



California District 4

Little League – Junior League – Senior League – Challenger

May 15, 2018 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:32pm, UCCE, 75 Santa Barbara Rd., 2nd Floor, Pleasant Hill.

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Don Waddell, Liz Berg, Marco Rosen, Phil Raines, Stephen Mohammed, Carla Moore

League Attendance: Alameda, Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, North/South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, Walnut Creek

District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Thank you for attending and simplifying tonight's process by having me create the Post Season Schedules
- Outgoing Presidents, Thank you for your service to your league and Little League – Albany, Jack Miller 8 years; Pinole Hercules, Valerie Potts – 5 years; Continental, Steve Harris – 3 years; Walnut Creek, Phil Parker - 1 year, personal reasons
- Thank you Richmond Little League for hosting the Urban Initiative Softball Tournament. The teams that participated got to see an Oakland A's No Hitter game. Congratulations!! The A's provided the tickets.
- Thank you everyone who participated in the Challenger's Jamboree. Paul Rosky, North/South Oakland LL for providing the barbecue and helping with the cooking; Antioch LL for cooking and prepping the food for serving; Clayton Valley LL for the Racing Pigs; East County LL for the Home Run Derby. The kids had a great time!

Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

- **Thank You** – the month of May is when you should be saying this to those who have helped your league have a successful season. It is also the time to get volunteers for the Post Season. If you see a dedicated scorekeeper ask them to help, as well as Field Preppers and Snack Bar Workers
- **Communication** – Keep this open and going all season, do not leave anyone out
- **Tournament Meetings – 7pm start, at the UC office, EVERY team is to be represented at these meetings, preferably the managers and coaches**
 - Monday, June 4th – Tournament Directors
 - Tuesday, June 5th – Baseball All Star Managers/Coaches
 - Wednesday, June 6th – Softball TOC and All Star Managers and Coaches
 - Thursday, June 7th – Baseball TOC Managers and Coaches
- North/South Oakland LL Tailgate Party at the Oakland A's – was a great success – Paul Rosky reports
We don't participate in the regular Little League Day instead we have our own on a Friday night. We buy 500-1000 tickets; the A's provide tables and chairs set up in the parking lot. We have dinner catered.
A's sell us the tickets for \$12 we sell them \$10. Covers dinner and the game. We sold 1700 of the 12,800 in attendance.
How we cover the costs of the food – the A's provided team shirts for the season, the money we would have spent on the shirts almost covered the cost of the food.

Alameda Little League will be holding their own Little League Day.

The team that brings in the most money gets to go on the field.

The player that brings on the most money gets to throw the first pitch.

San Francisco Giants could make the same offer.



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LL Baseball ADA, Marco Rosen:

- **Interleague Play** – forms for Little League Baseball have been completed by Walnut Creek and Continental, No other leagues have completed their forms
- **If your league has completed the form in the Data Center contact the other league(s) to complete their half**
- D53 has been given all of D4's league ID numbers
- **Consequences for not completing the Interleague form** – your team(s) will not be eligible for All Stars

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- D53 has completed their half of the Interleague Form, everyone else hasn't
- Rescheduling rained out games – only a few problems due to High Schools use and rain
- Only a few rules problems
- All Stars – I recommend that leagues use the School Form, parents do not need to provide the other proofs of residence
- I took my softball team to San Bernardino, Western Region Headquarters to play in a tournament, the team stayed in the dorms, they had a great time. This is possible for baseball as well.

Safety Officer, Liz Berg:

- **Incident Reports** are coming in; some photos of reports are not complete, Please make sure to get the entire document before emailing.

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- **Challenger Jamboree** – Thank you Paul, Marco and Antioch Little League and Louise for barbecuing, and wrapping the food for serving
- **Heather Farm Park fields** – Thank you Phil and Walnut Creek Little League for making the reservation and paying the rental fee; it is a great place for the Jamboree
- **Umpires** – Thank you Don for taking care of the umpires for the Jamboree games
- **Oakland A's Challenger Day** – will be cancelled. Leagues were to contact Stephen for the tickets. I apologize, I was over zealous in hoping to get this to happen this year. Next year I will do a better job, give more time for leagues/teams to get the information
Comments from some parents: D4 should pay for the tickets
Suggestion: Leagues add to your budget some money to lower the cost of the tickets to the families

