



Pinehurst Parks and Recreation
Pinehurst Kickball League
Information Packet 2024

ENTERING YOUR TEAM

- A. All interested teams must have a minimum of 10 players, consisting of 5 females and 5 males. Minimum number of players to create a team must be registered by the registration deadline. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE SCHEDULE IS FINALIZED! INCOMPLETE INFORMATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** *Players must register individually at www.pinehurstrec.org.*
- B. Entry Fee for 2024 Season – Per Player: \$30 per Pinehurst resident; \$60 per non-resident of Pinehurst.
- C. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS: **Falsification of residency status will result in forfeiture of game(s) or even forfeiture out of league, and will result in forfeiture of league fees. PPRD reserves the right to randomly check rosters for residency status and request individuals to prove residency.**
- D. Once the schedule has been distributed, no refunds will be made.
- E. Deadline to register is July 12 at 5pm or until the league is full, whichever comes first.
- F. League games start week of July 8, 2024
- G. If a team is ejected or drops out of the league, the remaining games with that team will be counted as wins for the previously scheduled opponents, therefore, still counting as games in the game schedule.

ROSTERS

- A. **All rosters must be signed by each player before the end of their (3rd) third game. Failure to comply with this will result in the player being considered illegal and will result in forfeit.**
- B. The coach or assistant coach only, may make additions or changes to the roster. Changes should be made directly with the Athletic Coordinator by a **written notice/email**. The player shall register online through www.pinehurstrec.org and pay associated fee to be eligible to get added to a team. A player will be eligible for play 24 hours **after** their name has been added and fee has been paid unless otherwise approved by PPRD. **The rosters will be frozen after the team's third (3rd) game of the season.** *PPRD has the right to accept or deny any player addition
- C. There will be a maximum of 25 and a minimum of 10 players per roster. If a coach is going to play he/she must also be listed as a player on the roster. If you feel that you need to carry more than 25 players on your roster please consult with PPRD staff for approval.
- D. All players must turn 18 years of age on or before their team's first game of the season.
- E. All team rosters will be available to each team upon request to PPRD staff.
- F. If a team should forfeit out of the league before the halfway point, the players from the team will be eligible to be picked by teams within the same division.

- G. Players are eligible to participate on only one team.
- H. If a team is suspected of playing an illegal player (i.e. one that is not on the roster, playing under an assumed name or address, etc.), by the league supervisor or the opposing team and is proven guilty, the game will be ruled a forfeit. The second such offense will result in the team being ejected from the league for the remainder of the season and the tournament with no refund. ***Picture I.D. may be requested and must be produced within one (1) hour.***

FORFEITS

- A. A team must have a minimum of nine (9) or ten (10) players to start a game. The ability to pick up players at the field will not be used this season.
 - a. A 10-player team will consist of five (5) males and five (5) females for the field. When kicking all players on the roster may kick, however, they must stay in the same kicking line up for the entire game.
 - b. A 9-player team will consist of 5 players of one gender and 4 players of the opposite gender. When/If the 10th player arrive, they will need to be added to the end of the line-up.
- B. The first scheduled game of the day will begin within ten (10) minutes of scheduled game time or a forfeit will result. For all subsequent games, game time is forfeit time.
- C. Should a team forfeit **three (3)** games and still desire to play in the regular season or tournament, they will need to pay a \$50.00 re-entry fee (nonrefundable). This re-entry fee must be paid at the PPRD offices between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, before their next scheduled game to be reinstated into the league. The same procedure will be required each forfeit thereafter. Each forfeit will count as a loss. If the re-entry fee is not paid the team will be ejected for the remainder of the season and the tournament. *The only exception to paying this fee is if the forfeit occurred during an inclement weather make-up game.
- D. **If a team knows for sure they will have to forfeit a game, a call should be made to PPRD representative. The opposing team will have the choice of using the field space for practice or not showing up at the field. If the opposing team chooses not to show up at the field, a call should also be placed to the PPRD representative. If the forfeit occurs ahead of time, the winning team will receive eligibility credit for all players on their roster. If the forfeit occurs at the field, only the players present at the field for the winning team will receive eligibility credit for the game. Players of the forfeiting team will receive no eligibility credit.**

