Gonzaga University Intramural Department
Men’s, Women’s, and Coed Kickball Rules

Every player must present a valid GU ID card before each contest to be eligible to participate. No exceptions.

Game time is forfeit time. No “5-minute grace period” has to be given or guaranteed.

Intramural policies, procedures, eligibility requirements and specific rule modifications will take precedent. The officials have the power to make decisions on any matters or questions not specifically covered in the rules.

Players may only play on ONE gender and ONE coed team.

All equipment will be provided by the Intramural Department. No exceptions.

1. A game will consist of 5 innings and a new inning will not start after 45 minutes. An inning is considered complete after the third out is made.

2. Teams are composed of a maximum of 8 players and a minimum of 6 players.

3. COED: A maximum of 4 for each gender will play in the field, but everyone on the roster may kick. Combinations can be 3 of each gender or 3 of one gender and 4 of the opposite gender.

4. The defensive players may be set up in any order throughout the infield and outfield.

5. COED: Kicking order must alternate gender for coed games.

6. The defensive team will provide the pitcher. The ball must be rolled in a smooth motion without difficulty for the offensive team to kick. If continuous infractions of this rule continue a walk will be issued.

7. Each kicker will receive one pitch unless it is fouled off, then the kicker will receive another pitch. If fouled off again, the kicker will be out.

8. A player will be ruled out if they kick two fouls, get hit by the ball from the shoulders or below before reaching the base, a pop fly that is caught, touch the base or a force out, if the base runner goes out of the base path or if the base runner is off the base before the ball is put into play by the kicker. (Exception: a player who is not in a regular standing/running position and is hit in the face/head will be ruled out. Examples: Bending down to avoid getting hit or the runner falling down)

9. Home/visitor will be decided by a coin toss or rock-paper-scissors if not previously listed.

10. There is no infield fly rule.

11. Bunting will not be permitted and will be counted as an automatic out. The ball must reach the pitcher’s mound area to be considered legal.

12. The ball is considered “dead” once the pitcher has the ball in the pitching area so no runners may advance at this time.

13. The ball must reach home plate before the kicker can put the ball into play.

14. Leading off and stealing are prohibited. You must wait until the ball is kicked before leaving the base. Runners may tag-up to advance.
15. If a team is up by ten runs or more (home team: 3 ½ innings, visitors: 4 innings) the game will be called.

16. If the ball is thrown over the “fence” (out of play), the runner will advance one base.

17. If the ball bounces over the “fence” in the outfield it will be considered a ground rule double.

18. There is not a per-inning run limit or home run limit for the duration of the game.

19. With the exceptions listed above, all rules will be governed by the Intramural Softball rules and ASA Softball rules.

**Blood Rule**

Any player who is bleeding must be substituted for until the bleeding stops. An intramural staff member or game official has the authority to remove the player. If by removing the player who is bleeding, the team falls below the minimum number necessary to play, the following will apply: The game clock will stop and a maximum of five (5) minutes will be allowed for the player to stop the bleeding. Either an intramural staff member or game official must approve the player to reenter. If the bleeding is not stopped within the allotted five (5) minutes the team will forfeit the game. THE TIME ALLOWANCE IS ONLY FOR PLAYERS WHO ARE BLEEDING, AND THE TEAM CANNOT CONTINUE TO PLAY WITHOUT THEM.

**Player/Team Conduct**

The officiating will be done by an official who is in absolute control of the game. Teams are responsible for keeping their spectators under control. Misconduct of spectators, players or coaches can result in ejection or forfeiture of the game. Spectators must also remain in the designated area. The officials shall have the power to make decisions on any matters or questions not specifically covered in the rules. Only a protest of player eligibility or rules interpretation will be accepted. Official's judgment is not protestable.

Individual and team sportsmanship is of the utmost importance to the Intramural program and all of its participants. Certain behaviors will not be tolerated before, during, or after intramural activities (examples, but not limited too):

a) Actions meant to cause harm to any person.
b) Verbally abusive or threatening language towards players, spectators, or officials.
c) Lack of control by individuals or the team.

The following includes behavioral expectations of all participants, “coaches”, captains, spectators, fans, and guests. Further information regarding the topics below can be found in the Student Handbook.

**Intramural Alcohol and Drug Policy:**

The Intramural Department reserves the right to confiscate, retain and dispose of/destroy any and all alcohol related paraphernalia regardless of value or ownership. Excessive drinking/intoxication at any Intramural event/location are not acceptable and will not be taken as an excuse for inappropriate behavior. At any time, the Intramural Department may remove any individual from an event/location that has alcohol, is intoxicated, smells of alcohol, may possibly harm themselves or others, or any individual that is displaying inappropriate behavior (this includes but is not limited to: disruptive and/or out of control behavior). Security will be contacted in events pertaining to any of the above.

The illegal use of drugs at Gonzaga University is not tolerated. The unlawful manufacturing, possessing, having under control, selling, transmitting, using, or being party thereto of any
dangerous drug, controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia on University premises or at University sponsored activities, including Intramural events/locations, is prohibited. Any individual involved or suspected of being involved of any of the following will be removed and security will be contacted.

**Bystander Conduct:**
Students are expected to refrain from being in the presence of others who are violating University/Intramural policies and rules. Students will be held accountable for their actions even if they are not participating in prohibited conduct. This includes but is not limited to: students who are in the presence of others using alcohol or drugs in violation of University/Intramural policy, even if they are not using alcohol or drugs themselves.

**Intramural Harassment and Bias Policy:**
Gonzaga recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people in its activities and programs and in the relationships it shares with students, faculty and staff. The University expects all community members to promote dignity and respect in their daily interactions with each other. The Intramural Department reserves the right to remove any individual in question of violating the harassment and bias policy before, during, or after any intramural sport/event.

Consistent with its Statement on Non-Discrimination and its Mission Statement and values, the University is committed to providing a positive learning and working environment and therefore will not tolerate any form of harassment or bias based on race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, disability or any other harassment or bias prohibited by federal or state laws. This includes, but is not limited to, slurs, comments, rumors, jokes, innuendoes, unwelcome compliments or touching, pranks, and other verbal or physical conduct.

Any individual involved or suspected of being involved in any of the previously mentioned will be removed from the premises, Campus Security will be contacted and Student Life will be made aware of the incident.

**Please refer to Team Information at:**
http://www.gonzaga.edu/Athletics/Intramurals/Team-Information/default.asp for Player and Team Conduct, Unsportsmanlike Consequences, and Disciplinary Actions.