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## Fort Bend Baseball League 2013 League Information

### Registration

Each high school off season baseball coordinator/coach will be responsible for their respective teams and submit team fees and pertinent forms at registration dates held at Ragin Cajun (Hwy 6 & 59S) on Saturday, May 25 & June 1 from 10:30 am to 12:30pm. Game baseballs and line up pads will be issued at this time. Coordinators should contact [info@ftbendbaseball.com](mailto:info@ftbendbaseball.com) and reserve their team spots. Teams not properly registered/ paid will not be scheduled games.

### League/Division, Games, Dates & Costs

Divisions	Games	Dates	Cost
Brazos (invitational league)	12	June 10 thru July 18	\$1950
Sweetwater	12	June 10 thru July 18	\$1950
Oyster Creek	12	June 10 thru July 18	\$1950
Lake Olympia	12	June 10 thru July 18	\$1950
Lone Star	12	June 10 thru July 18	\$1950

Week of July 22 will be reserved for makeup games, Lake Olympia Playoff games and Lone Star Championship game. Saturday July 27 will be reserved for Champions Day for all other Divisions.

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## FORT BEND BASEBALL LEAGUE By-laws, Policies and Rules

1. The parent company is TC Baseball Inc. DBA Fort Bend Baseball League. The league purpose is to organize and promote a high school summer baseball league in Southwest Houston and surrounding areas. This summer league shall be known as the "Fort Bend Baseball League." This league is not sanctioned or affiliated with any local or national organizations.
2. The schools of the league are Fort Bend ISD- Austin, Bush, Clements, Dulles, Elkins, Hightower, Kempner, Marshall, Ridge Point, Travis and Willowridge High Schools. The Fort Bend ISD high school baseball coaches will oversee the By-laws, policies and rules of the Association. The By-laws here set forth can be amended by a 2/3rds vote of the high school baseball coaches representing the schools in the Association. Other business may be conducted by a majority vote of those schools present at a regular or called meeting provided that 2/3rds of the schools in the league must be represented at such meeting to constitute a

quorum. In the event a 23-5A representative is absent to vote, a designated assigned representative shall qualify to vote on behalf of said school. Each school represented shall have one vote.

3. The league shall be organized and coordinated by a Board of officers being a League Director, Assistant League Director and Head Umpire and current 23-5A varsity baseball coaches.
4. Each year, the League Director and Assistant League Director shall call the regular annual meeting of the 23-5A Fort Bend ISD baseball coaches by no later than January 25 of each year and such additional meetings shall be held as necessary to conduct the business of the league.
5. The "Fort Bend Baseball League" shall consist of five divisions as determined by the Fort Bend ISD baseball coaches. These are the **Brazos River Division**, the **Sweetwater Division**, and the **Oyster Creek Division**. **Lake Olympia Division and Lone Star Division**. The Fort Bend ISD baseball coaches may decide to allow other schools who are not members of the league to enter teams into the league. The league coordinator may split the Brazos River League, Sweetwater Division, Oyster Creek Division or the Lone Star Division into separate conferences if it is deemed appropriate for competition or for scheduling purposes.
6. The **Brazos River League** is an invitational only league in which participants will be determined by the 23-5A coaches. The **Sweetwater Division** is open to varsity and high junior varsity. The **Oyster Creek Division** is open to junior varsity levels. The **Lake Olympia Division** is organized with the purpose of promoting incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade freshman level teams only. Lone Star Division is of the sole purpose for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade freshmen "B" teams.
7. There will be a maximum of twenty (20) players and three (3) coaches allowed on the baseball field for each team. Players in non-uniform will not be allowed to participate. Each manager and coach must wear an affiliated hat or shirt of their respective high school team. No coach or parent will be allowed inside the playing area while games are in progress unless properly attired.
8. Coaches should refrain from unruly behavior and harassment of umpires and other officials before, during or after any game. When documented coach is ejected, he will NOT be allowed to participate in the immediate following scheduled game. Any coach ejected two (2) times from a game in one season will be suspended pending review by the Board. After review he may be reinstated under probation or dismissed. League appointed TASO umpires will report any and all game ejection issues immediately to the league President for review.

Players should refrain from unruly behavior and harassment of umpires and other officials. A player may be removed from a game without a warning for throwing his helmet and bat or use of vulgarity. When documented player is ejected, he will NOT be allowed to participate in the immediate following scheduled game. If a second (2nd) offense occurs, the player will be removed from the league and pending review by the Board. After review, player may be reinstated under probation or he may be permanently suspended from the league. League appointed TASO umpires will report any and all game ejection issues immediately to the league coordinator for review.