PROTEST

- A. Complaints concerning officials, supervisors, and other aspects of the program must be made by the head coach in writing to PPRD staff.
- B. Protests on official's judgment calls are not allowed. Only rule interpretations and determining player eligibility will be considered. If a team wishes to protest, the captain must request a timeout at the time of the rule infraction, notify the home plate umpire that he/she wishes to continue the game under protest. The official will then notify the Field Supervisor who will record the exact time, game details (score, time left in game, runners on base, count on kicker, etc.) and teams involved. The protesting captain must submit the COMPLETED protest form (obtained from the Field Supervisor) and the \$25.00 protest fee (cash, check, or money order only) to the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department in Cannon Park Community Center prior

to 5:00 p.m. on the next working day. In the case, where games the next working day will be impacted, the protest form along with payment needs to be turned in by 12pm the day after the game in protest. Please specify the rule being misinterpreted on the form. If the protest is in regards to an illegal/ineligible player the protesting captain should provide the team name, players known name and jersey number. Protests received after the deadline or forms NOT COMPLETED entirely will not be considered. The Department will rule on the protest. Protest Committee will consist of the Parks & Recreation Director, Athletic Coordinator and Field Supervisor present at the time of the incident. If the protest is granted, then the game will resume from the point of the protest and the protest fee will be returned. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE BY THE CAPTAINS AND UMPIRES TO CORRECT THE ERROR WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

EQUIPMENT

- A. It is preferred that participants wear NUMBERED jerseys or t-shirts that are similar in color.
- B. The league will provide kickballs for each game.
- C. **No metal cleats.** Only rubber/plastic molded cleats and sneakers are allowed.

GAME TIMES/DATES

- A. The league will play regular season games Monday-Thursday nights.
- B. The field supervisor will have and keep the official score book and clock.
- C. Game times are scheduled for 6:30pm, 7:30pm and 8:30pm.
- D. If team does not show up for the game or does not have the sufficient number of players it will be a forfeit. There will be a 10 minute grace period for the FIRST GAME ONLY, NO GRACE PERIOD after the first game. If a team's know there will not be there they should notify PPRD ahead of time. The opposing team will be given the option of using the hour to practice during that time.
- E. The league will be offered as long as 4 teams sign up for the league. Maximum of 12 teams.

CONDUCT

- A. No player or coach shall be guilty of objectionable dissent at the official's decision by throwing any equipment or protesting an official's call by refusing to play or directing verbal abuse. Furthermore, coaches, managers, and players are not allowed to heckle or engage in "trash talking" or other forms of unsportsmanlike conduct against any game officials, opposing players, opposing spectators or scorekeepers. **Profanity will not be tolerated.** Officials and field supervisors have complete discretion and tolerance on these matters. Warning given by the umpires is to be heeded!! Failure to comply can result in ejection, forfeit, and suspension.
- B. No player other than the coach can discuss with an official or staff, in any manner, the decision reached by an official/umpire.
- C. Fighting, threatening others and provoking physical attacks against officials, players or spectators are prohibited nor tolerated and you will be ejected.

