

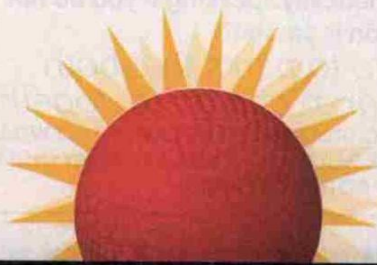
Northern Virginia





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Battle of the Bases

KICKBALL VS. SOFTBALL

There are those people—who shall remain nameless—that insist their preferred co-rec sport is the best. So, we decided to have a little play-off competition between two of Northern Virginia's biggest and most popular adult co-rec leagues: WAKA Kickball, say hello to Fairfax Adult Softball (FAS). We surveyed, prodded and compiled all the stats for a complete play-by-play breakdown below. **—LD**



	KICKBALL	ADVANTAGE	SOFTBALL
IT'LL COST YA	\$65 including a team T-shirt 	SOFTBALL	PRICES VARY As little as \$27.50 per team member (\$550 total) or around \$55 for individual
MATCH-UP MUCH?	PROBABLY Two out of the three NoVA league reps we interviewed met their spouses through kickball ... just saying.	KICKBALL	POSSIBLY It does happen, but the general emphasis seems to be on making friends and great teammates.
SIDELINE SPECIALS?	YES \$10 Miller Lite pitchers and discounted appetizers at sponsoring bars 	KICKBALL	NOT LEAGUE-WIDE as of late; on a team-by-team basis
NUMBER OF POTENTIAL NEW BFFS	156 per city division. They like to cap each of the 6 leagues at 6 teams with 26 players each.	SOFTBALL	ROUGHLY 1,400 per division. FAS has four co-ed, with an average of 20 players on each team.
SOCIAL OR ATHLETIC?	A MIX between the two. We'll call it ... soc-letic.	TIE goes to the runner.	YOU CHOOSE FAS offers both social and competitive divisions. 
EXTRA INNING: NO. 1 REASON TO PLAY	NEW FRIENDS "It's a great opportunity to meet new people. I met my husband, met my best friends and formed relationships I wouldn't have if I hadn't joined." [Tara Holmes, 9-year WAKA player and 1st-year customer service rep]	TIE goes to the runner.	LASTING FRIENDS "[For] friendship in a relaxing, athletic, supportive atmosphere. If you are on the right team for you, you will make lifelong friendships." [Gerry VonHoene, 25-year FAS player and 1st-year league coordinator]
FINAL SCORE	FOR LOVERS 	PUSH	FOR PLAYERS 