

2010 WEST FRANKLIN BASEBALL HANDBOOK

Welcome to the 2010 Baseball Season

- *This program carries a winning tradition
- *Our playing field is one of the nicest in the area
- *11 former Falcons have earned college baseball scholarships
- *3 Flint Hills League Titles

Commitment to Excellence

In order to get this program where we want it to be it takes a great deal of time and energy on the part of the players, parents, and coaches. We owe it to all those involved and to the communities involved to be as successful as possible. The coaching staff is committed to having each player succeed on the baseball field as well as in the classroom and everyday life. Policies and practices implemented by the coaching staff are designed to help each person in this program become the best they can be athletically and scholastically.

Academics

Players in the West Franklin program are “Student Athletes”, *Students first and athletes second*. Students must meet district and state eligibility requirements to participate in baseball. The coaching staff will help you as much as possible but ultimately YOU are responsible for meeting the criteria. Budget your time, show respect, and do your best.

Playing Time

Playing time is solely at the discretion of the coaching staff. *No player is guaranteed any amount of playing time at any level in this program*. This is competitive athletics not recreation. The needs of the team are top priority and playing time reflects this. Each player must strive to earn a starting spot and then work to keep it. This can be done thru hard work throughout the season and during the off season. *Hard work is the norm, not the exception.*

Umpires

Players and Fans are required to be respectful of umpires. They have a difficult job and berating them is only going to make it tougher.

Crowd Behavior

Disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. This applies to fans yelling at other fans, players, officials, coaches, etc. I understand everyone gets fired up in the heat of the moment, but there is a line that should not be crossed. If you are out of control you will be subject to removal from the ballpark.

Attendance

Attendance at all team functions is mandatory. Players who will miss a team function are required to notify the head coach **BEFORE**. Missing team function will result in additional conditioning, game suspensions, and eventually dismissal from the team. Please attend.

Communication

THIS IS A BIG ONE

Each of you as a player and parent has the right to approach a coach before or after practice if you feel you have a legitimate complaint. Please do not express complaints on game day (emotions are high and nothing good ever comes from this.) You will receive a blunt honest answer. I don't want you to come away from any conversation with misconceptions or misunderstandings that just create future problems.

*Anonymous complaints or rumors will NOT be heard

*Follow protocol

1. Head Coach
2. AD
3. Principal

**Parents please stay away from the dugout during games; you will have time to talk to your son after the games. Treat it as if it were football or basketball.*

Tobacco

The school district and KSHSAA policy will be strictly enforced. NO chewing. Period. Don't be the first player ever to get removed from the team for chewing. It's not worth it and this is a serious matter.

Profanity

Profanity will NOT be tolerated. This is baseball: the crowd is right on top of you and it is usually quite. So when you are standing outside the dugout talking to your buddy think when you are talking. We have batboys and other people around the dugout. The coaches can't hear everything so take care of this yourselves. Use of profanity will lead to additional conditioning and/or removal from the game and possible suspension.

*Parents let me know if you hear something. This usually gets back to me from a second hand source and then becomes he said she said. That is how rumors get started. Tell the coaches and we will deal with it.

I have received one first hand parent complaint on this issue in 8 years. If you hear it, tell me. Please.

Ejection

Any player ejection due to a flagrant act or violation of the rules by a player will result in a one game suspension. The severity of the act will be determined by the Head Coach and Head Umpire of that game. If the act is deemed to be inadvertent or accidental in nature than the ejection from that game will suffice as punishment. Play the right way.

Drugs/Alcohol

NOT tolerated. District policy will be enforced.

Lettering Policy

To earn a varsity letter the player must be on the regional team. The head coach has the right to letter any player he feels has earned it through hard work and dedication to the program.

Away Games

All players are required to ride the bus too and from all away games, but can be signed out by a legal guardian. *My personal request is that all players ride the bus home unless extenuation circumstances exist. This is a great time for players to talk about the game and bond as teammates. Plus we usually stop at sonic and the kids love it.*

Practices/Clothes

Pants, belts, socks, hats and practice t shirts are required at all practices. Be prepared to practice inside or outside everyday.

Equipment/Uniforms

Take care of our stuff. Any un-natural wear and tear on uniforms and you will be required to purchase a new one. Game Jerseys, Pants, and Belts need to be returned. T shirts, socks, and anything you purchased are yours to keep.

Individual Expenses

We will be getting 2-hats, pullovers, t shirts, and sweats. This expense will be \$50 per player. Parents have expressed to me that they would rather pay the money then bother with a fundraiser. The players will be required to work the on the fields. Make checks out to Pomona Rec. They will need to be fully reimbursed.

Falcon baseball players are encouraged to:

- **Succeed in the classroom**
- **Participate in as many sports as possible**
- **Play summer and fall baseball**
- **Go to camps**
- **Take Personal Development/Attend Summer Weight Lifting**

WEST FRANKLIN BASEBALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 2002 9-11 First year of program
- 2003 13-6 Dallas Dillon and Patrick Barrigan sign with Ellsworth CC, Cedar Falls IA
Dallas Dillon signs with Friends University (2005)
- 2004 15-6 Dylan Frack and Zack Crooks sign with Ottawa University
- 2005 18-4 Flint Hills League Champs
Caleb Reed signs with Pratt CC
- 2006 19-2 Flint Hills League Champs
Ranked as high as #3 in class 4A
Finish season as #8 ranked team in class 4A
Mitch Green and Weston Reece Second Team all state
Tad Eubanks, Evan Hawkins, and Weston Reece sign with Highland CC
Tad Eubanks signs with Baker University (2008)
- 2007 16-4 Flint Hills League Champs
Mitch Green signs with Highland CC
- 2008 12-11 Regional Runner-up
Chris Robertson signs with Maple Woods CC
- 2009 12-9 Regional Runner-up
Travis McClain signs with William Jewell College

2010 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
March 29	Prairie View (JV)	4:30 PM	Home
March 30	Prairie View	4:30 PM	Prairie View
April 6	Lyndon	4:30 PM	Lyndon
April 8	Osage City	4:30 PM	Home
April 12	Central Heights	4:30 PM	Home
April 16	Northern Heights	4:30 PM	Home
April 20	Chase County	4:30 PM	Home
April 23	Herington	4:30 PM	Herington
April 26	Council Grove (JV)	4:30 PM	Home
April 30	Mission Valley	4:30 PM	Home
May 7	Council Grove	4:30 PM	Council Grove
May 11	Burlington	4:30	Home
May 17-20	REGIONALS	TBA	TBA
May 28,29	STATE	TBA	TBA