

2020 - 2021

GIRLS' CLUB SEASON

14s - 10s MADISON UNITED INFORMATION PACKET

Retention Offers & Tryouts ?

Did Madison United use retention offers?
After Covid-19 interrupted season in 2020 we felt that making use of the Badger Region retention offer was the right thing to do for our families. Preparing for 2021 with so much unknown out there, knowing you have a club to call home was a good thing.

So are there spots to tryout for ?
Every season Madison United has players who choose not to return. Reasons vary from families moving to players choosing not to play club volleyball anymore ... and no club should ever expect 100% return with its retention offers. If you want the challenge to play for Madison United, then we will see you at tryouts. The # of spots open per age division are posted on our website. ALL AGE GROUPS HAVE SPOTS AVAILABLE.

Are Madison United teams pre-selected already?
All accepted retention offers are for a spot in the club only. Offers given out at tryouts will be for a spot within the age group in the club, not a specified team. Teams will be selected after a number of practices to start the season. We feel players should be excited for this team selection process. Players now have multiple opportunities to showcase their talents and earn their spot on a team.

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Club Tune Ups

Sunday, Sept. 27	U13#1 1-2:30p
\$35 per player	U13#2 3-4:30p
Register online	U14#1 1-2:30p
Oakstone Rec. Facility	U14#2 3-4:30p
304 Commerce Pkwy	20 PLAYER MAX PER SESSION
Cottage Grove, WI 53527	

Age Divisions Offered

- U10 Girls** - Born 7/1/2010-6/30/2011
- U11 Girls** - Born 7/1/2009-6/30/2010
- U12 Girls** - Born 7/1/2008-6/30/2009
- U13 Girls** - Born 7/1/2007-6/30/2008
- U14 Girls** - Born 7/1/2006-6/30/2007

Tryout Schedule

Saturday, October 3	U10 4 - 5:00p
\$35 tryout fee	U11 2 - 3:30p
Register online	U12 12 - 1:30p
Oakstone Rec. Facility	U13 10-11:30a
304 Commerce Pkwy	U14 8-9:30a
Cottage Grove, WI 53527	

Club Info Meeting

Learn more about the Sting United Madison program from Sting United Madison
Program Director
ALEXIS STEINBACH
Mon. Sept. 27 @ 7p
Click the ZOOM logo to register for the virtual meeting.



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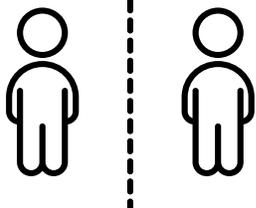


COVID 19 ADJUSTMENTS

Returning to play in a safe a healthy environment!

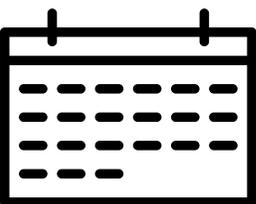
Practice Schedules

To help with promoting physical distancing and spacing in our gym, we will be spreading out our teams' practices this season. We will move some weeknight practices to Sundays, there will be a 30 min transition time in-between practices and we will not schedule two teams to a court this season.



Tournament Schedules

Due to the uncertainty of the upcoming season, we are making the conscious effort to schedule competition that falls in-line with the high level of expectations Sting has for competition and safety protocols. It is important we enter events that are properly run, offer a high level of player safety and will provide a refund if the event is canceled due to covid-19. We may also see a reduction in the number of events we attend due to not as many events offered this season. If that is the case we will work to create other weekend options that allow our teams to play volleyball in a safe and competitive environment.



Club Dues & Payments

We are adjusting our normal club dues fees and payment structure to help protect our families and the club incase of another covid shutdown. First ... we are reducing club fees this season! Second ... 25% of you club fees are committed to the club with the remaining 75% available for a refund based on the number of remaining weeks in the season. And third ... we have extended the length of time to help families spread out payments.



