

ERIE PARKS & RECREATION



ADULT KICKBALL RULES & INFORMATION 2023

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I. LEAGUE INFORMATION

A. MISSION STATEMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department builds community through the delivery of exceptional parks, open spaces, trails, facilities, programs and services.

B. PLAY HARD – HAVE FUN – RESPECT EACH OTHER

C. FACILITIES

League games will be played at The Ballpark at Erie, located at 450 Powers Street.

D. LEAGUE CONTACT INFORMATION

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E. WEATHER HOTLINE

- 1) The weather hotline is a recorded message, which will inform teams of the status of that day's games. **A message will be recorded at 4pm Monday – Friday and 8am on Saturdays and Sundays.** Updates are made as necessary. It is every team captain's and player's responsibility to call the weather hotline. In case of inclement weather or poor field conditions after a game has begun, the field supervisor and/or umpire will decide if the field is playable. Every attempt will be made to play; however, safety is the #1 concern of Erie Parks & Recreation.
- 2) **WEATHER HOTLINE NUMBER IS – 303.926.2550 option 4.** This is a voicemail recording. Please listen to the full message as there can be many different fields listed on this recording.
- 3) You may also access game status information at www.quickscores.com/erie at 4pm Monday – Friday and at 8am on Saturday and Sunday.

F. TEAM CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The team captain is the primary link between their team and Erie Parks & Recreation. It is the team captain's responsibility to obtain all information regarding league play and communicate it to their team members. Responsibilities include:

- 1) Registering the team. To register with a deposit, you must pay with a credit or debit card in-person at the Erie Community Center. Balances should be paid in full by the third week of the season. Any remaining balance will automatically be charged to your card on the fourth week of the season.
- 2) Read, understand, and explain league rules and facility regulations to each player prior to participation
- 3) Ensure that all players sign the roster prior to their first game played
- 4) Maintain control over players in all circumstances, including disputes on the field; disputes will be discussed with the team captain only
- 5) Regularly check www.quickscores.com/erie for correct scores and schedule updates.
- 6) Communicate with Sports Administration as needed.
- 7) Ensure your team is ready to play at the scheduled game time.
- 8) Ensure that the team area is cleaned after each game.

G. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND FIRST AID

Staff will respond to on-site emergencies. Participants and spectators must follow staff directions during any emergency. In the event of a medical emergency, participants/team captains are asked to report them immediately to the field supervisor. League supervisors will have first aid supplies as well as an AED.

H. BLOOD RULE

Any player or coach who is bleeding or who has blood on his/her uniform shall be prohibited from further participation until appropriate treatment can be administered. Officials should stop the game and allow treatment. If treatment is administered in a reasonable amount of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The official will then apply the appropriate rules regarding substitution, re-entry, and playing short-handed.

I. SCHEDULES

- 1) All schedules, standings, and scores can be found at www.quickscores.com/erie.
- 2) League schedules will be ready approximately one week prior to the first game of the season and team captains will be emailed when they are ready.
- 3) Scheduling requests will not be accepted.
- 4) Games will be played if at all possible and may be played in weather conditions that are not ideal.
- 5) Games are not rescheduled except for inclement weather and/or poor field conditions.

J. CANCELLATIONS AND RESCHEDULING

- 1) If games are cancelled, makeup game schedules will be within 48 hours after the cancelled game. Once rescheduled, the makeup game time will not change.
- 2) Makeup games will be scheduled as long as the length of the season allows and will include doubleheaders. Should any team not receive the guaranteed number of games due to weather cancellations or other unforeseen events, pro-rated refunds will be given.

K. STANDINGS/TIEBREAKERS

Winning percentage will determine league standings and playoff rankings. If 2 or more teams have the same winning percentage at the end of league play, the following tiebreaker methods will be used:

- 1) Forfeits
- 2) Head-To-Head
- 3) Head-To-Head Run Differential
- 4) Average Run Differential
- 5) Average Runs Against
- 6) Coin Toss

L. TEAM AWARDS/PLAYOFFS

- 1) All teams playing in our leagues will play a single-elimination tournament at the end of the season.
- 2) Tournament champions will receive awards at the conclusion of the season.
- 3) Team captains must complete the League Champions - Award Form at the conclusion of the championship game and submit to the field supervisor prior to receiving their awards.
- 4) If the team is requesting more awards than the maximum allotted amount (as stated on the League Champions - Award Form), the team captain is responsible for incurring the additional fees at the rate shown on the form. Sports Administration will add this fee to the team captain's Amilia account to be paid within one week.

