



Chain O' Lakes Softball

2026 Overview

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Eligibility

- Organizations may not hold tryouts where players could be cut. All girls that wish to play must be placed on a roster in order to participate in the Chain O' Lakes regular Spring Season or Fall Season.
- No "A" or "B" or "C" level Travel Ball players as defined by USSSA are allowed. This does not include Rec League tournament teams that participate in C-level tournaments. Violation will result in forfeiture of games and possible non-participation in playoffs.
- All towns tournament team players should be dispersed evenly amongst their teams in said age division.
- Divisions are based off ages as of 9/1/25. 14U will play during the HS season, so it is recommended that 14U be 8th grade and below.
- All teams for age divisions 8U and up are required to turn in a roster before any games are played. (Spring Season only) Please email rosters to Cassie Wilkinson at casjwilkinson@gmail.com

Fees

Spring Season	6U:	TBD Trophy Fee / COL Website Fees (every other year)
	8U-14U	TBD Trophy Fee / Championship Umpires / COL Website Fee (every other year)
Fall Ball	All Ages	No Fees

*Please look for invoices for fees around mid-May. All invoices must be paid by the last week of the regular season. Failure to pay will result in non-participation in the playoffs.

Dates

Regular Season	6U-14U	4/25/26-6/12/26
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Playoffs	8U-14U	6/15/26-6/19/26
Championship Games	8U-14U	6/20/26
		Cook Memorial Park - Wauconda
Fall Ball	6U-14U	9/5/26-10/24/26

Scheduling Meeting

Scheduling Meetings are a mandatory for all coaches or a coach's delegate to schedule games. Meetings will be held at Johnsburg Community Club, 2315 W Church St. Johnsburg, IL 60051

Spring Scheduling Meeting – 4/12/26

14U	1:00 – 1:45
12U	1:45 – 2:30
10U	2:30 – 3:15
6U & 8U	3:15 – 4:00

Fall Scheduling Meeting – 8/23/26

14U	1:00 – 1:45
12U	1:45 – 2:30
10U	2:30 – 3:15
6U & 8U	3:15 – 4:00

Umpires

6U	No umpires required
8U & 10U	Umpires are required but not required to be patched, However, umpires should have significant knowledge of the game especially in 10U.
12U & 14U	Patched umpires are required. Teams that do not comply for the majority of the season will not be allowed to participate in the playoffs. If a game is being played without a patched umpire, the league needs to be notified via email at chainolakessoftball@gmail.com

Cancellations

- Canceled games should be rescheduled within 72 hours and reported to the website.
- Teams cancelling less than 8 hours prior to game time for any other reason other than weather/field conditions will be considered a forfeit.

Schedules/Scores- Spring Season Only

- 6U does not report scores or participate in playoffs
- 8U-14U: Score reporting is required for Spring Season only. Scores must be reported by the winning team within 48 hours of win.
- Tied games should be reported by the home team.
- Report scores and schedule changes on the website

Standings 8U-14U- Spring Season Only

- Division seedings will be determined by winning percentage.
- Tie Breakers:
 - 1st Head to Head
 - 2nd Runs Allowed
 - 3rd Coin Toss

Playoffs 8U-14U- Spring Season Only

Regular season rules apply with the following exceptions:

- Seedings will be based off of regular season standings.
- Higher seeded teams with host games and supply umpires and game balls up until Championship Games.
- Championship Games will be played at a joint location on the last day of playoffs.
- Each division will have a consolation game for 3rd place will be played between the losing teams from the semi-final round. The higher seed team from the regular season will host the lower seeded team at 10:00 AM the day of the championship games, as well as provide umpire and game balls.
- Location for Championship Games will rotate locations each year. If your town is capable of hosting 4 games at the same time at one location and would like to be put on the rotation please, email Cassie Wilkinson at casjwilkinson@gmail.com with your wish to participate.
- Umpires will be supplied but game balls should still be supplied by the home team.
- Weekday Playoff games- the No New Inning Time Limit will still be in effect
- Championship Games – 8U will play 4 innings with no new inning started after 90 minutes, 10U will play 6 innings and 12U-14U will play 7 innings
- Games can not end in a tie. See below for tie breaker rules.

Tied Scores

- If the game is tied after you reach the No New Inning time limit (during the week) or after full game in Championship Games, you will proceed with International Tie Breaker rules until there is a winner.

- ITB: each half inning starts with the last batted out from the previous inning as a base runner on second base.
- Pitching rules still apply in extra innings.