

## ***MEDINA STING TRAVEL BASEBALL PROGRAM***

The purpose of the Medina Sting Travel Baseball Program is to identify and provide an opportunity for talented baseball athletes to compete in a highly competitive league that is governed by local and national youth baseball affiliations. The Sting's current local affiliation is the Cuyahoga Valley Baseball Association (CVBA). CVBA's national affiliation is the American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC).

Annually, the Medina Sting will conduct a fair and age-specific try out evaluation for all players who register for the event. Every effort will be made to seek out evaluators for the annual try-out who have no affiliation with an established Sting team. All players, parents, managers, coaches, and fans of a Sting team will be held to the highest standards of sportsmanship when representing the community of Medina both on and off the playing field.

The Medina Sting Program will seek out the best competition possible to help develop and accelerate a Team's Growth. While a strong emphasis is placed on winning, it is also felt that: A) Player Development, B) Functioning in a Team Environment, and C) Developing Team Unity, are characteristics that will make the Medina Sting successful at baseball and outstanding community representatives as well.

Guidelines for Sting Teams:

- 8 year olds**...20 games maximum, emphasis on fundamentals. Playing winter baseball will be encouraged to get the kids playing together.
- 9 and 10 year olds**....30-35 games played which include league season and tournaments. Continued emphasis on fundamentals. Players with top scores are placed and, depending on the talent in each age group, a second team may be added.
- 11 and 12 year olds**....35-40 games played, 12 year olds may play additional games due to Cooperstown Tourney. Continued emphasis on fundamentals. Players with the top scores are placed and depending on the talent of the age group a second team may be added.
- 13 and 14 year olds**....40-50 games as a minimum based on a league season and Tournaments. Added tournaments at these ages are a positive to help these age groups accelerate their development. If talent pool is there for two teams, then the teams can be formed by positions as well as tryout scores. This will be determined by MYBA and the Sting Coaches.

Playing Time.....There is no set playing time for Sting Players. Playing time will be determined based on performance and the attitude of each player on the Team. Due to the competition the Sting faces, off-season programs taught by professionals are not mandatory but attendance is highly encouraged.

Any questions regarding the Sting program can be directed to Bob Cox, 330-723-4908. Thank you for your interest in the Medina Sting Program!