



California District 4

Little League – Junior League – Intermediate –

Senior League – Challenger

March 19, 2019 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:53 pm, UCCE 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Don Waddell, Liz Berg, Marco Rosen, Steve Harris, Stephen Mohammed, Carla Moore, Phil Raines – absent (family)

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

Assistant District Administrator: Geoff Shiu

- If your league is involved in Interleague play, make sure you have shared contact information. Managers should contact each other the night before their game to make sure the game is still on.
- Rescheduling of games – make sure the umpires are told when a game is canceled and the date of the rescheduled game. When rescheduling make sure there aren't conflicts with other games.
- At this time of the year look/notice people that are doing good jobs for the league ex: (scorekeepers, announcers, grounds keepers, field preppers, snack bar workers, etc.) ask them to help with Post-Season. Get them committed now, don't wait till the season is over.
- Oakland A's Little League games are right around the corner. Contact info is in the newsletter.

Chief Umpire ADA: Don Waddell

- Read the newsletter please - Jr. Umpires – Things to consider when using youth umpires
- Zero Tolerance – negative confrontations with umpires on the field. Adults are role models for youth.
- I will answer any questions you may have – send an email or call. Contact info in the newsletter.
- Umpires - While we hope you use volunteers; the regular season is up to you. Paid umpires during the regular season cannot participate in Post-Season games. Jr. Umpires who are paid during the regular season can work tournament at NO PAY.
- Concussion Training is required by umpires
- Post-Season Game Assignments – each league will be assigned games according to how many teams your league has participating in the tournaments (TOC and All Stars). Start looking for volunteers in your league.
- Challenger Jamboree – Umpire volunteers needed. Can use 30 or more. Easiest umpiring they can do all season.
- Thank you for supporting our clinics. We had a successful Jr. Umpire clinic at Martinez, and Big Field Mechanics at Concord American. Thank you to those leagues that hosted clinics.
- Dick's Sporting Goods donated bags that were given to the Jr. Umpires. Inside they found items donated by Wilson Trophy (flipping coin) and BSN Sports (indicators). Oakland A's donated tickets to be given away in drawing as well as other items. Little League Western Region donated items given away.

DA Ted Boet – Thankyou Don Waddell, Jim Rose and D4 umpire staff for conducting all of the training clinics.

Clinics are standardized so that everyone gets the same understanding of the rules.



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Softball ADA: Phil Raines (not in attendance due to family emergency)

- Ripon Little League – Started Softball Division this year. They have Minor Teams that are in need of games. They are located approximately one hour from here. Phil will send the contact information.
- Airport Little League – Now have a Senior team, they are in need of games. Phil will send the contact information.

Please reach out and help these leagues – it would be greatly appreciated.

District 4 has more softball teams than any other district in Northern California, they look to us for guidance.

Urban Initiative Tournament: April 12th-14th. Richmond Little League will be hosting the games.

Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball ADA: Marco Rosen

- I am reiterating!!!!!! Pitching Affidavits are to be filled out 100% of the time. Form is located on the District 4 website – llcad4.org
Team tonight did not have one and did not know what it is.
If a team does not have one – each pitcher can only throw 20 pitches.
The form is to be given to the scorekeeper so that it can be completed as each pitcher enters the game, then the managers sign after the game.
- Tournament – 8 teams have entered. Opening ceremonies will take place at Foothill Middle School. **Add info from newsletter as to honoring former players and intent behind tournament.**
- Handed out “How to Argue With an Umpire” – explains how to talk with an umpire. Please make copies and give to your managers and coaches. I will send an electronic copy to the leagues.
- Regular Season started last week – I’ve been to 4-5 games. Managers have improved from last year.
- Dick Sporting Goods is a sponsor for the Intermediate tournament, they have donated enough balls for the entire tournament.
- Any needs you may have – contact me/reach out to me. I have been answering calls and emails from managers and presidents.
- Senior Teams – when High school teams finish playing get these boys to form a team we will schedule games.

