

Basic Rules for Kickball

1. Pitching: Each team will pitch to the other team. Pitchers must pitch from the pitching mound and cannot go in front of plate until the ball is kicked. Slow to moderate pitches only.. If the kicker requests a slower pitch then the pitcher is obligated to do so. The pitcher should try his/her best to give the kicker a pitch that they feel most comfortable kicking.
2. Kicking: All kicks must be made by foot. A kicker can be called out if they get 3 strikes or 4 foul balls.
A play ends when the pitcher has control of the ball and is near the mound/pitching circle. Any runner who interferes with the ball on its way back to the pitcher will be called out.
3. You may decide at the beginning of the game that players may or may not bunt. I've played both ways. Just as long as the kids know what the bunting rule is.
4. The ball can be thrown at any player and must hit shoulder and below. The runner will be called safe if it hits their head unless they are sliding/ducking the ball. If a player is hit in the head they get the base they are running to. .No leading off or stealing is allowed. A runner off his/her base when the ball is kicked is out.
5. Absolutely NO WHINING ALLOWED. Umpires rulings are final!!!
6. Team members: You may put the teams together anyway you'd like, but the kids should line up boy / girl as best as possible. Sometimes near the end of the line ups we may have 2 or 3 boys or girls in a row.
7. Player must stay out of the baseline; otherwise the runner advancing to the base will be called safe. Students that are playing a base position should make every attempt to position their foot on the side of the base to leave room for the runner.
8. Any player who deliberately crashes into a defensive player holding the ball, waiting to apply a tag, will have to sit out from the game.
9. On an overthrow the runner may advance at their own risk. They are allowed to run more than one base if they want.
10. When the game is being played and is completed the students should always use good sportsmanship. I usually tell the kids to tell each other "Good Game".