# San Ramon Valley Girls Athletic League

# **Stompers Travel Ball Program**

# Interested in Playing Summer Travel Softball?

If you love to play softball and can't get enough, or if you want an opportunity to improve your game and play against other good players, we would encourage you to tryout for a spot on one of SRVGAL's Stompers team. It can be a great experience!

### What is the Stompers Program?

In addition to its training and recreational programs, SRVGAL also maintains an active "travel-team" program every year. We provide teams at both the ASA "A" and "B" and "C" levels of competition. At the "A" level we call these teams "Valley Stompers" and at the "B" and "C" levels we call them "Stompers". In most age groups we will field multiple teams. Stompers and Valley Stompers teams are very competitive and require a high level of commitment. Teams are typically formed in all five ASA age group divisions (10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U).

## What are "A" Valley Stompers?

The "Valley Stompers" or "A" Stompers is composed of 12 to 15 of the best players we can attract to play at a nationally competitive level. These players come from all around northern California and tryouts are generally held each year in November/December. These players will play travel softball all year round and do not play in the SRVGAL league.

#### What are "B" Stompers?

The SRVGAL "Stompers" or "B" Stompers teams in each age group are generally composed of the 12 to 15 strongest SRVGAL league players in that age/division group. For those of you familiar to Little League, this would be similar to Little League All-Stars. There is only one "B" team for each age group.

These players are usually selected from the RED and BLUE divisions but WHITE level players are eligible for the tryouts too. Tryout sessions will be held on April 17 for the "B" teams and May 1 for the "C" teams. If you are not sure what level to play at it is encouraged to attend the B tryouts.

#### What are "C" Stompers?

The "C" teams are additional teams in each age group composed of players that don't quite make the "B" teams but are willing and able to compete in the same format during the season. The "C" teams are able to play in C tournaments or B tournaments if

willing. "B" teams are not eligible to play in "C" tournaments. We may have one or more "C" teams.

### When does play start?

All of these teams will begin play on Memorial Day weekend and then resume again after the SRVGAL regular season play has concluded. Stompers teams play in about four to eight weekend ASA (Amateur Softball Association of America) class "B" tournaments on Memorial Day weekend and during June, July and early August. They will play in local tournaments being played in various locations throughout Northern California. Each team may also choose to represent SRVGAL at the Western National Tournament during the first week of August. This choice is up to each individual Head Coach.

#### **Stompers Tryouts**

Tryouts for the 2016 SRVGAL Stompers team will be held on Sunday, April 17 at the San Ramon Valley High School Softball Complex

10B Team at 9:00-11:00 on JV Field(team for players born in 2005 and later)12B Team at 12:00-2:00 on JV Field(team for players born in 2003 and 2004)14B Team at 9:00-11:00 on Varsity Field(team for players born in 2001 and 2002)18B Team at 12:00-2:00 on Varsity Field(team for players born in 1997 and 1998)

All Tryouts for C Teams will be on Sunday May 1 at the San Ramon Valley High School Softball Complex at 3:00.

10C on Freshman Field 12C on JV Field 14C on Varsity Field

## Teams and Coaches

Our hope is to field two or three teams at each age level. This will depend on the number of interested players and availability of qualified coaches. For now the following teams and coaches have been set. Additional teams will be added based on the availability of players and qualified coaches.

2016 SRVGAL Stomper B Teams Head Coaches

10B John Varni	email: <u>k9varni@gmail.com</u>
12B Mike Muniz	email: <u>mikelesh@pacbell.net</u>
14B Greg Aynesworth	email: gregaynesworth@yahoo.com
16B Announcement pending-plar	n on attending the 18B tryouts

18B Marty Amaral

email: darmar5@<u>comcast.net</u>

2016 SRVGAL Stomper C Teams Head Coaches

10C Katelyn Linford	email: kdlpitcher@yahoo.com
12C Tony Stefani	email: aw_stefani@comcast.net
14C Paul Enea	email: paul.ebuilders@gmail.com

Assistant coaches for all teams will be named with the team selection.

#### Time Commitment

Memorial Day weekend will be the first tournament. Additionally, there will be tournaments beginning play at the end of the SRVGAL league season, finishing play the early part of August. Each team will have a different number of tournaments. Each tournament weekend is different but they will typically involve a full day on Saturday with three games and usually a half to full day on Sunday depending on how the team does. Each Sunday is a one and done format. You can plan on almost always having Sunday morning games. Occasionally, you may begin a tournament with a Friday night game. Coaches will want to know what dates the player is <u>not</u> available before the player is selected for a team. Practices are normally two times during the week and once on non-tournament weekends.

#### **Tournament Schedule**

Each Stompers team determines the actual tournament schedule once the teams are formed based upon the availability and playing level of that team.

#### **Participation Costs**

Each Stompers team will split the actual costs of the tournament fees and team expenses equally amount the participants. A team budget will be developed. Obviously, the actual cost will depend on the number of tournaments that the team elects to play in. Any travel expense will be separate and considered personal expenses.

Additionally, each player will be required to purchase a uniform that will be theirs to keep throughout their Stomper career. The actual cost depends on the options of uniforms selected and the number of players and tournaments.

A good first estimate is:

Team expense participation	\$450
Uniform purchase expense	\$300

The uniform purchase could vary widely dependent on uniform options. Many times the uniforms can be worn for multiple years.

#### **Other Information**

The starting line-ups will generally be 9 players plus a Flex in each game. Tournament play does not bat the entire roster the way we do in SRVGAL.

There is NO guaranteed minimum play time in Stompers. This means that you should not expect every player to play in every game. The general practice is that all players should get play time on Saturday during pool play games. On Sunday the line-ups may be more selective than in pool play but the goal is to involve each player as much as possible. All playing time decisions will be made by the Head Coach. Additional questions can be directed to the Head Coach in your age group or to Rich Mendoza the Travel Team Manager at <u>rich@iohli.com</u>

# 2016 Stompers Travel Program Player Information and Commitment Form

Please complete this form and bring the signed form with you to tryouts. Only players with completed and signed forms will be considered in the selection.

#### **Player's Information**

Player's Name:	SRVGAL Division:
Date of Birth:	SRVGAL Team:
Cell Phone:	Favorite Positions:
Email Address:	Best Position:
Parent's Information	
Father's Name:	Mother's Name:
Cell #:	Cell #:
Email Address:	Email Address:

#### **Tournament & Practice Availability**

Teams will not play every weekend listed below but tournament commitments will be made based upon player availability. Please indicate your availability so that the appropriate commitments can be made. Also, please list any dates that you may not be available to play. Also list any recurring days/times or periods of time that you would not be available for practice.

Please indicate the player's availability below: (Not all teams play every weekend, more details provided at tryouts). Please circle your availability.

May 28-30	Yes	No	Maybe/Partial
June 11-12	Yes	No	Maybe/Partial
June 18-19	Yes	No	Maybe/Partial
June 25-26	Yes	No	Maybe/Partial
July 2-3	Yes	No	Maybe/Partial
July 9-10	Yes	No	Maybe/Partial
July 16-17	Yes	No	Maybe/Partial
July 23-24	Yes	No	Maybe/Partial
July 30-31	Yes	No	Maybe/Partial
August 6-7	Yes	No	Maybe/Partial

Availability Commitment by:\_

Signed by Parent