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- **Recognize Your Volunteers** – thank them, have a dinner, a picnic
- **Umpires/Training all season** – thank them for going to training and serving the league through the season
- I don't usually hear from the Chief Umpires unless they need something
- **Pins and Certificates** – give these to your umpires to show your appreciation
- **I have a core staff to help support me and your leagues;** I need to fill spaces with people from your leagues.
- I was a league president just like you. I hope you bring your questions and concerns to the district meeting and let Ted know before the meeting so the staff can be prepared with answers.
- **Bullying and Aggressive Behavior towards Jr. Umpires by managers, coaches and parents** – Please protect your youth umpires, speak to the parents



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- **There was NO Game Coordinator overseeing a game with two Jr. Umpires**, fortunately an adult umpire in the stands took on the role
- **Your league needs umpires but even adults do not want to step up to be yelled at**
- Thursday, May 24th – Tournament Umpires Meeting at 7pm; there will be a pre-meeting for the Chief Umpires for the games assigned to the leagues
- There will not be a Post Season Mechanics Clinic

District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Little League now has requirements for District Administrators that were not in place prior to this year
- You have been handed a Check List of things that you/your league should have been completed this year. Next year if you don't do them your league will not participate in TOC.
- Headquarters has mandated the following:
 - a. 5 District meetings per year. D4 holds 8 meetings. Every league must attend 5 District meetings.
 - b. League Charter is to be turned in
 - c. Calendar of Events – league events for the season by the November District meeting. Ted will post weekly on the D4 Facebook page.
 - d. ASAP – it will be due 30 days after D4 makes it available to the District
 - e. Constitution and By-Laws
 - f. Tax Returns – 12 of the 15 leagues submitted these this year. I ask for the copy from two years prior
 - g. Board of Directors
 - h. Budget – 2/3 of the leagues submitted this year
 - i. Bank Statement
 - j. Tournament Hosting form
 - k. TOC and All Star Play form
 - l. Background Checks – the number of teams x 3 is the amount I require each league to submit

You will get this scorecard at each District meeting so you will know what I have.

- Six leagues have signed up All Stars on line. Futures are not registered as All Stars, they will receive pins and a team banner. Next year there will be a \$50 fee to help pay for these.
- All Star Team Affidavit is to be completed on line, the paper form is no longer available. The mapping tool is not available right now.
- All other forms are available on the D4 website. An Excel Spreadsheet is available.
- You have been handed a form for meetings for Post Season and times for June 16th, Affidavit Day.
 - a. Every team **MUST** have a representative (manager, coach, team parent, etc.) at their respective meeting, cards will be handed out to everyone in attendance. The Vice President/Director/Player Agent cannot represent multiple teams. Each team not in attendance will be fined \$50.
 - b. Tournament Director's meeting – **ONLY** Clayton Valley LL is excused due to not hosting games.
- Affidavit Verification Day – Six teams did not show last year
 - a. Team No Show this year - \$150 fine
- \$5 per youth for District Administrator to print their approved documents



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- a. A list has been handed to each league of those youth with approved paperwork on file with the DA.
 - b. Send a list of Names for paperwork required by your league to the DA, he will have them in an envelope at Affidavit Verification Day
- Tournament Locator Form lists where TOC, All Stars, Section, Nor Cal, Western Region and World Series games will be played; some have no idea where they will be played yet
 - Championship Games will be played on Saturdays, If Needed Games will be played on Mondays
 - No Senior Baseball Tournament – North/South Oakland LL wins automatically
 - Senior Softball winner will host the NorCal tournament

At the back of the room there are boxes for each league

- Pins for your league's teams
Baseball All Star, Softball All Star, TOC and Baseball Futures have their own pins
- Line Up Cards – for the games hosted at YOUR Fields!!!! They are NOT for your teams. The cards have been changed from last year. THROW away any previous year's cards!!!!
- Hosts – Championship Games (TOC or All Star) banner is in your box. Section banner is in your box.
- TOC Hosts – you have two extra boxes: trophies for 1st and 2nd. There are 17 for each team. Give them all to the team – extra for Team Parent r Scorekeeper.

Tournament Games – Brackets handed out handed out and what each league signed up for. These were reviewed by all at the meeting.

Next Meetings: all dates, times and place mentioned earlier in the minutes

Post Season Games Assignments for Umpires and Chief Umpires meeting

Post Season Meetings – Tournament Directors, Softball TOC and All Stars, Baseball All Stars and Baseball TOC

Affidavit Verification Day