

## DREAM TEAM PARTICIPATION DETAILS 2019

### Welcome to SEASON 5!!

**Goal:** To provide an opportunity for players of ALL abilities the chance to play baseball with their peer player partners!

**Player/Family Expectations:** The Dream Team (DT) is an actual sports league comprised of 4-5 teams. Being such, it is expected players attend practices and games to the best of their ability. Parents or players are responsible for contacting their coach directly if unable to attend a practice or game. FOR PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, PLAYERS MUST ATTEND AT LEAST ONE PRACTICE.

- Proper Game attire must be worn at each practice/game.
- Prompt arrival time is a MUST! Please make other arrangements with your coach, if needed.

**Dream Team Responsibilities:** To provide training and game day experiences that focus on player development in a fun and positive environment; designed to address the individual needs of all players.

- All players will receive 1 DT jersey and hat (value approximately \$35/player)
- DT will provide generic baseball equipment to share

**Volunteer Needs:** Each team needs a bench coach and additional field assistants. These do not have to commit to the entire season, although it would be better for the players if they could...

**Bench Coach:** Organize players on the bench, prep to get ready to hit

**Field Assistants:** Are on the field to assist with players, coaches to determine placement.

**Team Parent/Liaison:** Assists the coaches with team communication/organizational needs.

**Player Announcer:** Announces each player at bat, assists Guest Umpire.

**What to Expect on Game days:** Game days are super fun with lots of energy and excitement. Please let your coach know if your player needs anything to make their day special and successful for them.

- **Players MUST arrive 30 mins. prior for a proper warm up and to meet their partner**
- For some players this does not work, if this is the case let your coach know.
- Label everything, especially the hats, mitts, & water bottles
- Bring chairs, coolers, sun umbrellas
- Accessible bathrooms are provided
- **NO concession this year**, due to Civic Center regulations

**Game Guidelines:** We do have a set of informal guidelines designed to support instruction and safety for all players. They will be posted on the website soon.

**Equipment:** We have a limited amount of donated baseball gear to share. We do accept donations for the following items: white baseball pants, ball helmets, bike helmets, gloves, Large sports bags, catchers gear; helmet & chest protector only.

**DREAM TEAM FAN CLUB fund raising opportunity:** We have launched a new fund raising effort and invite you to join us! Please see attached form.

- All donors, unless otherwise indicated, will be listed online and on a DT banner.
- **Please watch for a DT bracelet sale, details soon!!**

The Dream Team is a registered 501©3 organization.

**Communication:** All questions, thoughts, suggestions regarding practice/game play should be directed to your coach first.

- Overall operations/Fund Raising: Dayna Ryan, 231-883-5747 Susan Fall, 231-357-8383
- Player Partners: Kris Ruckle, 231-342-5217 Kristen Ryder, 734-674-6264
- Social Media posting: Kristen Ryder, 734-674-6264

**Coaches:** We have the BEST coaches who are knowledgeable, kind, experienced and dedicated!! Please share your support by responding to their requests and assisting when asked.

Coach Erin: TBAISD Special Education teacher, 231-944-8135

Coach Brittney: TBAISD Teacher Assistant, 231-632-4243

Coach Greg: TBAISD social worker and former college ball player, 231-590-4952

Coach Bill: Retired St of Mich Social Worker, 231-463-5378

All game day or event related updates will be posted on our fb page. Please make sure to Like this page to receive up to date information. Each team is also encouraged to set up a group text, please see your coach for details.

**[www.dreamteamtraversecity.com](http://www.dreamteamtraversecity.com)    fb: dreamteamtraversecity**

**2019 schedule is attached.**

**Paperwork Requirements:**

- DT medical history
- DT consent/photo release
- Civic Center release form
- YMCA consent form
- DT player bio form for game day announcer