

## Mayville Sting Prospective Team Members and Parents

Welcome to the Mayville Sting traveling softball teams! We are pleased that you are considering joining us to play on one of our 2022 teams. All of the coaches are looking forward to another exciting and successful season.

Traveling softball can be a very rewarding experience. It is our hope that the upcoming season will offer you chances to develop your softball skills and make new friends. We have three main goals for each team:

- ✓ Help everyone become a better softball player and a better person
- ✓ Play competitive games in every tournament
- ✓ Have fun, enjoy yourself and your teammates

We will do our best to help you achieve these goals. Because success does not come easily, we are asking each of you to commit your time and effort to these goals so that they may be realized.

Please review the pages titled “Mayville Sting 2022 Program” for information regarding this year’s program including expectations, schedules and financial information. Current information will always be posted on our website, [www.mayvillesting.com](http://www.mayvillesting.com). Do not hesitate to contact any of the coaches with any questions you may have.

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# Mayville Sting 2022 Program

Being a member of a traveling softball team is both an honor and a commitment. This document outlines the expectations, schedules and financial information.

## Expectations

1. All team members will show respect to coaches, teammates, parents, helpers, umpires and opposing teams. Foul language, ridicule of other team members, poor sportsmanship, or showing disrespect for property will not be tolerated. A positive team ethic is essential for success.
2. As with any traveling or all-star team, individual playing time is not guaranteed. All team members will play in scrimmages and pool games at tournaments, but may not play in all or any of the bracket games. The most consistent performers will receive the most playing time in the tournaments.
3. Failure to attend practices or games may result in less time on the field.
4. Three forms must be completed for each player: The Player Information form, which includes contact information and birth date. The Medical Information form and the Behavioral Code form. We also must have a copy of each player's Birth Certificate on file for proof of age and a copy of their medical insurance card.
5. We need parent volunteers to help us keep our organization strong. Please sign up to help with these areas: fundraising, team sponsors, grant writing, apparel, hosted tournament planning, hosted tournament concessions and grounds crews.

## Practices and Workouts

6. Winter workouts will begin in January and continue through March. Most of these training sessions will be held in the Mayville Middle School gym when it is available. These sessions will most likely be held on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. The schedule will contain times for individual team workouts as well as combined workouts. Pitchers and catchers will also have some additional workout times.

NOTE: Everyone must cooperate to make this schedule work. Being on time and prepared to start at the assigned time and following the practice schedule will be very important. Not doing so will cost your team workout time meant to improve your skills and increase team confidence.

7. At the practices the coaches will begin assessing the team and determining the positions where the players can perform their best. We will work with each player to find the positions where they are the most comfortable and where they can develop the skills needed to excel.
8. As soon as the weather permits we will move outside to practice on local softball fields when they are available and in playable condition.

9. In April or May we will begin practicing twice a week, once during the week in the evening and once on the weekend.
10. High school softball players may be playing for their school on a summer league team. The high school practices and games take priority and these players will be excused from our practices. If possible we will try to work around the high school practice and game schedules.
11. We encourage 14U and 16U team members to play recreational softball. However, should you play in a recreational league, practices and games for the Sting team will take precedent over practices for the recreational team. If possible we will try to work around the recreational game schedules.
12. Some of our teams may be playing in a summer fastpitch softball league. An additional fee may be required for each player on a team that decides to join this league to cover the league fees.

### Tournaments

13. Our plan is for each team to play in 5 to 7 tournaments. Most of these tournaments will take place in June and July. Our 14U may play in a tournament in May. Some teams may elect to play in a fall tournament. The tournament schedule should be finalized by the end of February. As the tournaments are determined we will post them on the Sting calendar and send out notifications.
14. Players need to be available for all of our tournaments. It is very important that you notify the coaching staff as soon as possible if you know that you will not be able to attend a particular tournament. This is necessary to allow us time to plan for each tournament.
15. Some tournaments will require an overnight stay. Extra expenses will be incurred for these tournaments including hotel rooms and meals.
16. Should any of our teams qualify for a National Finals Tournament, we may decide to attend that tournament. Such a tournament would require additional costs to be borne by the team member's family. The NSA "B" Nationals and the ASA National "A/B" Finals are usually held in neighboring states.

### Fundraisers

17. Fundraisers help pay our expenses and allow us to keep our player fees down. Please sign up to help with many of our fundraising opportunities.
18. We host a tournament each year to raise money for our organization. In 2022 our tournament will be in May (Date TBD). Every family is **required** to help with this tournament especially with manning the concession stands.
19. Sponsorships are the main way we raise funds. A form will be available that can be given to potential sponsors to ask for donations. If you have ties to a local business or organization that would be willing to donate to our group, please approach them for a donation. Our organization is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit group. Every family is required to solicit sponsors. These donations help to defray the player fees.

### Fees

20. The player fee for 2022 is \$350. The tryout fee is used as a down payment on the player fee. The player fee is required to be paid in full in order to hold your spot after you have been asked to join one of our teams. The player fee will not be refunded if you decide not to play for one of our teams. The player fee includes two jerseys with the player's name and number, a pair of softball socks, and a helmet. If you require additional time to pay the player fee, please contact our treasurer and arrangements can be made.

In exchange for your commitment you can expect to receive outstanding training, support and encouragement. Most of all, you will have fun. It is our hope that you will develop relationships that will last for years to come.

The Sting coaching staff would like to say THANK YOU to all of the players and parents for your commitment of time and talent to the Mayville Sting!