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**2015 SUMMER  
CO-ED KICKBALL LEAGUE BY-LAWS**

1. NAME

The League shall be known as the City of Dover Co-Ed Kickball League.

2. ORGANIZATION

The City of Dover Sports Coordinator, hereafter referred to as the Director, will preside over the League and his decision is final.

3. BEGINNING DATE

League play will begin June 10, 2015.

4. STARTING GAMES

Each early game will begin at 6:15 p.m. without "grace" period. Teams playing the second game must be present and ready to play at 7:15 p.m. Teams playing the third game, when scheduled, must be present and ready to play at 8:15 p.m.

Line-up cards in triplicate are supplied by the City of Dover Parks & Recreation and are to be used for each game. The original goes to the umpire and a copy to each team.

5. POSTPONEMENT

No game may be postponed by anyone other than the Director, his representative, or the chief umpire. Games can be called off by the Director or his representative due to wet grounds not later than 5:00 p.m. If not called off by the Director or his representative, **BOTH TEAMS MUST REPORT** for a decision by the umpire.

**Postponements or relocations decided before 5:00 p.m. will be announced on the Parks and Recreation Department Cancellation line at 736-7155. Anyone signed up for RainedOut will receive instant notification on their cell phone.**

6. RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

A. The Director will be responsible for the rescheduling of games. **Games may be rescheduled on weekdays other than your regularly scheduled league nights.** Once 48 hours of notification has been given, a forfeit will be issued to teams unable to field a team.

B. All rescheduled game dates will be listed on the City website, no other notification will be made.

7. GAME BALLS

The City of Dover will supply the official game ball for the league.

8. ROSTERS

Official rosters will be posted on the City of Dover website prior to the first game. After rosters have been posted, the Director may add players to a roster prior to June 24, 2015.

No player can play with more than one team in the League. He/she shall be considered a member of the team on which he/she plays first. Rosters may not exceed fourteen (14) names.

Prior to the first game, each participant must submit a signed City of Dover waiver form to the recreation office located at the Pitts Center.

The recommended age for participation in the kickball program is 18 years by the start of the season. Players under 18 years must provide written parental approval waiver form prior to the first game. All players must be at least 16 years of age.

9. UNIFORMS

The City of Dover will supply each player with a league t-shirt. If a shirt is lost or damaged the player must wear a shirt that is alike in color.

10. PLACE OF PLAY

All games shall be played at the City of Dover New Street softball field, located at S. New St and Dover St.

11. CONDUCT

Each team manager shall be responsible for the conduct of his players at all times.

- A. Player(s) will be ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct (physical or verbal abuse of a player, verbal abuse of an official, or any situation that the official deems unsportsmanlike). Ejected player(s) will automatically be suspended for one week from the date of the ejection. **Additional suspensions may be given at the Directors discretion.**
- B. Any player ejected a second time within one year of the previous ejection will be suspended for the next two (2) weeks from the date of the ejection. **Additional suspensions may be given at the Directors discretion.**
- C. A third ejection within one year of the first ejection will result in expulsion for one year. **Additional suspensions may be given at the Directors discretion.**
- D. Any player(s) who verbally harasses an official or staff member after a game or during suspension will be suspended for the next three weeks. **Additional suspensions may be given at the Directors discretion.**
- E. Physical abuse, during or after a game, of an official or staff member will result in expulsion of that player(s) from **all** City of Dover leagues, programs and parks for at least a one-year period.
- F. **The Director will review any other actions felt to be detrimental to the League. Players, groups of players, and/or entire teams will be suspended from League play if necessary.**

12. NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON PREMISES There will be no alcoholic beverages permitted on any of the playing fields, spectator areas, or parking areas before, during, or after play. The drinking of alcoholic beverages on City property violates an existing City ordinance that will be strictly enforced by City officials. Any violations of this rule will be reviewed as described above. In addition, detection (smell) of any intoxicants on any player could result in immediate ejection from the game by the umpire.

13. CONTROL OF BENCH

Players, managers, and one scorekeeper are to be the only persons allowed on the players bench during the game.

14. PROTEST

Games may not be protested.

15. REPORTING GAMES

The **winning** team **must** report the score to the Parks and Recreation Office by 10:00 a.m. of the day following the game.

16. PLAYING RULES

- A. A team will consist of a maximum of 8 players in the field. A team must have a minimum of 5 players to start a game. Late arriving players must be inserted at the bottom of the teams kicking order.
- B. All players must kick whether playing in the field or not.
- C. The team on offense must supply the pitcher. Pitcher will roll the ball from the pitching rubber.
- D. Each kicker will receive a maximum of 2 pitches. If the kicker fails to put the ball into play by the second pitch, they are out.
- E. The pitcher may not interfere with a kicked ball, intentionally or unintentionally. Interference will result in a dead ball, the batter is out and all runners must return to the base occupied prior to the pitch.
- F. A fielder may not throw the ball at the pitcher in order to create a dead ball. The play will continue to be live.

- G. Defensive outs can be made by:
  - 1) Kicked ball is caught in fair or foul territory on the fly.
  - 2) Ground ball is fielded to a base for a force out.
  - 3) Defense tags the runner not in contact with a base.
  - 4) Defense throws the ball and contacts the runner **BELOW THE SHOULDERS** who is not in contact with a base.
    - a. If a player is hit in the head the runner will be safe and the thrower issued a warning.
    - b. If a player is hit in the head while sliding or dodging the player will be called out.
    - c. If the thrown ball contacts the ground before the runner, no out will be made and the play will continue.
  - 5) If a kicked ball contacts a base runner. The ball is dead, the base runner is out, the kicker is awarded first base, all other runners return to the base held before the kick.
- H. No leading off or stealing is allowed, runner must stay on the base until the ball is kicked. Should the runner leave before the ball is kicked, the runner shall be declared out, all other runners shall return to their base and the kick will be nullified.
- I. No bunting is allowed. The referee will determine whether or not the attempted kick was a bunt.
- J. A player may not cross the "kicking line".

17. REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS

Champions will be determined through the following tie-breaking procedure:

- A. If, at the end of the regular season teams should be tied in their league, the following steps will be taken to break the tie in lieu of playing extra games:
  - 1) Head to Head competition will be used to determine which team will take the higher and low position in the standings.
  - 2) If the teams have played an even amount of times and are still tied after Step 1, the lowest amount of runs allowed during head to head competition will break the tie.
  - 3) If the teams are still tied after Step 2, a coin flip will be held to break the tie.

18. PLAYER AND TEAM ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAYOFFS

Any player, to be eligible for the playoffs, must have played in at least one (1) game during the regular season for the team he/she intends to play for in said playoffs.

19. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS

Playoffs will be a single elimination tournament.

20. ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The City of Dover Parks and Recreation Division and its officers assume no responsibility for injuries to the members of any team holding a franchise in this league, no matter under what circumstances incurred and adoption of these rules by the team managers shall be the equivalent of full and lawful release and discharge of any claim that any members may have or that may arise in the future against any of the above-named for injury to their persons or property.