- D. If a player or coach is ejected he/she must vacate the property immediately or his/her team will forfeit the game.
- E. Any physical contact or verbal threat toward the officials, other players or PPRD staff will result in ejection from the league for **ONE CALENDAR YEAR.**
- F. If a player is ejected from a game he/she must sit out the remainder of the ejected game and the following game as well as pay the reinstatement fee of \$25 before allowed to play.
- G. It is the coach's responsibility to control the spectators of his/her team. Spectators are held to the same standards as players, as well as the same rules outlined above.
- H. If a player or coach is ejected from two (2) games during the season or tournament he/she will be ejected from the league for the remainder of the season and tournament.
- I. Tobacco products are not allowed on park property, which includes the parking lot.
- J. There will be no profanity or alcoholic beverages allowed on park property, which includes the parking lot.
- K. No fighting will be allowed on park property. Pinehurst Police will be called and involved parties will not only be ejected from the current game, but also the facility. Fighting will result in at least a one-year suspension.
- L. Derogatory remarks toward the officials or other team members by players, coaches or fans will not be tolerated. This will be grounds for ejection or forfeiture of game if players, coaches or fans cannot be controlled.
- M. If there is a valid question about a call, other than a judgment call, time should be called and either the coach or assistant coach from the questioning team and opposing team will be allowed to discuss the call with the officials. This will be done in a sportsmanlike manner. Any profanity or loss of temper will be grounds for ejection.
- N. Anyone suspended from league play will not be allowed to return to the park for adult kickball during their suspension.

-All violations of Conduct Rules are subject to a case-by-case examination and subsequent judgment from the Parks and Recreation Department. The following penalties will be the guide for how the Parks and Recreation Department deals with these violations accordingly.

Minimum Penalties

- Ejection from game by officials
- Game or games may be forfeited
- Ejected players will sit out a following game as well and must leave the park immediately after being ejected or officials may rule game a forfeit.
- All ejected players will have to pay a \$25.00 reinstatement fee. Player will be considered an illegal player until fee is paid.

Additional Penalties

- Higher reinstatement fees of \$50 per incident / repeat offense.

- An additional game suspension, with the possibility of a long-term suspension, no less than one additional game; no more than one year from any and all Recreation Department sanctioned adult athletics.

Maximum Penalty

- Physically, assaulting, attacking, and verbally threatening an official or PPRD staff (at any point: before, during or after) will result in at least a **One Year Suspension** from all adult athletic programs. If circumstances so warrant, the player can face additional suspension from participation in other athletic programs as well as criminal charges and also suspension from park property.

PLAYING RULES

- A. A courtesy runner must be the same gender as the player they run for and must be either the last player of that gender not on the bases in the current batting order (typically the last out), or a roster player not in the lineup that game. Teams will be limited to one courtesy runner, per inning, per gender. **If courtesy runner is on base when their turn to bat comes around it will be an automatic out.**
- B. Time limits: No regular season game will start an inning after one hour. Games will consist of seven (7) innings or one-hour time limit, whichever comes first. **If extra innings are required as a result of a tie, they will be played with a 3-2 count.** At the bottom of an inning and after the third out if time has not expired another inning must be played. Tournament games will have a time limit of one hour except for the championship game, which will have a time limit of one hour and thirty minutes. If a team is suspected of intentionally delaying a game the umpire will give one warning. The next delay will be a forfeit.
- C. The mercy rule will be in effect for all regular season and tournament games. If a team is ahead by 10 runs or more after five (5) complete innings (4 ½ if the home team is ahead by 10 runs or more) the game is over. There will also be a 15-run limit after three (3) innings.
- D. Line up sheets will be required to be completed and turned into the official scorekeeper at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled start of the game. Once the lineup sheet has been turned into the score keeper it becomes the official line up. **If a team is trying to purposely stall the game, the game will be ruled a forfeit. Line-up sheets must include a player's first and last name.**
- E. In the event of rain during or just prior to a start of a game, it is the team's responsibility to make sure the umpire or league supervisor has officially called the game before they leave the Park.
- F. An incomplete or suspended game, due to rain or power failure, will be restarted from the point of interruption with the exact situation as when the game was halted. A game will be called a complete game after the completion of 4 or more innings.
- G. Make-up games are subject to be played on any night of the week, which may extend the season. Calls and/or emails will be placed to all coaches to confirm date of make-up games. It is the responsibility of coaches to inform players of new game times.
- H. Maximum of 10 players in the field. No maximum number of kickers as long as they are in your line up.
- I. Only allowed to kick three (3) genders in a row then opposite gender will need to kick.

