



Franklin Baseball & Softball Parents and Coaches Meeting

8/18/2025



Welcome to Franklin Baseball & Softball League

- Franklin Baseball League is a non-profit organization with a goal of serving the local community youth through engaging baseball and softball activities.
- The Franklin Baseball League serves kids from ages 4 to 14, within the Franklin, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Bingham Farms, and neighboring communities. We strive to facilitate a positive learning environment that assists youth in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being.
- Franklin Baseball was first chartered in 1955 and provides access for families to enjoy the great tradition of playing Baseball and Softball.
- Your registration fees help us maintain the fields, purchase uniforms and equipment, schedule umpires, insurance, trophies and so much more.



Interested in getting involved? Email us at Leagueoffice@fbbsb.com or 248-592-7484

Teams, Divisions and Schedule for 2025 Fall Season

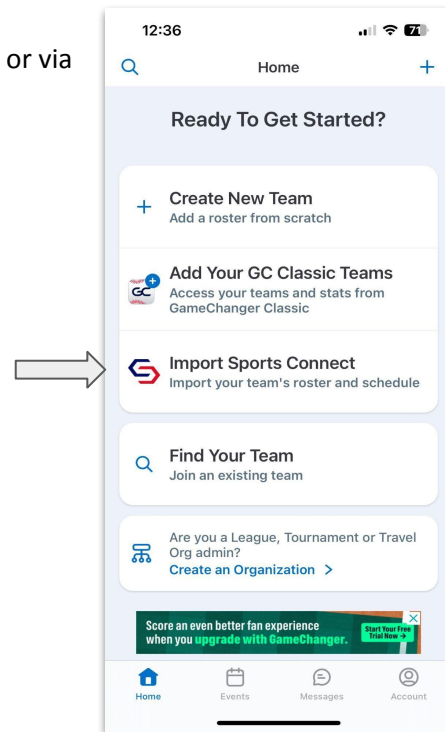
Schedule

- Fall Ball is a short 6/7 week season allowing kids to continue playing baseball and softball in the Fall.
- Teams are being formed and families should receive emails of the team assignments either today or tomorrow
 - We did our best to honor as many friend requests as possible
 - Download the Game Changer Mobile App, it is found where you download your mobile phone apps, or via this link, [GameChanger \(gc.com\)](https://www.GameChanger.gc.com).
 - When in GameChanger, go to Import Sport Connect and use the login credentials at registration.
- Practices will start August 23rd and 24th
- T-ball starts on September 10th
 - T-Ball is a 45 minute practice followed by 45 minute game
- Full Practice and Game Schedules will be populated in GameChanger in the next few days.
- Inter-League Play
 - Pony Baseball with Lakes
 - Novice and Senior Softball with South Farmington
- Games will start the weekend of September 6th/7th
- Games end no later than October 19th, 2025

Rainouts

- The goal is to play even if there is rain.
- We will watch for thunderstorms, lightning and inclement weather
 - An email will go out for any blanket game cancellations as early as possible
- If you don't hear anything, head to the fields

COACHES NEEDED!!!



Equipment and Jersey Details

Required Equipment for all Divisions

- Baseball or Softball Bat
- Baseball or Softball Batting Helmet
- Baseball or Softball Glove
- Molded cleats or tennis shoes.
 - No metal cleats, open toed shoes, sandals, slides or Crocs are allowed.

Required for Intermediate and Senior Softball

- Fielding Mask
- Batting Helmet with Jaw Guard/Cage required for Senior Softball

Items Provided by the League for all Divisions.

- Baseball and Softball Team Shirts and Hats- distributed by your coach at the 1st practice
- Batting Helmets and Bats in T-Ball

Optional Equipment

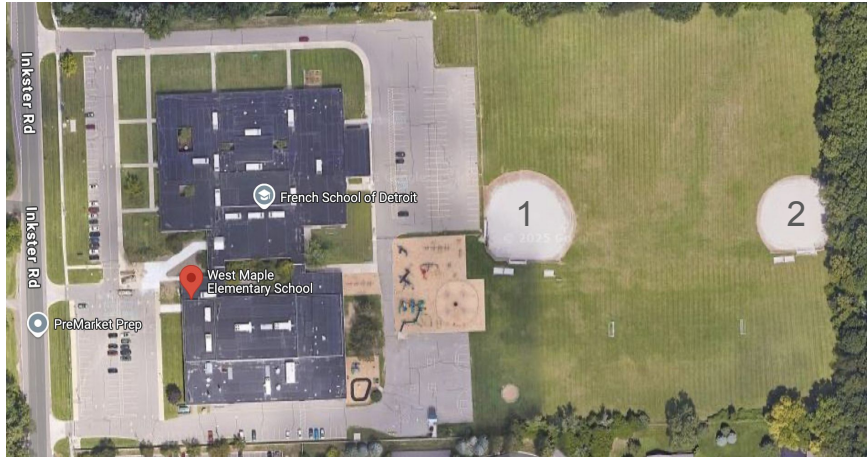
- Baseball and Softball Pants
- Pants are not provided in the Fall Season