***Coaches are expected to supervise their players and fans during and after the game, including monitoring their activities until after they leave the sports complex.***

9. Tryouts- It is recommended that each school hold tryouts to determine players to be selected for each summer league team. It is up to the head baseball coach and the off season baseball coordinators discretion that tryouts are conducted on separate dates to allow interested players an ample opportunity to tryout. The high school baseball coach and the off season baseball coordinator will determine where, when and how tryouts are conducted for summer program. The league will post tryout dates and times on the league website.
10. Leagues & Divisions- Each school will be responsible for maintaining its own rosters for the Brazos River League, Sweetwater, Oyster Creek Division, Lake Olympia Division and Lone Star Division teams with the following exceptions.
  - (a) Each team shall consist of a minimum of 9 players and up to a maximum of 20 players from each respective high school.
  - (b) In the Lake Olympia Division, teams may **only** be comprised of incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade freshman players. In order for a player register with a team, he must be attending at least the 9th grade in the school Semester following summer league play for that high school.
  - (c) Lone Star Division shall be comprised of freshmen "B" teams who will be attending 9<sup>th</sup> grade at their respective high school.
11. National Federal of High School rules will be followed in all league play and concerning eligibility. ***Players must have high school eligibility remaining to participate in league play.***
12. The following items will be an official part of this league in order that a high standard of play may be maintained:
  - (a) Two (2) official umpires for each game.
  - (b) An official home team scorekeeper for each game. Each team shall be responsible for keeping their own scorebook. If a question should arise as to scorekeeping, ie. Player batting out of order and the teams cannot agree, then the umpire shall make a ruling based on the Home team scorebook.
  - (c) Field maintenance by both teams before each game *as may be required*.
  - (d) Clean-up of dug outs and stadium area by both teams after all games.
  - (e) Each high school coach or off season baseball coordinator is responsible for turning off the lights and securing all the premises at their home field at the conclusion of each game.

Daily starting times shall be 6:00PM unless noted otherwise on the schedule. The 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the night shall begin 15 minutes or less after the early game has been completed. The Brazos River League shall play double headers only on Wednesday nights and have predetermined rainout makeup dates.

- (a) No infield practice before any game due to time limits.
- (b) There will be 15 minutes only between games.
- (c) **League "Speed-Up" rules will be enforced.** (See 17)
- (d) There will be 10-run rule after 5 innings for all games.
- (f) There will be a time limit of 1 hour and 50 minutes for all Division games. Any inning started prior to 1 hour and 50 minutes will be completed. Tie games count as 1/2 win and 1/2 loss.

13. Rain-out schedule will be as follows:  
Canceled games will be scheduled for make-ups as they occur or on other week nights. The make-up schedule will be set by the league President. Teams will forfeit if they are unable to play games when scheduled for make-up. Any & all scheduled double headers that are rained out will be made up as such, nine inning make up games will NOT be allowed. Rainout and make-up games will be updated and posted @ [ftbendbaseball.com](http://ftbendbaseball.com)
14. In the event that in climate weather occurs, a rain-out hotline phone number is provided at [ftbendbaseball.com](http://ftbendbaseball.com)
15. Signed player contracts must be collected by team coach before tryouts are held and the season begins. These original contract forms will be submitted to the league coordinator prior to the start of league play. All teams must submit their playing player registration forms, and 100% of all registration fees before the start of the season. Failure to submit fees on time will result in teams not allowed to participate in the Fort Bend Baseball League.
16. To determine a Division winner will be either by win/loss record or by wins percentage if teams have not played the same number of games. If there are two conferences established for a Division, league coordinator may call for a 1 game playoff to determine that Division League Champion. *Each coordinator and or manager of the winning team shall be responsible to email game results no later than 24 hours following the conclusion of each game to [score@ftbendbaseball.com](mailto:score@ftbendbaseball.com)*
17. **Speed Up Rules:**
  - (a) There is a one hour and 50-minute time limit for all Division games. A new inning cannot begin after an hour and fifty minutes. Once a new inning has begun, you will complete that inning.
  - (b) **There will be one minute allowed between innings (after the 1st inning). A 45 second warning will be given and then one minute called. After five seconds, the ball must be pitched. The umpire will call a ball if the pitcher is not ready and a strike if the batter is not ready.**
  - (c) After an out is made, the ball **MUST** be thrown directly back to the pitcher.
  - (d) With two outs a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher is **mandatory**. The courtesy runner shall be a player from the bench who is not in the batting line-up; otherwise a player not currently batting. There is the option of using a courtesy runner for the pitcher and catcher at **any** time.
  - (e) Time limit will be extended if the catcher is batting
  - (g) Infield practice may take place **only** if it does not impede the person getting the fields ready before the games. Before the 6:00 games on weekdays Home team may use field from 5:30PM to 5:45PM and Visitors team from 5:45PM to 6:00PM.
  - (h) A new pitcher is allowed 8 practice pitches.

18. Coaches Dress: Team coaches must wear an official League or Team shirt and Team hat. No other person/s may be on the field of play at any time.

19. Player Dress: Players must wear the full uniform to be allowed to play (This includes hat, shirt, pants (belt if needed) and leggings).

20. Team Responsibilities:

Each team must clean out their dugout at the conclusion of their game. Dugouts should be cleared as rapidly as possible. No pre-game practice on the field. No warm-up throwing except in outfield areas. When in batting cages, batters must wear helmet at all times. Only registered team coaches and players may throw in batting cages.

21. League insurance requires that background checks be performed on all managers and coaches involved with the teams. Managers/coaches must complete application form and submit to league along with copy of driver's license before organizing teams. The league will notify any volunteers whose background check does not meet league character standards.

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