

TX Freedom

League of WAKA
The Colony - Carrollton

Issue 1
Spring 2012

The rain left us alone and we were finally able to kick off our first season of TX Freedom kickball in our new fields at Josey Ranch. Cheers to a successful first week.

Don't forget to read Sheriff Kipp's Corner for reffing and rules information. There will be a ref meeting on Monday!



STATS

Team	W	L	T	F	Pts	Game	Win %
Hit It and Bounce	1	0	0	0	1	1	100%
Legs, Kegs, & Balls Deep	1	0	0	0	1	1	100%
Mayhem	1	0	0	0	1	1	100%
New Pitch in Town	1	0	0	0	1	1	100%
Balls & Dolls	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
Bojangles 2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
Kickolobe Ultra	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
Sons of Pitches	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%

**Listed alphabetically if ranking is tied.*

SCORES

June 13

7PM

NPIT

3

B&D

1

Vs.

SOP

2

Mayhem

10

8 PM

KU

0

B2

0

Vs.

LKBD

5

HIB

2

BAR GAMES

5 pts for a full team
10 points for participation
50 points for first place
30 points for second place
20 points for third place

Week One Flip Cup

	Full Team	Partic.	Time	Bonus	Total
NPIT	5	10	13.4	50	65
BZ	5	10	16.4	30	45
B&D	5	10	16.9	20	35
SOP	5	10	18.7	-	15
LKBD	5	10	23.5	-	15
KU	5	10	17.6	-	15
Mayhem	-	10	20.8	-	10
HIB	-	-	-	-	0

SEASON RANKS

1	NPIT	65
2	BZ	45
3	B&D	35
4	SOP	15
5	LKBD	15
6	KU	15
7	Mayhem	10
8	HIB	0



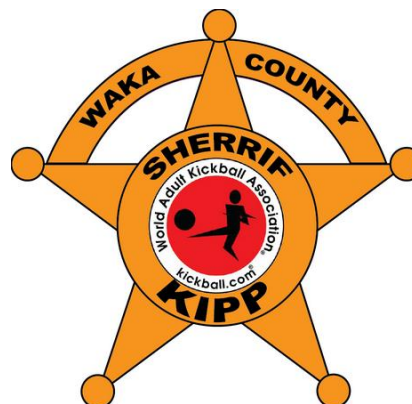
Sheriff Kipp's Corner

Matt "Chip" Kipp is our league's sheriff. The sheriff is the go-to person if you ever have questions about reffing. You can find a full set of WAKA rules at www.kickball.com/rules. Download the iRef app.

Rule of the Week:

If a ball is kicked over the outfield fence in the air in fair territory, this will be ruled as a home run.

BUT If a ball is kicked to the outfield and bounces over the outfield fence in fair territory, this will be ruled as a ground rule double and all runners advance 2 bases.



Are you interested in learning more about how to ref?

We will have a ref meeting this Monday night at Frankie's in Lewisville at 7:30. Please let Sheriff Kipp know who will be attending by emailing wmkipp@yahoo.com



VS



Balls and Dolls is a hodge podge group of people who have gone from strangers to friends almost overnight. Between blowing up each others phones through Groupme, to creating some sweet drink recipes, and even planning a group camping trip, we are going balls to the wall. For only having 4 vets on our team, we've already shown a lot of potential and are excited to bring it this season!

Going up against the reigning kickball champs was intimidating for our first game, and those guys were PRETTY hardcore, but we avoided the shutout and our most seasoned vet (10 seasons!) scored our only run in the first inning. The rest of the game was about learning each others strengths and knowing that when someone yells a number, it means throw to that base! We also figured out quickly that we are going to be a force to be reckoned with in the bar games! Don't be fooled by the name... These Dolls have Balls!!

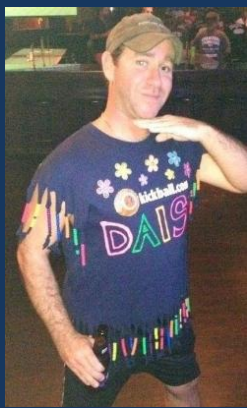


The new euphemistic season begins as the previous ended; with Mayhem climax. New pitcher Ronnie "The Rocket" handled every ball he touched with masterful skill. Sean "Atta Boy" relived his high school days and had balls coming toward him all day that he gladly took into his hands and then passed off to someone else. Erin "Sweet Bangs" took more balls to the chest, this time with everyone watching and cheering. Matt "Big Chip" decided to be selfish and put his balls where no one else could touch them. When Mayhem is on the field, balls will be grabbed, kicked, and generally played with...





