



**HOLLY SPRINGS**  
*Parks & Recreation*

# Park After Dark Kickball Tournament

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Park After Dark Kickball Tournament is to offer Holly Springs residents and members of the surrounding community the opportunity for a fun, recreational opportunity. The tournament will promote, and regulate competitive play and good conduct among affiliated members. Holly Springs Parks & Recreation, as governing organization, will develop and administer rules that will uphold these standards.

## **Participation & Fees**

Participation in the tournament shall be open to a maximum of sixteen (16) teams, eight (8) teams for the teen tournament and eight (8) for the adult tournament. All teams must be approved by the Parks & Recreation Department and must comply with all rules and regulations as set forth by the department. Each team must submit a team roster form, signed by all players or parents/legal guardians. Any player or team captain forging names on a team roster or waiver will automatically be disqualified from participation in the program.

Tournament fee is \$20 per team. The team captain will be responsible for paying the registration fee.

## **General**

All authority not covered in these Rules and Regulations shall be invested in the Holly Springs Parks & Recreation Department. The department will have jurisdiction over all managers and players. Amendments may be made to these rules by the department as circumstances dictate.

## Registration & Eligibility

- Two tournaments will occur during the event, a teen tournament for ages 13-17 and an adult tournament for ages 18+. Age is based on the age of the participant on tournament day.
- Teams using ineligible players will be subject to forfeiture of the tournament.
- Rosters must have a minimum of 8 players and no more than 12 players. Players can only be on one (1) roster in the Park After Dark Kickball Tournament.
- Team captains are responsible for the enforcement of and adherence to all eligibility rules and submission of a final completed team roster.
- The deadline to submit your roster will be Friday, August 13 at noon. Rosters should be submitted to the front desk at the Hunt Recreation Center. All waivers and fees must be signed and paid before a team is eligible. Rosters will be frozen on Friday, August 13. Roster changes may only be made at the discretion of the tournament organizer.

## Rules

- Outs – Any count of three strikes. Any baserunner who is contacted by a fielded ball (thrown or tagged) while not safely touching a base is out, unless contacted while overrunning first base from the kicking box. Runner is safe if the thrown ball hits the runner in the head, provided the runner did not try to dive, slide or duck to evade the ball. Baserunner that intentionally runs more than 4 feet outside the baseline, while intending to avoid a tag or throw, is out.
- Pitching – must be done underhand. The pitcher must have at least one foot on the pitching rubber. The pitcher must stay behind the pitching rubber until the ball is kicked. The pitched ball must bounce at least 3 times before crossing the front of home plate. The pitch must cross home plate no more than 12" to the left, to the right, or above any part of homeplate to be considered a strike. 4 balls result in a walk. If a pitched ball bounces higher than the kicker's knee after crossing the plate, the pitch will be called a ball.
- Fouls – 3 fouls result in an out. A foul is considered any kicked ball that lands in foul territory or travels out of bounds on its own before reaching 1st or 3rd base. Fouls in kickball follow the same rule as baseball.
- Plays at Home – "Point of No Return line" will be half way between 3rd base and home plate. Once a runner has based this line, they are committed to continue toward home and may not return to third base. This will always be considered a force play to prevent injuries from tags at home plate.
- Catchers Position – The catcher must remain behind the kicker, within or directly behind the kicking box, and may not cross home plate nor be positioned forward of or next to the kicker before the ball is kicked. The catcher may not contact the kicker or stand so closely to the kicker as to restrict the kicking motion.

- Kicking – All kicks must be made by the foot or leg, below the knee. If the kicked ball hits above the knee, it will be ruled a foul. All kicks must occur at or behind home plate. The kicker may step on home plate to kick the ball; however, no part of the planted foot may be in front of or cross the edge of home plate. Doing so will result in a foul ball. All kicks must be made in the kicking box. The kicker may line up outside of the kicking box. Bunting is NOT allowed. A bunt will be ruled if the kicked ball does not cross the painted arc in front of home plate. A “bunted” ball will be considered a foul ball.
- Continuous kicking lineup will be used with free defensive substitutions. Kicking order does NOT have to rotate genders.
- 10 defensive players will be allowed on the field (minimum of 8 to play). At least 2 players from both genders (male and female) must always be on the field at all times.
- Base stealing is not permitted.

### **Playing Time**

- All games will consist of a 45-minute time limit or 5 innings of play, whichever comes first (no mercy rule in kickball).
- Tournament games cannot end in a tie and will continue until a winner is declared.
- Games must start on time (no grace period).
- HSPR will provide a scorekeeper and umpire for all games. The scorekeeper will keep the official time for the game as well. The umpire will be an HSPR staff member. Their calls will be considered final and should not be argued.

### **Field & Equipment**

- Games will be played at the Womble Park baseball fields.
- The Kicking Box will be defined by the traditional baseball batter's box.
- Kickballs will be provided for all games.
- Matching jerseys are not required. However, each team will choose a designated shirt color that everyone should wear to the tournament.
- Athletic shoes are required. No flip flops, bare feet or metal spikes.

### **Tournament Details**

- The tournament is single-elimination. Teams losing in the semi-finals will play an additional game for 3rd place standings.
- Prizes will be given.

### **Inclement Weather**

The Park After Dark Kickball Tournament will follow the inclement weather policy set by Holly Springs Parks & Recreation Athletics.

## **The Park After Dark Kickball Tournament will follow the Holly Springs Parks & Recreation Players Code of Conduct**

1.01 The Town of Holly Springs Parks & Recreation Department has a zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conductor behavior by an individual (players, coaches, officials, spectators, or parents) at any town function or event and said behavior will be subject to partial or permanent suspension.

1.02 Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as but not limited to the following: harassment of officials or participants, use of profane language or gestures, and public threat or physical violence.

1.03 The length of the suspension will be determined by the Athletic Programs Manager.

1.04 Any player, coach, spectator or parent that enters the field of play and confronts and/or makes contact (i.e. cursing, shoving, pushing, etc.) with an official or participant is suspended from the program and any Parks & Recreation related facilities for any practice, game, or activity for one calendar year from the date of the incident.

1.05 No player, coach or spectator shall refuse to abide by an official's decision.

1.06 No player, coach or spectator shall be guilty of objectionable demonstration of dissent at an official's decision.

1.07 No player or coach, other than the Head Coach, should discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by an official.

1.08 No player or coach shall be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against an opposing player.

1.09 No player, coach or spectator shall be guilty of personal verbal abuse upon any official for any reason.

1.10 No player, coach or spectator shall be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor upon any players, official or spectator.

1.11 No alcoholic beverages are allowed on any Town of Holly Springs property. Anyone violating this rule is subject to arrest and expulsion from the League.

1.12 No player, coach or spectator shall use profanity. Offending players/coaches may be subject to ejection, possible suspension/expulsion from the league.

1.13 If ejected, a player or coach must vacate the premises. Failure to abide by this will result in forfeiture of the game.

1.14 Any player, coach or spectator ejected by an official or a supervisor will be subject to suspension. Any ejection due to fighting will result in expulsion for one (1) year. A suspension from the game is also a suspension from the playing site. A second ejection in the same season results in a suspension from all remaining games for that season. If circumstances warrant, the suspension may include all competitive programs offered by the Town of Holly Springs Parks and Recreation Department. Seasonal suspensions may be appealed to the Assistant Department Director.

1.15 Game suspensions may apply to regular season games and/or tournament play and may, at the discretion of Holly Springs Parks & Recreation, be carried over to future seasons.