



TEXAS PREMIER BASEBALL 2018 SPRING LEAGUES (11U-14U)

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HOST LOCATION:

FRANKLIN RANCH COMMUNITY PARK

2925 N. FM 45

FRANKLIN, TX 77856

[PARK MAP](#)

DATES:

11U & 13U DIVISIONS

MARCH 24-25, 2018

APRIL 21-22, 2018

MAY 12-13, 2018

MAY 26-27, 2018

12U & 14U DIVISIONS

APRIL 7-8, 2018

APRIL 28-29, 2018

MAY 19-20, 2018

JUNE 2-3, 2018

LEAGUE FORMAT

Each division will play a 16-game schedule spanning 4 weekends. Each team will play 2 games each Saturday and 2 games each Sunday. League champion will be determined by best overall regular season record.

League scheduling is powered by Tourney Machine. Get scores, schedules, and updates on your mobile device by clicking on the green Notifications button [HERE](#). Follow your team and choose to receive updates via email or text. League standings will be posted on the Tourney Machine app.

ENTRY FEES

League Entry Fee = \$2200. Online payment can be made at www.texaspremier.org.

Payment is due no later than March 1, 2018. Teams that do not have entry fees paid in full by March 1 will be replaced by those on the waiting list.

Weather refunds for regular season league games will be issued as follows: \$115 per game not started.

In the event of weather delays some games may be cancelled in order to avoid games being backed up and started late in the evening. We will not back the games up more than 30 minutes on any given day. Turf fields and world class drainage should minimize any rain outs (only 6% of league games were rained out in 2017).

Refunds will be sent after completion of the final league scheduled weekend.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Each team will need to provide a copy of its insurance certificate via email to khodge@twelvebaseball.com no later than March 1, 2018.

Insurance minimum requirements below:

Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000

Damage to Rented Premises (Each Occurrence): \$300,000

Med Exp (Any One Person): \$5,000

Personal & ADV Injury: \$1,000,000

General Aggregate: \$2,000,000

Products-Comp/Op Agg: \$1,000,000

LEAGUE COMMUNICATION

Communication leading up to event days will take place via email. Communication on game days will take place via a GroupMe text that team managers will be asked to join.

Site Managers will responsible for on-site/game day management of all league related issues. Communication with league/site managers must go through team managers or coaches. League officials will not communicate with team parents on league administrative issues.

League Director: Kevin Hodge (khodge@twelvebaseball.com)

On-Site Manager: TBD



FRANKLIN RANCH COMMUNITY PARK RULES

- It is the responsibility of each organization to make sure that players, parents, and coaches know and follow the park rules. Organizations will be subject to monetary fines and removal from the league for failure to follow park rules.
- **NO STEEL CLEATS ON ANY FIELD**
- Concessions will be available.
- Scoreboard remotes should be available. Check with umpires or site managers for info.
- **No SEEDS of any kind OR GUM on the fields or in the dugouts. There will be a \$300 fine per team per offense.**
- **Pets and Wildlife:** Pets must be kept on a leash at all times. All wildlife in park is protected. No animals on the fields or in the dugouts.
- **Fishing:** Fishing in the ranch pond is free and open to the public; however, it is **CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY**, unless a special fishing event is facilitated by Franklin ISD. Texas Community Fishing Lake special regulations as well as statewide regulations apply. For special and statewide regulations or fishing license information, contact Texas Parks and Wildlife, www.tpwd.state.tx.us, or (512) 389-4800.
- **Restrictions:** Campfires, fireworks, dunking booths, ATV's, golfing or practice driving of golf balls, firearms, air guns, crossbows, and bows and arrows in park are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.
- It is unlawful to:
 - SMOKE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (NO SMOKING ALLOWED) – Franklin Ranch is owned by Franklin Independent School District
 - **NO ALCOHOL ON PROPERTY**
 - Disobey **"FIELD CLOSED"** signs
 - Be in possession of glass bottles or glass containers in park
 - Cut or destroy vegetation in park
 - Wade or swim in Park Pond
 - Advertise in park
 - Sell items in park without a Park Vendor Permit
 - Disobey the **"PARK RULES"**
- **Canopies/Tents (Driving Stakes or Puncturing the Park Grounds):** The majority of the park has a very intricate irrigation and drainage system. All canopies, tents and other items that need to be secured must be done by above-ground methods. Weights, sandbags, and other above-ground securing systems are allowed, as long as there is no damage to the park.
- **Parking:** All vehicles must park in designated parking spaces only. Do not park along the park roadway or along the curb. All vehicles must stay on the roads or in the parking lots. Do not park or drive on the grass or on the sidewalks. **Parking fee for league weekends is \$5 per day per vehicle.**
- **Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency, call 911 and then call FISD at 979-828-7000 to notify the on-call supervisor of the emergency.



