



MUDSOCK YOUTH SOFTBALL
2026 Spring Information



Meijer is pleased to support Mudsock Youth Athletics in its mission of bringing sports to local kids. As a family company, Meijer aims to enrich the lives of families in its community. By sponsoring youth sports programs like Mudsock, Meijer gets to support local kids as they learn valuable life skills, build friendships, get active and, most importantly, have fun!

2026 Softball Calendar

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| February 8 | Softball Rec League Evaluations Fishers High School Attendance is Critical!!! More Information under "Rec/All-Star Evaluations" |
| March 8 | Player Drafts |
| March 28 | Mandatory Softball Coaches Training Session. Times and locations for specific age groups will be posted at a later date. ALL COACHES MUST ATTEND. Equipment will be given to coaches at the meeting. |
| Late-March | Team Rosters Finalized |
| Week of April 13th | 1 st Rec League Practices (after spring break) |
| April 25 | Rec Opening Day |
| June 20-June 30 | Rec Season-End Tournament (should be done by 6/26) |
| July 17-July 19 | Heatwave Tournament (All-Stars only, no travel) |
| Mid-August | Fall Ball Season Starts |
| September | Showcase All-Star Tryouts |

2026 MUDSOCK YOUTH SOFTBALL PROGRAM

Registration Fees

Open Spring registration will be held during the month of January 2026. Registration will be accepted online at www.myathletics.com. Spring fees (early bird pricing) will be as follows:

- \$150 – 6U
- \$175 – 8U-14U

Age is based on participant's age as of September 1, 2025

There will be a multi-player discount available for families registering three or more children. Early bird pricing will be available during the month of January. Beginning February 1st, registration fees will increase, and waitlists may begin forming at any time.

Refunds

January 1 – February 15 – Refund after \$50 non-refundable is subtracted.

February 16 – March 15 – 50% refund after \$50 non-refundable is subtracted.

March 16 – March 31 – 25% refund after \$50 non-refundable is subtracted.

After March 31 – No refund.

Participants who sustain an injury prior to the start of the season will only be granted a refund with supporting documentation from a physician. If documentation from a physician is not provided, no refund will be given. Any injury that occurs during the season does not qualify for a refund of any amount.

Division: 6U (Birthdates between 8/31/2022-9/1/2018)

This league is designed for younger players who are ready to begin playing softball. Coaches will nurture the participants as they learn the fundamentals of the game. We will start slowly and gradually build over the course of the season. This is a coach pitch league.

Division: 8U (“Minors” & “Majors” (Birthdates between 8/31/2018-9/1/2016)

The **8U Minor** division will consist primarily of 7- and 8-year-olds and will be coach- and player-pitch. The game is scored with outs, innings and runs. The emphasis is on creating a fun and exciting environment and instilling confidence in the players while teaching them the fundamentals of the game.

The **8U Major** division will be made up of mostly older players in the division who are returning and/or score higher during rec evaluations. The division will place a greater emphasis on player-pitch while still emphasizing development within a fun and exciting environment in which players develop confidence while learning fundamentals of the game.

Division: 10 & UNDER (Birthdates between 8/31/2016-9/1/2014)

This is a competitive division giving the players the opportunity to play all the positions, including pitcher. Although coaches will do some pitching, the emphasis is on learning to pitch and to hit off a 10U pitcher.

Division: 12 & UNDER (Birthdates between 8/31/2014-9/1/2012)

This league will emphasize more advanced skills and development. We will be playing with more wide-open rules than the younger leagues. Participants do all the pitching in this league. Participants will still have the opportunity to play and learn all fielding positions.

Division: 14 & UNDER (Birthdates between 8/31/2012-9/1/2010)

This league will emphasize more advanced skills and development. We will be playing with more wide-open rules than the younger leagues. Participants still have the opportunity to play all fielding positions. **Please note: the 14U division will only run if the league has enough participants and volunteers to form a viable division.**

All-Stars: 8U-14U

The Mudsock Youth Softball All-Stars teams are created from players participating in the rec league program; All-Stars must be rostered on a rec league team. The All-Stars program is an extension of the recreational season for those girls wishing to get extra coaching, playing and developmental time by practicing and playing in tournaments around Central Indiana. All-Stars is intended to provide participants an opportunity to further develop skills and play at a higher level of competition than is generally offered in the rec league (see the Mudsock Youth Softball All- Star Section for more information).

Fall Ball: 8U – 14U

This league will emphasize continued player development in a fun, fall ball environment. We will be preparing participants that will move up in age category in the spring while providing a program for all athletes to compete and play together. This will also help reduce erosion of our players to other area fall softball programs.

Please note about “playing up”:

Our leagues are organized around 2-year age intervals. Participants are expected to play in the youngest age group for which they are eligible. However, in rare instances parents may decide that their child’s interest is best served by “playing up” in the next older league. Parents may request for their child to “play up”, but this **requires** the parents to complete a waiver form and obtain written permission from the League Vice President / Player Agent.