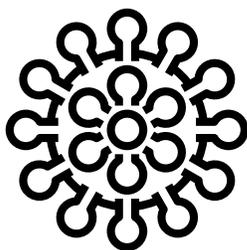
Player Uniform Package

The uncertainty for this upcoming season has also allowed us to modify our normal uniform package requirements. This season players will only be required to purchase a scaled down uniform package. The uniform package will be taken out of the club dues and families will deal directly with our apparel vendor. Extra items needed can be purchased ala carte or carried over from last season. Each uniform package will also include two FriscoMo facemasks.



Covid-19 Protocols

We feel our facility protocols and the support from our families with those protocols have been instrumental in keeping our facilities a safe place to play. So we will continue with the washing of hands, temperature checks, no spectators, daily sanitizing of the building/equipment and wearing face masks. We thank everyone who has helped us continue to provide volleyball activity during this covid-19 era.



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Season information for 10s-14s teams

Program Includes

10 RED

- 1 practice per week
- 2-4 competition weekends
- Dec. - Apr. Season
- Player development focused
- Rosters with min of 10 and max of 11
- Mental toughness & growth mindset training

11 RED

- 1 practice per week
- 6-8 competition weekends
- Dec. - Apr. Season
- Player development focused
- Rosters with min of 10 and max of 11
- Mental toughness & growth mindset training

12 RED

- 2 practices per week
- 7-8 competition weekends
- Dec. - May Season
- Player development focused
- Rosters with min of 10 and max of 11
- Mental toughness & growth mindset training

13 RED/BLACK

- 2 practices per week
- 7-8 competition weekends
- Dec. - May Season
- Player development focused
- Rosters with min of 10 and max of 11
- Mental toughness & growth mindset training

14 RED

- 2 practices per week
- 7-8 competition weekends
- Dec. - May Season
- Player development focused
- Rosters with min of 10 and max of 11
- Mental toughness & growth mindset training

Program Highlights

- **Commitment to a higher level coaching** - Our coaches bring a high level of knowledge, commitment, and care for your children. Our focus continues to be on developing the "player" and the "whole person" by promoting confidence, teamwork, and leadership.
- **STING-LIVE** - The Covid-19 era brings with it restrictions for spectators inside the Milwaukee Sting Center. So Sting will be installing 4K cameras on each court to provide live streaming & video service for our players and families. We plan to have our Sting United teams in multiple competitions hosted at the MSC. Just another major upgrade to the "Sting Difference."
- **Big Sister Little Sister Program** - Each team within the younger age groups will be matched up with a team from the older age group. The coaches and team parent from both teams will work together to create team building opportunities as the older players take on mentorship roles for our younger players to aid in their development.



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Coaching Assignments

10 RED HC - Kelli Richards
10 RED AC - Cathy Sheffield
11 RED HC - Michelle Dahlie
11 RED AC - Allison Clooten
12 RED HC - Cathy Sheffield
12 RED AC - Amy Noelke
13 Coach - Meggan Oeth
13 Coach - Catherine Baldauf
13 Coach - Emily Mickelsen
13 Coach - TBD
14 RED HC - Hannah Chandler
14 RED AC - Jenn Bahler

Uniform Package



All player uniform packages will include:

- 2 or 3 Adidas jerseys
- 1 Adidas hoodie top
- 2 pr of Adidas spandex
- 2 practice t-shirts
- 2 Frisco Mo facemasks
- 1 pr of Adidas volleyball shoes (choose from multiple options)



Cost of player uniform package will depend on which Adidas shoe they choose to purchase and how many jerseys their team is designated to receive.

Financial Information

SCRIP FUNDRAISER

Milwaukee Sting offers Scrip as a fundraising option for our families. Shopping with Scrip retailers is a great way to put money into your Sting account, by shopping for things you already buy regularly (gas, grocery, clothing). For every Gift Card you purchase through scrip a rebate is generated, some times for as little as 1%, sometimes for as much as 12% or more. Of the rebate, families will get 90% credited to your account while Sting will keep 10% for administrative purposes.

