

MKE STING TRYOUTS

INFORMATION & FAQs



DID STING MAKE ANY RETENTION OFFERS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON?

As we prepare for the upcoming summer tryout season, we want to let our families and athletes know that Milwaukee Sting will not be using retention offers for any age divisions this year. While other clubs may choose to go this route, we believe strongly in maintaining the competitive, inclusive spirit that defines our program. Every player—new or returning—will have an equal opportunity to earn a spot through their performance at tryouts. We're excited to see the talent in the gym and look forward to building our teams based on effort, potential, and commitment.

WHAT IS A CLUB OFFER ?

A club offer is an offer into our club. If you choose to accept our club offer you will then get a chance to earn your team placement in the fall. You will get the chance to earn Gold, Black, White, or Silver. If you still have questions or need clarification ... Please attend one of 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 ?

1. Look where your DOB falls on the USAV Age Definition Chart to find out what age division you should attend for Sting tryouts.
2. If your DOB matches your current grade level, you are good to go!
3. If your DOB shows that you need to try out for a grade level lower than your current grade, then try out for your current grade level.
4. If your DOB shows that you need to try out for a grade level higher than your current grade level, then tryout for the grade level higher.

ARE YOUR STING TEAMS ALREADY PICKED ?

No, our teams are not pre-selected prior to tryouts. Every player must earn their club offer in the summer and then team placement in the fall. We do have a high retention 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 multiple coaches evaluate every player who attends our tryout. Over the course of the one-day tryout, players are evaluated in three phases: (1) Position Groups, (2) Combined Position Groups, and (3) 6 vs 6 Competition. During this time our coaches are evaluating the player's skills, communication, effort, body language, the ability to make plays and many other intangibles that make up what it takes to be a great player and teammate at MKE Sting. Fall Club Offer Tryouts are TBA, depending on if we hit our numbers in the summer tryout process.

Summer Tryout Process: Club offers will be sent out via email after the tryout. You have a spot in our club!

Fall Team Offer Tryout Process - Team offers will be given after a three practices in November. Players will have multiple practices to show off their skills and earn their spot.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOLD-BLACK-WHITE-SILVER TEAMS ?

All our teams will be national teams meaning they will be sent to an end of the year national tournament either through USAV or AAU. All teams will get a fair amount of practice time and tournament dates. All teams of the same age division will also practice at the same time and get exposed to high level competition every time they step into the gym. We strive to train for excellence at all levels.

WHEN WILL WE KNOW IF WE GET A CLUB OFFER FROM STING?

After tryouts are completed, club offers will be emailed out 60-90 minutes after the tryout. Players and parents will then have the opportunity to meet with Sting Admin and ask any questions they might have about the fall tryout process, the upcoming season, etc. 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 to 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. Deadline to accept a summer tryout offer is August 1st.



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HOW MANY PLAYERS DO YOU PUT ON A ROSTER ?

Our teams can have 10-12 player rosters with the goal being 11 in an ideal situation.

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 been set yet. Please don't compare pricing to other local region-based clubs; compare to the top 25 clubs in the nation that we compete with regularly. We make sure that families get great value for their investment at Sting.

WHERE CAN I FIND YOUR COACHING ROSTER ?

We are always looking to improve what we know is the top junior club coaching staff in the Badger Region, and are currently working through the interview and hiring process for the upcoming season. We will work to post a preliminary roster during the summer tryout season to give families an idea of age level coaches, and have a more finalized version in the fall.

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 for players to get a feel for what Sting is about is to attend 1 or a few club tune up sessions the weeks prior to tryouts. Parents can also attend our Open House Info Meeting on Tuesday, July 16th from 7:00-8:30 pm at the MSC.

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

We believe it comes down to "quality over recognition." We know here at Sting the players on all our 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!** This is the reason kids begin playing volleyball and we don't ever want our players to lose their 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 the most valuable ways to learn and improve.
4. **We are Family!** When you accept your offer with Sting, you become part of our lifelong family. Sharing customs, creating relationships and continuing traditions that make MKE Sting one of the top clubs in the nation and a top notch experience for all.