



Franklin Baseball & Softball Parents and Coaches Meeting

3/12/2026



Welcome to Franklin Baseball & Softball League

OUR MISSION & COMMUNITY



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 and sponsorship fees help us maintain the fields, purchase uniforms and equipment, schedule umpires, insurance, trophies and so much more.



**Interested in getting involved as a coach, volunteer or board member?
please us at Leagueoffice@fbbsb.com**



Equipment and Jersey Details

Required Equipment for all Divisions

-  Baseball or Softball Bat
 - For T-ball, Prep Baseball and Novice Softball we do include a bat in the equipment bag.
-  Baseball or Softball Batting Helmet
 - For T-ball, Prep Baseball and Novice Softball we do include a helmet in the equipment bag.
-  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 when playing the infield
-  Batting Helmet with Jaw Guard/Cage



Items Provided by the League for all Divisions.

-  Baseball and Softball Team Jerseys, socks and Hats- distributed by your coach at the 1st practice
-  Baseball and Softball Pants and Socks – A coupon will be provided by coaches so players can receive pants if needed for pick up from the [Bloomfield Sports Shop](#).
-  Baseball Players will receive white pants
-  Softball Players will receive black pants

Current League Schedule

T-Ball



Approx. 1-2 games per week.

45 minute practices followed by a 45 minute game.

Wednesday and Saturdays

During the week, the start time is at 5:30pm and on weekends the start time will be at either 11:00am or 1:00pm

Baseball



Baseball - Prep (1st & 2nd Grade)

- Approx. 2 games per week.
- Tuesday and Thursday with Saturday & Sunday as needed
- During the week, the start time is at 5:30pm

Baseball - Continental (3rd and 4th Grade)

- Approx. 2 games per week.
- Monday and Wednesday with Saturday & Sunday as needed
- During the week, the start time is around 6:00pm

Baseball - Little League (5th and 6th Grade)

- Approx. 2 games per week.
- Monday, Tuesday and/or Thursday with Saturday and Sunday as needed
- During the week, the start time is around 6:00pm

Baseball - Pony (7th, 8th, and 9th Grade)

- Approx. 2 games per week.
- Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays
- There will be a weekend game during the Family Weekend of May 16th and 17th 2026
- During the week, the start time is around 6:00pm

Softball



Softball - Novice (1st- 3rd grade)

- Approx. 2 games per week.
- Wednesday and Saturday
- During the week, the start time is around 5:30pm

Softball - Intermediate (4th-5th Grade)

- Approx. 2 games per week.
- Tuesday and Thursday with Saturday & Sunday as needed
- During the week, the start time is around 6:00pm

Softball - Senior (6th-9th grade)

- Approx. 2 games per week.
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday Only
- The only weekend game will be during the Family Weekend of May 16th and 17th 2026
- During the week, the start time is around 6:00pm



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BASEBALL & SOFTBALL



Franklin Baseball & Softball Fields

GAMES/PRACTICES AT

- ① West Maple Elementary 2 & 1
- ② West Maple Elementary 1



- ③ Berkshire Middle School
- ④ Bingham Farms Elementary
- ⑤ St Owens - T-Ball
- ⑥ Drake Sport Park - West Bloomfield

1. Softball - South Farmington Inter-league there could be some games at Farmington Fields
2. Baseball - Interleague play games with Lakes Baseball, trying to play all of them at either Drake Sports Park or Franklin Fields

FRANKLIN FIELDS



Schedule for 2026 Spring Season



SCHEDULE

- Evaluations at D-Bat Weekend of March 7th and 8th.
 - Saturday March 7th
 - Continental Boys: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
 - Little League Boys: 8:00pm - 9:30pm
 - Sunday March 8th
 - Intermediate Girls: 9:00am - 10:30am
 - Senior Girls: 10:30am - Noon
- Draft and Team Formations will be completed by March 19th along with Practice and Game Schedules.
 - Families will receive an email once teams are finalized
- Some Practices will start the week of March 22nd
 - T-ball practices on their Game Days starting the week of April 19th
- Games will start the week of April 19th
- Family Weekend May 16th and 17th
 - Individual and Team Photos
 - Food Trucks and more...
- All Star Games June 7th
- Games will wrap up no later than June 14th

GAMECHANGER APP INSTRUCTIONS



Download the Game Changer Mobile App (gc.com).

