



2008 Updates and Revisions to KICKBALL: Official Rules of the Game

This document outlines the updates and revisions to Kickball: Official Rules of the Game revision 3/2008. Changes are listed in blue under the text of the former rule, and additions are in bold blue type. Thank you & happy kicking!

Former Rule:

None

1/2008 Revision:

1.06 - Optional Extra Base – The option of using this field setup must be made by the division board of directors each season via formal vote and approval at a scheduled meeting prior to the third week of games played. Once use is approved, this extra base must be used for all games of that division season and division tournament games. If the extra base is used:

- a. Fielders trying to make an out on first base must touch the base to the inside of the cone (first base). Runners hindered by a fielder touching the Extra Base will be safe.
- b. Runners not attempting to advance to second base and touching the first base will be out.
- c. If no fielder is on first base, and/or the runner is attempting to advance to second base, the runner may touch first base.
- d. The Extra Base is only available for runners traveling from home plate.
- e. Once a runner has reached first base safely the runner may not stand on or touch the Extra Base. Any runner doing so will be out.
- f. No additional base may be used at any other base.

Diagram 4 added for this rule

Former Rule:

4.01 d. must not play kickball professionally.

1/2008 Revision:

Deleted

Former Rule:

7.05 A team playing a non-registered person, an improperly registered person, or a person not registered on that team, division, and season, will forfeit that game (see Rule 4.01c). This team will also lose the right to play in any division tournament or World Kickball Championship;

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Former Rule:

8.02 The pitcher must start the act of pitching within the pitching mound (see Rule 1.01d). The pitcher must stay behind the pitching strip until the ball is kicked. No part of the pitcher's front foot may be in front of or across the front edge of the pitching strip. Pitching must be done by hand. Failure to abide by this rule results in a ball.

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Deleted Rule 12.02c. Moved Rule 12.02d to 12.02c.

Former Rule:

8.03 No player may field forward the pitcher other than the catcher until the ball is kicked, and no player may advance forward the 1st-3rd base diagonal until the ball is kicked. Failure to abide by this rule results in a ball.

1/2008 Revision:

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Former Rule:

10.05 Tag-Ups are only required before advancement on a caught ball. After a kicked ball is touched or caught, runners are forced to tag their originating base before running to the next base. If the runner has not moved off of base before the ball is touched or caught, the runner may run forward without a forced tag up.

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Former Rule:

10.09 A run scores when a runner touches home plate before the third out is made, EXCEPT that no run can score when the third out is the result of a force play, or when the kicker is put out before touching first base. At the end of a game the team with the most runs wins.

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Former Rule:

Rule 12.02 c. any fielder other than the catcher advancing forward the 1st-3rd base diagonal before the ball is kicked (see Rule 8.03);

1/2008 Revision:

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Former Rule:

15.01 Once the pitcher has the ball in control and on the mound, the play ends.

1/2008 Revision:

15.01 Once the pitcher has the ball in control **and retains possession** on the mound, the play ends **and runners may advance to the base towards which they were headed.**

Former Rule:

15.02 If a runner while not on base intentionally touches or stops the ball, the play ends and the runner is out (see Rule 14.02d).

15.04 Interference is when any non fielder, runner on base, or non permanent object touches or is touched by a ball in play in fair territory. Upon interference, the ball is dead, play automatically ends and runners proceed to the base to which they were headed.

15.05 A dead ball occurs when any permanent object touches a ball in foul territory. Upon a dead ball, play automatically ends (see Rule 13.02e). No written scorebook kicking order or game count changes result from a dead ball.

1/2008 Revision:

15.02 Interference is:
a. when any **non fielder** or non permanent object touches or is touched by a ball in play in fair territory. **This interference causes the play to end**, and runners **shall** proceed to the base to which they were headed.
b. when any runner on or off base intentionally touches a ball. This interference causes the play to end, the runner to be out, and any other runners shall return to the base from which they came. (See Rule 14.02d)
c. when any permanent object is touched by a ball in foul territory. This interference causes the play to end, and all runners shall return to the base from which they came (see Rule 13.02e).

Rule 13.02e now references Rule 15.02e.
Deleted Rules 15.03, 15.04 and 15.05.
Moved Rule 15.04 to 15.03.

Former Rule:

17.01 In cases of injury or illness, a time-out may be requested for participant removal and replacement with a substitute of the same sex. If the participant later returns to play, the participant must be inserted in the same fielding and written scorebook kicking order position previously held.

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Former Rule:

17.06 Only runners who are injured while traveling to a base, and who successfully make it to a base, may be substituted. All runner substitutions must be of the same sex. There are no other allowable runner substitutions.

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Former Rule:

18.03 All division tournament play is regulated by the WAKA World Kickball Championship Guidelines found at kickball.com.

1/2008 Revision:

18.03 **Division tournaments, World Kickball Championships, and all other WAKA tournaments** are regulated by the WAKA World Kickball Championship Guidelines found at kickball.com

Former Diagram 2:

Showed pitching mound diameter to be 16'.

3/2008 Revision:

Corrected to show pitching mound diameter of 24'.