REC EVALUATIONS

February 8 – FISHERS HIGH SCHOOL

Once spring registration opens, please watch your email for more information about times and a link to register for evaluations. Players are requested to arrive 10 minutes before their scheduled time. Registration will be required, and participants will go through the evaluation in groups. All participants interested in pitching should report to the pitching evaluation. Please allow 45-60 minutes to complete the entire evaluation process.

****Please Note - There are NO evaluations for 6U****

Team Drafts / Player Selection**March 8 --- Location: MYA OFFICE**

Teams for the 8U-13U age groups are formed by coaches “drafting” players. The objective of the draft is to ensure an even distribution of talent among the teams. Players who are not evaluated will be randomly assigned to teams by a “blind” draw. Each team will have approximately 12 players on their roster. The drafts will be held after the completion of player evaluations. Coaches will contact their team members as soon as possible after the draft.

****Note – special requests relating to specific days/times for practices and/or games cannot be granted. ****

Head coaches will need to be available for the draft for their respective age group on the following dates/times. Drafts will take place at the Mudsock Youth Athletics office. Times for each division will be communicated to coaches closer to draft day. **Only head coaches (or a designated asst coach in the event a head coach can't make it) will attend the draft.**

RECREATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

All Divisions (8U THOROUGH 14U) will hold a season-ending tournament based on regular season records. Rec tournaments will take place between June 20 and June 30, with a goal of having all tournaments completed by June 26. First and second place trophies/awards will be presented at the completion of the final game. The players in the 6U league will receive their participation awards at the end of the regular season.

CATS – Travel Softball

Travel Softball

The league will share updates on the Cats Travel Program in 2026. For the most up to date information, please check the website; <https://softball.myathletics.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1203330>.

WAYS THAT YOU CAN AND WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

COACH A TEAM

We need quality, caring individuals to guide and direct a team of participants. Please consider being a head coach or assistant coach. *Every coaching candidate must complete an application each year.

SPONSOR A TEAM

REGISTRATION FEES ALONE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO FUND OUR BUDGET!

Sponsorship money helps pay for much needed capital improvements, field maintenance, umpire fees, equipment, team/player awards. We have excellent opportunities for your contribution to be recognized throughout the community. Sponsorship opportunities include, but are not limited to: **Team Sponsor, League Sponsor, Trophy Sponsor, Web-site Sponsor and/or Field Sponsor**. Sponsorship fees are tax deductible as a promotional expense or as a charitable contribution (we are a 501c 3 organization). More importantly, our sponsorship is helping the youth of our community. Contact Stephanie Gardner at sg62307@yahoo.com for more details on the outstanding sponsorship opportunities. A sponsorship form is included at the end of this packet for your convenience.

BE A TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEER

Our travel and all-star programs raised thousands of dollars for the entire league last year by hosting several tournaments. It takes a great deal of work to host such large events. Parents are encouraged to volunteer, and the efforts of all volunteers are appreciated. A successful event only happens when everyone pitches in to help! Please contact the league vice president if you are interested in helping.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

The Mudsock Youth Softball League is pleased to report that youth softball in our community continues to grow and thrive. In 2025, we project growth in both the number of participants in our rec league and travel program as well as the number of teams traveling to our facility to participate in tournaments.

Our rec, All-Star and travel teams consist of over 500 Fishers families playing well over 1,000 games each year on Olio Fields.

Over the past decade we have had the addition of fencing and lighting at Olio Fields, as well as new bleachers and sidewalks, and infield improvements. All of this has transformed the park into a premier destination in Central Indiana. All

these improvements would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, many of which are local businesses. Many of these improvements are now in need of updates or repair. Our equipment is also in need of updating. We want to ensure we are providing up to date equipment to ensure the safety of our participants. These equipment updates and repairs can only happen with the support of the community.

How can you help?

The league is excited to present opportunities for corporate sponsorship for the upcoming 2026 softball season. The dollars raised through sponsorship help fund our teams with equipment and uniforms and provide scholarships for those in need of financial assistance. We strive to ensure that everyone can share the enjoyment of playing softball in our community.

Our sponsorship program provides different levels of contribution opportunities, allowing each local business or corporate partner to choose the level that works best for them.

Sponsorship Levels

- \$4000 – PREMIER – Windscreens for 1 field (both dugouts), 3 teams/year for 3 years
- \$3000 – PLATINUM – 6 team sponsorship + Banner (spring and fall seasons)
- \$1900 – GOLD – 3 team sponsorship + Banner (spring and fall seasons)
- \$1400 – SILVER – 1 team sponsorship + Banner (spring and fall seasons)
- \$900 – BRONZE – 3 team sponsorship (spring and fall season)
- \$600 – BLUE – 2 team sponsorship (spring season)
- \$400 – RED – 1 team sponsorship (spring season)

Click the link below for the 2026 sponsorship form.

[2026 MYA Softball Sponsorship Form](#)

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