



NORTHWEST CORPUS CHRISTI LITTLE MISS KICKBALL

2005 ROOKIE PLAYING RULES

FIRST HALF OF SEASON

1. Each player on the team shall go up to kick until all of the players on the team have kicked, in order to complete a half inning.
2. Each kicker/runner shall advance through the bases in proper order without liability of being "out", regardless of plays made by the defensive team.
3. All players on a team roster present for the game shall be used defensively. Extra players should be spaced evenly throughout the infield area. No more than four players shall be on the 9-foot line. There will be no subs. If a player has to leave the field temporarily (as for a bathroom break) when the team is in the outfield, the game shall continue while she is gone and she will remain in the kicking order. However, when the team is up to kick, the game will be suspended until the player can return to the field or the team can take an out and continue. The team may play with as few as five players if necessary.
4. Since these are very young players and this division is intended to be a fun learning experience, there will be no "outs" and no "scoring" for the duration of the season. No standings will be kept for the entire season. This is intended to encourage the coaches to let all players "try-out" many playing positions during the season.
5. There shall be someone in the score box to keep up with the kicking order.
6. There will be a one (1) hour time limit per game. If the time limit expires during an inning, that inning shall be completed before the game is ended.
7. The coach for the defensive team will pitch the ball to the kicker.
8. Players may advance only one (1) base at a time.
9. Parents may assist the team (offensively) by being on the field near the bases to encourage players to advance from base to base, but must not interfere with defensive plays. You should limit yourself to four parent assistants, one at each base, including home plate to reduce distractions on the field.

10. Parents may assist the team (defensively) by being on the field to encourage players making defensive plays, but must not interfere with the kicker/runners. You should limit yourself to two parent assistants (including the coach pitching the ball) to reduce distractions on the field. They should be positioned behind the players on the 9-foot line.

SECOND HALF OF SEASON

(A few changes to help us progress to the next level.)

1. Each kicker/runner shall advance through the bases in jeopardy. Players may be put "out" by being legally tagged or hit with the ball before they reach a base. During this half, we will be playing with three outs or seven kickers, whichever comes first.
2. Although we are now learning about "outs", there will be no scores or standings kept for the duration of the season.
3. A player shall pitch the ball to the kicker. The pitcher will be allowed to release the ball below shoulder level with one or both hands. If a kicker has four balls pitched to her, her coach has the option of the kicker receiving a walk, or putting the ball down on the plate and letting the player kick it.
4. Only two (2) parents may be on the playing field (offensive team) to assist with maintaining order on the field, and to encourage kicker/runners. These parents should be positioned outside the base path behind or between first and second or first and third bases, and must not interfere with any play being made.
5. Only two (2) parents may be on the playing field (defensive team) to assist the coach, and to encourage players. These parents should be positioned inside the base path with one to the left and one to the right of the rear of the pitchers box, and must not interfere with kicker/runners, or the any play being made.

ROOKIES

Player Eligibility, Team Formation and Coaches

1. A Team shall have at least seven, but no more than thirteen players on their roster.
2. Players and parents may choose to exercise a "buddy" option, so that the girls may play together on the same team.
3. Coaches may recruit players in order to fill out the teams.
4. Players may choose which team or coach they want to be with, as long as it does not cause that teams roster to exceed thirteen players.
5. A team head coach must be at least 18 years of age.
6. A team assistant coach must be at least 17 years of age.
7. Team coaches shall:
 - a. Not allow use of tobacco or alcohol during practice or games.
 - b. Not use or allow usage of profane or abusive language during practice or games.
 - c. Recognize their position as being role model for the players and representative of our league to the parents.
 - d. Encourage fair play and sportsmanship.
 - e. Provide an opportunity for each player to participate in games and practices.
 - f. Encourage their players (and parents) at every opportunity and recognize that any coaching method that ridicules or embarrasses players will not be tolerated.
 - g. Pay careful attention to the physical condition of each player on the team.
 - h. Always remember, "It's a game" and games are played because they are intended to be **FUN**.
 - i. Encourage parent participation.