

2012 Winter Season Rules

Welcome to the City of Largo's Kickball League. This will be a 10 game season followed by playoffs.

Standard coed softball rules and practices will be applied except as modified herein:

Fees:

A. Resident team entry fee: \$200 ~ 80% of roster must be City of Largo residents with a valid recreation card.

B. Non-Resident team entry fee: \$250 ~ Recreation cards are not required.

Rosters:

A. Each team will be permitted a maximum of 20 players. All players will be required to have either a valid largo recreation card or be included in the non-resident team entry fee.

B. The legality of players is the MANAGER'S responsibility.

C. Rosters are due to the Athletics office before the start of the 3rd game and at that point will be frozen. Failure to submit a properly executed roster prior to play will result in forfeiture for each game played. Additions and changes can be made by contacting the Athletics Department.

D. Any players who's name is not signed to the roster will not be eligible to participate. The penalty for use of a non-rostered player is forfeiture of each game in which the player ineligibly participates.

E. The penalty for a player who participates under another name other than his/her own is a SIX MONTH'S suspension from further participation in the Coed Kickball League and forfeiture for each game in which he/she ineligibly participated.

F. Players are only eligible to play on one team per night.

G. Players must be 16 years of age by the start of the first game to be eligible to play.

Players Conduct / Suspension:

A. The conduct of the players and spectators is the MANAGER'S responsibility.

B. No player may VERBALLY or PHYSICALLY taunt or threaten a referee, opponent, or staff member. No individual may use loud, excessive or abusive profane language, directed at another individual or not.

C. A player who is ejected from the game by the referee or staff is automatically suspended from play for the remainder of that game, the next game and must leave city property immediately or that players team will forfeit the game of which he/she was suspended. A player who is suspended is not allowed on ANY City property during the time of the suspension. (Continued on next page)

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A player may be suspended for a longer period by the Athletics Director if this behavior is considered serious. A player receiving 2 suspensions in 1 season will be suspended for a minimum of 5 games. Any player who plays while under suspension will be eliminated from further play for a period of 1 year and his/her team will forfeit each game in which he/she played while under suspension.

D. The Dakota Rule will be enforced due to profane language.

E. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on City property (field, stands, parking lot areas, etc.) before, during, or after a game. This included spectators. This is the MANAGER'S responsibility.

GAME PROCEDURED:

A. Lineup is due to the umpire at game time. Play will not begin until both line-ups have been given to the umpire, but the game clock will start.

B. A 5-minute grace period will be allowed for the first game of the night ONLY. A team needs be ready to play at scheduled game time.

C. The game ball will be provided by the Athletics Department. The ball used will be an 8.5 inch rubber playground ball.

D. Playing Time:

1. Time limit shall be 9 innings or 60 minutes. Umpire time is the official time.
2. A game that is called by the umpire after 4 ½ complete innings of play shall be considered a regulation game.
3. *Texas Tie-Breaker* will be used if the game is tied at the end of Regulation.
4. Run Rule: 10 runs after 7 innings

E. Number of Players

1. Each team must have 8 players to begin the game.
2. Teams must have equal male to female ratio of players or more females to avoid an out (see below)
3. With an unequal ratio of players, more males than females, there will be an automatic out that will be enforced throughout the game whenever there are 2 males kicking back-to-back.
4. Only 10 players are allowed to play defense (5 males and 5 females or any combination with more females)

OFFENSIVE PITCHING:

A. The offense will provide their own pitcher.

B. The pitcher stands on the pitching rubber and rolls the ball to the kicker.

C. Each kicker receives a maximum of 3 pitches, no exceptions. If a kicker does not put the ball in play within 3 pitches, they are out.

D. There are no walks.

E. Offensive pitchers cannot "coach" It is up to the first base and third base coaches to give direction to the runners.

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DEFENSIVE POSITION:

- A. Players defensive positions are not designated.
- B. Outfielders must remain at or on the outfield grass until the ball is **KICKED**.
- C. Infield players must be in the dirt area until the ball is **KICKED**.
- D. If the defensive moves into the illegal areas before the ball is kicked, the ball will be dead. After one warning, failure to do so will result in the kicker being awarded first base.
- E. The catcher must stand in the area behind home plate. The catcher may not enter fair territory until the ball is **KICKED**. The catcher may not interfere with the kicker. This will also result in a dead ball.
- F. The pitcher must stay within the circle until the ball is **KICKED**. They may not interfere with the offensive pitcher. This will also result in a dead ball.

KICKING AND OTHER GENERAL RULES OF PLAY:

- A. Each line up should maintain an alternating gender kicking order. A team may start with 8 and have a lineup of as many players that show (10 in the field & unlimited kickers) with a maximum of 15 players.
- B. Kicker must stand behind home plate. All kicks must be made by the foot.
- C. All kicks must occur within the "kicking circle". A kick in front of the kicking circle is a dead ball with one warning. After the warning, an automatic out will be enforced.
- D. Bunting is not permitted. It is a dead ball and a warning. Kickers must have a full kick at the ball with a follow through. The ball must be struck solidly.
- E. No leading off a base, wait until the ball is kicked. No stealing.
- F. Runners must stay in the base path. Running out of the base path is an out. Fielders impeding the runners' path to the base shall result in the runner being awarded the base.
- G. Balls thrown at the base runner must be below the shoulders. Any runner hit above the shoulders (even unintentionally) will be awarded 2 bases beyond what they would have held before they were hit and other base runners will move up accordingly. Any player intentionally throwing at a runners head will be ejected.
- H. Defensive kicking is allowed to get the ball in. You cannot kick the ball at a runner to get them out.

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- I. Each team is allowed 3 outs per inning. An out consists of:
1. A kicker not putting the ball in play within 3 pitches.
 2. A runner touched by the ball any time while not on base, including a thrown ball below the shoulders (See above)
 3. Any kicked ball, fair or foul, that is caught in the air.
 4. A force out on a base to which the runner is forced to run.

UNIFORMS:

- A. Shirts of similar color are required for league play.
- B. All players must wear closed toe athletic shoes. Metal spikes and steel toes ARE NOT permitted.

INSURANCE:

- A. Teams are urged to purchase insurance covering injury to team members. The City of Largo Recreation, Parks & Arts Department will not be responsible for doctor or hospital bills .

AWARDS:

- A. First Place (Playoff Champion)- your choice of a team trophy, individual trophies, or a t-shirt.

PLAYOFFS/STANDINGS:

- A. The playoffs will start the week after the regular season ends
- B. If final standings are tied, the department will revert to tie breakers as follows:
1. Head to head competition
 2. Total points scored in head to head competition in league play
 3. Point differential
 4. Playoff game
- C. Standings can be viewed at www.largosports.com

RAINOUTS:

- A. We will make up all rain-outs at the end of the schedule.

For information as to canceled games due to weather, please call the following number after 5pm: 727-518-3091.

Questions or concerns contact Brian at 727-365-0044