M. ROSTERS

- 1) All participants must be 18 years of age and teams may have unlimited players on their roster.
- 2) All players must sign the roster prior to participating. Any team playing with a non-rostered player is subject to a forfeit.
- 3) Open Rosters: All players must be on a roster in the league to be eligible to play; however, they may play, **as invited**, on any other team in the same league. Players may not play on more than one team per game. In the playoffs, players may only play on the team they are on the roster for. Players may only be on one roster per league. Teams may only pick up a player if they have less than 10 players and then only as many as it takes to get to 10 players. At least 50% of each team playing must be from their own roster to play the game.
- 4) Rosters freeze at the end of the regular season. No players may be added to any team's roster after this point in time.
- 5) Each player must carry a photo ID with them to all games in the event of a roster check.
- 6) Any non-rostered player or player playing under an assumed name shall result in ejection of that player. **A team may protest a player's eligibility, but must do so by the conclusion of the first two full innings after the player enters.**
- 7) Anyone participating in an adult sport prior to signing the waiver or team roster is considered an illegal player. By participating in that sport without signing the waiver/roster this illegal player assumes the same responsibility and is playing under the same inherent risks of the sports as any other legal player. Any team with an illegal player participating in the sport / activity could be subject to forfeit.
- 8) Free agent (players looking for teams) information is available at www.quickscores.com/erie.

N. GENDER EQUITY POLICY

Erie Parks and Recreation prohibits discrimination based on a protected class or characteristic, including gender identity and gender expression. Individuals participating in Town of Erie recreational sports can participate in the gender in which they identify and are not subject to disclosure of personal information beyond that required of cisgender athletes.

II. LEAGUE RULES

A. GOVERNING RULES

- 1) Erie Parks & Recreation is the sole governing body of the league.
- 2) Erie Parks & Recreation reserves the right to expel any team/player from the league for reasons of conduct or failure to observe rules, regulations and procedures. Written notification of such actions will be provided to the individual and/or team captain.
- 3) Any situation not covered explicitly in these rules will be acted upon by the league supervisor and/or Sports Administration. In addition, Erie Parks & Recreation reserves the right to interpret any and all rules and situations and further reserves the right to insert, delete or change rules at any time and make retroactive decisions should it be deemed necessary for the benefit of the program.
- 4) Teams will play with a size 10 kickball with bases at 65 ft and the pitching mound at 50 ft.

B. FORFEITS

- 1) Teams must have at least 7 players to start and finish the game.
- 2) If a team or both teams do not have the minimum number of required players to start a game, that team (or both) teams will be granted a 10-minute grace period to allow for the minimum number of players to arrive. The official game clock will start at game time and continue to run until enough players arrive to start the game or a forfeit is declared at the end of the 10-minute grace period.
- 3) Forfeited games will be scored 10-0.
- 4) The field supervisor and/or Sports Administration will make the final call on all forfeits.
- 5) Umpires will NOT officiate a forfeited game.
- 6) Teams will be allowed use of the field until 10 minutes prior to the next scheduled game time.
- 7) If a team has to forfeit, the team captain MUST contact Sports Administration by 12pm on game day. If notified properly (e-mail and/or work phone), there will be no forfeit fee charged to the team. The team captain MUST also, out of courtesy, notify the opposing team captain by email and phone to ensure that the opposing team is aware of the forfeit.
- 8) Non-appearance forfeit: When a team fails to show up for their assigned game without notification, the team must conduct a meeting with Sports Administration prior to participating in their next scheduled game. If a team has 2 non-appearance forfeits during the season, it is automatically dropped from the league. No refunds will be given.
- 9) Any team that forfeits 3 games in a season will be removed from the league without refund.
- 10) If a player gets ejected, they must leave the facility immediately. If they do not leave the facility immediately, their team is subject to a forfeit regardless of the current game score. Game will then be ruled and recorded as a 10-0 forfeit.

