

Additional Information

The Brakettes Softball Clinics offer girls an excellent opportunity to improve their softball talents and polish their skills. Registration is limited and girls receive the maximum attention.

Participants must bring their own gloves and shoes. For the offense-hitting sessions, bring a batting glove. You may bring your own bat.

In addition to *Frank DeLuca Hall of Fame Field*, we are using *Short Beach Recreation Complex*, which is one-half mile down the road. After 10 a.m. at the complex, they will be checking for parking stickers. All you have to do is tell the attendant you are attending the Brakettes Softball Clinic to gain free admittance.

In the event of inclement weather, rain dates will be established to complete each session. It will be either the next day or a Saturday morning. We may also use an indoor facility. If a session is postponed, we will call you. If in doubt, call our office (203) 378-7262 or check the Brakettes website, www.brakettes.com.

No refunds will be permitted once a session has been filled or within 10 days of its scheduled start, whichever comes first. However, refunds will be granted if we are unable to complete a session because of inclement weather. **WE DO NOT CALL TO CONFIRM REGISTRATIONS, ONLY IF A SESSION IS FILLED.**

All participants will receive two complimentary GENERAL ADMISSION tickets, good for any Stratford Brakettes doubleheader, except for the July 20 Team USA game.

The refreshment stand and souvenir booth will be open throughout the clinics.



Directions to Short Beach and DeLuca Fields

From New York and Points South:

Take 95 to exit 30 Lordship Boulevard. At bottom of exit continue straight thru traffic light-continuing straight until you can't go anymore (approximately 1-1 1/4 miles, Dunkin Donuts on the left).

TO SHORT BEACH: Take a right at the light, continue straight, the airport will be on your right. At the top of the bend in the road take a left into Short Beach Complex.

TO DELUCA FIELD: Take a left at the light, go straight and DeLuca Field is on the right.

From New Haven and Points North:

Take 95 to exit 31 South Avenue. At bottom of exit take a left, continue straight to traffic light. At light take a right onto Main Street and continue straight. Go through two traffic lights, **DELUCA FIELD** will be just past the lights on your left. For **SHORT BEACH FIELD**, go past DeLuca and continue straight, airport will be on your right. At the top of the bend in the road take a left into Short Beach Complex.

2008 STRATFORD BRAKETTES GAME SCHEDULE

June 6- at Blando, Pa	(2)	7 p.m.
June 7- at Topton, Pa.	(2)	7 p.m.
June 8- at Allentown, Pa.	(2)	7 p.m.
June 12- v. Stratford Seahawks	(2)	7 p.m.
June 13- v. CHSCA All-Stars	(1)	7 p.m.
June 14- v. New Jersey Elite	(2)	7 p.m.
June 15- v. New Jersey Elite	(2)	7 p.m.
June 19- v. CT. Panthers Gold	(2)	7 p.m.
June 20- v. CT. Panthers Gold	(2)	7 p.m.
June 21- v. Outten Trailblazers	(2)	7 p.m.
June 22- v. Outten Trailblazers	(2)	1 p.m.
June 26- v. Stratford Breakers	(2)	7 p.m.
June 27- v. Stratford Seahawks	(2)	7 p.m.
June 28- v. Topton, Pa, VIP	(2)	7 p.m.
June 29- v. CT. Mirage	(2)	6 p.m.
July 5- v. Stratford Seahawks	(2)	7 p.m.
July 6- v. Stratford Seahawks	(2)	6 p.m.
July 10- v. CT. Panthers Gold	(2)	7 p.m.
July 11- v. B.A.T.S.	(2)	7 p.m.
July 12- v. Pennsylvania Spirit	(2)	7 p.m.
July 13- v. Pennsylvania Spirit	(2)	11 a.m.
July 18- v. Stratford Seahawks	(2)	7 p.m.
July 19- v. Lehigh Lady Gators	(2)	7 p.m.
July 20- v. USA Olympic Team	(1)	7:30 p.m.
July 24- v. Polar Crush	(2)	7 p.m.
July 25- v. Stratford Seahawks	(2)	7 p.m.
July 26- v. Stratford Seahawks	(2)	7 p.m.
August 1- v. Stratford Seahawks	(2)	7 p.m.
August 2- v. New York Freedom	(2)	7 p.m.
August 4- v. St. Louis Saints	(2)	7 p.m.
August 5- v. St. Louis Saints	(2)	12 noon
August 7- v. TBA in Buffalo	(2)	TBA
August 8- at ASA National Tournament		TBA
August 9- at ASA National Tournament		TBA
August 10- at ASA National Tournament		TBA

NOTE: Except for the opening weekend, the Stratford Brakettes will be home for the entire 2008 season at Frank DeLuca Hall of Fame Field in Stratford, CT.

