



SPRING 2024 11u-14u
TEXAS PREMIER LEAGUE

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Hosted at Franklin Ranch Community Park
2925 N. FM 45
Franklin, Texas 77856
[PARK MAP](#)

14u & 12u Divisions

March 23 - 24
April 20 - 21
May 11 - 12
May 25 - 26

13u & 11u Divisions

March 16 - 17
April 13 - 14
April 27 - 28
May 18 - 19



LEAGUE FORMAT

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

League scheduling is powered by Tourney Machine. Get scores, schedules, and updates on your mobile device by downloading the Tourney Machine app. You can also access the Tourney Machine schedule app by clicking on the "Schedule" button on the Texas Premier website league page. 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

- \$2700 if received before February 1, 2024
- \$2800 if received after February 1, 2024
- If payment is not received before February 10, 2024, the team will be dropped from the league and replaced by a team on the waitlist.
- Entry into the league is not guaranteed without payment.

Online payment can be made at www.texaspremier.org.

Weather refunds for regular season league games will be issued as follows:

- \$100 for each game not started

In the event of weather delays some games may be canceled 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.

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

No refunds will be provided for teams that do not show up for scheduled games. Your commitment to play in the league is a 4 weekend, 16 game schedule commitment.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Each team will need to provide a copy of its insurance certificate via email to khodge@texastwelve.com no later than March 1, 2023. Insurance minimum requirements below:

- Each Occurrence: \$1,000,000
- Damage to Rented Premises (Ea 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

HOTEL REQUIREMENTS

Teams staying in hotels are required to use the league hotel lodging system. Click on the "Hotes" link on the event page of the Texas Premier website. Details (and link) will also be sent to the team manager. Teams will be able to reserve in blocks OR reserve as individual players/families.

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 be responsible for on site/game day management of all league related issues.

Communication with league and site managers must go through team managers or coaches. League officials will not communicate with team parents about league administrative issues.

League Director: Kevin Hodge khodge@texastwelve.com

On Site Manager: Jason Krug jasonmkrug@gmail.com

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 the 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/Gate fee for ATG TPL league weekends:**
 - **\$10 per vehicle per day**
 - **\$25 per RV per weekend**
- **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 and 12u play 6 innings, 13u and 14u play 7 innings
- 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 6 innings (11u/12) or 7 innings (13u/14u) 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. **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.
 - 12u and 11u will be set to 70' 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 the entire lineup.
- Meet with the 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.
- **Coin flip for home and visitor prior to all league games.**
- Teams must provide game balls. Acceptable game balls include:
 - ProNine NFHS (official Texas Premier baseball) - balls may be available for purchase on site
 - Diamond (D1 or better)
 - Wilson A1010HS1 (or better)
 - Rawlings NFHS, ROLB1 (or better)
- 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
 - Any bats that are banned by UIL, Perfect Game, or USSSA are illegal for league play.
 - For the duration of the league, use of an illegal bat will result in the following:
 - first team offense = player immediately called out
 - Second team offense = player and head coach ejected from the game

- Third team offense = team forfeiture of all games and removal from the league
- League Standings will be determined by Winning Percentage, Wins, Losses, Ties, Run Differential, Runs Allowed
 - Coaches of both teams will send in game scores to the site manager at the conclusion of each game..
- NFHS rules other than those listed above.
 - **The RHP fake to 3rd, throw to 1st move IS LEGAL in all age divisions.**
- In the event that a game is suspended due to weather conditions **and play is NOT** resumed,
 - if 4 innings have been completed, the game will be considered as a complete game and the standings will reflect the outcome of the game.
 - if the game is suspended in the bottom of the 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th, and the home team is winning at the time of the suspension, the home team will get credit for the win and the score will be recorded as is at the time of the suspension.
 - if the game is suspended in the bottom of the 4th and the home team is losing, the game will not count towards the standings.
 - if the game is suspended in the top of the 5th, 6th, or 7th, the outcome will be determined by the score of the game at the end of the previous inning.

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.**
- Player age is determined by the age of the player as of April 30, 2024. 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 for the duration of each weekend.
 - Players cannot play for multiple rosters within the same division during the same weekend.
- 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 Practice

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 and 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 means 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** – All persons are advised to use sight and 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 the windows rolled 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.