



DES MOINES CORPORATE *GAMES*

1-PITCH KICKBALL RULES

Eligibility

All players must be regular employees (full or part-time), interns or retirees of companies registered for the Des Moines Corporate Games.

Playing Field

1. The pitching distance will be 50 feet in the center of the diamond, and directly aligned (diagonally) with first and third base.

Team

1. Teams shall consist of 10 players with 5 males and 5 females. A team may play with 8 players but can never have more males than females in the lineup. You must alternate male/female in the batting order.
2. Defensive positions must have:
 - 2 Males / 2 Females in the outfield
 - 2 Males / 2 Females in the infield
 - 1 Male / 1 Female as the pitcher and catcher
3. Teams may choose to place all players present for the game in one big alternating male/female kicking order and use free substitution in the field. You can never have more males than females in the lineup. If using this form of lineup, the opposing team Manager must be made aware prior to the game.
4. Teams will keep their own score book.

Regulation Games

1. Games will be 4 innings or 30 minutes. An official game will be after 3 innings. Any inning started before the 30 minutes time limit will be completed if the home team is behind. If the game is tied, it must be played until the tie is broken. Game clock will only stop when directed by staff.
2. Mercy Rule: The 15-run rule will be in effect after 3 innings.
3. GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME

Pitching/Fielding

1. A legal pitch must roll along the ground and bounce no higher than the top of the batter's knee while crossing the plate. Any pitch higher than the batter's knee as it crosses the plate shall be ruled a ball.
2. The strike zone will extend approximately one foot from each side of home plate, to discourage excessive "looking". Any ball entering this zone without being kicked will be called a strike.
3. One pitch: Each batter gets only one pitch to put the ball in play. If the pitch is a strike and the player doesn't swing or misses, the batter is out. If the pitch is a ball and the player does not swing, the batter walks. If the kickball is hit foul, the player will have one more pitch to put the ball in play. If the second pitch is a foul, the player is out.
4. The play ends once the pitcher has the ball in control and is near the mound.

Kicking

1. All kicks must be made by foot.
2. All kicks must be taken at or behind the home plate. If the ball is kicked in front of home plate, the play will be called dead (This call must be made immediately), and the result will be a called strike.
3. Bunting is not allowed.

Running

1. Runners must stay within the base line. Runners who are obstructed by passive fielders (fielders not making a play on the ball) within the base line shall be awarded the next base.
2. Neither stealing nor leading off base is allowed. A runner off of his or her base when the ball is kicked is out.
3. Hitting a runner's neck or head with the ball is not allowed. Any runner hit in the neck or head shall be awarded the next base. A runner may not intentionally put his or her head in the path of the ball while being tagged out or the result will be an out.
4. If a kicked ball is in fair territory and hits the runner or the kicker himself, the player is out.
5. It is the responsibility of the runner to avoid collision. Please save yourself and your opponents from injury by paying attention. Ties go to the runner... there's no need to take out the baseman.

Officials & Sportsmanship

1. Teams will self-officiate their games
2. Each manager will be held responsible for the conduct of his or her team players and is responsible to see that all rules are observed.



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3. Officials and their decisions will be respected and not interfered with at any time. Unsportsmanlike conduct, disrespect, vulgarity, or profanity will not be tolerated at any time. Any player removed from a game for breaking Rules of Conduct will receive an automatic one game suspension to be served in the next consecutive game.
4. The DMCG staff reserves the right through its representatives to control all activities and to eject any person(s) from the facility who deviates from the rules and regulations of said facility or poses a threat to safety of self or others.

Rosters

1. No player is allowed to play on more than one team within the Des Moines Corporate Games. Any violation of these rules will result in suspension.
2. The roster must have a minimum of 8 players and a maximum roster of 20 players. All players must be 18 years of age or older.

COVID-19 Guidelines – These guidelines supersede any conflicting rules listed above

1. No spectators will be allowed.
2. Only 1 participant from a game should come to the head table to report results.
3. To discourage congregating around the brackets, only 1 member per team should view the bracket.
4. Teams will pick up and clean their bench area at the conclusion of each game.
5. Teams are encouraged to practice social distancing when in the bench area if face coverings aren't being worn.
6. With limited supplies available, players are encouraged to bring their own PPE and hand sanitizer/wipes to wipe down benches and shared items. Face coverings must be provided by the participants.
7. Players should bring their own water and water bottles. There will be no water jugs on site.

DMCG Point System

- Medals will be awarded to the top three teams in each division. Points will be awarded to the top four teams within each division, as follows:

Place	Points
1 st	1000
2 nd	800
3 rd	600
4 th	400

- Participation points will be awarded to all teams in the DMCG. To receive participation points, teams must complete the event as designed. Points for participation per team in kickball are as follows:

Event	Participation Points
Kickball	250/Team