

2021 Summer Kickball Manager's Guide
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You can obtain your schedule by visiting:

www.teamsideline.com/ventura

	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Summer 2021	June 4	June 15

Welcome to the City of Ventura Adult Kickball League!

- Check schedules and standings weekly to make sure you have the most up to date information
- Umpire fees are \$8/game and due at game time
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Registration Requirements

The City of Ventura requires each manager to complete a team roster and turn it in to the Adult Sports office with entry fee payment in full to be eligible to participate in leagues. Rosters are limited to 15 players and signatures for each player must be obtained prior to the first regular season game.

All players are also required to sign a COVID waiver to be eligible to participate in leagues.

Kickball League Format

The City of Ventura kickball league utilizes an 8-game league format. Teams will play a guaranteed 8 games. You can obtain your schedule by visiting www.teamsideline.com/ventura. Teams will play two games per night.

If your team must forfeit a contest, you must report 24 hours ahead of your scheduled game time. If you fail to contact City of Ventura Adult Sports staff 24 hours in advance, the full official's fees (\$30) will be due in full, prior to your next scheduled game. You may call Tyler Nelson at 805-658-4743, or email tnelson@cityofventura.ca.gov to confirm your forfeit. Failure to call will result in the forfeiture of the next game, and your team may be dropped from further league play.

Rainouts/Cancellations

If rain occurs during the day of your game please call 805-658-4743 after 3:00pm or check www.teamsideline.com/ventura on your game day to determine if games will be played. Rainout games are made up at the end of the regular season.

Kickball Rules

- Games are 30 minutes. There will be no new innings after 30 minutes. Please collect your belongings and leave the playing area as quickly as possible when your games are completed
- **Calling Time** - The defense must stop the offense from running bases to call time. If the offense is still running, time cannot be called. If an offensive player is still running, go for the out! Time can be called while any defensive player has the ball

- Teams will consist of a maximum of ten players on the field at one time, but no fewer than seven. Males cannot outnumber females by more than three with fewer than ten players on the field. You can play with as few as seven players, but at least two must be female
- An out occurs due to the following: two pitches and the ball is not in play, ball caught on the fly, base runner is forced out, a base runner is hit with the ball, or a kicker commits two foul balls during his/her time at bat.
 - When attempting to hit a player to achieve an out, any hit above the shoulders will not count as an out, and the runner will be given the base they were attempting to run to. Play does not stop in the event of a player being hit above the shoulders
- Each team will pitch to themselves. Pitchers may not interfere with defensive players at any time. Interference will result in batter/runner being called out. After a ball is caught, runners must tag their originating base before running to the next base. Failure to do so results in an out if the ball tags the runner or the ball is thrown to a fielder touching the previous base
 - Runners may not leave occupied bases before the call is kicked
- The ball must be kicked within the kicking box. If the ball is kicked outside the kicking box, the kicker shall receive a strike. Batters will two pitches to attempt a kick. The second ball must be kicked into fair territory or the batter/runner will be called out
- There will be a 10-run inning cap. If a team scores ten runs in an inning, the half inning is automatically over and the opposing team will go up to bat
- Teams must always have a catcher, regardless of team size

Additional Rules for 2021

- Players should remain in their cars up until 15 minutes before their assigned game times. Players may not assemble in groups of more than 10 people before game time and may only warm up in the outfield while bleachers are being cleaned
- Dug-outs will be closed. Players are to place their belongings and seat themselves in the bleachers at designated spots that are 6-feet apart. Bleachers will be closed to the public. Players may walk through the dug-outs to take the field but may not place their belongings in the dug-outs
- The batter, umpire, and catcher must all remain at least 6 feet apart at all times unless making a play on the ball
- When games are completed, participants are encouraged to collect their belongings and leave as quickly as possible. No new team may place their belongings in the seating area until it has been cleared out and sanitized
- Players are required to wear masks when not on the field
- Players will give themselves a wellness check before the game begins. Wellness check signs will be posted at each field. If anyone is exhibiting symptoms listed on the sign, they must leave the park immediately
- All players are required to stay at least 6-feet apart unless making a play on the runner
- All forms of sportsmanship will be touchless

Failure to abide by any rules listed above may result in removal of a player from the field of play and a suspension for one week.

Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct for the City of Ventura Softball leagues shall immediately be in effect. The City reserves the right to interpret any rule in accordance with the philosophy and goals of the Adult Sports Program and the City of Ventura. **It is the responsibility of the team manager to enforce and abide by the following Code of Conduct. Team managers shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and fans associated with their team, before, during and after their game.**

Depending on the severity, frequency and circumstances related to an infraction, a sequence of progressive disciplinary action may be used at the discretion of the City of Ventura Adult Sports Staff. **It should be noted that any step(s) in the discipline process might be passed or eliminated in applying disciplinary action.** The progressive discipline process may progress as follows: 1) warning to team manager or player, 2) team member or fan removed, 3) player or team suspended from the league. Rules of the game and any misconduct violations relating to the field of play shall be enforced by the on-site umpire.

Any player committing a Major Infraction listed below will immediately be ejected from the game and will not be allowed to play or attend games for (1) calendar week and will be required to leave the field of play. An email will be sent to the manager of the team, notifying them of the suspension and the date the suspended player may return to league. Progressive disciplinary action may be taken with repeat offenders.

Major Infractions

- **Physical Contact with Official, Player, Staff, or Fan:** no player shall at any time lay a hand on, push, strike, or threaten to strike an official, staff, fan, or other player. Players making physical contact with another person in an aggressive manner will be suspended from all league play. Major infraction involving physical contact usually result in year-long suspensions.
- **Verbal Abuse/Objectionable Demonstrations:** no players shall verbally abuse or threaten any staff, official, fan, or other player for any reason. Players shall not make objectionable demonstrations by throwing bats, gloves, or other equipment in a forceful manner, or use any obscene gestures towards another person.
- **Unnecessary Rough Play:** no player shall use unnecessarily rough tactics or overly physical play during the game against any other player.
- **Consuming Alcohol:** the consumption of alcohol in City of Ventura parks is NOT permitted and is punishable by law. The City of Ventura strictly bans the consumption of alcohol during games. Teams with any player(s) consuming alcohol will forfeit the game and will not have game fees returned to them.

Appeal Process

A player shall have the right to appeal a suspension greater than one week by notifying the City of Ventura Adult Sports Supervisor in writing within 3 days of the suspension. City staff will review the appeal within 3 days of receipt of the written appeal. The player will remain suspended until the appeal has been reviewed.

Player Adds & Drops

Completed rosters are due at the time of registration. No additional add/drops will be allowed after 5:00pm of the second scheduled league game. If a team drops below 12 players, a manager may appeal to the league office to add a player(s) with the following process:

- Call the Adult Sports Office at 805-658-4743 and/or send an email to the Adult Sports Office and state your name, team name, name of player to be added, and the reason for the addition
- Go to www.teamsideline.com/ventura and download an Add/Drop Form and return it to the league office at least 24 hours before the date the added player is scheduled to play. Fax this to 805-648-1030 or email to tnelson@cityofventura.ca.gov
- The league office will verify the added player with a phone call or email prior to the first game the added player is expected to play

Any dropped player is not eligible to play on the same team or another team in the same league but may play on another team in a different league

League Standings/Playoffs/Awards

League standings will be updated weekly on Team Sideline. The top eight teams will advance to the playoffs the week after the regular season.

The playoffs will be a single elimination bracket, completed in one night.