



Dear Elwood Community Member,

Thank you for your support for Harry Bridges Little League and for further helping us enhance what we are able to offer to the youth of our community. As a supporter of HBLL, we would like to invite you and your family members to participate in another new addition to not only Harry Bridges Little League but also the historic Elwood Glass Festival: The Harry Bridges Little League 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Glass Festival Adult Kickball Tournament! The event will be held on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and is hosted by Harry Bridges Little League with support from the Elwood Chamber of Commerce.

The day-long tournament is a family-friendly event that will bring together a maximum of 8 teams consisting of adults aged 18 and older. An information packet can be obtained and will give you all the details about the event, the registration process, and the game rules. Completed registration packets and the team registration fee must be received by the Little League Board by Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will accept both single participant registration as well as full team registration on a first come, first served basis until eight teams have been filled and registered.

You will be contacted to confirm that your registration is complete and that your team has been entered into the tournament or your placement on a team. Please make sure you include a valid and active email address and phone number so that we can keep you updated with the most current information. Email is the preferred method of communicating with the teams.

We look forward to adding a great new tradition to Elwood's Glass Festival weekend and kickin' it with you and your family. For more information about the tournament and registration, please contact Harry Bridges Little League's Facebook page or Zach Green at 765-623-8154 or at [zachgreen0925@gmail.com](mailto:zachgreen0925@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

Harry Bridges Little League Board of Directors

# TOURNAMENT AT A GLANCE

**TOURNAMENT DATE:** **Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

10 AM Glass Festival Parade Starts (Dollar General Store)  
11 AM Glass Festival Parade Ends (high school parking lot)  
11:30 AM Team Check-In @ Harry Bridges Complex  
12:00 PM Welcome and First Pitch/Kick  
12:15 PM Play Begins (Teams playing first game will be contacted prior to the 21<sup>st</sup> to make sure they have enough time)

**LOCATION:** **Harry Bridges Little League Complex**

601 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Elwood, IN 46036

**REGISTRATION:**

1. Entry Fee per Team: \$200.00 Team (Make checks payable to: Harry Bridges Little League)
2. Registration Deadline: **Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
3. A complete registration packet includes the following:
  - ✓ Registration Form
  - ✓ Team Roster
  - ✓ Waiver & Release of Liability
  - ✓ Registration Fee
4. Bring the completed registration packet and fee to a Harry Bridges Little League evening game and ask for Brandon Tunnell or Zach Green or mail it to  
Zach Green  
929 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street Elwood, IN

**TEAM INFORMATION:**

1. Registration will be taken on first-come, first-served basis until all team slots are filled.
2. **The maximum team size is 12 players and the minimum size is 10 player.**
3. **MUST BE 18 OR OLDER.**
4. **Team Captain Meeting**  
Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 PM  
Harry Bridges Little League  
601 North 20<sup>th</sup> Street

# TEAM CAPTAIN INFORMATION

- As the captain, it is your responsibility to organize your team. This includes collecting information for the roster, collecting fees, and informing team members of the Kickball Tournament rules & regulations and all other pertinent information that may be relayed from the organizers. **The captain will make a copy of the waiver and release form for each team member to fill out.**
- Remember, the \$200.00 registration fee for each team must be paid in full at the time of registration.
- All participants must wear shirts. Your team must wear similar t-shirts the day of the tournament. Your team will not be allowed to participate in the tournament if participants' shirts are deemed to be offensive in any way by the tournament organizers.
- The team size is 10-12 players.
- Water will be provided to participating teams during the event. The concession stand will also be open through the tournament selling food and drinks as well as all of the traditional Glass Festival options available in the park.
- All games will be officiated by at least 1 VOLUNTEER official.
- **Play by the "Let's Have Fun" rule:** We are all here to have fun, and HBLL wants to encourage all players, teams, and spectators to have fun. Unsportsmanlike behavior WILL NOT be tolerated and may result in that player being ejected from the game and/or remainder of the tournament. An ejected player is required to leave the premises immediately. **There is a 10-run per inning limit for all innings (No slaughter rule). Captains are encouraged not to run up the score.**
- **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will receive awards.**
- **We will go over all the rules and final game day plans at the CAPTAIN MEETING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 AT 6 PM.**
- **Encourage your neighbors and friends to come out and support your team. Admission is FREE to all of the games and the Delta Theta Tau Bridge makes it easy to go back and forth between the Glass Festival activities in the park.**

# GAME RULES AND REGULATIONS

## The Playing Fields

The baseball/kickball field is a square with equal sides of 60 feet or about 20 paces with a base at each corner. The distance from home plate to second base and from first base to third base is 84 feet 10 ¼ inches. The distance between any base and home plate shall be measured from the back corner of each. The pitching plate is 46 feet 6 inches from home plate. The front field measures 210 feet from home plate to the outfield fence and the back field measures 200 feet. White foul lines will extend from home plate to the outfield fence on both 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base sides. Any ball touched by a player or official wholly or partly in fair territory is automatically in play.

