# STORM TRACKER

# THE STORM SHIELD

The Foundation Of Excellence



Our shield represents the foundation in which our organization was founded. Academics, respect integrity and honesty have always been and will forever be our priority. The four quadrants of the shield represent the first four athletes in our organization. Case, Cort, Sambo and JJ optimized these principles and forever will set the standard for all Storm athletes.

#### STORM TEAMS AND HEAD COACHES

Tropical 8U - Mandi White

Dust 10U - Mark Cayler

Derecho 12U - Samantha Hill

Cyclones – Bruce Broaddus

Lightning – Ted Shuler

Wind - Josh SinghDhillion

Surge - Ron Gehl

Thunder – Courtney Kasson

Fire – Greg Moody

# Practices, Website and Practice Attire

Practices begin March 3<sup>rd</sup> and this time of year brings a variety of weather. When the weather is uncertain and you're wondering if we'll have practice, check our website, www.stormsoftball.org, and look at the "practice status". If practice is cancelled, it will say "cancelled" surrounded by red. If practice is a go, it will say, "play ball" surrounded by green. Make sure your daughter comes prepared for practices. Athletes need to be prepared for practice; this includes temperature appropriate clothing, gloves, cleats, tennis shoes, helmet and bat. Shorts are not allowed at practice unless pre - approved by Buck. Temperatures below 50 degree's, we typically won't practice, but always check the website.

### **Coaches Meeting**

We will be holding a coaches meeting February 17, 2:00 pm at Jay Shideler Elementary School.

We'll be covering a wide range of topics including, but not limited to: Making up a lineup, offensive strategy, defensive strategy, practice participation, getting the best out of every athlete, Storm philosophies and much more.

Our system is not easy to understand and we certainly don't stand idle and hope our athletes succeed. Our coaches are amazing and do great work. If you're interested in becoming a Storm coach or just want to stop by and join the meeting, please feel free.

#### Branson, Missouri

Our organization will once again invade Branson, Missouri and the Stone Castle Hotel for our organizational trip. The tournament will be June 20 – 23. Branson provides a variety of entertainment possibilities, good food, great softball and an everlasting experience for all the athletes. This will be our 6<sup>th</sup> year in Branson and I'm already looking forward to the trip.

This is a stay-n-play (SNP) event and Kristen Swart will be coordinating hotel reservation on behalf of all Storm teams. Last year some families chose to ignore the SNP requirement and this caused me considerable work and explanations. Your daughter may not be eligible to play if you're not registered at a approved hotel. Please stay at the Stone Castle with the rest of the families.



New Storm Mugs!

Storm 30 oz. insulated custom mugs now available.

See ordering information below.

### Helmets

If you're in the market for a new helmet, remember our helmet stipulation goes into effect August 1, 2019. As of that date only predominately navy blue helmets will be permitted while participating in Storm games.

#### Storm Fan Wear

Storm fan wear can only be ordered through storm printing and the process is simple. Go to our website, stormsoftball.org , click on the apparel link, click on the "storm printing" blue words and the Storm apparel order form will appear.

#### Storm Insulated Cups Ordering

We're offering two styles with identical paint schemes, navy blue at the bottom giving way to Storm yellow at the top. Only way to order is to text Buck at 969-5440.

Style 1 – Storm shield on one side and your daughters name on the other side in white or red. Price is \$40 and all proceeds go towards field and equipment.

Style 2 – Storm logo on one side and your daughters name on the other side in white or red. Price is \$40 and all proceeds go towards field and equipment.