

# Ankeny Parks & Recreation

## Kickball League Rules

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### INTRODUCTION

Please review the following rules with your team. The Ankeny Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to make changes to this document as necessary during the season. Managers will be notified of any changes.

### LIABILITY STATEMENT

The City of Ankeny, Ankeny Parks & Recreation, its employees or appointed agents assume no responsibility for any personal injury or loss that any team member or spectator may incur as a result of Parks & Recreation programs. Individuals are encouraged to have their own personal health/accident plans for any such injuries which could occur. Players may be held responsible for unnecessary damage which may occur as a result of misconduct in a facility.

### ELIGIBILITY

- All players must be 18 years of age prior to the start of league play.
- The fee for participation by a non-resident is \$10 per person.
- All team and non-resident fees must be paid prior to participating in the league.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

- If there has been inclement weather, teams may call the Weather Hotline at 963-3575 or check for updates on [www.teamsideline.com/ankeny](http://www.teamsideline.com/ankeny) after 4:30 pm.
- If games have been canceled for the evening by Parks & Recreation, games cannot be played. Any games played on these days will not be recorded.
- If it rains during a game, City staff must decide if the fields are playable enough to start a game.
- After the game has started City staff will decide as to whether the game will continue or be cancelled.

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & SMOKING

- **No alcohol is allowed to be brought onto or leave the premises.**
- Customers must be (21) twenty-one years of age and provide adequate photo identification to purchase beer.
- Purchasers can buy no more than two cans of beer at a time.
- Beer Sales are allowed:
  - Weekdays start at 5:30 p.m. and end no later than 9:30 p.m.
  - Weekends start at 10:30 a.m. and end no later than 9:30 p.m.
- Hawkeye Park is a smoke free facility; smoking is forbidden by the concession stand, softball fields and volleyball courts. Smoking is only allowed in personal vehicles while on City property.
  - **First Warning** – Player or players will be asked to leave the complex
  - **Second Warning** – Team will be disqualified from the league with no refund
- The City of Ankeny does not serve to intoxication, nor does it serve the intoxicated.
- We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone believed to be intoxicated.

## ROSTERS

- Roster changes can be made up to the third game of the season by contacting Parks & Recreation. After the deadline a player may not play in the league or the season ending tournament. Roster additions must be on the official roster held at the Parks & Recreation office. All fees must be paid when players are added.
- No player is allowed to play on more than one team within the same league in Ankeny in the same season. If a person is on two (2) or more rosters in a league, the player will be assigned to the first team they played for.
- A team shall consist of 10 players: five (5) males and five (5) females. A team may play with eight (8) players, but the males cannot outnumber the females in the line-up. You must alternate male/female in the batting order and can have up to 20 players bat/kick. There will be a limit of 20 players to a roster.
- Defensive positions shall be two (2) males and two (2) females in the outfield, two (2) males and two (2) females in the infield, and one (1) male and one (1) female in the pitcher and catcher positions.
- Teams are required to keep their own score, and the home team's book will be the official book. The home team is also required to keep the score on the scoreboard. The third base dugout is the designated "home" dugout.
- Roster Protest: If a team or the Department has a question about a player's eligibility, the following procedures should be followed:
  - Players in question must be protested to the umpire before the game ends. The name of player(s) will be recorded by the umpire on the scoresheet.
  - If name does not appear on roster, the team will forfeit the game.
  - Single Elimination Tourney – Each tournament player must have played in two regular season games to be eligible for the tournament unless approved by teams.
- Any violation of these rules will result in suspension.

## RULES OF CONDUCT

- Each team manager will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her team players and is responsible for seeing that all rules are observed. The team manager must always maintain complete control of him/herself and his/her team members; this includes before, during, or after a game and any time involved with Parks & Recreation programs. The key to a successful program is in the hands of the manager and, in turn, his/her players. Good leadership will ensure a good program.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, disrespect, vulgarity, or profanity will not be tolerated at any time. Any manager or player removed from a game for breaking Rules of Conduct will receive an automatic one game suspension to be served in the next consecutive game. A longer suspension may be given by the Recreation Superintendent, depending on the severity of the offense or frequency of misconduct. Any player or manager that is ejected from a game in this manner must leave the park.
- Personal harassment of City staff may be cause for either the team or individual to be suspended from league play. A player does not have to be in the game for this rule to be in effect. He/she could be a spectator of a team. Teams are responsible for their own spectators.
- Any manager or player that is involved in a **fight** or **making physical contact** with a City staff or another player shall be suspended from all Ankeny Parks and Recreation Programs for one calendar year.

