



2023 ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE RULES

I. GOVERNING BODY

- A) The governing body consists of the Spartanburg County Parks Dept. Park Operations Division.
- B) The Park Operations Division will make decisions on all protests and suspensions with its interpretation of the league rules being final in all cases. *It also reserves the right to make any exceptions necessary if it feels it is in the best interest of the league. All games will be played according to the (World Adult Kickball Association) WAKA Kickball except where Spartanburg County Parks\Dept. Adult Kickball League Rules supersede.

II. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose and intent of the Adult Kickball League is to provide wholesome recreation for the adults of Spartanburg County. This League is set up to instill good sportsmanship, team fellowship, for each participant to enjoy themselves and have fun.

III. REGISTRATION

Cost per team is \$180: This includes 8-10 regular season games and a postseason single elimination tournament. Fees must be paid in full. Payment to Spartanburg County Parks Department (SCPD) can be paid by debit or credit card or by check or money order. **CASH CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

IV. UNIFORMS

- A) All team players must all wear the same color jerseys during regular season play and tournament play.
- B) All jerseys must have a manufactured, permanently affixed number on the back at least six inches in height. No tape, drawn, temporary, or duplicating numbers are allowed. Numbers must be only single or double digits and range from 0-99. Metal cleats are not allowed.



V. EQUIPMENT

- A) Game balls will be provided by Spartanburg County Parks Department.
- B) Cleats with dangerous parts, such as metallic baseball cleats, track spikes, or worn or broken studs with sharp edges, are not allowed.
- C) SCPD staff may remove any equipment from play that has been altered, fails to meet WAKA or SCPD requirements, or that is otherwise deemed illegal.
- D) Usage of any illegal equipment, regardless if approved, will result in ejection of the offending player for the season (including postseason tournament). Team Captains may also be suspended.

VI. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A) All players must be **18 years** or older prior to the season to participate.
- B) A person may only play on one team per Division.
- C) Players must provide identification to verify identity if it is questioned in regards to the name that is listed in the line-up. The Team Captains will be responsible for presenting Player Identification to the SCPD staff during the verification process. Failure to provide identification will result in suspension of player from the game and possible future games. Any request must be made by the Team Captains and be made by the completion of the first inning; or by the completion of the inning during which the player in question arrives late.
- D) If a player is ejected from a game, it is the responsibility of the Team Captain or person in charge when the ejection occurred to notify the player of the suspension for the next two games.

VII. TEAM ROSTERS AND WAIVER-RELEASE

- A) Each team must complete a team roster to participate in the league.
- B) Each player must read and sign the adult waiver-release before he/she is eligible to play.
- C) Players may be added to the team roster by the coach/team captain submitting the player's name, address, and phone number to the Park Operations Division on a roster addition form before the deadline that is set. The player(s) being added must read and sign the adult waiver-release before they are eligible to play in the league.



- D) There are no player releases or transfers in any Division. Once a player plays for the team whose roster he/she is on, that player is locked in for the season and postseason. It is the responsibility of the Coach/Team Captains to know the eligibility requirements of all their players.
- E) Falsifying a team roster or roster addition form will result in suspension from the league.
- F) If a protest is lodged in regards to a player not being on the team's roster and it's ruled valid the ineligible player will be removed from the program, the captains suspended for one game or more, and the game will be recorded as a loss. In addition, any prior game(s) in which the ineligible player participated will result in a forfeit.

VIII. PLAYER CONDUCT

The SCPD Staff member will have authority over players, coaches, and team captains during the game. Profane language or display of unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated in the program.

The following provisions shall apply:

- A) Players, coaches, team captains, and spectators are expected to demonstrate a good sportsmanlike attitude and courteous behavior.
- B) Persons failing to demonstrate appropriate conduct or behavior will result in an immediate warning or prompt ejection from the game, depending on the severity of the incident.
- C) If a person is warned regarding their misconduct (including arguing the judgment of strikes or balls), the next offense will result in prompt ejection from the game.
- D) Any person ejected from the game must leave the park premises. If a person is unable to leave premises, the person must be "out of sight, out of sound."
- E) Failure of an ejected player to leave park premises will warrant a forfeiture of the game.
- F) Any person ejected from a game will also be suspended from their next two scheduled games.
- G) If the offending act is flagrant, involves a fight or if the unsportsmanlike conduct continues after ejection, the person will be suspended from the league, including post season tournament play.
- H) Any player, captain, and/or spectator who does or attempts to do bodily harm to an official will be immediately ejected from the game, expelled from the program, banned from all SCPD facilities, and may have criminal charges filed against him/her. The governing body will determine the length of time for banned suspension.
 - a. Threatening or attempting to do bodily harm to an official will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disciplinary action; i.e. criminal charges will be filed through the County's Police Department and the party's team will be automatically ejected from league play.
- I) Smoking is not permitted inside any of the walk-in entry gates of any SCPD park.
- J) Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on the premises of all SCPD facilities.