VS



Sons of Pitches faced the New Pitches in Town Wednesday night. The winds were angry that day my friends, blowing hard out of the Southeast and with the ever present threat of rain looming overhead made for less than ideal kickball conditions. The SOPs never the less put on their game faces and prepared for battle, huddling in a circle and letting loose a fierce battle cry.

The New Pitches came out kicking going up 3 runs on SOP in the top of the 1st inning. Nothing SOP was kicking was escaping the hands their opponent. The next few innings were a stale mate, each team playing top notch defense. When all the sudden in the 4th inning Jeremy from NPIT belted a long bomb to left center field. This could have been the nail in the coffin for SOP if not for the cat like reflexes and speed of Josh, catching the ball at the fence closing out the inning and inspiring a new found hope for the Sons of Pitches.

SOP started the 5th down by 3 making their final stand. Josh and Helms leading the charge quickly rounding the bases and beating the throw to home to score 2. Despite the valiant efforts of the dynamic duo it was not enough to beat the New Pitches in Town.



New Pitches arose from the ashes of "With R Selves" to be born again bigger and stronger. Our newly acquired rookies played like seasoned kickballers while helping turn our first game of the season into a W on the record books!!! Our whole team was unstoppable in the outfield. Fly balls did not have a chance! Lisa made an amazing catch from deep in outfield to shut down SOP in the first inning. Greg showed a wee bit late (thanks to our captains mis-information he almost missed the game), but stepped up to join Casey, Bill, and Jeremy in the kick-n-miss club. So watch out...Greg is sure to take that out on next week's opponent with his mad pitching skills! Jeremy kicked in an in-field homer to secure our victory. On a winning high...the WHOLE team showed at the bar to defend our bar games trophy. Things looked bleak in flip cup warm-ups, but when the pressure was on...everyone stepped up! New Pitches secured our first bar game win with a 13.4 flip cup time. Look out Freedom Leaguewe are on a roll!





VS



Much of the crowd at Josey Ranch Sports Complex on Wednesday night had no doubt turned out to see the reloaded "Hit It and Bounce (HIB)".

By the second inning, their attention had shifted squarely to Blake Moore the right-handed pitcher who was facing his former team. He carried a no-kick bid into the third inning before HIB's defense bailed him out of trouble, and Tariq Quadri's go-ahead single in the second inning gave all those fans reason to celebrate with a 3-0 shut out victory over Bojangles 2.

Moore didn't allow a single kick until Matt Van Alstyne bunted his way to first in the top of the third. "Every inning it's like, 'OK, no kicks this inning.' Of course, I knew it was a no-kicker," said Moore. "You have to keep it a close game," he said, "because Sonchai Lange's a great pitcher."

Quadri came up big as he faced Lange in the bottom of the second with Aaron Andrews and Sunni Lockovich on. His single scored 2 runners and he now leads the team with 2 RKI's. Tae Kim came into the bottom of the fourth kicking into a double play but also scoring Chris Sutton for his first RKI of the season. Please note he almost struck out on his at kick. "We ran into one of the better pitchers in kickball, if not the best on any given night," Tae Kim said of Sonchai Lange.

After serving up Quadri's career 2 RKI's on a single, Lange only allowed one more run in the bottom of the fourth. His low-30s fastball and pinpoint command was precisely what HIB players remembered during previous outings.

Moore gave them something entirely unexpected. The right-hander, who had been shuffling between the Plano and Carrollton league, set the Bojangles down in order in the first inning. By the time Moore had shut down the Bojangles in the next two innings -- and had thrown just 12 pitches -- there were some rumblings that Moore could be on his way to pitching the second shut-out in franchise history, and the first since Joey Hong more than 9 months ago.

"We played great tonight guys, my hats off to a great outing offensively and defensively," HIB manager Chris Sutton said. "Let's continue the momentum into week 2 against Mayhem."

On a side note, Ashley once again stole the crowd with her stop and go running capabilities. She even ran to second almost got there and turned back around and walked off.

Game Stats

Runs Scored - Sutton, Andrews, Lockovich

RKI's - Quadri (2), Kim (1)

Diving Catches - Andrews (2)



The Commish, Katie, Abby, and Aimee, the founding fathers of the Bojangles, have returned this season along with all of the other Bojangle vets and a few Bojangle virgins for summer.