PAYMENT PLANS

Sting families have a number of choices for payments plans that they can choose to best fit their needs. Normal payment plans are set up with 4 options after their initial down payment of 25% is made on the player-parent meeting night:

- Pay in Full
- 4 month - Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr
- 6 Month - Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun
- 8 month - Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul

We also offer a fifth option for a "custom" payment program for families that need extra assistance.

All payments can be made by cash, check, credit card or automatic payment withdrawal.

Club Dues for 2020-2021 Season

14 RED	13's	12 RED	11 RED	10 RED
\$1025	\$1025	\$1025	\$900	\$600

In the event of another covid-19 shut-down, future payments will be put on hold until play resumes and anytime lost will be reimbursed based on a weekly basis. 25% of your total club dues is required as your initial down payment and is not-refundable.



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COVID QUESTIONS

WHAT COVID PROTOCOLS HAD MADISON UNITED IMPLEMENTED ?

Since the shutdown in March, Sting has developed a set of covid protocols and cleaning measures for our playing facilities that has allowed us to operate and run a successful summer series and tune-ups. Our protocols include signed waivers, physical distancing, controlled number of people in the facility, washing hands, temperature checks, face masks, disinfection of the gym/equipment and daily facility cleaning. A full list of our protocols can be found on our website. We take our protocols seriously and expects of families to do the same.

ARE PLAYERS AND COACHES REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS?

Yes, we ask everyone that enters any practice facility to properly wear a mask at all times. As mentioned above, we have had great success with our covid protocols and have operated all three of the programs mentioned with players and coaches wearing masks. We also must remain in compliance with state/local/and facility requirements.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A PLAYER OR COACH TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID?

First would be for our staff to determine the timeline of the positive test. Current CDC information states that people are most contagious when symptomatic. We will ask the individual with the positive test to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days and not return to practice until symptom free (following the CDC guidelines). Second, we will then inform the individual's team and any club members they were in contact with about the positive test. If we believe that the player was symptomatic while at practice we will likely shut down any team the individual was in close contact with (inside of 6 feet, 15 minutes or longer). If the player was not symptomatic, we will ask the teams to be hyper-vigilant about symptoms, but allow them to continue if symptom-free. Additionally, any player that is quarantined will receive a dues proration for the period of time they are out. These guidelines are subject to change.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE SEASON IS SHUTDOWN FOR COVID?

The uncertainty that covid era brings makes it impossible to plan with any certainty for the future. But since the shutdown last March we have committed to this statement: "WE WILL DO RIGHT BY OUR FAMILIES!" Last season we were one of the few clubs to offer refunds back to our Sting families for the missed portion of the club season except for the factors below, dues have been built on the hope of a fairly typical season. Should we be forced to delay the start of, interrupt, or end the season early the first 25% of the dues will be non-refundable. Examples:

- If Dues are \$2000, 25% is non-refundable which is \$500,
- If the projected season duration is 30 weeks, the remaining \$1500 = \$50 / week.
- If season is cut short by 10 weeks, player accounts will get \$500 credit
- If the 2020/2021 season is ended prematurely and teams again miss out on their final event we then guarantee to make retention offers for the following season, 2021/2022.



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CLUB SEASON QUESTIONS

CAN I PLAY MULTIPLE SPORTS AND PLAY FOR MADISON UNITED ?

YES, NO PROBLEM! We actually encourage the multi-sport athlete at Sting. Our coaches and admin will always have your back when it comes to school sports. All we ask is that you communicate schedules with your coach early enough for them to plan adjustments. We are being strategic in our practice planning to maximize utilizing the various facilities we have access to!

WHAT CAN MY CHILD EXPECT IN TERMS OF PLAYING TIME?