IX. GENERAL AND LOCAL RULES

- A) The Team Captain is required to complete the line-up on a line-up card or SCPD line-up sheet prior to the scheduled game time and meet at the mid-field prior to each game to submit to the SCPD Staff. **Line-ups must include player's first and last name and number. No nicknames are allowed on the lineup card. All names must match the name(s) on your team's roster.**
- B) The home team's scorebook is the official scorebook and will be used by the SCPD Staff.
 - Each team must have a designated score keeper.
- C) Game times will be scheduled on the hour beginning at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
- D) Games will consist of five innings.
- E) Regular season games will not have overtime and may end in a tie. However, tournament play will allow for overtime in the case of a tie.
- F) Game time is forfeit time. The time limit for all divisions is 1 hour and 0 minutes (60 minutes). This is from the start of the game (break off from plate meeting). The time clock will be stopped for an injury or a ruling on the authority of the SCPD Staff. If a game runs past the time limit, the next scheduled game will begin as soon as the game is completed. A game can be started before its scheduled time if opposing captains agree.
- G) A team must be able to **field at least 8 players** when the SCPD Staff calls to start the game. There is a limit of 11 fielders including catcher and pitcher at any time during the game. If additional players arrive after the line-up sheet has been turned in and/or game begun, they may be added/play after the first inning up to a maximum of 4 players. The coach/ team captain must notify the official scorekeeper of the players who have arrived late. If a team starts with 8 players and no other player(s) arrives to play; there is no penalty. If a team starts the game with 8 players in the line-up, loses a player during the game and is unable to substitute, they will be forced to play a player down with no additional penalty. A team may only drop one player less than what it originally started with for a game to continue. If a team starts the game with 8 players in the line-up or loses a player during the game and is unable to substitute, the game will be ruled a forfeit.
- H) For safety reasons, jewelry/ornaments shall not be worn during participation of a game. Necklaces, bracelets, anklets, watches, pins, post, any types of earrings, nose rings, etc. must be removed. The only exception to this is a wedding ring and medical bracelet or medical necklace (if taped down). Placing tape over exposed jewelry/ ornaments is not allowed. If the game is delayed due to a player having to remove jewelry/ornaments, a team warning will be issued. Additional time needed to rectify the violation will result in a turnover.



- I) Each team will be entered into a postseason tournament provided it has abided by the league rules and regulations during the regular season.
- J) Teams forfeiting three games during the season will be automatically dropped from league.
- K) Schedule requests made during the registration period will be considered but not guaranteed.
- L) No refunds of league registration fees will be made after the schedules have been completed.

X. PARK ASSISTANT (FIELD SUPERVISOR)

A park assistant will be present at the park during all scheduled games. The park assistant has the authority to cancel any game if hazardous or unsafe conditions exist. The park assistant also has the authority to warn or eject a person for demonstrating inappropriate conduct or behavior listed under the **IX. PLAYER CONDUCT** section.

XI. RAINOUTS AND RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

- A) If any change in field or game status occurs, an email will be sent to each team captain notifying him or her of this cancellation. It is the team's responsibility to be at the field at game time (unless otherwise notified) and remain there until officially notified by the park assistant with a decision.
- B) The Team Captain will be notified by email of any rescheduled games and will be responsible for notifying all players of his/her team.
- C) Rainout games will be scheduled as time and space allows according to field availability and not according to specific days of the week that the League played on during the season.

XII. PROTESTS

The Team Captain must lodge a legal protest with the SCPD Staff during the regulation game informing the SCPD Staff that the game is being played under protest. The SCPD Staff shall in turn notify the opposing captain and official scorekeeper. The scorekeeper must mark the time and game information when the protest was made. The SCPD Staff will submit a written report to the Park Operations Division stating the nature of the protest and the rule that the captain is protesting. With the exception of a request for identification to verify identity in regards to the line-up, the Team Captain must submit a written protest to the Park Operations Division and enclose a \$50.00 protest fee during office hours within 24 hours (*Exception – must be submitted within 12 hours during postseason play). If the protest is lost, the fee will not be returned and will be deposited into the appropriate account of SCPD. No protest will be accepted based on an SCPD Staff's judgment. Each protest must outline the events as they transpired and must cite specific rules and sections to justify the protest. The governing body will rule on each protest properly submitted and send the protesting captain a written ruling within one business day. When a protested game is upheld, the game is to be rescheduled from the point at which it was protested.



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I have read these rules and fully understand the implications of not abiding by said rules. I have also discussed these rules in their entirety with my fellow teammates. I understand that if these rules are not adhered to by myself and my team, it may result in disciplinary actions as sanctioned by the governing body.

Captain's Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Date: _____