

KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

**SEPT. 24
CONRAD, MT**



ALL-AGES

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\$10 PER PERSON

- **10:30AM - MASS
ST. MICHAEL PARISH**
- **12NOON - GAMES START
CONRAD BASEBALL COMPLEX
171 GRANITE
CONRAD, MT 59425**
- **5PM - CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
Diocese of Helena

HANDBOOK

EVENTS

2023
2024



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF HELENA

PRECORNING



**AUG
25-27**

CYC BOARD #1
(LEGENDARY LODGE)

KICKBALL

9 PM

(CONRAD)

**SEPT.
24**



**OCT.
6-8**

CYC BOARD #2
(HELENA)

**JUNIOR HIGH
RALLY**

9 PM

(HELENA)

**OCT.
28**



**NOV.
16-18**

NCYC
(INDIANAPOLIS, IN)

CYC BOARD #3
(DEER LODGE)

9 PM

**DEC.
1-3**



**JAN.
19-21**

SKI RETREAT
(WHITEFISH)

**AWAKENING
RETREAT**

9 PM

(BOZEMAN)

**FEB.
2-4**



**MARCH
1-3**

CYC BOARD #4
(BUTTE)

**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
& CYC CONVENTION**

9 PM

(HELENA)

**MARCH
22-24**



OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/YOUTH



GET ORGANIZED!

WHAT

Kickball: 2 teams of 8-12, alternate kicking 1 red ball in a baseball field. Games are 4 innings or 30 minutes. Fun, family-friendly team uniforms, t-shirts, or costumes are highly encouraged.

WHEN & WHERE

Conrad Baseball Complex
171 Granite Conrad, MT 59425
Sunday, September 24.
Check-in Opens at 11:30am.
First games start at 12noon (or as soon as teams are checked-in).
Championship game will start around 5pm.
OPTIONAL: 10:30am Mass at St. Michael Parish (106 S Maryland St, Conrad, MT 59425).



WHO

Teams consist of 8-12 co-ed players of all ages.
Teams must include at least 4 females.
Players younger than 7 are encouraged to be cheerleaders/mascots for the favorite team.

REGISTRATION

Register your team online at diocesehelena.org/kickball (Pre-registration by SEPT. 21 IS STRONGLY encouraged!)
On-site registration allowed, but may delay your start time.
\$10 per person.
Lunch is provided.



FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT

This event is open to all ages, and we gladly welcome teams from other faith traditions. Our goal is simple: build friendships through fun, healthy team competition. Please read our code of conduct policy for details, especially regarding safe environment chaperone guidelines.

Details



WHY SHOULD MY CHURCH **PLAY KICKBALL?**

The Catholic Youth Coalition in the Diocese of Helena sponsors this tournament because sometimes we just need to get outside and celebrate being together. Kickball does exactly that by building fellowship through a childhood game that caters to the non-athletic. This is a great event for families and youth of all ages.

The entire purpose of this event is to have fun, creating memories and friendships that will last. A healthy level of competitiveness is encouraged, but it should remain respectful and not otherwise distracting from the family-friendly, joyful environment.

Each team must have a Team Captain, who should be an adult. The Team Captain will serve as the primary contact and be responsible for gathering registrations and fees.

Families are strongly encouraged to play together. All ages and faiths are welcome. To compete on the field a person should be at least 7-years old. Team captains may, however, negotiate prior to each game to permit younger players. Regardless, children under 7 may attend at no-cost and must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Pre-registration by September 21 is strongly encouraged! We will accept on-site registration, but it slows down the entire tournament.

A little note on the schedule: **We want to encourage people to worship in their home church before the tournament**, but we don't want the tournament to end at midnight either. So, check-in will open at 11:30am, and we will begin the first games at 12noon or as soon as we have enough teams checked-in. If teams arrive early, then we'll start early and will add teams to the tournament as they arrive and fields become available.



Youth Ministers & Adult Chaperones

Thank you for accompanying young people - literally and figuratively - during their adolescence, helping to form them in virtue and faith. Events like kickball provide you the chance to engage young people from your community in a fun environment and establish trust that can develop throughout your ministry program and activities.

We take seriously our responsibility for maintaining a safe environment at all events, including caring for both the physical and mental well-being of children. We expect all adults to model appropriate behavior and enforce such behavior among the minors for whom they are responsible, including: no profane language; no use of any alcohol, tobacco/e-cigs, or drugs during the event; and wearing modest clothing that does not promote ideas contrary to our Christian values.

