STONEWALL KICKBALL

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Captain's Resources Guide

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Fall 2022 - Stonewall Kickball

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Welcome Captains to the Fall 2022 Stonewall Atlanta Kickball Season!!!

We are excited you all are here and have taken up the mantle as captain for your team. We wanted to put together a short resource guide to give you the tools to have the best season possible! In the following guide, you will find detailed notes on the structure of the league, responsibilities of the captains, as well as tools for lineups and kicking order. We hope that this guide serves as a useful tool to reference throughout the season.

We are excited to bring another amazing season of Stonewall Kickball to the great city of Atlanta!

If there are any questions at all throughout the season, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here for you to help facilitate a smooth and fun season!

See you all out on the fields September 11th!

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Captain/Co-Captain Responsibilities

Thank you for serving as a captain this season! This document is designed to be a resource for new and returning captains to the league.

Please direct any questions to atlanta.kickball@stonewallsports.org.

General Expectations:

- Appoint a co-captain that is officially registered with the League.
- Attend Captains' Meetings or ensure that a team representative is in attendance.
- Guide prospective players through the registration process.
- Ensure that each player on your team is informed of and abiding by League rules and policies.
- Promote a sense of community within your team.
- Help facilitate social engagement with other teams and players in the League, in coordination with your Social Chair.
- Provide the specified number of players as referees for games as assigned.
- Provide ongoing feedback and communicate any issues to the Kickball Leadership Team.
- Encourage and support ALL teammates to foster an inclusive and unified team.
- Convey key information regarding all Stonewall Sports games, activities, and events to your team.
- Lead by example, supporting the Stonewall Kickball Diversity and inclusion statement

Season Checklist:

- Coordinate your team's registration process, especially with new league players and free agents.
- Assign a Co-Captain, Social Chair, and Philanthropy Chair. Ensure they are registered with the Kickball Leadership Team.
- o Attend the pre-season Captains' Meeting.
- Pick up and distribute kickball t-shirts to team players.
- Encourage participation in pre-season umpire clinics, fundamentals clinics, league events, and social mixers.
- For each game: Write out a kicking order and assign fielding positions. Assign referees for other teams' games as assigned (See schedule).
- Assist your Philanthropy Chair in organizing a team fundraiser to help raise money for our league charity.
- Provide names of two team players to Kickball Leadership for All Stars brunch and game.
- Guide your team through playoffs, explaining tournament structure and providing referees when as assigned.
- o Attend the post-season Captains' Meeting

Please keep in mind, the Stonewall Atlanta Leadership Board is here to help, if you need anything to assist you in having the best season possible, please DO NOT hesitate to reach out to Morgan at atlanta.kickball@stonewallsports.org or AJ at atlanta.sports@stonewallsports.org. We are here to make sure this and every season are fun for all Stonewall players!

"Taking stewardship of a team is a serious commitment of time and energy and should not be taken lightly. By registering as a team captain, you acknowledge your acceptance and understanding of these expectations and requirements, and failing to take them seriously may result in being asked to step down from your role."



Fall 2022 Registration Information

Dates to Remember:

- Returning Players and New League Captains registration opens on July 25th at 10 am.
 - O This registration period is for anyone who has played in an Atlanta Stonewall League, or for new league players who are started a team with Stonewall Atlanta
 - You will receive a registration password to your email the day before registration opens
- Open Registration begins July 31 at 10 am
 - O This registration opening begins open registration for any and all players who want to join in the fun of what Stonewall Atlanta Kickball is all about!
- Regular Registration closes on August 14th at 9 pm
 - O Late Registration will begin August 15th and run until August 21st at 5 pm.
 - You are not guaranteed to get your team shirt before the first game if you register during this time (but we will do our best to make sure you do)
 - There is a higher fee during late registration

Team Status and Levels

- As a captain when you register, you will put your competitiveness level in the form field
 - This, along with previous season's record and team roster, will decide which division you are in
- Once you attain 10 people on your team, you have reached "team status", meaning your team and spots are confirmed and reserved in the league.
 - O When you reach "team status", you (the captain) can then email Morgan at atlanta.kickball@stonewallsports.org to request your t-shirt color.