C. LINEUPS

- 1) A full team consists of 10 players. Teams may bat a maximum of 12 players. Teams must have a minimum of 7 players to start and finish a game. When playing with 7, 8 or 9 players, NO OUTS will be recorded for the missing 8th, 9th, or 10th players.
- 2) A batting lineup must be submitted at game time. Teams may have up to 12 kickers in their lineup. Kickers must alternate male and female with each kicker when possible. Teams must have an equal or greater number of women to men in their lineup. Women may occupy consecutive spots in a batting order, but men may never occupy consecutive spots in the batting order.
- 3) Any of the starting players (including any additional hitters) may be substituted for and re-enter the game at any time, provided the players occupy their original numeric position in the batting order.
- 4) All players playing defense must kick.
- 5) Any player ejected from a game cannot be replaced by a substitute. Their spot in the batting order will be ruled as an automatic out. It is each team's responsibility to assist the umpire in keeping track of that spot (out) in the lineup.
- 6) Any team with 2 or more players ejected from a game will automatically forfeit the game.
- 7) If a player is injured and must leave the game, no out will be taken. A substitute may be added to the

lineup of the same gender.

- 8) **COURTESY RUNNER:** A courtesy runner is allowed if needed, but only for an offensive player who becomes injured on that play. The courtesy runner must be the most recently available player of the same gender. If a courtesy runner cannot be used, an out will be taken.

D. DEFENSE

- 1) **Field:** Ten players max allowed in the field, seven players minimum. Must have equal number of males and females in the infield and in the outfield. If playing with an odd number of players, the infield must remain an equal number of males and females, but the outfield players do not have to be gender equal. A team with eight or fewer players does not have to have a catcher. If a team plays with 9 or 10 players, there must be a player in the catcher position. Offensive team will supply the pitcher. Defense is allowed a fielder in the pitcher position.
- 2) **Infielders:** Other than pitcher position and catcher, infielders may play where they'd like in infield. Catcher must start in or behind the catcher's box and must not interfere with kicker.
- 3) **Outfielders:** All outfielders must start in the outfield grass until the ball is kicked by the kicker. (Penalty: If an outfielder catches the ball while illegally across the grass line, the ball is dead and the kicker is awarded first base and all other runners are awarded one base.)

E. PITCHING

- 1) Each team will pitch to their own players.
- 2) Max of three pitches per kicker. There are no walks. Failure to put the ball into play after three pitches results in an out for the kicker.
- 3) Offensive Pitcher may not interfere defensively with the ball, or with a defensive player. Interference result: kicker is out.

F. COMPLETE GAMES

- 1) Games are 55 minutes long or 9 completed innings, whichever comes first. No new innings will begin after 50 minutes. The clock will start after the captain's meeting at home plate or at game time. Game time will be kept by the umpire. A new inning begins when the final out is made in the previous inning.
- 2) If the opportunity presents itself, a game may start ahead of the scheduled start time if the start time is agreed upon by both captains and the umpire.
- 3) If a game is delayed for any reason, teams are required to wait for instruction from the league supervisor before leaving. If your team leaves prior to receiving information, and games resume, you will be assessed a forfeit. In the event a delayed game cannot be completed, it will be considered complete if the home team is at bat and ahead at the bottom of the 4th inning. Drop-dead time is 10:45pm. If a game is still in progress at 11pm, it will end and be recorded as a complete game. If the game is tied, the game will end and be recorded as a tie.
- 4) A game is complete if one team has a 20 run lead after 6 innings, a 15 run lead after 7 innings, or 10 run lead after 8 innings.
- 5) Games that are tied after the time limit has expired (or 9 complete innings) will go into extra innings. During the regular season, if the game is still tied after one extra inning, the game will be recorded as a tie. During the post season tournament, games will continue with extra innings until a winner is determined.