When in GameChanger, go to Import Sport Connect and use the login credentials at registration.


RAINOOTS


- 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

Franklin Baseball & Softball Umpiring

70th
ANNIVERSARY
1955-2025


PAY STRUCTURE & 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, Check or Direct Deposit

ALL DIVISIONS UMPIRE PAY FOR 2026


 \$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

2026 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.

 Saturday April 11th at 11:00am

 Sunday April 12th at 1:00pm

 Wednesday April 15th at 5:00pm



Click on the QR code to register



Questions?





Franklin Baseball & Softball Coaches Meeting

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League Roles

Division Directors for Upcoming Year

- 🧤 Coed - **T-Ball / ?**
- 🧤 Baseball - Prep / **Jeremy Nicol**
- 🧤 Baseball - Continental / **Jon Kunzman**
- 🧤 Baseball - Little League / **Jeremy Phillips**
- 🧤 Baseball - Pony / **Krys Seibold**
- 🏳️ Softball - Novice / ?
- 🏳️ Softball - Intermediate / **Jaclyn Wilson & Aveh Bastani**
- 🏳️ Softball - Senior / **Michael Vogt & Matt Steele**



Current Roles/Volunteers

- 🧤 Fields Manager - **Jeremy Phillips**
- 🧤 Coaching Coordinator - **Krys Seibold**
- 🧤 League Scheduler - **Derek Kozicki, Brian Peterson**
- 🧤 League Information Officer - **Sherstin Harrison/Alexis Schostak**
- 🏳️ Marketing, Fundraising, Sponsorship and Social Media/Events Manager - **Jessica Tobin**
- 🧤 Co-Directors of Umpires - **Ken Bishop/ Marla Bartoi**
- 🧤 Equipment and Uniforms Manager - **Matt Steele (uniforms)/Catherine Olson & Chad Campbell (equipment)**
- 🧤 Patriots/Fury Director - **Jon Kunzman/Mike Vogt**



Coaching Material



Top Priorities

- 👉 Focus on Player Development
- 👉 No Tolerance on Umpire Abuse
- 👉 Have Fun

Immanuel Kant, "Act in such a way that you treat humanity... never merely as a means to an end, but always at the same time as an end"

Coaching Tactical

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

Scan the QR for available resources on the Franklin Website:



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General

[Coaching Baseball and Softball Coaches](#)
[LineUp Card](#)
[Practice Plan Tips](#)



Softball

[How To Hit A Softball](#)
[Softball pitching tips with Amanda Scarborough](#)
[Youth Softball Pitching - T Position Drill](#)
[Top 5 BLOCKING DRILLS for Catchers \(Baseball/Softball\)](#)



Baseball

[Help Your Kid Improve \(Even if you never played\)](#)
[Top 5 Blocking Drills for Catchers](#)
[9 Best Baseball Pitching Drills for Kids](#)
[10 Best Baseball Hitting Drills for Kids](#)
[The 59 minute Baseball Practice](#)

Franklin Baseball & Softball Coaching Housekeeping

CONCUSSION CERTIFICATION

Please scan the QR code
to take the free test.

