



# TEXAS PREMIER BASEBALL EVENT FORMAT AND RULES

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**HOST LOCATION:**

FRANKLIN RANCH COMMUNITY PARK

2925 N. FM 45

FRANKLIN, TX 77856

[PARK MAP](#)

## EVENT FORMAT

- Teams need to be prepared to play as early as 10:00AM on Day 1 of the event.
- Teams will play at least one (1) game on all days of the event.
- Teams will not play more than two (2) games on any given day of the event.
- The format for this event is pool play into a championship bracket:
  - Pool play on the first three (3) days of the event. Bracket play on the final day.
  - Teams must win their pool to advance to championship bracket play.
  - Teams that win their championship bracket games will play for a second game (championship game) on the final day of the event
  - Teams that do not win their pool will play an additional non-championship bracket game on the final day of the event.
- Format subject to change due to weather or as determined by tournament director

## GAME PLAY RULES

- 1:50 game time limits (home team will finish at bat if losing)
- 90 seconds/5 warmup pitches between innings. Keep the game moving at a reasonable pace.
- Mound distance will be set to 60 feet and bases distance will be set to 90 feet.
- Run rule: 10 runs after 4 innings, 8 runs after 5 innings
- Games will 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. Will not apply to bracket play on Sunday in which case the game will be played until there is a winner.
- **Teams that are playing in the next scheduled games on each field should warm up and be ready to start as soon as possible following the previous game.** The other fields may be used for warming up. Please limit cage time to 20 minutes if other teams are waiting.
- Bat as many players as you like, use a DH if you would like, keep batting number the same.
- Bats must be drop 3 BBCOR certified OR wood.
- Pitcher can DH for himself and remain in the game as the DH when no longer pitching.
- EH's can substitute freely on defense.
- Courtesy runner for the catcher and pitcher is allowed
  - Courtesy runner must be an eligible substitute (if none, then utilize the last out)
- Home team in pool play is determined by coin flip
- Home team on Sunday is determined by coin flip
- Seeding at the end of pool play will be determined in the following order:
  - Record [win percentage determined by  $(\text{Wins} + .5 * \text{Ties}) / (\text{Wins} + \text{Ties} + \text{Losses})$ ]
  - Head-to-head (if 2 or more teams with the same record have not played each other, then seeding will be determined by the following)
  - Run differential (8-run cap per individual game)
  - Runs allowed
  - Runs scored
- No uniformed team members or coaches shall stand near or behind home plate while the pitcher is throwing warm-up pitches or pitching to a batter. The on-deck batter is prohibited from being within a triangle created by an extension of the 1st and 3rd base foul lines. The on-deck batter must be in the vicinity of the dugout during play and pitching changes.
- Teams must provide 2 game balls to umpires prior to first pitch. Both teams will add balls equally throughout the game. Acceptable game balls include:
  - Wilson A1010SH1 (Official baseball of Texas Premier) or equivalent ball produced by other manufacturer brands



- Texas Premier staff will be working GameChanger and scoreboards. **Please be courteous by providing your line up to them 30 minutes prior to start of game.**
- NFHS rules other than those listed above.
- The RHP fake to 3<sup>rd</sup> base throw to 1<sup>st</sup> base move **is legal in all age divisions**

## **PARTICIPATION RULES**

- **Participants are expected to adhere to Texas Premier roster principles and guidelines**
- If your organization has two or more team slots, players on those rosters can only play on one of the rosters for the duration of the league and the state tournament.
- Teams who are unable to follow park rules or behave in a manner that meets Texas Premier standards will be removed from the tournament 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.
- **NO SPIKES** allowed on portable mounds. **NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS** allowed on fields.
- If there is a player or coach ejection it will be reviewed by the tournament committee.
- Coaches and players who are ejected may be subject to suspension.
- Only head coaches are allowed to speak to umpires; assistant coaches are not to be involved.
- Good sportsmanship will be exercised at all times by players, coaches and fans. Profanity, racial or ethnic comments, or other intimidating actions directed at umpires, players, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated.
- The head coach always shall be responsible for his team's conduct, observance of the official rules and deference to the umpire. Assistant coaches may not leave the dugout, coach's box or bullpen area to appeal a play. If there is an issue, the head coach is the **ONLY** coach that talks to an umpire. Coaches that do not adhere to this rule will be subject to ejection.

## **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**
- **WATER WILL NOT BE SUPPLIED IN DUGOUTS**
- Concessions will be available.
- Scoreboard remotes should be available. Check with umpires or site managers for info.
- **No SEEDS or OR GUM on the fields or in the dugouts. There will be a \$300 fine 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](http://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)
  - **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 or 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 is \$10/day per vehicle (parking Sunday is \$5).**

## **SEVERE WEATHER BEST PRACTICES (FRANKLIN ISD)**

### **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 Fisd 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:**

- **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** – 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.



### **Recommended Actions:**

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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 large building 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 determine the resuming activities.