Unless accompanied by a parent/guardian, minors (under 18) must be accompanied by an Adult Chaperone (21+). All participants must agree to abide by our Code of Conduct and are expected to abide by the safe environment and/or other chaperoning policies of their respective church/group. **Adults who are chaperoning youth from a Diocese of Helena parish/school must be compliant with Diocese of Helena Safe Environment Policy (VIRTUS).**

Chaperones and minors do not have to be on the same team, but the chaperone must be present for the duration of the tournament or until the youth leaves. **The parent/chaperone is responsible for the safety and well being of their youth at all times, including knowing their whereabouts and communicating with parent(s)/guardian(s) in the case of emergency.**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT & CODE OF CONDUCT HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✔ All minors (under 18) must be accompanied by either a parent/guardian or an Adult Chaperone (11:1 Youth-to-Chaperone Ratio).
- ✔ Only those who are 21+ may serve as an Adult Chaperone.
- ✔ Adult Chaperones from Diocese of Helena parishes/schools must be VIRTUS-certified in accord with Diocese of Helena Safe Environment policy.
- ✔ Adult Chaperones not from a Diocese of Helena school/parish are not obligated to be VIRTUS-certified but must agree to our Code of Conduct and are expected to follow the safe environment/chaperone policies of their respective church/group.
- ✔ Young adults (18-20) are encouraged to participate in the event! However, you may not serve as an Adult Chaperone for minors.
- ✔ Minors (under 18) should not drive themselves or others to/from the event.
- ✔ Tobacco & Drug Free: No participant may use or be under the influence of any drug or alcohol, including "e-cigs."
- ✔ Dress Code: Team uniforms/theme clothing are encouraged! And, all clothing should be modest, appropriate for sport activity, and may not promote drugs/alcohol or ideas contrary to our Christian values.

The Official Rules

All participants should read through the rules.

1. The Playing Field

1.00 Head Umpire will designate a field suitable for play in accordance with the following provisions which equal the dimensions of a softball field: The kickball diamond is a square with equal sides of 60 feet or 20 paces: The distance from home plate to second base, and from first base to third base is 84 feet 10 1/4 inches or 28 paces respectively; The pitching strip is in the center of the diamond, 42 feet 5 1/8 inches or 14 paces from home plate, and directly aligned with the first base/third base diagonal.

1.01 The strike zone extends to 1 foot on either side of home plate, and 1 foot high.

1.02 All participants must respect and obey all rules and regulations pertaining to the respective field used for play during the game.

2. Equipment

2.00 Athletic shoes are required. Metal cleats are not allowed.

2.01 Players may wear protective equipment providing it does not offer the wearer an unfair performance advantage.

2.02 The official kickball will be a 10-inch play ground ball. This will be provided by OYYAM.

3. Officials

3.00 Games must be officiated by at least one participant: a Head Umpire. The Head Umpire governs all game play, has final say over rule interpretation, and issues all final rulings. Other referees may assist these officials when available.

3.01 The Head Umpire must read the following Game Opener 5 minutes before the game starts: "I am the Head Umpire and will issue all final rulings if necessary. The only participants who may dispute a call are the team's designated Captain and Co-Captain."

3.02 Umpires have jurisdiction over play and may: Call a time out; Make a decision regarding players under 7 if team captains cannot agree as described in 4.00; Penalize a player, including game ejection, for unsportsmanlike conduct (ejected participants may not return to the game)

3.03 An umpire will keep official time for each game.

4. Teams

4.00 Each team must consist of a minimum of 8 and no more than 12 players. All players should be 7 years old. Team captains may negotiate at the beginning of the game to permit younger persons to play.

4.01 Teams must field at least 8 players and no more than 12. Teams must field a minimum of 4 players of each sex.

4.02 Each team shall have one Captain who will be responsible for the team, ensuring that: collect registration forms and fees; all team players not on the bench must kick; kicking lineup alternates by sex; only the Captain may dispute calls.

5. Base Coaches

5.00 Two members of the team at kick must coach first and third base. They will assist in retrieving foul balls and may switch with other team members to remain in the proper kicking lineup.

7. Regulation Games

7.00 Regulation games last 4 full innings or 30 minutes.

7.01 In the event of a tie score at the end of the game, extra full innings shall commence until a winner is determined.

7.02 A team Captain may raise protest with the umpire for blatant rule infraction, but will accept the umpire's final ruling.

8. Pitching/Catching

8.00 Pitch speed – no missiles. Must be a slow to medium speed pitch.

8.01 No "bouncies." A pitch that is higher than 1-foot at the plate, must be re-thrown.

8.02 The pitcher must stay behind the pitching strip until the ball is kicked.

8.03 No player other than the catcher may field in front of the pitcher or advance beyond the 1st –3rd base diagonal until the ball is kicked.

8.04 The catcher must field directly behind the kicker and may not cross home plate before the ball is kicked.

9. Kicking

9.00 All kicks must be made by foot and occur at or behind home plate. Bunting is not allowed.

10. Running

10.00 Runners must stay within the base line. Fielders must stay out of the base line. Fielders trying to make an out on base may have their foot on base, but must lean out of the baseline. Runners hindered by any fielder within the base line shall be safe at the base to which they were running.