Since our team beat out HIB in the playoffs last season, we were optimistic about the game's outcome. We knew that although our grass-fed opponents were intimidating, our beer-fed team could go toe-to-toe and boom-box to boom-box with Team Globogym. Everything was in our favor: Our pro-pitcher Sonchai was in town, we had two full coolers of kickball Kool-aide, and the Garcias joined forces with us. Even our kickball virgin teammates were oozing athleticism.

Then game time rolled around. What's that? Brewer pulled a quad? Coach Zane isn't coming because of a meeting in Denton? Aimee isn't answering her phone? Our social chair, Michelle, isn't there to play second base? Sarah and Katie **have to** get off the bench?! Sarah is doing the lineup?!? Our teammate from last season, Traitor Blake, is pitching **against** us?!

Game one gave us a chance to get our bearings again, and I have no doubt we will be on our A-game next week.

PS—Blake, we still love you!



VS



With the dark clouds looming and storms throughout the Metroplex we weren't sure game 1 would be played but thankfully the Kickball god's spared us from having to push the season back another week. With everyone excited to finally play, this week's game was filled with excitement, laughter, a little confusion, VODKA and a WIN!! Cheers to my team for playing well and cheers to the new kids in town Kickalobe Ultra you defiantly kept us on our toes.

Special shout out to Strom Chaser 1 (Tae) for keeping us up to speed on the weather. :)



WEEKLY MVP

Brian



The Saved-Our-Ass Award goes to Brian, our most experienced vet (10 seasons). Saving us from an embarrassing shut out against Mayhem, the reigning kickball champs, Brian went hulk and saved our @\$\$ by bringing it home. Brian, Mr. Does-Your-Back-Hurt-Cause-You-Carried-the-Team Man, B&D salutes you!

Brewer



The Aw-Crap-I-Pulled-My-Quads-During-Kickball-Warmup-Before-the-First-Game Award goes to David Brewer. He's got mad street cred after limping it around a couple bases with a pulled quad. B2 is glad he is with us this season to show the other teams nobody puts Brewer in the corner after a little injury.

Tariq



Clutch Kicking Award goes to Tariq Quadri for his two run single in the bottom of the second. And for his awesomely short shorts.

The Silver Bullet/Josh



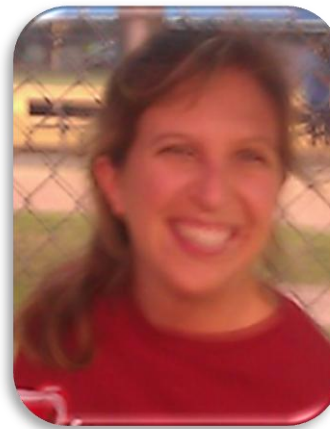
The Colorado Kool-Aid Drinker, Josh, aka The Silver Bullet deserves a criminal record for robbing a home run at the fence and leading the comeback rally toward the end of SOP's game

Marc



The Ringer award goes to Marc Kramen. Marc signed up with Mayhem as a rookie this season but, after watching him play like a pro the first game, we believe he might really be a WAKA TX Tornado (Plano League) SPY sent in by Barian to steal our strategies! I'm just glad he's ours.

Shana



LKBD Newcomer Award goes to Shana for bringing her fun attitude and drinking skills to the team, welcome aboard and welcome back to TX Freedom! She was once on a TX Freedom team a few seasons ago.

WEEKLY MVP

Jeremy



The NPIT MVP is Jeremy for his game winning home run! This tie-dyed background is just for you, buddy. I know you love it.

The Owner of This Leg



This Kickolobe Ultra leg earns the award for wound of the week! OUCH!



Week 2	Jun 20	
7:00 PM	Field 1	Field 2
Team A	New Pitch	Mayhem
Team B	KLBD	HIB
Refs	Kick Ultra	SOP
8:00 PM	Field 1	Field 2
Team A	B & D	SOP
Team B	B2	Kick Ultra
Refs	KLBD	Mayhem

Next Game



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Brain Trust

Matt Van Alstyne – The Commish (CSR)

Russ Wenger – Prezi Dante

Sarah Beth – Ghost Lady

Sheriff: Chip Kipp

Social Chair: Michelle GamRod

