



## SUMMARY LETTER

Welcome to the Sting Fast Pitch Softball Family! Sting is a proud and well-funded softball organization that has been helping young ladies fulfill dreams since 1998. The reason Sting has been very successful for nearly two decades is because of people like you that volunteer. Sting always needs volunteers for key roles and positions. Additionally, if you have a special skill(s) that can help Sting grow; we encourage and welcome your time, talent, and treasured contributions. Please inform your head coach and complete the Volunteer Form if you would like to become a volunteer. WE NEED YOU & THE PLAYERS NEED YOU!

- **Season:** The Sting season runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and concludes on August 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year. Year round, the Sting Organization prides itself based on a code of sportsmanship, superb demeanor, and flawless character. All Sting board members and coaches fully understand this code and are required to adhere to the code. Therefore, each parent/guardian and player is now a member of the Sting Organization and is required to adhere to the same code by reviewing, signing and submitting the Parent/Guardian & Player Code of Conduct Form. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Dues:** Annual dues for the season are as follows:  
\$100.00 Registration

- The registration is used to register players with the Amateur Softball Association, to obtain liability insurance and excess medical insurance. During tryouts, players are given a Player Registration Form to complete. The information provided on this form will assist in registering each player. Your insurance will be the primary source for handling medical issues. As a last resort, the insurance obtained by Sting can be used. Each player is required to have a completed and signed Medical Release Form and a copy of the player's medical insurance must to be provided to the head coach. **Registration is due immediately upon acceptance.**

\$400.00 Sponsorship (**\$350.00 if paid in full by September 1<sup>st</sup>**)

- Sponsorship allows players to be sponsored by a business. Any business that sponsors a Sting Player(s), Team(s), or the Organization receives certain amenities based on the level of sponsorship. Additionally, the business is afforded the opportunity to deduct the sponsorship on their annual tax submission. Obtaining sponsorship from business relieves some financial burden from parents/guardians. The Sponsorship Form can be found on the Sting website at <http://www.vastingfastpitch.com/forms.html>.

**All payments for registration and sponsorship are due by October 1<sup>st</sup>**

- **Uniforms/equipment:** Players will be issued uniforms (pants, jerseys, socks, and belts), a helmet with a face mask, and an equipment bag. It is the player's responsibility to maintain all issued items. Uniforms and equipment will be kept clean at all times and will only be worn only during Sting events. Uniforms will only be worn during games and will never be worn during practices. Helmets and equipment bags will be properly maintained and cared for at all times. Helmets and equipment bags are only to be used during Sting events. At the end of the fall and summer seasons, all uniforms and equipment will be collected, inventoried and inspected by the head coach. Any item found to have been neglected will be replaced by the player. \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Bingo:** Bingo is our primary funding source for each Sting team. Each player is required to have two (2) representatives present at each scheduled bingo session. (Note: Players count as one of the two representatives if they are 14 years of age or older. By Virginia State Law, players under the age of 14 are prohibited from working bingo.) Players over the age of 14 but not older than 18 are required to complete the Minors Release Form. Details regarding bingo can be found on the Bingo Contract or you can speak directly with your head coach. The obligated bingo schedule runs from September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year and concludes on August 31<sup>st</sup> of the next year. The bingo schedule can be found on the Sting website: <http://www.vastingfastpitch.com/bingoschedule.html>. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Winter Conditioning:** Sting participates in a rigorous winter conditioning program typically from the first week of November to the end of February. To ensure your daughter is getting the best training available, Sting will pay half of the total cost. The player will be responsible for the remaining half to ensure the player has an investment in attending the winter conditioning program. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Scholarship:** Unlike other organizations, Sting offers scholarships to players that play consecutive years, graduate as a Sting Player, and attend a college. For additional information please visit the Sting website at <http://www.vastingfastpitch.com/forms.html>.
- **Media Consent:** Social media has consumed everyone because of the convenience it offers in sharing information quickly. However, social media is not private and anything posted to social media sites can be misused. Due to the nature of our sport, Sting requires all players to have a completed and signed Media Consent Form. Videos and Photography are used to promote players. Players that **do not** submit or **decline** the media consent will not be promoted. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- **Required Documents:** The following documents need to be reviewed, completed and returned no later than 5 business days to the head coach once you have accepted an offer to join the organization:
  - Summary Letter
  - Player Registration Form
  - Parent/Guardian/Player Code of Conduct Form
  - Medical Release Form
  - Bingo Contract
  - Minor Form (if over 14 but not older than 18)
  - Media Consent Form
  - Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Skills Form
  - Copy of Player's Medial Insurance
  - Copy of Player's Birth Certificate

Please make sure you make a copy of all the forms listed above for your records.
- **Optional Document:** The Volunteer Form is optional but is greatly desired. We always need volunteers because good ideas come with numbers. The more people that volunteer the stronger the organization will become. Thank you in advance.

Again, welcome to Sting! We are glad you decided to wear the Navy Blue/Vegas Gold Uniform.

Kara Haley  
President,  
Sting Girls Fast Pitch Softball