## GAME FORFEITS:

- Be RESPECTFUL – teams sign up wanting to play and not wanting forfeits. Do your part, have enough players each week and be ready to play at game start time.
- Game forfeits will be scored in Team Sideline as 15 – 0 for the team winning by forfeit.
- More than one (1) forfeit in a season or if the entire team no shows, without notifying the opposing manager and Recreation Supervisor will result in immediate release from the league with no refund of fees.
  - You must notify the opposing team manager and Recreation Supervisor before 4:30 p.m. on the scheduled game day.

## LEAGUE RULES

- Games will be seven (7) innings or 45-minute limit.
- A game will be considered official after four (4) innings; if four (4) innings are not completed due to rain, the game will be rescheduled.
- If the score is tied after seven (7) innings or 50 minutes, the game will be played with the batter beginning with a 3-2 count; the game will continue until a winner is declared.
- Mercy Rule: The **20-run** rule will be in effect after five (5) innings.
- The batting team will provide the plate umpire and the base umpire each inning.
- Winning team needs to report the score to the concession worker after the game.
- **Standings and scores will be updated daily on the Team Sideline website** [www.teamsideline.com/ankeny](http://www.teamsideline.com/ankeny). Teams should double check scores for errors. Teams will be allowed to change scores within one week of the game played.
- In the event of identical league records, the following tiebreakers will be followed:
  - Head-to-head record
  - Head-to-head differential
  - Total Points For
  - Total Points Against
  - Strength of Schedule
  - Coin Toss
- Tournament champions will receive tee shirts.

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## PITCHING/FIELDING

- A legal pitch must roll along the ground and bounce no higher than the top of the batter's knee while crossing the plate. Any pitch higher than the batter's knee as it crosses the plate shall be ruled a ball.
- Pitches must be thrown at slow speeds. No **Fireballing!** Pitch as though your grandma is up to kick. If you still don't know what rate of speed that is, then don't be the pitcher.
- No defensive player is allowed to try and block a kick.
- The strike zone will extend approximately one (1) foot from each side of home plate, to discourage excessive "looking." Any ball entering this zone without being kicked will be called a strike.
- The count begins at one (1) ball, one (1) strike.
- A foul kick counts as a strike, even on the third strike.
- The play ends once the pitcher has the ball in control and is near the mound.

## KICKING

- All kicks must be made by foot.
- All kicks must be taken at or behind the home plate. If the ball is kicked in front of home plate, the play will be called dead (this call must be made immediately) and will be called a strike.
- Bunting is allowed but tends to expose the kicking team to excessive ridicule by the opposing team.
- **Home Run Limit – One (1) home run per inning;** if a team goes over that it will be ruled an out.
- A fly ball touched by a defensive player that goes over the fence is a four-base award. This will be scored as a homerun, but DOES NOT count against your homerun limit for that inning

## **RUNNING**

- Runners must stay within the base line. Runners who are obstructed by passive fielders (fielders not making a play on the ball) within the base line shall be awarded the base.
- Stealing or leading off base is not allowed. A runner off his/her base when the ball is kicked is out.
- Hitting a runner's neck or head with the ball is not allowed. Any runner hit in the neck or head shall be awarded the next base. A runner may not intentionally put his or her head in the path of the ball while being tagged out or the result will be an out.
- If a kicked ball is in fair territory and hits the runner or the kicker, the player is out.
- It is the responsibility of the runner to avoid collision. Please save yourself and your opponents from injury by paying attention. Ties go to the runner; there's no need to take out the baseman.

***Parks & Recreation has final say over any interpretation of the a forementioned rules and guidelines and will determine best actions to reach an appropriate resolution.***