O Color options are below, and this is on a 'first-come-first-serve" basis, so get your team registered and in for you can get your color!



Fall 2022 – League Format and Schedule

League Format:

- Teams have the option when registering to select their competitiveness level A, B, or C
 - \circ A Most Competitive
 - o B Middle Competitive/Recreational
 - C Most Recreational
- Teams will be placed based off of previous season's performance, strength of their roster and individual's previous season(s) performance

Division Leads:

- Each division will have a division lead who is there to facilitate field setup/take-down, socials, skills clinics, and to be a general resource for teams
- The division leads for Fall 2022 are:
 - O Chattahoochee (A) Division Demo Johnson atlanta.chattahoochee@stonewallsports.org
 - o Piedmont (B) Division Ty White atlanta.piedmont@stonewallsports.org
 - o Centennial (C) Division Laura Oudenaarden atlanta.centennial@stonewallsports.org

League Schedule:

- Schedules will be finalized and published the Tuesday before the first game
 - o There will be no games Sunday October 9th for Pride weekend
 - October 30th (All-Star weekend) will also act as our rain-out day
- Each team will play 7 league official games
- You will play the teams within your division during the regular season
- Except in extreme circumstances, the schedule for the season WILL NOT CHANGE

Ump and Base Ref Schedule:

- Every team is required to furnish **at least** one (1) trained umpire and two (2) base refs to the league
 - O Umpire training clinics will be provided on multiple dates
 - O It is **strongly** encouraged that whoever wants to attend the trainings do so
- The umpire schedule will be posted no later than the Thursday before the first game
- The base ref schedule will be posted no later than the Wednesday before the first game, and will only list the team that is responsible for base refs
 - Who you send on your team is up to you, but they must have taken the base ref quiz to represent your team

Additional Special Events and Awards

• All-Stars Game



- Our league All-Star games will take place on October 30th (pending rainouts)
 - Each team from each division will submit 2 all-stars to participate in the games
 - Nominations should go to <u>atlanta.kickball@stonewallsports.org</u> by October 12th
 - Teams will be formed within each division (2 per division) and they will play each other to battle it out for their division All-Star champion

Superlatives

- o MVP
 - One MVP will be recognized from each division voted on within that division
- Social Team of the Season
 - League wide team who got the most points throughout the season for social with other teams, social media posts, and theme-week representations
- Philanthropy Award
 - Team who raises the most money for our league charity (Lost-n-Found Youth) will win this award
 - Teams are encouraged to raise \$200 each for our charity
- Stonewall Spirit Award
 - Voted on by the board of Stonewall
 - Every captain will nominate one person for this award
 - One person in the league who best represents what Stonewall stands for, inclusivity, positivity, and giving back to the community

The season begins September 11th, with the End of Season League Tournament scheduled for November 12th and 13th



Fall 2022 - Team Format

Team Format:

- Team Status (during registration) is achieved when your team reaches 10 players
 - O Team Status means that your spots are reserved, team is official, and the captain can choose the team's shirt color
- Teams should have a minimum of 15 players by the end of the registration period
 - If a team does not have the minimum requirement, free agents will be assigned by the Kickball Coordinator and Sports Director to fill the team to 15
 - Free Agent socials will be held during the registration period, where captains and free agents are free to mingle and find teams / recruit for their team
- It is recommended that a team does not surpass 18 players, to give everyone adequate play time

Team Leadership:

- Teams will consist of the following:
 - o Captain (Required)
 - Co-Captain (Required)
 - The captain and co-captain will be registered with the league and in their own GroupMe group chat to facilitate better communication and divvy our responsibilities within the team
 - Social Chair (Recommended)
 - The Social chair for each team will be registered with the league and will be in their own GroupMe
 - The main responsibility of the Social chair is to facilitate and encourage socials with other team
 - A Social Chair brunch/event will be organized so everyone can meet and mingle
 - Philanthropy Chair (Recommended)
 - The Philanthropy chair for each team will be in charge of creating and executing ideas for different ways to raise money for our league charity or local charity