2008 BRAKETTES SOFTBALL CLINICS



**Girls: Age 8 thru
High School Seniors**

6 SESSIONS

June 23-24	Beginning Pitching
June 26-27	Beginning Pitching
June 30-July 1	Advanced Pitching
July 3	Catching
July 7-8	Offense/Hitting
July 10-11	Defense/Fielding

At

**Frank DeLuca Hall of Fame Field
and Short Beach Rec Complex
in Stratford, Connecticut**

CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM

Complete this form and mail it to us with your check.
If you have any questions,
please give us a call at (203) 378-7262.

NAME	AGE
ADDRESS	
CITY	
STATE	ZIP
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PHONE	
SCHOOL	GRADE

Check Sessions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | #1 | Beginning Pitching
June 23-24 | \$85.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | #2 | Beginning Pitching
June 26-27 | \$85.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | #3 | Advanced Pitching
June 30-July 1 | \$85.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | #4 | Catching
July 3 | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | #5 | Offense/Hitting
July 7-8 | \$85.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | #6 | Defense/Fielding
July 10-11 | \$85.00 |

Make Checks Payable to:
BRACKETTES SOFTBALL

Mail this form to: Bob Baird
Brakettes Softball
185 Lordship Road
Stratford, CT 06615

Clinic Outline

The Brakettes Softball Clinic is for girls 8-years-old through high school seniors. It will be staged at two sites, *Frank DeLuca Hall of Fame Field* and the *Short Beach Recreation Complex*, within one-half mile of each other in Stratford, CT.

DeLuca Field is the home of the amateur Stratford Brakettes, who have won 28 National ASA titles and three World Championships in their 61-year history. Ten former Brakettes were members of the 2000 and 2004 U.S.Olympic softball teams that captured the gold medal in Sydney, Australia and Athens Greece.

The Brakettes Softball Clinic features two identical beginning pitching sessions (#1 and #2), one advanced pitching session (#3) and catching (#4). Advanced pitching is for those who have previous varsity experience and/or have mastered the basic pitching motion and the body mechanics. Feel free to attend any/all of the pitching sessions. We will start with the fundamentals of pitching, developing a motion and progress through the different grips and spins used in the rise ball, drop and change of pace.

Session #5 deals with all aspects of offense/hitting, and Session #6 covers defense, fielding and throwing. Numerous drills also will be used and situations will be covered. Each session is two days, running from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon, except the one-day catching session.



Clinic Costs

SESSION #1 9:30 a.m.- 12 noon
JUNE 23-24 (Mon./Tues.) \$85.00

(BEGINNING PITCHING)

SESSION #2 9:30 a.m.-12 noon
JUNE 26-27 (Thurs./Fri.) \$85.00

(BEGINNING PITCHING)

SESSION #3 9:30 a.m.-12 noon
JUNE 30-JULY 1 (Mon/Tues) \$85.00

(ADVANCED PITCHING)

SESSION #4 9:30 A.M.-12 noon
JULY 3 (Thurs.) \$50.00

(CATCHING)

NOTE: Pitching and catching sessions will be staged at *Frank DeLuca Hall of Fame Field*. The fee for the pitching session includes a *Dudley Softee* ball which all participants receive. They are excellent for indoor-outdoor use.

SESSION #5 9:30 a.m.-12 noon
JULY 7-8 (Mon./Tues.) \$85.00

(OFFENSE/HITTING)

SESSION #6 9:30 a.m.-12 noon
JULY 10-11 (Thurs./Fri.) \$85.00

(DEFENSE/FIELDING)

NOTE: Sessions #5 and #6 will be staged at the Short Beach Recreation Complex.

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

Attend any 3 sessions- \$15.00 off
Attend any 4 sessions- \$20.00 off
Attend any 5 sessions- \$25.00 off

Brakettes Clinic Staff

The Brakettes are dedicated to being the absolute best in women's fastpitch softball. This statement rings true when speaking of the recruitment of new players, carrying on the team's winning and historic tradition, and in improving the best in instruction to young players and coaches alike.

Official Brakettes' clinics provide the latest in women's fastpitch softball instructional techniques. Clinics are conducted by some of the top NCAA Division 1 softball players from around the county, several former professional league, elite-level stars, and top coaches.

Manager John Stratton has had experience at many ASA Nationals, ISF Women's World Championships, NCAA Regional Championships, and in the National Pro Fastpitch league as well. His accolades include being a former star pitcher on the National Champion Raybestos Cardinals men's fastpitch team, winning six National Championships as Brakettes' manager, two ISF World Championships as a coach for the Brakettes, and appearing in multiple NCAA Regional Championships with Florida Atlantic University.

The Brakettes' staff also includes current Fairfield University Head Coach Julie Brzezinski, former Division 11 All-American baseball player Jay Stratton, and long-time softball clinicians Rich Roessner and Bob Pelle.

In addition to assembling among the finest collections of teachers of the game anywhere, the Brakettes will provide expert analysis on each clinic participant, detailing individual strategies for improvement.

Leslie Malerich

- 2002 College World Series All-American
- Italian National Team (2002-present)
- 2004 Olympian (Athens)
- Played in two ISF World Championships (2002 and 2006)
- Career Florida State Victories Leader (107)
- Dedicated Brakettes Clinician