

MKE STING TRYOUTS

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DID MKE STING MAKE ANY RETENTION OFFERS FOR 2023 SEASON ?

Our Sting Admin team has decided against making retention offers for the 2022-2023 Club season. We feel these offers do not coincide with the spirit and tradition of our club. We believe every player should have a fair shot come tryout time to show how much they have improved over the summer and the HS season to earn a position on a team. We look forward to seeing that improvement and growth from all players attending tryouts this October and November.

DO WE NEED TO ATTEND BOTH DAYS OF TRYOUTS ?

It is highly recommended to attend both sessions as we will only be offering group offers on day 1 and team offers will be offered on day 2. Our try-out process will go as follows --> On day 1 we will be handing out group offers (you have a spot in the club) and on day 2 we will be making team offers (specific teams). If you cannot make both try-out days please communicate that through info@milwaukeeesting.com before the try-out begins.

WHAT IS A GROUP OFFER ?

On day one of tryouts we will be offering spots in the club by age levels. This will allow players coming back for day two of tryouts to have a better understanding of where they stand with getting an offer for a Sting team. Team offers will be finalized and handed out on day two of tryouts. If you still have questions or need clarification ... Please attend our tune up open house info meetings the week before tryouts and/or contact us through info@milwaukeeesting.com

WHAT AGE DIVISION SHOULD I REGISTER FOR ?

Every player should register for their correct age division based on their DOB. Please use the USA Volleyball Age Definition Chart to reference your correct age division. **IF** a player wants to play in a higher age division based on their current grade in school or skill level, we ask that the family email that request to us at info@milwaukeeesting.com. We will then respond back to their email and make any adjustments needed to their registration. Sting will not waiver players down to play in a younger age group from their current grade.

ARE YOUR STING TEAMS ALREADY PICKED ?

No, our teams are not pre-selected prior to tryouts. Every player must earn their offer to one of our teams by attending tryouts. We do have a high retention offer from year to year due to all the hard work and effort that our returning players put in to improve themselves.

HOW DOES YOUR TRYOUT PROCESS WORK ?

MKE Sting takes a lot of pride in making sure that every player that attends our tryout is evaluated by multiple coaches. Over the course of the two day tryout, players are evaluated in three phases: (1) Position Groups (2) Combined Position Groups (3) 6 vs 6 Competition. All during this time our coaches are evaluating the player's skills,, communication, effort, body language, that ability to make plays and many other intangibles that make up what it take to be a great teammate at MKE Sting.

HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE MADE A STING TEAM ?

After tryouts are completed on Sunday, team offers will be handed out in person at the end of each tryout. Players and parents will then have the opportunity to meet the coaches for the team they are offered and ask any questions they might have about the upcoming season. Players who do not receive an offer will be placed on a depth chart that will be posted online after the tryout. Depth chart players are encouraged be patient and let the tryout process work its way out over the next 12-24 hrs before making any final decisions with another club. You never know what opportunities may pop up.

HOW MANY PLAYERS DO YOU PUT ON A ROSTER?

Our goal is to have 10-11 player rosters. We will NOT have 12 person rosters for the upcoming season.



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MY CHILD PLAYS TWO POSITIONS. HOW SHOULD I ADDRESS THAT IN THE TRYOUT REGISTRATION ?

We ask that players register for tryouts and choose their PRIMARY position. If a player does play multiple positions, they will get the opportunity to switch roles once we are in the 6 vs 6 competition phase of evaluation.

MY CHILD DOES NOT KNOW THEIR POSITION YET. WHAT SHOULD I CHOOSE IN THE TRYOUT REGISTRATION?

You will have the option to choose "not sure" in the tryout registration. We will then help place your child in the correct position group for evaluation before the tryout starts.

HOW MUCH ARE YOUR CLUB DUES ?

Club dues for the upcoming season have not been set. Our costs to provide programming for our athletes could possibly see a small increase of up to 2% is possible. Don't compare pricing to other local region based clubs, compare to the top 20 clubs in the nation that we compete with on a regular basis. Families get great value for their investment at Sting.

WHERE CAN I FIND YOUR COACHING ROSTER?

Our Sting coaching roster will be posted and announced sometime after labor day . We are always looking to improve what we know is the top junior club coaching staff in the Badger Region, so we are still working through the interview and hiring process for the upcoming season.

WE WANT TO TRYOUT FOR STING BUT WE'RE NOT SURE WE ARE READY FOR THAT LEVEL OF PLAY. HOW CAN WE FIND OUT IF IT'S A GOOD FIT ?

The best way to get a feel for what Sting is about is to attend 1 or 2 club tune up sessions the week prior to tryouts. You would also attend one of the Open House Info Meetings during the start of tune-up to learn more about the program and its tradition.

IF MY CHILD HAS A #1 TEAM OFFER AT ANOTHER CLUB HERE IN THE REGION AND A BLACK, WHITE OR SILVER TEAM OFFER AT STING ... WHY SHOULD WE CONSIDER THE STING OFFER OVER THE OTHER ?

We get asked this question every tryout season and the best way we can answer that it comes down to "quality over recognition." We know here at Sting the players on our Black, White and Silver teams benefit from training with and competing against the best talent in the state of Wisconsin. The players on these teams play a competitive tournament schedule where they carry the name and tradition of MKE Sting each time they take the floor. They also get to work with one of the top junior volleyball coaching staffs in the nation. These are factors that should not be taken lightly when deciding what is the best club experience for your child's development.

IF WE ACCEPT AN OFFER FROM STING , WHAT CAN WE EXPECT TO EXPERIENCE WITH THE THE STING CULTURE ?

We believe in our "foundational four" that helps create our family culture at MKE Sting:

1. **Have fun!** That is the reason kids began playing volleyball and we don't ever want our players to lose the fire and excitement.
2. **Always compete!** When you play team sports you have an obligation to your team to compete. When a group of players are working and competing towards a common goal ... that is what makes being a team special.
3. **Don't be afraid to fail!** Failure is part of sports, it's inevitable and it's one of most valuable ways to learn and improve.
4. **We are Family!** When accept your offer with Sting, you become part of our lifelong family customs, relationships and traditions that make MKE Sting one of the top club experiences in the nation.