

2019 8U Softball Schedule

1 - Athens Outkasters
2 - Spring City

3 - Meigs



9:00 AM Opening Day Ceremonies

SAT 4/6	1:15	_____	2 vs 1	_____	ARP 5	TUE 5/7	6:00	_____	3 vs 1	_____	ARP 4
THUR 4/11	6:00	_____	1 vs 2	_____	SC 2	SAT 5/11	1:15	_____	2 vs 1	_____	ARP 5
TUES 4/16	6:00	_____	3 vs 2	_____	SC 2	THUR 5/16	6:00	_____	1 vs 2	_____	SC 2
THUR 4/18	6:00	_____	2 vs 1	_____	ARP 4	TUES 5/21	6:00	_____	3 vs 2	_____	SC 1
THUR 4/25	6:00	_____	3 vs 1	_____	ARP 4	THUR 5/23	6:00	_____	2 vs 1	_____	ARP 4
MON 4/29	6:00	_____	2 vs 1	_____	ARP 4						
THUR 5/2	6:00	_____	1 vs 2	_____	SC 1						

Locations:

- Field 1 - Mayfield Dairy Farms
- Field 2 - Citizens National Bank
- Field 3 - Don Ledford Auto Park
- Field 4 - Athens Insurance
- Field 5 - Tennessee Wesleyan
- Spring City 1- New Lake Road
- Spring City 2- New Lake Road

It's Softball Time at



April 6 - June 1

Dine in with us at **Michael's** in Athens or Etowah and all
USA Softball players in uniform receive a
\$1.99 Kids Meal!

*With Adult Entrée. Dine in only. Not replaceable if lost or stolen. Not redeemable for cash. Excludes Holidays. Does not include gratuity.

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Official Ball

The official ball will be an 11' inch, .47 core optic yellow, and 375 max compression

Coach Pitch

Pitching coach must pitch from behind the 20ft arc and in front of the 30ft arc within the limits of the pitching circle

Batting

Each batter will receive 5 pitches with 3 swings in order to strike out. No walks are allowed. A foul ball on the last pitch will allow the batter another pitch until a hit or out is recorded.

If a batted ball hits the pitching coach the ball is dead and the batter returns for another pitch. The pitcher must make an attempt to move from the batted ball. Failure to make an attempt to move will result in the batter being out. (Umpire judgement)

Runners

Any runner hit by a batted ball before it passes an infielder other than the pitcher will be out and a dead ball called

Playing Defense

In the 8U age group you may play up to 12 in the field, all players must bat

Each team will use a six (6) player infield, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, pitcher and catcher. Outfielders must stay behind the lip of the infield until the ball has been hit. Violation of this rule will give the offensive coach the option of taking the result of the play or batter batting over

All infielders must stay behind the 30 ft. arc until the ball has been hit. The ball must go past the 20ft arc to be a fair ball

The player in the pitching circle must either keep one foot in the circle until the ball has been hit or retreat straight back towards 2nd base staying within the outer diameter of the pitching circle

No more than 2 defensive coaches are allowed on the field at any one time, they must stay in the outfield behind the 10ft line at all times. 1st violation will be a warning, second offense is an ejection

Catchers may play anywhere from the catchers box to the backstop. They must wear a protective helmet with a face guard until the ball is hit

Playing Offensive

Teams are allowed 3 offensive coaches as followed: 1st base, 3rd base, and pitching coach. The pitching coach must immediately after the ball is hit remove the bat from the plate area and go to the fence and remain until the play is over

When the progress of the front runner has been stopped, the umpire will call time and play will stop. Any runners past the half way mark will advance to the base they were going to. Any runners not past the half way mark must return to the previous base. (Umpire judgement)

All base runners must stay in contact with the base until the ball crosses the plate. Violation of this rule will result in the runner called out and ball is dead

Games

A regulation game is 5 innings. A time limit of 1 hour is recommended. All efforts should be made to ensure all players bat at least once. A new inning starts when the last out is recorded. All ties will get 1 extra inning

Any game stopped after 3 complete innings unless tied will be considered a complete game