



# GRAYSLAKE PARK DISTRICT SUMMER 2019 ADULT COED KICKBALL LEAGUE

## LEAGUE INFO

- 7 regular season games
- End of season single elimination tournament for all teams
- Games played on Thursdays between 6pm-11pm at Alleghany and Aquatic Park

## REGISTRATION

- Registration can be done online or submitted via email, fax, mail, or in person.
  - Online: [www.glpd.com](http://www.glpd.com)
  - Email: [bwalsh@glpd.com](mailto:bwalsh@glpd.com)
  - Fax: 847-223-6386
  - Mail/In Person: 240 Commerce Dr, Grayslake IL, 60030

## LEAGUE FEES

- \$325 Resident team / \$375 Non Resident Team
- **League fee is due in full at the time of registration**
- Accepted forms of payment are cash, check, credit card, or sponsorship money.

## TEAM CAPTAIN

- Each team shall designate a team captain who will be the sole liaison between that team and the Grayslake Park District
- To avoid confusion, players must speak to their team captain on all inquiries and not contact the Grayslake Park District directly.
- The team captain may be either a player or non-player.

## TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responsible for distributing copies of all league policies, schedules, etc. to their players.
- Expected to inform their players of all rules and regulations prior to the first game, and as often thereafter as necessary to ensure no violations occur.
- Expected to inform players of the game schedule, make-up dates, etc. and pass along any other information from the Grayslake Park District.
- Ensure that team roster is properly completed and turned in prior to team's first game
- Responsible for the conduct of their spectators and participants.
- Team captains are the only players that may address the umpire. If an umpire does not act appropriately, or if there is consistently poor officiating and/or knowledge of the rules, please contact the Recreation Supervisor.
- Team Captains must sign the score sheet after each game to assure accuracy of score.
- Responsible for making sure the Grayslake Park District has current address and phone numbers.

## ELIGIBILITY & ROSTERS

- **Rosters are due at the team's first scheduled game.** Team roster/waiver form can be found on the adult athletics page.

- Roster max is 20 players. No change to the roster will be after the third game, except in the case of an injury. Any change(s) will require approval by the Recreation Supervisor.
- All roster information must be complete and accurate for a player to be eligible for league play.
- All players must have a valid I.D. at all games to verify their identity to prove that they are a rostered player. This must be a current State ID, Driver's License, Passport or Military ID.
- **Any team caught using an ineligible player will forfeit the game.**

***To be eligible, a player must meet all of the following criteria:***

- Must be 18 years of age on or before the first scheduled game.
- Must be on the team's roster
- Must have accurate information on the roster
- Must have a photo I.D. with them while at the facility
- Must be on only one league roster.

***A player is ineligible if they meet any of these restrictions:***

- A player who is not 18 years of age on or before the first scheduled game.
- A player not on the team's roster
- A player using a false name or nickname on the roster
- A player using an improper/incorrect address
- A player with no photo I.D., proof of residency, and/or incomplete/inaccurate roster information.
- A player on more than one roster per sport per night.

**If a team requests a roster check during a game, the game will stop and photo identification of all players on both teams will be checked.**

## **SCHEDULES**

- The Grayslake Park District reserves the right to modify the kickball schedule as necessary to operate the league. This includes, but is not limited to, changing the schedule to accommodate rainout make-ups.
- Teams are not allowed to reschedule their games. Games must be played as the schedule dictates.
- All schedules and schedule changes will be posted at [www.glpd.com](http://www.glpd.com)

## **LEAGUE OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the Grayslake Park District Adult Coed Kickball League is to provide an opportunity for adults to play organized kickball. Within this objective is an atmosphere of Fair Play and Sportsmanship provided by each captain, player and spectator.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The Grayslake Park District will provide the kickball.

No metal spikes.

The Home Team is the official book. Captains should compare scores each inning with each other and the umpire.

## **PLAYER CONDUCT**

Player's must respect the official, patched Officials, and other players and spectators. Any player that is ejected from a game or displays unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to a fine and suspension and the team may have to forfeit the game. Team captains are responsible for the actions of their players and spectators. These leagues, even though they do get competitive, are for fun! Teams are reminded that the Grayslake Park District does not carry insurance for injuries or personal loss.

## **THE GAME**

Games are played at Alleghany and Aquatic Park with a 55 minute time limit or a maximum of 7 innings (whichever comes first). A new inning will not start after the game is 55 minutes old unless the game is tied. A game begins at the time of the first pitch. If every player hustles in and out, the time limit should not come into effect.