10.01 Neither leading off base, nor stealing a base is allowed. A runner off of his/her base when the ball is kicked is out.

10.02 Hitting a runner with the ball above shoulder level is not allowed. Any runner hit above the shoulders is safe and advances one base. If the runner intentionally uses the head to block the ball, and is so called by the umpire, the runner is out.

10.03 After a kicked ball is caught, runners must tag their originating base before running to the next base. All ties will go to the runner. Runners may overrun first base.

10.04 One base on an overthrow into fair territory. In taking advantage of the time loss from an overthrown ball that travels out of bounds, a runner may not run beyond the subsequent base to the one originally running toward when the ball was thrown.

11. Strikes & Balls

11.00 There are no strikes or balls. Every player kicks.

12. Fouls

12.00 A count of four constitutes an out.

12.01 A foul is: A kick landing out of bounds; A kick landing in bounds, but traveling out of bounds on its own before reaching first or third base (any ball touched by an in-bounds fielder is automatically in play); or, a kick made in front of home plate.

13. Outs

13.00 A count of three outs by a team completes the team's half of the inning.

13.01 An out is: A runner touched by the ball at any time while not on base; Any kicked ball (fair or foul) that is caught; A ball tag on a base to which a runner is forced to run; Or, a runner off of his/her base when the ball is kicked.

14. Ball in Play

14.00 Once the pitcher has the ball in control and on the mound, the play ends.

14.01 If a runner intentionally touches or stops the ball, the play ends.



Team Roster

This roster will be used to keep track of tournament bracket and can be filled out at check-in. A team consists of 8-12 players, ages 7+, with at least 4 of each sex. Every participant needs to submit the Registration & Medical Release Form (preferably at diocesehelena.org/kickball).

Individuals are discouraged from registering. In the case that you do not have a full team or have extra players, you may register individuals as "Free Agents," and they will be assigned a team on the day of the tournament.

Team Name:	Name of Parish/Church/Ministry/Group:	Town/City:
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	Name	Age	Sex	Check to confirm that participant has submitted Medical Release:
1. (Team Captain)				
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2023 CYC Kickball Registration Form

Participant Name:		Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Child (Under 7) <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (age 7-18) <input type="checkbox"/> Adult (18+)	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Date of Birth: MM / DD / YYYY	Phone:	Email:	
Emergency Contact Name	Emergency Contact Phone:	Relationship (e.g. "Mom"):	

Allergies, Dietary Restrictions or Serious Medical Conditions: (Please describe any conditions that should be known in case of emergency)

PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT, MEDICAL CONSENT, & MEDIA RELEASE STATEMENTS

I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission for the above named person (Participant) to participate in the 2023 Catholic Youth Coalition Kickball Tournament (Kickball) scheduled for Sunday, September 24 in Conrad, MT, which may require transportation away from my home church. As a legal adult myself or the parent and/or legal guardian of Participant, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by Participant. I agree on behalf of myself/my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend my parish/school and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena, Diocese of Helena (Diocese), adult chaperones, and representatives associated with Kickball, arising from or in connection with me/my child attending Kickball or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its directors and agents, and the Diocese, chaperones or its representatives for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, I/my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of me/my child. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport me/my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital/doctor.

I/my child agrees to abide by all rules attached to Kickball. Specific behaviors that are not permitted include, but are not limited to: fighting, obscene language, offensive or revealing clothing, and the use/possession of tobacco, vaping products, alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons. I also understand that if Participant violates any of the rules, Participant may be required to leave the activity at his/her own expense.

Event directors have the authority to prohibit video camera or other forms of image-recording devices, as appropriate, to prevent distractions or to protect against violating the privacy of participants. Violation of this policy may result in confiscation of such equipment for the duration of Kickball and/or dismissal from the event.

By signing this form I understand that a picture of myself/my child and/or work or projects created by myself/my child (e.g. still pictures, audio/video recording, etc.) may be published in print or online by my parish, school, Legendary Lodge, Diocese, The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Carroll College, or their agents to advance the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church. I also grant Diocese permission to share the information on this registration form with these or other individuals or entities to advance the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church.

Participant (Youth/Adult) Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

ADULT CHAPERONE POLICY STATEMENT (Required of all Adult Chaperones):

Are you serving as an Adult Chaperone of minors from a parish/school of the Diocese of Helena? (Check One): Yes No

Adult Chaperones from parishes/schools of the Diocese of Helena must be VIRTUS-certified. Adult Chaperones not from Diocese of Helena parishes/schools are expected to follow the safe environment/chaperoning policies of their respective church/group.

By signing below, I understand and agree to abide by all rules and policies of the 2023 Kickball Tournament and the respective Safe Environment/chaperoning responsibilities of the church/group for which I am serving as an Adult Chaperone.

Adult Chaperone Signature

Date