

BASIC RULES of KICKBALL for NEW PLAYERS.

PITCHING

- The count begins at one (1) ball and one (1) strike.
- The strike zone extends to one (1) foot on both sides of home plate and one (1) foot high.
- A pitch that bounces fewer than three times before entering the strike zone is a ball. A pitch rolled directly along the ground is considered to have bounced at least three times.
- If the ball crosses the line on either side of the plate, it is a strike. Examples are shown below.



FIELDING

- No fielder may advance in front of the 1st/3rd base diagonal line until the ball is kicked. If any fielder illegally advances in front of the 1st/3rd base diagonal line, the umpire should give a delayed dead ball signal. This is a judgment call by the umpire. The offensive coach can take the award for the line infraction or the result of the play. The line infraction is enforced by awarding the kicker-runner first base and all other runners advance one (1) base.
- Fielders attempting to make an out on a base may have their foot on the base (except for the extra first base) but must lean out of the baseline. Fielders must stay off of the base unless they are making a play.

KICKING

- All kicks must be taken at or behind home plate.
- No part of the plant foot can be in front of home plate. If the ball is kicked when this occurs, the kick is considered a foul, and therefore a strike.
- Kicks by men must reach the 1st/3rd baseline. Kicks by women must reach the (10) feet line in front of the plate.

RUNNING

- There will be an extra first base, placed in foul territory next to first base. The extra first base is for the runner to tag if there is any chance of a play at first base. An out will result when the runner tags the regular base if a play is being made at first. The fielder cannot interfere with the runner tagging first base. This is a judgment call by the umpire.
- Runners cannot leave the base until the ball is kicked.
- The runner can leave the base as soon as a fly ball is touched by a fielder.

FOUL BALL / FOUL TERRITORY

• Any foul results in a strike. When a kicker kicks a foul ball with two (2) strikes, the kicker is out.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

- No glass bottles are permitted in the park at any time. Teams that bring glass bottles to the fields will not be permitted to play until the glass is removed from the park. Spectators must also adhere to this rule.
- Cans should be poured into plastic cups and should be kept from interfering with other players.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times in respective parks per city and county health codes. Dogs are not permitted inside the fenced area at Utz Field in Patterson Park.

KLOB LEAGUE INFORMATION

• The Kickball League of Baltimore encourages all members and affiliates to drink responsibly when supporting its sponsored bars and when enjoying its sponsored beers (*Coors & Coors Light*).