Sting does not offer any guarantee of playing time to any athlete. Our purpose is to compete and be successful at the highest levels regionally and nationally. While our coaches will do their best to get all team members on the court to get valuable competitive experience, our coaches' priority at tournaments is making decisions that are in the best interest of the team as a whole and its success. Playing time is determined by many factors, including overall skill level, attitude, attendance, respect for coaches and teammates, hustle, and match dynamics. Many coaches will also utilize practice and match statistics to help make playing time decisions. All athletes will have equal opportunity to play, compete, learn, and improve during all practice sessions, assuming their attendance at practices is consistent.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM THE MADISON UNITED PROGRAM?

We have worked hard to establish a successful program in the Madison area. Our success is due to our high level coaching, competitive atmosphere, committed players, and strong relationship with Milwaukee Sting. We are an affordable club that strategically plans competition schedules to be the best for each team. Our 10s-14s will primarily stay in the state of Wisconsin and have a Dec - Apr or May season.

- Badger Region Power League - 13 Red/Black and 14 Red
- Multiple high level competition playing opportunities at the Milwaukee Sting Center
- Consistent communication and transparency
- Commitment to working with your daughter to promote self-confidence, leadership, and teamwork
- When you join the Madison United program you are part of the entire Milwaukee Sting Family!

HOW MANY PLAYERS ARE ON A TEAM?

Madison United prefers team rosters of 10 student-athletes. However with so much uncertainty in the covid future, we have spent the past months preparing and training our coaches for a possible roster scenario of up to 11 players for the 10s-14s age groups. This will not affect our focus on player development and allows us to still create opportunities for competition which is needed for team development.



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TRYOUT QUESTIONS

HOW DO TRYOUTS WORK AND WHAT IS THE PROCESS ?

Players will ARRIVE at Oakstone Recreation for check in 30 min before their tryout time begins. Check-in includes providing us with your name, a copy of your Badger Region membership card, and picking up tryout number. **REMINDER** - No paperwork is needed IF you have pre-registered for tryouts online. Tryouts will breakdown like this: (1) Warm-ups (2) Position groups/skill assessment (3) Combined position groups (4) Competition. Players will then be gathered for a quick debrief followed by sharing of the next steps. Players who have been given an offer for the club will receive an email and/or phone call from the coaches with their offer. Players on the bubble who earn depth chart offers can monitor depth chart movement on Milwaukee Sting website in-case. If there are any declined offers and they could possibly be contacted by Sting before the region acceptance period ends.

WILL I KNOW WHICH TEAM I MADE AFTER TRYOUTS?

No, all offers made the day of tryouts will be for a spot in the club. This is the same as the retention offers that were accepted by returning Sting United players. Teams will be selected after a two week evaluation process to start the season. We feel this is a much better tryout situation for all the players who know have multiple practices to settle-in and earn their role on a team rather than a one day tryout.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO TRYOUTS?

Make sure you walk into the facility that day with (1) Confidence (2) Lots of energy (3) A growth mindset (4) A BIG smile! Players with the exude energy and a positive mindset usually are the ones who tend to perform better in a tryout situation. All pre-registered players DO NOT need to bring paperwork to check in like other clubs in the area. All wavier, medical release and concussion paperwork for Sting United Madison is taken care of online. You only need to bring a printed copy of your USAV Badger Region membership card. Lastly, bring along a water bottle , knee pads, proper attire, court shoes, hand sanitizer and a working comfortable facemask.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY DAUGHTER DOESN'T MAKE A TEAM?

Skills can change significantly from year to year. Not making a team this year doesn't preclude any athlete from trying out for a Madison United team the following year. Similarly, if an athlete chooses to play for a different club they are always able to come tryout the following year and would be welcomed back to the club if they earned a spot.

DO I NEED TO ATTEND CLUB TUNE-UP SESSIONS TO TRYOUT FOR STING?

No you do not. However , our club tune ups sessions are great sneak-peak to the level of competition in our gym. It also give you an early opportunity to be seen by our coaches prior to the tryout.



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