## Dress

Players must properly wear team shirts. Athletic shoes are required. Please dress appropriately for the weather (middle of August in Indiana!)

## Umpire

Only captains can dispute a call. Players, captains, and fans are expected to show good sportsmanship. No yelling at umpires, players, or other teams. Ejected participants must leave the field and may not return to the game and/or remainder of the tournament depending on severity.

## Player Eligibility

All participants must be at least 18 years old, be registered, and be on a submitted team roster.

## Teams/Roster

Teams must field the required amount of player to play the game. The maximum team size is 12 players and the minimum size is 10 players. All teams must kick the entire roster. Any team playing non-registered or improperly registered players will forfeit the game of the first offense and removed from the tournament for a second. Registered teams must have at least 8 eligible players (in case of ejection or injury). If a team only has nine players, they will play without a catcher. If a team only has 8 players, they will play without a catcher and an outfielder.

## Field Play

Players must play the field every other inning at a minimum. There will be 10 players on the field on defense. Each in one of the following positions: Pitcher, Catcher, 1<sup>st</sup> Base, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base, Shortstop, Left Fielder, Left Center Fielder, Right Center Fielder, and Right Fielder. Scorekeepers, announcers, and press box workers will be local VOLUNTEERS who will have been trained and practiced in each position.

## Base coaches

Base coaches will not be utilized.

## Regulation Game

Games end after 5 full innings or 60 minutes. One extra inning is played if the score is tied and time remains. A winner must be determined for each game.

## **Pitching/Catching**

A pitch must roll on the ground when passing over the plate. Strike zone is 1 foot inside and outside of home plate. Bouncing balls are balls. Umpire determines if strike or not. The pitcher must stay behind or on the pitching strip until the ball is kicked but can be to the left or right of it. Failure to abide by this rule results in a ball. No player may field in front of the pitcher other than the catcher. Failure to abide by this rule results in a ball. The catcher must field directly behind the kicker and may not cross home plate until the ball is kicked. Failure to abide by this rule results in a ball. A pitch outside the strike zone is a ball. **BALLS MUST BE PITCHED BY HAND.**

## **Kicking**

A player's foot or leg must make all kicks. All kicks must be behind home plate, but the kicker may step on home plate to kick. **No bunting is allowed.** Umpire determines bunt call. A bunt is called an out.

## **Running**

Runners must stay within the base path. No sliding or running into a fielder. No contact is allowed. The runner is out if the runner initiates contact or runner is safe if fielder initiates contact. Fielders must stay out of the base paths unless attempting to make a play in which the runner must avoid the fielder. Runners hindered by any fielder within the base path, not making an active play on the ball, shall be safe at the base to which they were running. **No leading off or stealing.** Runner can only advance after the ball is kicked. A runner off a base when the ball is kicked is out. Runners may tag-up after a kicked ball is caught by the defense to advance to the next base or further. Runners may overrun first base **ONLY.** **One base will be awarded by the umpire on an overthrow into foul territory.** This rule is a restriction on the runner and not an automatic right for the runner to advance and will be left at the umpire's discretion. Running past or lapping another runner is not allowed. Any runner passed or lapped by another runner is out.

## **Strikes**

3 strikes make an out. A strike is considered a pitch within the strike zone that is not kicked or an attempted kick missed by the kicker inside or outside of the strike zone. A foul ball is a strike.

## **Balls**

4 balls walks the kicker to first base. A ball is a pitch outside of the strike zone as judged by the umpire where a kick is not attempted. **A ball bouncing is an illegal pitch** resulting in the pitch being called a ball. Any fielder or pitcher advancing on home plate before the ball is kicked will result in the pitch being called a ball. Any catcher crossing home plate before the kicker or failing to field behind the kicker will result in the pitch being called a ball.

## **Foul Ball**

A foul ball counts as a strike. 4 fouls make an out. 2 fouls after having 2 strikes is an out. A foul is a kick landing in foul territory or a kick that goes foul prior to passing third or first base and not touched by a player.

