

Beverage Container Recycling with the Dodgers Foundation

In 2015, LA County Public Works began its partnership with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation (LADF) to host a beverage container recycling challenge among Dodgers Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities little league teams, now known as Dodgers Dreamteam. The Dodgers Dreamteam program is a collaborative effort among LADF and 13 affiliate partners to provide inclusive sports-based youth development programs, services, and resources to support communities and families.

During the 2022 Dodgers Dreamteam season, a beverage container recycling challenge was held for the teams and LA County Public Works staff shared information about the benefits of recycling during LADF Dodgers Dreamteam family events. The challenge was funded by CalRecycle's City/County Payment Program as part of a Dodgers media campaign with iHeartMedia. The yearly challenge incentivizes the teams to recycle as many eligible California Refund Value beverage containers as they can in the hopes of being the team to recycle the most. The winning team is invited to attend a game at Dodger Stadium and have a representative throw out the first pitch before a game.

This year, nine Dodgers Dreamteams recycled over 40,000 pounds of beverage containers and redeemed over \$29,000 of California Refund Value (CRV). The winning team, Sandlot, from Belvedere Park, recycled over 18,000 pounds and redeemed over \$10,000 of CRV. Since its inception, over \$190,000 of CRV has been redeemed during the recycling challenge, which equates to over 3.5 million aluminum cans staying out of landfills. Many participating youths also go on to create recycling programs at their schools when they realize the value of recycling. Through this partnership, new generations become involved and inspired to take charge in saving the environment. For more information on beverage container recycling, visit [CleanLA.com](https://www.CleanLA.com).