- J. A 10-player team will consist of five (5) males and five (5) females. Each team must have at least five (5) females to play. Players must remain in the same kicking line up, unless injured or unable to continue playing.
- K. Any late players on the day of the game will be allowed to play but will be added to the end of the lineup.
- L. All outfielders must stay in the outfield grass when kicking. They may not enter the infield until there is contact between the ball and foot.
- M. A walk to a male batter result in a two-base award if the following female batter elects to walk. The next batter (if a female) has the option to take a walk or bat. Once the female steps into the batter's box, she then loses the option, must bat, and the previous male batter must stay at first.
- N. The league will play with one umpire and a scorekeeper.
- O. The count starts at 0 and 0 with one good foul.
- P. The pitcher must pitch from the Pitching Plate.
- Q. There will be an arc on the infield 15 feet from home plate. If the ball does not go passed the arc, it will count as a **Foul**.
- R. The strike zone extends one (1) foot out from the side and rear edges of home plate and up to one (1) foot directly above that plane. The strike zone is subject to the umpire's perception.
- S. "Rock-paper-scissors" at the beginning of the game will determine the home and away team.
- T. The roller cannot sidearm or overhand roll the ball when delivering the ball to the kicker.
- U. The kicker must wait for the ball to reach home plate before kicking the ball. If any part of the kicker's planting foot is in front of home plate when they kick the ball then the kick is considered a dead ball and a strike is awarded to the batter. If this results in the players 3rd strike it will be considered a foul ball. If the kicker has already used up their "good foul" then the batter will be declared out.
- V. Fielders are allowed to hit runners with the ball to make an out as long as it is shoulders and below. If the runner ducks to try to avoid a hit and the fielder hits the runner in the head it shall be declared an out.
- W. This league does not enforce the infield fly rule but a player may not intentionally drop a catchable ball in an attempt to complete a double play. If a player intentionally drops a ball as determined by the umpire, then all players are safe at their next base including the kicker.

STANDINGS

- A. Standings will be based on win/loss records and are posted weekly on the department's website. In the case of a tie it will be determined by head to head play, then runs allowed, then runs scored in all of the team's regular season games. If still tied a coin flip will decide the standings. The winner will be the higher seeded team for the tournament.

AWARDS

- A. League champions will be determined by a post-season tournament. League champions will receive a championship t-shirt.

TOURNAMENT

- A. All teams are eligible to participate in a post-season tournament.
- B. Coaches are responsible for informing their team of their next game time scheduled on the tournament bracket.
- C. Tournament Eligibility- To be eligible for the tournament, a player must play in three (3) regular season games. Pick up players are **not** allowed in any division during the tournament. A player not on the roster is considered an illegal player. A player that is on the roster but has not met their required number of games is considered an ineligible player.
- D. Your team must be prepared to play any night of the week for tournament games. PPRD will make every attempt possible to schedule games on the regular league night.
- E. Highest seed in the tournament is home team, until the Championship game, then below rule comes into play.
- F. In the championship game, the undefeated team gets the choice of home or visitor. If the tournament goes to an "if" game, it would revert to a toss of a coin. (Double Elimination Tournament Only)

RULES FOR ALL PPRD FACILITIES

- A. PPRD will have an appointed representative at all games (Field Supervisor). The officials or any PPRD staff member will have the authority to enforce any situation that may arise.
- B. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. This league is a PPRD function and operates only as a "Recreational Activity".
- C. Profanity will not be permitted
- D. No alcoholic beverages or tobacco products allowed on the premises and people that have been drinking will not be allowed on park property.

INSURANCE

- A. The Village of Pinehurst Parks and Recreation Department does not have insurance to cover adult sports and cannot assume responsibility for any injury.
- B. Players should provide their own insurances.

OTHER

- A. **This league is sponsored by the Pinehurst Parks and Recreation and is a recreational activity.** The department reserves the rights to eject, suspend, or ban any team, player, coach, or spectator for actions that may be harmful to individuals, the Recreation Department or the Village in general.
- B. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to PPRD staff. The decision of PPRD staff shall be final in all matters.

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