G. KICKING

- 1) Kicker gets three pitches to kick a fair ball. Kicker must be in kickers box when the pitch is released and should make every effort to not contact the ball outside the kickers box. A player who is determined to be purposely kicking the ball outside the kickers box will be called out.
- 2) Kicker is out when:
 - i. He/she fails to kick the ball fairly in three (3) pitches.
 - ii. The offensive pitcher intentionally contacts a kicked or thrown ball.
 - iii. Any kicker that does not kick in the proper kicking order.

- 3) No bunting. Full kick and follow through only. A kicked ball that does not reach the imaginary line between first and third base will be considered a bunt regardless of kicking form and the runner will be called out and all base runners must return to the base they occupied at the time of the pitch. If the defense touches a kicked ball before it reaches the line between first and third, the ball is considered live and the kicker can reach base.

H. OUTS

- 1) Outs may be recorded by the defense in the following ways
 - i. Fly out
 1. b.Tag out
 - ii. Force out (where applicable)
 - iii. Throw out (a thrown ball that contacts the kicker or runner **BELOW THE SHOULDERS** without the ball first contacting the ground and the runner is between bases.)
 - iv. A thrown ball that contacts a kicker or runner above the shoulders will result in an additional base for every runner and a warning to the defensive team. A player who consistently makes contact above the shoulders on a throw may be ejected from the game.

I. PLAY IN THE FIELD

- 1) The infield fly rule will not be used for this league.
- 2) Kicker and Runners are not allowed to slide and must remain on their feet when approaching bases. A player who slides in the vicinity of a defensive player will be called out.
- 3) A defensive player may not obstruct the base path or the bases unless attempting to make a defensive play
- 4) Kickers and runners must avoid contact along the base path and at the bases. A kicker or runner who initiates intentional or excessive contact will be called out and is subject to ejection at the umpire's discretion.
- 5) There will be a point of no return line $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down the third base line. Once a runner headed to home plate crosses this line, the runner may not return to third base.
- 6) There will be a safety line extending from home plate. Runners must cross this line instead of running to home plate. If a runner steps on home plate rather than the safety line, the runner will be called out.
- 7) Safety Bases: Kicker/runner uses orange bag when running through first, and white base after that or when rounding first to attempt to run to second base.
- 8) The umpire should call "TIME" when base runners cease to try to advance, the ball is ahead of them and all immediate play is completed.

J. PITCHER POSITION

- 1) There will be two pitchers on the field, one offensive and one defensive.
- 2) The offensive pitcher must remain in the pitching circle unless attempting to move out of the way of a kicked ball or a defensive play / player. The offensive pitcher is subject to an interference call at any time
- 3) The defensive pitcher must line up directly behind the offensive pitcher and directly outside of the pitching circle until the ball is kicked.

