



San Ramon Valley Girls Athletic League

Stompers Travel Ball Program

Interested in Play Summer Travel Softball

If you love to play softball and can't get enough, if you want an opportunity to improve your game and play against other good players, we would encourage you to try out 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" levels of competition. At the "A" level we call these teams "**Valley Stompers**" and at the "B" level 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 typically 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.

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 Sunday, May 2nd at San Ramon Valley High School and the teams will be announced the following week.

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 also represent SRVGAL in our own Devil Mountain Tournament that we host in June of each year. Other tournaments are played in various locations throughout Northern California. Our Stompers teams traditionally represent SRVGAL well at Western National Tournaments during the first week in August of each year.



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Stompers Tryouts *Check the SRVGAL website (www.srvgal.org) to confirm tryout date and times*

- When:** 14U (all Teams) - Sunday, May 2nd from 12:00 to 3:00
12U (all Teams) - Sunday, May 2nd from 3:00 to 6:00
10U (all Teams) - Sunday, May 2nd time to be determined (check the website)

Where: San Ramon Valley High School Softball Fields
Please arrive 20 minutes early to check in and warm-up

Teams and Coaches

Our hope is to field two or three teams at each age level. This is depended on 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.

- 10U Stompers : Coach TBD (team for players born in 1999 and later)
- 12U Stompers : Rob Riccio (team for players born in 1997 or 1998)
- 14U Stompers : Chris Gillespie (team for players born in 1995 and 1996)

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 and usually a half to full day on Sunday depending on how the team does. 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 not available before the player is selected for a team. Practices are normally 2 times during the week and once on-non tournament weekends.

Tournament Schedule

Each Stomper team determines the actual tournament schedule once the teams are formed based upon the availability and playing level of that team. Three tournaments that you can probably count on are:

- May 29-31: Memorial Day Weekend – Probably Livermore or San Carlos
June 19-20: Devil Mountain Tournament, San Ramon/Danville (Our Own Tournament – Friday night game probable)
June 25-27: Oakland ASA Championships in Hayward

Additional tournaments to be determined on a team by team basis



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Participation Costs

Each Stomper team will split the actual costs of tournament fees and team expenses equally among 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. In the past, many teams have been able to cover a portion of their costs with sponsorships and fund raising efforts like running a snack shack at our Devil Mountain Tournament.

Additionally, each player will be required to purchase a uniform that will be theirs to keep throughout their Stomper career (as long as it still fits). 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	\$400
Uniform Purchase Expense	\$250 <small>(see the note below)</small>

Uniform Note: The uniform purchase could vary widely dependent on uniform options like the of uniform sets per player (red set, blue set, white set), shorts or pants or both, other items like sweatshirts, jackets, bat bags, etc.

Other Information

Per ASA rules, the ball that the 10U Stompers will use is the 11" hardball. This ball is smaller than the ball that our 5th/6th grade division is using and harder than the ball our 3rd/4th grade division is using. The 12U and 14U teams will use the 12" hardball.

The rules for 10U allow for continuous live ball play like we have in 5th/6th Red. Stealing home is allowed and all base running is live. Runners on third can come home anytime the ball is live (like on passed balls).

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 that we do in SRVGAL. Substitutions are allowed with one re-entry per player in each game.

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 in bracket play but the goal is to involve each player as much as possible.

Additional questions can be directed to Head Coach in your age group or to the Program Coordinator Joe Callaway at (925) 413-0523 or by email to joe@srvgal.org.



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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 selection.

Player's Information

Player's Name: _____	SRVGAL Division : _____
Date of Birth: _____	SRVGAL Team: _____
Home Phone: _____	Favorite Position: _____
Email Address: _____	Best Position: _____

Parent's Information

Father's Info	Mother's Info
Father's Name: _____	Mother's Name: _____
Cell Number: _____	Cell Number: _____
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 will play every weekend, more details provided at try outs.)

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| ➤ May 29-31: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Partial |
| ➤ June 12-13: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Partial |
| ➤ June 19-20: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Partial (note: Friday night play expected) |
| ➤ June 26-27: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Partial |
| ➤ July 3-4: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Partial |
| ➤ July 10-11: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Partial |
| ➤ July 17-18: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Partial |
| ➤ July 24-25: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Partial |
| ➤ July 31-Aug 1: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Partial |
| ➤ August 2-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe/Partial (ASA "B" Western Nationals) |

Availability Commitment by: _____
Signed by Parent