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 - O It is **strongly** encouraged that whoever wants to attend the trainings do so
 - We ask each team to have a member attend an umpire clinic to better understand our rules and pass the information along to their teammates

Game Day Recommendations:

- We recommend that you use the resources and tools to create a lineup with positions for each player
 - Try to allow for as many players to have as much game time as possible, if they are registered on your team, and show up, they must play unless they choose too not
 - o There will be NO intentional "benching" of a player
 - A team found of intentionally benching a player will be disqualified from the tournament
 - This does mean that if you have 25 players on your team show up and want to play, they need to be in the kicking order and in rotation
- For larger teams
 - Find a good rotation it helps if you know your players strengths and weaknesses, what fielding positions they are better at, and there best kicking strategy
 - o Rotation is key with large teams, use the lineups provided to help organize your games so there is no chaos
- Teams must have a written kicking order, and it will not be allowed to change during the game except for in certain circumstances

As a Captain, you get back what you put in. Your team is yours, and how it is run is up to you. If you need more tools or advice on how you would like to run your team, we are here for counsel and advice to help you have the best season possible.



Fall 2022 Philanthropic Guidelines

Fundraising Recommendations:

- As part of our initiative to better the community we live in, we encourage every team set a goal to try to raise \$200 for our league charity or a charity of their choice.
 - O While this is not a requirement, we are a league with a philanthropic heart, and strive to make the community a better one

Fundraising Guidelines:

- Teams that choose to have fundraisers in which the venue will be a restaurant/bar should host the fundraiser at a Stonewall Atlanta sponsor bar or restaurant, unless approval from the Kickball Coordinator and Sports Director is given in advance.
- Once an event date is decided for your team, it will be added to the general calendar to help promote the event to the rest of the league.
- Teams are welcome to collaborate on fundraising events
- Teams are responsible for their own events; team fundraisers are not official Stonewall Atlanta events.



Fundraising Guide & Checklist

Planning the Fundraiser:

- O Come up with a creative, exciting, and values congruent concept for a fundraiser and determine how you will monetize it
- O Determine if you would like to partner with other teams for the fundraiser
- O Set a goal for how much money you want your event to raise. Identify specific program needs of your charity to help set the goal.
- Create a budget for anything you may need to execute your fundraiser, including supplies, decorations, signage, etc. Make sure this is factored into your fundraising goal.
- O Determine if you need support from team members (or others) to execute the fundraiser and what specific roles they'll need to play.
- O Determine your target audience. Teams should not limit themselves just to Stonewall Atlanta members but look to outside audiences as well.
- O Determine how donations will be accepted (cash, venmo, etc.)
- O Identify opportunities for sponsorship from local businesses to help cut event expenses, raise awareness for your fundraiser, and provide in-kind donations (e.g. raffle prizes, silent auction items, etc.)

Promoting the Fundraiser

- O Brand your fundraiser and develop a marketing plan to promote it
- O Work with the venue (if applicable) to cross promote on their social media channels
- O Create a Facebook event and invite as many people as possible, including those outside of Stonewall Atlanta if the fundraiser isn't kickball specific
- O Promote the fundraiser on other social media platforms

Hosting the Fundraiser

- O Make sure you have all supplies ready in preparation for the fundraiser
- O Communicate with your team regarding their responsibilities. When should members get to the event? What are their tasks once there?
- O Document the fundraiser! Take videos and photos to use for future promotions.



Post-Fundraiser Wrap Up

- o Send thank you's to participants, donors, venues, and team members who helped out.
- Send in all money collected to the Events Coordinator (Andrew Garmon)
- o Solicit feedback from participants.

