

2022 Stonewall National Kickball Tournament: Key Rules and Rule Changes

- ★ On Saturday, no new inning may begin after 40 minutes have been played. (All games on Sunday will be 5 full innings.)
- ★ Strikes: 2nd bounce CAN be on the plate or parallel to it within the strike zone. (By rule, if the second bounce lands on the plate or within 12 inches to either side, the pitch is a strike.)
- ★ Fouls: all foul balls count as strikes (get 1 courtesy foul — ie, if the 3rd combined strike/foul is a foul, the kicker gets one more strike/foul)
- ★ Walks: 4 straight balls (with no strikes or fouls) earn 2 bases (including for base runners to the extent they are forced)
- ★ Knee balls: The knee ball rule has been eliminated — ie, balls kicked on or above the knee are live (except for balls off the hands or arms, which remain automatic outs)
- ★ 6-run rule: only 6 runs per inning allowed (exception occurs in last inning if a team is losing by MORE THAN 6. They can only score more than 6 but only UP TO A TIE).
- ★ Captains must provide kicking lineup to each other and to the umpire prior to the start of the game
- ★ In-game call and rules issues: questions or concerns about calls and rules should be raised by the team captain (1 captain per team) with the umpire. Other team players may not raise concerns with the umpire (general questions are fine), and no players (captains or players) may raise questions or concerns with base refs. Captains and umpires should be mutually respectful and considerate at all times in communication — the point is to work together politely in good faith to get calls correct. Captains should be judicious in raising issues with the umpire, as the game clock generally will not stop when calls are disputed.
- ★ No alcohol or drugs