



## Premier League Overview

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### Overview

Premier League baseball is an elevated or advanced recreational baseball environment where teams get the opportunity to compete with neighboring baseball associations. The goal is to match up players with similarly advanced abilities in Premier so that their player development continues at the best possible pace while still allowing Recreation League players to continue developing at their own pace. The goal is NOT to form the best team so we can dominate the other associations. Player development is the reason Premier was formed.

Players and families should expect more practice time (2-3 hours per week versus 1 hour for Rec). They also need to understand that half of the games will be played at surrounding city locations. In addition, Premier teams participate in tournament play in the month of June (see below).

### Team Formation

- First step in Premier team formation is for player to attend the Premier tryout, which will be scored by independent evaluators. The evaluators will determine the minimum score to be eligible for selection by the head coach(es)
- Head coach and assistant coaches' children must meet the minimum score to be eligible for coaching
- Head coach will draft the team roster the day following the tryout
- In the case of 2 teams being formed for a given age group, the two coaches will work together to form 2 competitive rosters. In the event they cannot agree, the Premier Commissioner will oversee the formation and the following draft procedures will be used:
  - o If one of the 2 teams is a returning Premier team, The existing head coach will have the right to protect the team's entire roster. If the existing coach protects more than 4 players, the first draft pick will go to the other team. The drafting order will be 2 picks for the new team followed by 1 pick for the existing team until each team has an equal number of players. Once both teams have the same number of players, the drafting order will return to 1 pick per turn for both teams. If the existing coach only protects 4 players, then the first draft pick is based on coach seniority at Premier level.
  - o If each team is new, each head coach may protect 4 players (or more if the head coaches agree to do so), and the teams will alternate picks until the rosters are full. The first pick will be determined by coin flip.
- Maximum of 2 teams will be formed per age group per year (fall and spring season).
- The decision to form any Premier team within any given age group (maximum of 2 teams per age group as formerly stated) will be made by the CBA Board after completion of the Premier tryout. There must be a minimum of 12 players for 1 team and 24 players for 2 teams that grade eligible for the Premier tryout in order to bring forth a vote at the CBA board for the formation of a Premier team.

### Head Coach Eligibility

- As stated above, the head coach's child must meet the minimum score requirement to be eligible for coaching.
- Must have prior CBA coaching experience. The CBA strives to support the community and prefers for coaches at higher level leagues to have started in the recreational league.



- The ideal pathway to Premier coaching is 1) head coach for recreational league => 2) head coach or asst coach for recreational All-Star team => 3) apply with Premier commissioner to become a Premier coach => 4) interview with CBA Board of Directors.
- The CBA board will consider head coaches that do not meet these requirements when there is no interest from an existing CBA coach to take on a Premier team.

### **Team Name**

- All CBA Premier teams will go by "Colleyville Stars".
- For tournaments and perhaps DFW Interlock registration you may be asked to include the coach's last name in the team name. In which case it should be reflected as "Colleyville Stars – CoachLastName".

### **Uniforms**

- 1 jersey and 1 hat for each player is included in the CBA registration fee the family paid
- 1 jersey and 1 hat will be provided for the head coach. Each additional coach may purchase a jersey and/or hat through the CBA Fan Store for Premier at the then prevailing cost.
- Families are responsible for the purchase of all additional items needed (pants, belt, socks, etc.).
- Commissioner and/or Coach will only use CBA approved uniform supplier for jerseys and hats

### **Practices and Practice Field Availability**

- The CBA and CBA families generally expect the level of practice to increase at the Premier level.
- Guideline to coaches is 2 – 1.5 hour practices (3 hours total) per week but it is ultimately up to the coach with the support of the team's families.
- Coach must work with the CBA scheduler to obtain practice field space that is controlled by the CBA.
- Please review the CBA Practice Field scheduling guidelines.

### **Regular Season (Interlock)**

- Each team will play a regular season schedule of 12 games (6 doubleheaders)
- Typically, 3 doubleheaders will be played at Home (Colleyville City Park) and 3 double headers will be played Away.
- Other associations that participate in Premier Interlock include Southlake, Grapevine, Trophy Club, Coppell, and Flower Mound (varies by age group).
- Each coach must register their team with DFW Interlock when instructed by the CBA scheduler and Premier Commissioner. There is no additional cost. Purpose is to get all relevant team information in the hands of the Interlock Commissioner and Interlock schedulers
- There is an Interlock meeting that takes place before each season that the Premier Commissioner will attend. Premier Commissioner will circulate all relevant information from those meetings out to the coaches.

### **Rules**

- Premier rules are maintained by DFW Interlock and can be found here: [Rules](#)
- DFW Interlock Rules take precedence over CBA Rules.
- The CBA requires all CBA coaches to follow the Equal Play rules regardless of adherence by opposing team. Infractions by other team should be raised with home plate umpire and the CBA Premier Commissioner who will inform the Interlock Commissioner.



### **Tournaments**

- DFW Interlock guidance states that a premier player may guest play for a select team in their own city association for no more than 2 weekends per season. The intent is to encourage guest play within an association. This guidance is NOT intended to allow entire Premier teams to play in up to 2 select tournaments.
- Further, each city association that hosts an All-Star tournament sets its own roster rules which may be even more restrictive than the DFW Interlock guidance.
- The CBA does not allow Premier teams to play in Select (AA or higher) tournaments unless they have pre-approval from the CBA Premier Commissioner AND the CBA President or Vice President. This pre-approval requirement is intended to help the coach preserve the players' Recreational status for summer All-Star tournaments.
- Premier teams are required to play in the CBA Memorial Day All-Star tournament and a minimum of 2 additional All-Star tournaments in June. If a Premier team has received pre-approval to play in a Select tourney (as detailed above), such tourney may take the place of the third All-Star tourney.
- Registration in each tournament (including CBA tournament) is the sole responsibility of the head coach.

### **Promotion to Select**

- Each coach is expected to play a minimum of 2 consecutive Premier seasons before requesting a promotion to Select.
- A coach that is interested in moving to Select after meeting the minimum Premier requirements should reach out to both the Premier Commissioner and Select Commissioner to make the request.

***The above rules are subject to changes and exceptions as the CBA Board deems necessary.***

### **Head Coach Acknowledgment**

I acknowledge that I have read and understand each of the provisions above, and I agree that my failure to adhere to these provisions may lead to my removal as a CBA Premier team head coach.

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Coach's Printed Name

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Age Group

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Coach's Signature