August 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | Registration Drive | | | | Kickball I.D.E.A.S. Registration Drive |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Skills / Ump Clinic Kickball 12-2pm | | Kickball Free Agent Social - Divisions A & B @ Guac Y Margys | | Kickball Free Agent Social - Divisions C @ The Hideaway | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Skills Clinic 12-2pm | 13 | 10 | 17 | 10 | 19 | Skills Clinic 12 – 2pm |
| Kickball Regular Registration Closes | Kickball Late Registration Opens | | | | | Free Agent Social at Blakes – All League 4pm – 7pm |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Kickball Late Registration Closes | | | | | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Skills Clinic 12-2pm | | Kickball Captain's Meeting – 7pm MANDATORY | | | | |

September 2022

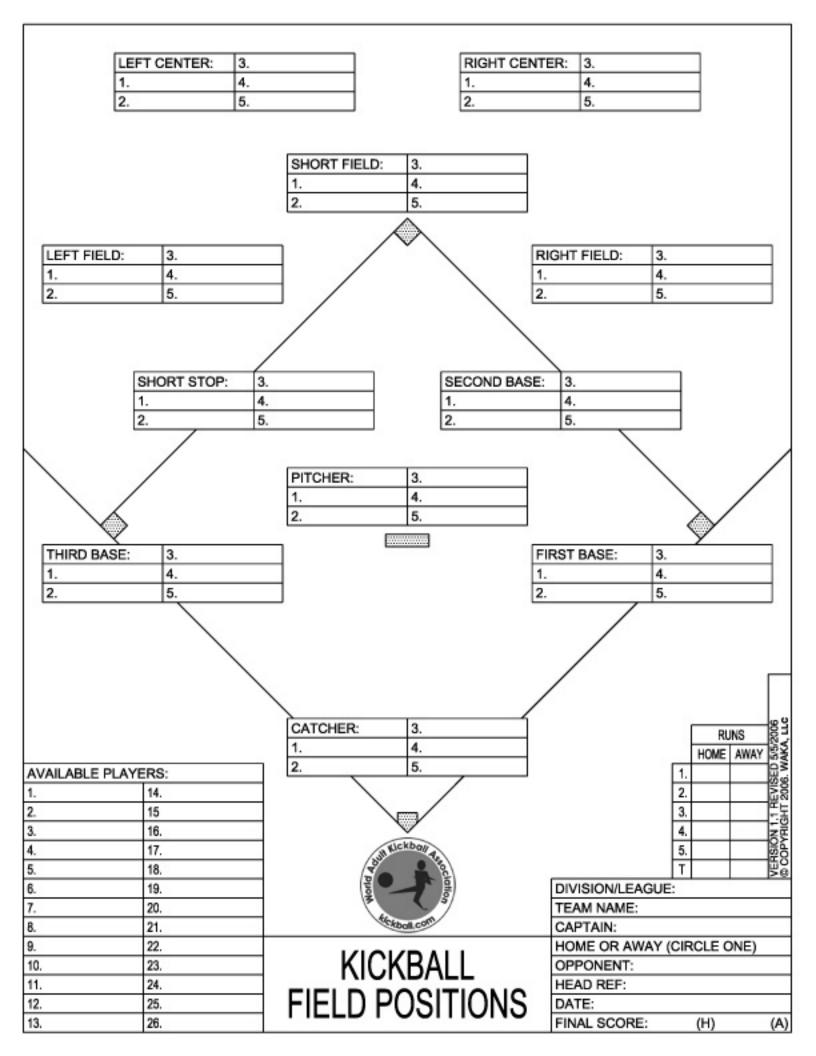
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| Kickball Week 3 | | | | | | |
| Games | | | | | | |
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October 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |
| 2 Kickball Week 4 Games | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 OFF Week - Pride | 10 Columbus Day | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Kickball Week 5 Games | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Kickball Week 6 Games | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Kickball All-Stars Game | 31 Halloween | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

November 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|-----------------|--------|--------------------|
| 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Kickball Week 7 Games | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Kickball Champs |
| Kickball Championships | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Kickball Closing Party (Rainout Day for Champs) | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Thanksgiving | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |



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| Silver | Heather Slate | Heather Ice Blue |
| Ash | Steel Blue | Heather Dusty Blue |
| Heather Cool Grey | Heather Deep Teal | Team Purple |
| Solid Athletic Grey | Deep Teal | Heather Team Purple |
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