K. PROTESTS, UNSPORTING CONDUCT, and EJECTIONS

- 1) **PROTESTS:** Protests are not allowed. Any complaints regarding a game, team, or official's rule interpretation should be communicated to Sports Administration before the next scheduled game. Judgment calls will not be addressed.
- 2) **UNSPORTING CONDUCT WARNINGS:** When a player has violated the league code of conduct and regulations, an Unsporting Conduct Warning can be issued by the umpire if it is deemed necessary and appropriate to do so. This communicates to the players receiving the warning, as well as all participants in the game, that the actions and / or words are inappropriate and need to stop immediately. The umpire will inform each team captain that an Unsporting Conduct Warning has been issued and identify which players are receiving the warning. The warning will be marked on the game's scorecard by recording the player's name and team and when the warning was issued for the game. Any player who receives a second Unsporting Conduct Warning in the same game will be ejected from the game and will be subject to the penalties associated with any ejections as described in section 3) EJECTIONS. Unsporting Conduct Warnings are given solely by the umpires using their judgement and discretion. A player who violates the league code of conduct and regulations may still be subject to an immediate ejection (without being issued an Unsporting Conduct Warning) if the umpire deems the violation of the league code of conduct and regulations is of such a severe nature that player ejection is the appropriate action for the violation. a) Any Player receiving (3) Unsporting Conduct Warnings in a season will be suspended for the remainder of the season. b) Any team receiving (3) Unsporting Conduct Warnings in a game will automatically forfeit.
- 3) **EJECTIONS:** Any ejected player **MUST** leave The Ballpark at Erie (beyond the Concessions Building) immediately. Police will be called to escort the player from the premises and additional suspensions and penalties may be levied. That player will be suspended a minimum of one game (determined by Sports Administration) and be put on probation for the remainder of the season. A second ejection of the same player will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season. Any player ejected from a game cannot be replaced by a substitute. That spot in the batting order will be ruled as an automatic out for the remainder of the game. a) Any player who is ejected from 2 games in a season will automatically be suspended for the remainder of the season. b) Any team who has three separate players ejected from games in a season is automatically suspended for the rest of the season. c) If a player gets ejected, they must leave the facility immediately. If they do not leave the facility immediately, their team is subject to a forfeit regardless of the current game score. Game will then be ruled and recorded as a 10-0 forfeit. d) If a suspended player competes in multiple programmed Adult Sports leagues or divisions of the same sport with the Town of Erie during the time of a suspension, they are subject to a 7 day suspension from all Town of Erie Adult Sports as deemed necessary by the Sports Administration team, dependent upon severity of the behavioral incident.

III. CODE OF CONDUCT & REGULATIONS - ALCOHOL POLICY

A. CODE OF CONDUCT & REGULATIONS

All participants must adhere to all park rules and regulations, as well as the Department's Code of Conduct. Erie Parks & Recreation adult sports leagues are intended to be recreational activities. The Department expects reasonable and appropriate behavior/conduct and sportsmanship from those who participate. A violation of this code of conduct includes, but is not limited to, the use of obscene language or gestures, disorderly conduct, theft, public intoxication, trespassing, verbal or physical assault, use of drugs, sexual misconduct, indecency, harassment, failure to cooperate with staff/umpires, possession of weapons of any kind, non-compliance with established policies, rules, and regulations, an unlawful activity, and any other behavior deemed offensive or unacceptable. Staff will enforce this code of conduct. Of special emphasis are the following:

- 1) The Ballpark closes at the conclusion of the last game of the evening, and no later than 11pm.
- 2) The Ballpark will be open 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled game time.
- 3) All pre-game warm-ups must take place in the designated warm up areas only. Hitting or throwing into the fences is prohibited. No infield or batting practice will be permitted on the infield before a game.
- 4) Climbing outfield fences, dugout fencing, bleachers, or any other fenced area is prohibited.
- 5) Children 10 years of age and younger must be directly supervised.
- 6) Smoking/tobacco/alcohol use is not allowed on the fields, in warm up areas, or in the dugouts.
- 7) Pets are allowed but must be supervised and on leash. Please clean-up after your pet.

B. ALCOHOL POLICY

Alcohol is not allowed unless it has been purchased at the Concession Stand. Alcohol may not be consumed on the fields, warm-up areas, in the dugouts, or during your game. In addition, alcohol may not be taken out of The Ballpark (a red painted line on the sidewalk near the concession stand indicates the boundary for alcohol consumption). Alcohol may not be brought into Erie Community Park, including the adjacent parking lots. Enforcement of the alcohol policy is as follows:

- 1) Anyone seen in violation of this policy will be asked to comply.
- 2) If the person(s) refuses or violates the policy again, the Erie Police Department will be contacted and the violator could be issued a citation by the police in addition to being ejected and/or suspended from league play.
- 3) Should any person (including those associated with a team) receive multiple violations and/or if the situation escalates, games could be forfeited and/or teams could be suspended from the league.
- 4) If a cooler and/or drink container is brought into The Ballpark, and it is reasonably suspected to contain alcohol, it may be inspected by the field supervisor and/or Sports Administration. Failure to comply with this request will result in the owner of the cooler and/or drink container being asked to leave. If alcohol is discovered (that has not been purchased at the Concessions Stand), staff will implement steps #1-3 above as necessary.