Franklin Baseball & Softball Fields

Games/Practices at

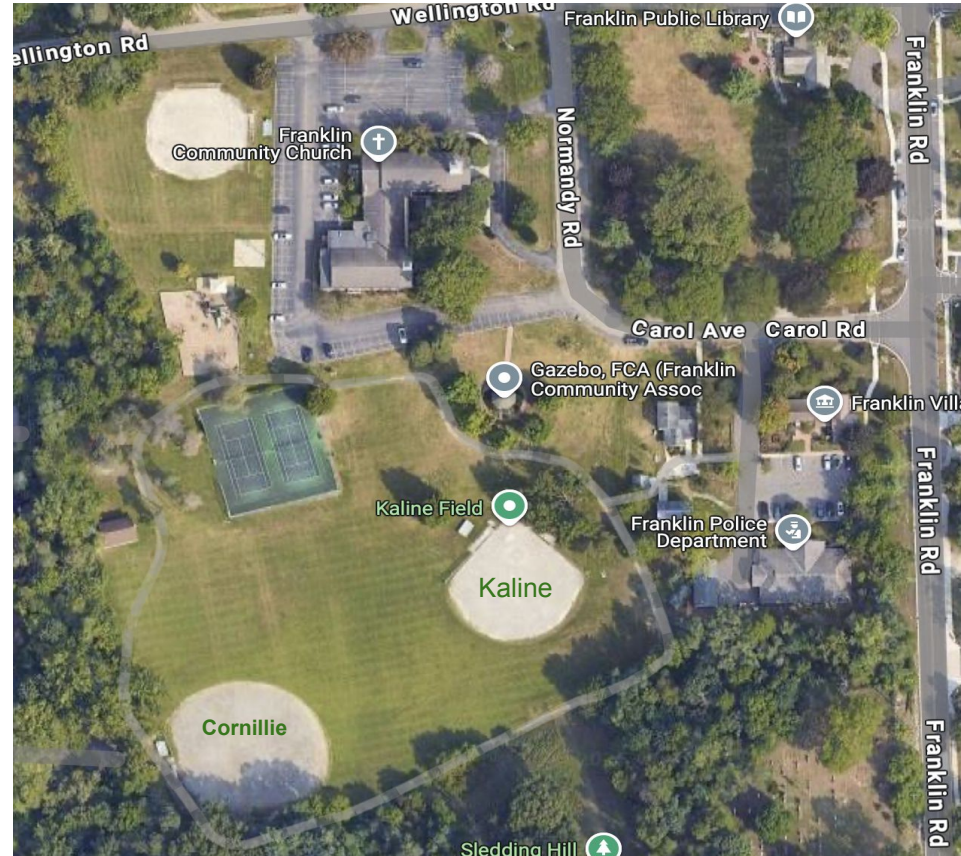
- West Maple Elementary 2
- West Maple Elementary 1



- Berkshire Middle School
- St Owens - T-Ball Only
- Drake Sport Park - West Bloomfield

1. Softball - South Farmington Inter-league there will be some games at Farmington Fields in Novice and Senior Softball
2. Baseball - Interleague play games with Lakes Baseball, with games in Commerce, Drake Sports Park and Franklin Fields

Franklin Fields



Franklin Baseball & Softball Umpiring

Pay Structure and Assignments:

Minimum Age to Umpire a game is 11 with adult supervision

Work permits are required for all umpires under 18 years of age

Weekly Payouts via, Venmo only

All Divisions Umpire Pay for 2025:

\$50 per Umpire or \$75 if only 1 Umpire working the game. (Games above Novice/Prep)

Cap at \$100 per game

No Umpires for **T-Ball**, Coaches will manage the flow of the game

2025 Franklin Baseball and Softball Umpire Training Sessions

Free Training where we will teach you all about the rules and techniques necessary to be a successful Umpire.

Required for Umpires this Season.

Tuesday August 19th at 5:30pm

Saturday August 23rd at 11:00am

Google Form to sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11WET5o24SD_rRmz-ZrqJif65s7SgF5QlRoy483kaa1U/edit

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Next Board Meeting is September 14th, 2025 7:00pm at Franklin Community Church



Questions?