GAME RULES

- 11u & 12u: 1:40 game time limit (home team will finish at bat if losing)
- 13u & 14u: 1:45 game time limit (home team will finish at bat if losing)
- Run Rule: 10 after 4, 8 after 5
- Games CAN end in a tie if 7 innings are played and/or time has run out before the 3rd out of the bottom of the inning is made.
- **Teams playing in the next scheduled games on each field need to be warming up and ready to start ASAP.**
- Cages are available as well. **Please limit your cage time to 20 minutes per team if other teams are standing by waiting for cage time.**
- Mound distances:
 - 14u will be set to 60' 6" for the duration of the league.
 - 13u will be set to 54' for the duration of the league.
 - 12u and 11u will be set to 50' for the duration of the league.
- Bases distances:
 - 14u will be set to 90' for the duration of the league.
 - 13u will be set to 80' for the duration of the league.
- Bat as many players as you like, use a DH if you would like, keep the batting order the same.
- Pitcher can DH for himself and remain in the game as the DH when no longer pitching.
- EH's can sub freely on defense.
- Mandatory courtesy run for the catcher AND for the pitcher with 2 outs.
- Courtesy runner is the last batter to make an out or a sub if not batting entire lineup.
- Meet with opposing coach prior to the game to discuss other considerations to agree upon. Be sure that the umpires are aware of any agreed upon game rules. These games do count for league standings and state championship tournament seeding.
- **Coin flip for home and visitor prior to all league games.**
- Teams must provide game balls. Acceptable game balls include:
 - Diamond D1 or better
 - Wilson A1010SH1 or better (Official Texas Premier baseball)
 - Or equivalent ball produced by other manufacturer brands.
- Bats rules:
 - 14u: must be drop 3 BBCOR certified OR wood.
 - 13u: must be drop 5 with 1.15BPF OR drop 3 BBCOR OR wood.
 - 12u and 11u: must have 1.15 BPF stamp
 - The following bats have been banned from TPL play:
 - All sizes for the Demarini CR Zen -10 (2 3/4" barrel) and CF Zen -8
- League Standings will be determined by Winning Percentage, Wins, Losses, Ties, Run Differential, Runs Allowed
 - Umpires will send in the final score at the end of each game. Coaches will be asked to sign off on the final score of the game. If there is a discrepancy, the home team book will be the official score book.
- NFHS rules other than those listed above.
 - **The RHP fake to 3rd, throw to 1st move IS LEGAL in all age divisions.**



PITCHING LIMITATIONS

- Participation in Texas Premier events includes adherence to an expectation that organizations, teams, and coaches will make wise and responsible decisions regarding pitch counts. League officials will not keep track of pitch counts or total outs recorded by pitchers.
- Organizations/teams/coaches who show a lack of concern for taking care of young arms will be investigated by Texas Premier event staff and risk forfeiture from current Texas Premier events and consideration for participation in future Texas Premier events.
- [MLB Pitch Smart Pitch Count Guidelines](#)
- [MLB Pitch Smart Injury Risk Factors](#)

ROSTER/PARTICIPATION RULES

- **Participants will be expected to adhere to Texas Premier roster principles and guidelines which are largely based on honor and trust.**
- Players who are in the 9th grade are NOT eligible for league play.
- Player age is determined by the age of the player as of April 30, 2018. Players may not play below their determined age classification.
- Each team/org is responsible for sending a competitive roster to play each league date.
 - Teams/orgs must sign up for all 4 league weekend dates.
- Each org that has more than one league slot per age division must maintain separate rosters for each slot in that age division.
- Teams who are unable to follow park rules or behave in a manner that meets the Texas Premier standard will be removed from the league at the discretion of Texas Premier management. In such cases, entry fees will be forfeited and teams will be banned from future Texas Premier events.



FRANKLIN ISD “THE RANCH” SEVERE WEATHER BEST PRACTICES

USERS ASSUME OWN RISK REGARDLESS OF THE BELOW INFORMATION

The Franklin Ranch Community Park recognizes the importance of safe practices during outdoor activities as they relate to weather hazards. The following “Best Practice” recommendations have been adopted by the FIRD as guidelines for decision-making related to outdoor activities during hazardous weather conditions. The safety of the park guests is of utmost importance to us!

All participants and guests of “The Ranch” facilities are advised to be aware of developing or approaching weather hazards before arriving and during all outdoor activities. League officials, event managers and sports officials (referees and umpires) are responsible for monitoring all available resources concerning weather hazards and determining suspension or continuation of outdoor activities. Coaches/parents are responsible for monitoring weather developments during activities where no official, referee, or umpire is present, and for determining suspension or continuation of outdoor activities.

Recommended Resources Include:

- **Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System** – Franklin Ranch Park has a lightning prediction system that should sound a 15-second-long solid horn blast meaning that lightning could strike in the area. Three 5 second intermittent horn blasts mean that the park should be safe from lightning.
- **Local Radar** – Information can be obtained from websites containing local satellite information such as intellicast.com, weather.com, or KBTX.com. (KBTX.com has the most current radar.)
- **KBTX-TV** – KBTX frequently has a meteorologist on-duty and will go live with weather reports if conditions warrant. They also have live Doppler radar.
- **Observation** – Persons are advised to use sight/sound when monitoring possible weather hazards.
- **NOAA Weather Radio** – Continuous broadcasts on weather radio, with updated weather information are available through NOAA Weather Radio, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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- At the first sound of thunder and /or sight of lightning, **suspend activities and notify participants to seek shelter in the safest location available** for a minimum of fifteen minutes. With each audio/visual warning, start a new fifteen-minute count.
- An enclosed substantial building or metal vehicle with windows up is suggested as safest shelter.
- Avoid metal fences, dug outs, water, light poles, trees, hills, and electrical equipment
- The presence of excessively high winds, heavy rain, hail, and/or funnel clouds should also be cause for suspension of play and evacuation to a safe shelter.
- **If you continue your outdoor activities when severe weather approaches you do so at YOUR OWN RISK.**

Reassess the Hazard/Utilize Available Resources

- When thunder has not been heard and lightning has not been seen for fifteen minutes, activities may then be resumed, at your own risk. When weather conditions change, all available resources should be consulted again to aid in the determination of resuming activities.