Complete and Email
Certificate to
leagueoffice@fbbsb.com

EQUIPMENT PICKUP

 March 20th: 6 - 7:30pm
March 21st:
10:30am - Noon

 FCA Barn behind
the Tennis Courts

 Jerseys, Hats and Pants
Pants Coupon

EQUIPMENT BAG CONTENTS



Catchers Gear



Catchers Mitt



12 Game Balls



12 Practice Balls



1st Aid Kit



Rule Book



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

CONCUSSION
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Player Evaluations



D-Bat of Troy

Address: 501 Executive Dr Troy, MI 48083

Website: <https://www.dbattroy.com/>



Player evaluations are conducted annually, for Continental, Little League and Pony Baseball along with Intermediate and Senior Girls Softball. This provides coaches the ability to grade and score the skill of all players. Our coaches use these scores during the draft to create fair and equitable teams. The evaluation scores are not shared with anyone except the coaches of each division.



Players are expected to attend evaluations and participate in the evaluation process. Evaluations for both baseball and softball will be held at D-Bat of Troy. All players should bring a ball glove, bat, and helmet (if they have one) and wear sneakers (no cleats). Players will be hitting, catching, and throwing and should dress appropriately.

We will break the evaluations up into three stations: Pitching, Fielding/Throwing and Hitting. There would be Franklin Coaches at all stations and we would mainly need D-Bat folks for assistance with check in and assist at the stations.

Overview & Logistics

Saturday March 7th

Continental Boys: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Little League Boys: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Sunday March 8th

Intermediate Girls: 9:00am - 10:30am

Senior Girls: 10:30am - Noon

Please arrive about 15 minutes prior to start time to check in.

Evaluation Stations:

Pitching, Fielding/Throwing, and Hitting



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Little Leagues:
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Baseball Overview



T-Ball

- 45 minute practice followed by a 2-3 inning game.
- Wednesday and Saturdays
- During the week, start time is 5:30pm; weekends ~1:00pm
- Games at St Owens Church or behind Franklin Church



Baseball - Prep (1st & 2nd Grade)

- 45-60 minute practice followed by a game
- Coach Pitch or Players can hit off a tee
- Tuesday and Thursday with Saturday & Sunday as needed
- During the week, start time is 5:30pm



Baseball - Continental (3rd & 4th Grade - Kid Pitch)

- Monday and Wednesday with Saturday & Sunday as needed
- During the week, field availability 5:00pm, Game time 6:00pm



Baseball - Little League (5th & 6th Grade)

- Monday and Tuesday or Thursday (Some Saturday games with Lakes)
- Weekend game during Family Weekend May 17th and 18th 2025
- During the week, field availability 5:00pm, Game time 6:00pm
- Inter-league play with Lakes Baseball



Baseball - Pony (7th, 8th, & 9th Grade)

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday (Schedule dictated by Inter-league play)
- Weekend game during Family Weekend May 17th and 18th 2025
- During the week, field availability 5:00pm, Game time 6:00pm

Ensure we are completing the Franklin Pledge before each game

Softball Overview

Softball - Novice



- 1st- 2nd grade - Coach Pitch
- Monday and Wednesday with Saturday & Sunday as needed
- 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
- There will be some friendly softball games with S. Farmington

Softball - Intermediate



- 3rd-5th Grade - Combination Coach and Player Pitch
- Tuesday and Thursday with Saturday & Sunday as needed
- 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

Softball - Senior



- 6th-9th grade
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday Only
- The only weekend game will be during the Family Weekend of May 17th and 18th 2025
- 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 6:30pm
- We will be playing inter-league play with S. Farmington

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Franklin Baseball & Softball Fields

Field Setup



- We contract with a company to setup the field for game days.
- If for some reason, the fields are not setup, the materials and equipment to set up the field is on the field boxes.
- Combination is 1935.
- Home Team Setup, Visitors Take Down

Field Updates



- Spring Cleaning of fields, Batting Cage Setup and Outfield Fence setup on March 21st.
 - Need Volunteers to help with setup.
- Working on a Central Area to check field availability for practices

Miscellaneous Updates



- Leverage Game Changer for Team Communications
- Jesse Polan Memorial Tournament April 24th- 26th
- Family Weekend May 16th and 17th
- Franklin Fury Softball Tournament May 30th - 31st

Any Questions?