If a rainout occurs while a game is in progress, 4 innings must be completed for the game to be counted. (If the home team is ahead after the completion of the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, this constitutes a complete game).

Teams may play 10 players in the field. There can always be more females than males in the lineup, but more males than females are not allowed. Teams must have four women to begin any game. One male and one female or two females must make up the battery (pitcher & catcher). Placement of the infield will be two females and two males and placement of the outfield will be two females and two males. Outfielders must remain in the grass area at all times to be considered outfielders.

Minimum number of players needed to start a game is 8, four of which must be female. A team may not continue with less than 8 players. If a team starts with 8 players, they may add a player(s) anytime during the game as long as that player kicks in the last spot.

The kicking order must alternate men and women throughout the entire game, unless there are more females in the lineup. Men can never kick back to back. Teams may choose to "roster kick" meaning all players on the team roster may kick even if not playing in the field.

Pitching rubber is set at 38ft. Pitchers must roll the ball. **"Speed" pitches are not allowed. Pitches must be a slow to medium roll.** Home plate plus one foot on either side will be used as the strike zone (umpire's discretion).

Kickers will start with a 1 ball, 1 strike count. A count of four balls advances the kicker to first base; a count of three strikes is an out. Pitches that are deliberately out of the strike zone, too fast or bounce towards home plate will be called a ball. If a male kicker is walked (intentionally or non-intentionally), the next female kicker has the option to kick or take a walk.

No free fouls after 2 strikes. If a kicker has 2 strikes and less than 2 outs and a fielder catches a kicked ball in foul territory, the base runners can advance at their own risks.

The kicker may not attempt to kick the ball in front of home plate. If the kicker does contact the ball in front of home plate it will be considered a foul ball/strike.

Bunting is not allowed. A kick perceived to be a bunt by the official will be declared a foul ball/strike. Arguing bunt calls will not be tolerated.

Outs can happen on either first base out or pitcher's hand out. The ball must be in the pitcher's hand, under possession, and the pitcher has to be on the pitching rubber before the runner reaches first base to be an out. Force plays, first

base, and any tag outs will be as normal. No pegging base runners for an out. **All plays at home plate are force outs: No tag necessary. A base runner is considered "committed" to running home once he/she passes the halfway point between third base and home plate. This is at the discretion of the official.**

**Forfeit** - Game time is forfeit time. If a team fails to have at least 8 rostered players by game time, the game will be awarded to the opposing team. Once a game has been forfeited by the umpire, the game cannot officially be played. Umpire has the responsibility of the official game time. Forfeits = 7-0 score. There will be a 10 minute grace period for the first scheduled game of the evening. Should a team fail to have the minimum number of players required to begin a game after the grace period, the game will be declared a forfeit. The grace period is part of the 55 minute time limit. If a team knows in advance they must forfeit, the team captain should contact the league director at least one day before the scheduled game so the umpire and the opposing team can be notified. Any team that forfeits three games during the season will forfeit their entry fee and will be ejected from the league for the remainder of the season.

**Base Running** - Bases are set at 60ft. No Lead offs.

**Double First Base** – Whenever a play is being made on the kicker-runner, the defense must use the white portion of the base and the runner the colored part. No play on the kicker-runner, either part may be touched. A foul ball is in effect when a kicked ball hits the colored part of the base.

If a runner is struck by a kicked ball in fair territory while running the bases, that player is out.

A courtesy runner may be used. The runner will be the last out. (If new inning, last out from previous inning) Courtesy runners must be declared at the start of the game. Courtesy runner must be the same gender. No more than two players are allowed to have a courtesy runner.

**Crash Rule**- Runners must make a reasonable effort to avoid contact with the fielder at all times. It will be the official's discretion, and if the official rules the contact flagrant, the runner will be ejected from the game and declared out. Fake tags are not permitted, and are subject to ejection.

Conversely, fielders NOT in possession of the ball may not block the path of the runner, and, if contact is made with the runner, the fielder may be called for obstruction.

**Player Substitutions** - Any starting player may be withdrawn and re-entered once, provided the player re-occupies the same kicking position. Players must be reported to the official and the opposing team when they enter the game or re-enter the game. Players may freely rotate positions in the field, if they are currently in the kicking order. Players who entered as a substitute and are removed are no longer eligible to play.