## **Outs:**

3 outs by a team completes the team's half of the inning. 3 strikes or 2 fouls after having 2 strikes results in an out. Runner touched by the ball while not on base & the ball is in play qualifies as an out. **A fielder can throw a ball at a runner below the shoulders (soak-out).** Runners hit in the neck or head with the ball will not be out unless they were ducking to dodge the ball...**Play stops and the ball is dead after hitting a base runner and being declared out.** A kicked ball (fair or foul) that is caught in the air is an out. A ball thrown to a fielder touching a base that beats the runner who is forced to run is an out. A runner off of his/her base when the ball is kicked is also an out.

## **Play Ends:**

When the pitcher has the ball in control and anywhere on the mound the play ends. When a runner intentionally touches or stops the ball (the runner is out) and play ends. Interference is when any non-fielder, runner, or non-permanent object touches the ball. Any time there is interference the play automatically ends.

## **Scoring:**

**There is a 10-run per inning limit for all innings. No slaughter rule.** Captains are encouraged not to run up the score.

# TEAM REGISTRATION FORM AND ROSTER

## Registration Checklist

The following items **MUST** be submitted by August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to be registered for the tournament.

- \_\_\_ Registration Form
- \_\_\_ Team Roster
- \_\_\_ Waiver & Release of Liability
- \_\_\_ Registration Fee

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**Please complete the form below and submit along with the payment of \$200.00. We can accept cash and check at this time. Please make checks payable to: Harry Bridges Little League. Make sure you get and retain your receipt.**

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Team Name:
Team Captain's Name:
Address:
Phone Number:
Email:
Alternate Contact Name:
Phone Number:
E-Mail:

I would like to register a team for the 2021 Harry Bridges Little League 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Glass Festival Kickball Tournament. If this registration is accepted, I will be responsible for my team's fulfillment of all rules and regulations established by the organizers of the tournament.

By signing this application form, I am acknowledging that use of the Harry Bridges Little League facilities carries a risk of personal injury. I acknowledge that I, and each participant in my group or organization, must sign a player waiver in order to participate the HBLL Glass Festival Kickball Tournament. The player waiver and release will act to RELEASE and DISCHARGE Harry Bridges Little League and its elected officials, officers, and volunteers from liability for injuries or damage, including any losses CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENT, RECKLESS, WILLFUL, OR WRONGFUL ACTS OR OMISSIONS of the participants. The participants agree not to sue or make a claim against Harry Bridges Little League as well as their elected officials, officers, or volunteers, and agree to hold them harmless and indemnify them against any and all claims and losses that may result from use of these facilities or participation in sports and/or recreational programs held at these facilities.

Signature:	Date:
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**FOR STAFF USE ONLY**

Received by:	Date:
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### HBLL GLASS FESTIVAL KICKBALL TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER

Player's Name	DOB	Address	Phone Number	Age

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# PLAYER WAIVER & RELEASE FORM

Every player must complete the Waiver & Release of Liability Form and give it to a Harry Bridges Little League Kickball official before he or she can play. If a player fails to submit their player waiver & release waiver form, all liability will be the responsibility of the team captain. Harry Bridges Little League will not be responsible for players that do not submit a player waiver & release form.

## ACTIVITY WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

### READ CAREFULLY AS THIS AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

In exchange for participation in the activity of the Glass Festival Kickball Tournament organized by Harry Bridges Little League (HBLL) and/or the use of the property, facilities and services of HBLL, I agree for myself to the following:

1. I agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by HBLL officials, volunteers, or representatives.
2. I agree that I have read and will abide by the rules and policies set for the use of Harry Bridges Little League Complex (See Enclosed).
3. I recognize that there are certain and inherent risks associated with the above described activity and I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and further release and discharge HBLL for injury, loss, or damage arising out of my family's use or presence upon the facilities of HBLL and whether caused by the fault of myself, my family, HBLL, or other third parties.
4. I agree to indemnify and defend HBLL against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney fees and other litigation costs which may in way arise from my or my family's use or presence upon the facilities of HBLL.
5. I agree to pay for all damages to the facilities of HBLL caused by my or my family's negligent, reckless, or willful actions.
6. Any legal or equitable claim that may arise from in the above shall be resolved under Indiana Law.

**I HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.**

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

# HBLL COMPLEX POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Smoking is **NOT** permitted on the complex property.
- Alcohol is **NOT** permitted.
- Parking availability is not guaranteed and on occasion may be limited. Fence parking is allowed along the outfield **ONLY**.
- Any behavior, event, or activities that may impede the normal operation of the facility or the safety, health, and welfare of the public and/or HBLL officials or volunteers is prohibited.
- Small children must be supervised at all times.
- Due to available water to players, our concession stand, and the Traditional Glass Festival options, **NO** coolers or grills are permitted in the park.