Little League Baseball ADA: Steve Harris

- No calls so far.
- The last signature for Combined Teams has been received.
- I still need contact info for your managers to put it on the D4 website.

Challenger ADA: Stephen Mohammed

- Teams started playing last weekend. The first games were rained out.
- Rainouts – contact each other to reschedule
- Jamboree is Sunday, April 28th.



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- Thank you to the following leagues for your cash donations for the Jamboree – Alameda, Lafayette, North/South Oakland and Pinole Hercules.
- Thank you to Antioch Little League and Paul Rosky for volunteering to barbecue and Paul for bringing the barbecue.
- Waiting to hear from one more team to finalize the game schedule for the Jamboree.
- Rick Munoz has volunteered to DJ – Thank you
- Oakland A's Challengers Day – please talk to your board about sending your players to the game. There is a direct link for ordering tickets, it will be sent to you. District 4 has put a deposit on 200 seats so that everyone will sit together.

If you have any questions, please contact me

Safety Officer ADA: Liz Berg

- Thank you everyone!
- District 4 is 100% for ASAPs
- All leagues have entered their Registration
- Background Checks – At this time you should have entered at least 30%. Some leagues have entered at least 3 volunteers per team. Little League requires 6 per team, District 4 requires 50% of what Little League requires.

District Administrator, Ted Boet

- Thank you to all 15 leagues for responding to the District Administrator Evaluation from Little League headquarters. The report is in the newsletter.
- **Please contact** me when you need any help or have questions.
- **Registration Data** – great job of getting the kids entered into the Data Center. Not a good job of entering the managers and coaches.
Approximately 6900 kids entered
387 coaches
204 managers
1516 volunteers – 1140 are from Walnut Creek Little League
- **Interleague request submissions** – very few have been completed. You do not need to wait for another league to submit their information before submitting yours. Each league enters their info, it will come to the DA, I will sign off, then it goes to Western Region. 25 combinations for 50/70 have not been completed. Softball is worse. Challengers also need to be completed Pinole Hercules has completed some.
Little League needs this information for insurance and also for All Stars qualification.
- **Rules and By-Laws:**
Rules – Field: ball out of bounds when it reaches the cargo container where there is no fence.
By-Laws: How a player is chosen for All Stars. Game rained out: when the make game will be made up.



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I receive questions from parents – I can answer if your league supplies me with their Rules and By-Laws.

- **Tournament Forms due tonight**, you can still submit by Monday. To enter any teams after Monday the fine will be \$100.
- **Nominations for Volunteer of the Year Award**: please start thinking now about your league's nomination. Awards dinner will be in October, same location.
- **District Pins** – we had a discussion last month, I have a sample for you tonight. Order 150, \$1.40-\$1.60 each, size 1 ½"
- **Waiver** – Pitching Distance Change
Headquarters made a ruling on the change to 42': Denied
They did spend two months researching prior to the decision.
If your league is using the shorter than required distance, I hope you have really good liability insurance.
- **Waiver** – Play a game with only 8 players
Leagues did receive permission. Decision also states that if you play with less than 8 players the game does not count. 12 games are required for a completed season, Exception – Seniors is 10 games.
- **Waiver** – is needed for more than 3 adults on the field. If you want more than 3 adults, you will need a waiver.
Challengers is the only division that is allowed more than 3 adults on the field.
- **League Checklist** (handed out) – items in red need to be fixed by May 1st, except for
Tournament forms that need to be submitted by Monday.
Tax Returns – if yours is missing I want a copy from 2017, not the current year. I can take the 2018 form and will save it for next year.
Bank Statement – November or December of 2018
League Calendar – a calendar of the league events is needed
Thefts – one league had Give Away items stolen on their Opening Day

Any Questions:

Continental LL – Major team lost a player. Waiting List – has a 12-year-old on it. Pull from the Waiting list before moving a player from the Minors. Majors is the only level a 12-year old may play.

Meeting ended at 8:49 pm

Next District Meeting: Tuesday, April 16th at UCCE, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

- 7:00 pm – Dinner
- 7:30 pm - Meeting