Team captains are responsible for keeping track of player substitutions and batting order. If there are any concerns with a team's substitutions or failure to follow their batting order, the opposing team must bring this to the attention of the official. The official will then check the team's score book to verify batting order and substitutions. A player found to be batting out of order will be declared out.

**Blood Rule** - Should a player begin to bleed, that player must be replaced with a courtesy player. The injured player may return to the game once the wound has been cleaned and bandaged. In this case the substitution rule is not in effect.

**Slaughter Rule** - 15 Runs after 4 innings (3 ½ if home team is ahead) 12 Runs after 5 innings (4 ½ if home team is ahead) and 10 runs after 6 innings (5 ½ if home team is ahead).

**Protests** - Teams may protest rule interpretations only. Judgment calls cannot be protested. The team captain must inform the umpire of their intent to protest prior to the next pitch. If it's the last out of the game, the umpire has to be

notified before leaving the field. A complete and written statement must be submitted within 24 hours by the protesting captain to the Recreation Supervisor. The protest must be accompanied by a \$50.00 check payable to the Grayslake Park District, which will be refunded if the protest is valid. No protests in tournament play.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Grayslake Park District reserves the right to make changes for the improvement of the program. Fines and suspensions are a part of league rules. Teams are reminded that the Grayslake Park District does not carry insurance for injuries or personal loss.

**All Grayslake Parks are Drug and Alcohol Free.** At no time is alcohol allowed to be brought into any of the Grayslake Park District parks or to be consumed before, during, or after your event. Players and spectators not abiding by the Policies on Drugs and Alcohol will be subjected to fine/suspensions or legal consultation.

**Awards & Tournament** – An award or plaque will be given to the League and Tournament Champs. There will be a season ending single elimination tournament that will be seeded based on your league play. First place ties for league championships will be determined by head to head competition first, total runs scored in head to head, fewest runs allowed in head to head, total runs scored overall in the season, total runs allowed in the season, one game playoff. All other ties will result in head to head competition, Total Runs scored in head to head, total runs allowed in head to head, flip of coin.

## **RAINOUTS & CANCELLATIONS**

The weather line phone number is 847-223-7246. If the weather is questionable, the message will be updated between 4:30-5:30 p.m. If necessary, final decisions on games will be determined by the umpire at game time.

If weather conditions force a stoppage of play during a game before the game is considered official, a 30 minute delay shall be in effect. If after 30 minutes, conditions have not improved, the game shall be called off and rescheduled for a later date.

Rainouts will be rescheduled to the first available date on the league schedule. Teams may have to play makeup games on nights, times and at other facilities other than their normal league night.

Any game called due to weather will be considered a regulation game if 4 innings (3½ if the home team is ahead) have been played

## **FINES & SUSPENSIONS**

The Grayslake Park District enforces a zero tolerance policy and wants to offer safety and fun for everyone involved. Individual teams are responsible for the actions of both their team members and spectators. The Recreation Supervisor has the right to make decisions based on the best interest of the league.

Individuals and/or teams failing to abide by the rules may face additional consequences deemed necessary by the Grayslake Park District. These consequences may result in participating in a Good Sportsmanship Program, Suspension from season, and/or suspension from other Programs.

1. Players, Managers or Coaches ejected from the game by the umpire/official:

*\$25.00 team fine plus a MINIMUM one game suspension - next scheduled game.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Game Ejection: \$50.00 team fine plus individual ejected from league.*

Ejected players must leave the premises immediately in a reasonable manner and are not allowed at the next scheduled event. If it is a first game of a double header/or in tournament play – that player is not allowed to play in the next game.

2. Players, Managers or Coaches fighting (verbally or physically) anywhere in the facility:

*Season ejection and \$50 team fine before next scheduled game.*

3. Under the influence or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs:

*MINIMUM one game suspension plus a \$50 team fine.*

4. Players, Managers, Coaches or Spectators who threaten, push, strike or even touch an umpire, official or supervisor:

*Season ejection and a \$50 Team fine*

5. Ineligible Player - Under the age of 18, Player not listed on roster, Player improperly listed as resident on roster, player impersonating another rostered player:

*\$50 team fine, game forfeit, team captain/coach suspended 2 games*

The Grayslake Park District has the right to alter or change any of the policies or procedures at any time for the best interest of the league. Teams/Players cannot play until their fine is paid in full.