

Dirt on My Diamonds

TEAM MOM TIPS

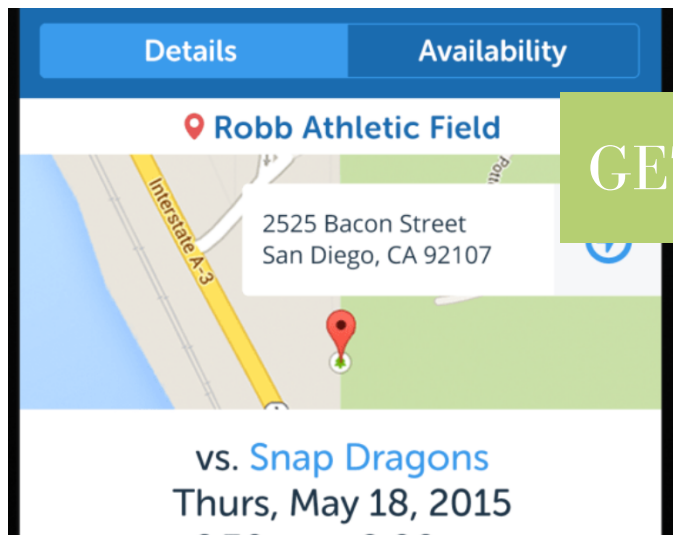


HAVE A TEAM MEETING

Work with the coach to set the tone and clear expectations for the season with a team meeting early on that includes coaches, parents and players. Collect information like emergency #s, allergies, birth certificates and uniform sizes. Have volunteer sign up sheets and a schedule of fundraising events/expectations.

CREATE A GROUP CHAT

Set up a dedicated group chat for team communication and require at least one parent/guardian for each player be in the chat. Maybe you have a rule that if you're not in the chat, you can't pick up your uniform...Want something a little more formal? There are lots of tools to help with communication and scheduling. See below.



GET A SCHEDULING APP

I love the Team Snap app, a one stop shop for team scheduling and coach/parent communication. There are a few different pricing plans depending on how elaborate you want to get, but it's a great tool and there is something for every team budget. Definitely worth a look! Teamsnap.com



FUNDRAISING 101

Just like scrubbing white baseball pants, fundraising is a necessary component of youth sports. Candy, candles, cheesecakes, auctions, dinners...you'll probably do them all! It's a good idea to try and involve the players as much as possible so they can learn the value of money and be part of their team's fundraising success.

Download my free Fundraising 101 guide to see some fun ways to raise money, some with little effort, all while getting the kids involved as well.

TRAVEL TIPS

Team moms often take the lead on travel arrangements and secure hotel room blocks or group tickets to amusement parks and other fun activities while traveling. The earlier you get the travel info from the coach, the better off you'll be. Travel expectations are best set at the initial team meeting (or even earlier at tryouts) and should be made clear by the coaching staff so everyone is on board.



ENJOY THE RIDE

This is a really special time for you and your child. The years pass by quickly and you've been given a wonderful opportunity to be an integral part of your child's baseball journey. Don't forget to enjoy it! And don't be shy about enlisting others to help you when needed so you don't burn out, or begin to feel resentful. Embrace the chaos and have fun!