 minutes, whichever comes first. The clock starts at the time the game is scheduled.
- The team captains are responsible for keeping score during the game and reporting the results of the game to the staff.
- There is a 10 run per inning limit for all innings. No mercy rule.
- Game time is forfeit time. Teams must be prepared to play the game at the scheduled time.

Officiating:

- This is intended to be relaxed, recreational league accommodating players of all skill levels offering friendly competition, social interaction and fun. There will be no officials.
- Teams will self-officiate, and all players are expected to practice good sportsmanship.

Kicking:

- The kicking order should consist of at least 6 but no more than 9 players.
- Balls must be hit with the foot or the shin. If the kicked ball is above the knee, it is a foul ball.
- There are no walks in this league. Each kicker will have three balls to put in play. If on the 3rd ball the player kicks a foul that will be an out.

**Pitching:**

- The pitcher will be from the kicking team.
- The pitcher is expected to avoid all contact with the ball after it is kicked into play.
- Pitching style is up to the pitcher but must be done with the hands.

Running and Scoring:

- Leading off the base and stealing bases are not allowed. A runner may advance once the ball is kicked.
- Any runner that is hindered by any fielder within the baseline, not making an active play for the ball, shall be safe at the base to which they were running.
- A line will be drawn in front of home plate. The kicker must not cross this line before contacting the ball.
- A runner scores a point when they run through all the bases and return to the home plate.

Outs:

- Three strikes is an out. A strike is:
 - A pitch that is not kicked
 - An attempted kick missed by the kicker
 - A pitch that is kicked and is a foul: Foul is considered any kicked ball that lands out of bounds before reaching 1st or 3rd base or a ball that is kicked above the knee.
- Any base runner who is contacted by the game ball while not on a base (thrown or tagged), unless contacted while overrunning first base from the kicking box.
 - If a runner is hit in the head/neck with the ball, that runner will be considered safe at the base to which they were running.
- If the fielding team catches the ball after it has been kicked and before it hits the ground.
- If a runner overcomes and passes another runner, the passing runner is out.

Ties:

- If there is not a winner when the 50-minute game time limit is up the result is a tie game

Tournament:

- Tournament seeding will be determined by overall wins & losses. In the event that two teams are tied in wins/losses, the tiebreaker will be total runs scored.

Weather Rule:

- This event is weather dependent and will be subject to delay or cancelation. Lightning within 10 miles will delay the event for 30 minutes. If lightning strikes again within that 30-minute window, the clock will restart. If there are no other lightning strikes within 10 miles in that 30-minute window, play may continue. Heavy rain will likely cancel the event. Decisions relating to weather or field conditions are determined by Pender County Parks and Recreation.