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Franklin Baseball & Softball Coaching Housekeeping

- Concussion Certification
 - [Michigan Sport-Related Concussion Training Certification | Michigan Online \(umich.edu\)](#)
 - Complete and Email Certificate to leagueoffice@fbbsb.com
- Franklin Rule Book: [Rule Book](#)
- Equipment Pickup
 - Equipment Bags will be in the Deck Boxes at FCA Barn behind the Tennis Courts
 - Will email out your bag number to grab
 - Jerseys will be handed out in about a week
 - Equipment Bag Contents
 - Catchers Gear
 - Catchers Mitt
 - 12 Game Balls
 - 12 Practice Balls
 - 1st Aid Kit
 - Batting Tee (T-ball and Prep)
 - Wiffle Balls
 - Score Cards and Line up/field Cards
 - T-Ball will also include Batting Helmet, Bats and Bases

Baseball Overview

T-Ball

- We have 3 teams
- Pre-k and Kindergarteners
- 45 minute practice followed by a 2-3 inning game.
- Wednesday and/or Sunday
- During the week, the start time is around 5:30pm and on weekends the start time will be around 1:00pm
- Games will be at St Owens Church or behind the field behind Franklin Church

Baseball - Prep

- We have 3 teams
- 1st & 2nd Graders
- 45 practice followed by a game 2-3 inning game
- Coach Pitch or Players can hit off a tee
- Thursday and Sundays
- During the week, the start time is at 5:30pm

Baseball - Continental

- 3rd and 4th Grade - Kid Pitch
- During the week, field availability is at 5:00pm
- Game time is 6:00pm
- Games are Fridays and Sundays

Baseball - Little League

- 5th and 6th Graders
- Fridays and Sundays
- During the week, field availability is at 5:00pm
- Game time is 6:00pm
- Will be playing inter-league with Lakes Baseball

Baseball - Pony

- 7th, 8th, and 9th Grade
- Fridays and Sundays
- During the week, field availability is at 5:00pm
- Home Team gets the infield first for 30 minutes followed by the visitors
- Game time is 6:00pm
- Will be playing inter-league with Lakes Baseball
- Games will mostly be played at Drake Sports Park in West Bloomfield, Cornillie or a Lakes Baseball Field

Softball Overview

Softball - Novice

- 2 Teams
- 1st - 3rd grade - Kid and Coach Pitch
- Wednesday and Saturday
- Inter-league with South Farmington

Softball - Intermediate

- 4 Full Teams
- 4th - 6th Grade - Combination Coach and Player Pitch
- Thursday with Saturday
- During the week, field availability is at 5:00pm
- Game time is 6:00pm

Softball - Senior

- 2 Teams - Need a Coach for the Pink Team
- 7th - 9th grade
- Wednesday and Saturday
- During the week, field availability is at 5:00pm
- Game time is 6:00pm
- We will be playing inter-league play with S. Farmington

Helpful Coaches Material

Team: _____

Opponent: _____

Date: _____

Batting Order:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
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9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____

Score

Teams	1	2	3	4	5	6	F

The diagram shows a baseball field with 13 numbered boxes for player positions:

- 1. Pitcher (center)
- 2. Catcher (behind home plate)
- 3. First Base
- 4. Second Base
- 5. Third Base
- 6. Left Field
- 7. Center Field
- 8. Right Field
- 9. Left Outfield
- 10. Center Outfield
- 11. Right Outfield
- 12. Left Bench
- 13. Right Bench

Bench

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4. _____
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Available on the Franklin Website:

- [Coaching Baseball and Softball Coaches](#)
- [The 59 minute Baseball/Softball Practice](#)
- [Practice Plan Tips](#)
- [9 Best Baseball Pitching Drills for Kids](#)
- [10 Best Baseball Hitting Drills for Kids](#)
- [How To Hit A Softball](#)
- [Youth Softball Pitching - T Position Drill](#)
- [Softball pitching tips with Amanda Scarborough](#)
- [LineUp Card](#)

Coaching Tips

- Leverage GameChanger for all Team Communications - [GameChanger for Baseball \(gc.com\)](https://gamechangerforbaseball.com)
- Ensure families RSVP for each Game in the App
- Call or Email if you have any issues or questions
 - Leagueoffice@fbbsb.com or 248-592-7484
 - Work with your division director

Notes

- No Tolerance on Umpire Abuse
- Have Fun!

Franklin Baseball & Softball Fields

Field Setup

- For the Fall Season Managers setup the field for Play
- All the materials and equipment to set up the field is in or next to the field boxes.
- Combination is **1935**.
- Home Team Setup, Visitors Take Down

Field Updates

- Fall Cleaning of fields is in progress
- Please use batting cages at the Franklin Fields

Any Questions?