



# California District 4

Little League – Junior League – Intermediate –

Senior League – Challenger

April 16, 2019 District 4 Meeting



**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:40 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, Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, North Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, South Oakland

**Assistant District Administrator:** Geoff Shiu

- We had two great tournaments (Urban Initiative Softball and the King of Clubs (Intermediate Baseball)) this past weekend hosted by Richmond Little League, Clayton Valley Little League and Walnut Creek Little League. It is not possible to have these games without your support.
- Scorekeeping was mentioned last month – for you to start looking towards Post Season. For you to 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.
- Batter's Box – handed out a diagram. It is very important it be correct for the season as well as the Post Season. Please share the diagram with those in your league that do the Field Prep. I've been seeing 4'x6' for 50/70 and Junior placed incorrectly, should be mid-point of the Home Plate.
- Softball – Pitcher Mound and Circle also needs to be correct. I've been seeing different distances and sizes.

**Challenger ADA:** Stephen Mohammed

- Jamboree is in 1 ½ weeks - Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Walnut Creek Elks, Lions Club, Mother & Daughters Community Service Org, Northgate Softball Team, Alhambra High School have all committed volunteers. Rick Munoz will be the DJ.
- Need help with preparing food, wrapping it up
- Still looking for donations - \$4200 has been donated, have spent \$9500; if you haven't please do.
- Generators and extension cords – if you have these, we could use them
- Schedule for games has been sent to the leagues
- Umpires – presidents please go to your UIC and let them know we would like to have more, 20 have signed up we could use 20 more. Let them know everyone is safe, no outs.
- Lewis Cup Points (100 points) can be earned – provide an activity for kids to do between games. East County: Hit-a-Thon; Concord American: Sno-Cones; Pinole Hercules has done popcorn previously  
Games start at 9am. We will be feeding 1000-1500 people. A team will be coming from Reno, the manager used to live here in District 4. District Administrator from D35 will be here to see what we do. Come out and see what we do for the kids, how they have so much fun!!
- Parking for the Jamboree will be tight due to other events happening at the park. There will be an equipment drop off site.
- 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.



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## Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball ADA: Marco Rosen

- You'll find information from me in the newsletter. Please READ!
- Walnut Creek Little League/Phil Parker – resurfaced the Intermediate field prior to the tournament. Thank you and Clayton Valley/Joe Knapp for hosting. Great job! We also had umpires from D35.

The tournament was to bring awareness to Teen Suicide. Passed out a mini-poster – please post at your fields. Gave to the presidents ballcaps featuring the B1 logo to help bring awareness to the Jason Foundation and help teen suicide prevention.

- I am still finding illegal bats at games. Get rid of them!!! Make them disappear!!! If something happens you will be liable.
- No Pitching Affidavits – Safety!!! Adhere to the 20-pitch limit per pitcher
- If your league will have a senior team let me know by Friday so that I can get a schedule made with surrounding districts who have teams, so we can meet the 10-game minimum.

## Softball ADA: Phil Raines

- Congratulations Richmond Little League/Mark Torres for a great job hosting the Urban Initiative tournament and your team for winning!
- Interleague forms have been completed, more of them are in the lower divisions. Please go to the Data Center and complete them. Coach Pitch, Kid Pitch and Minors.
- Second Half of the season has started, make sure you are following the new rules.
- Ripon Little League – Thank you Antioch LL, Pittsburg LL and Richmond LL for playing games.
- Senior Softball - District 8: Manager Javier and a team in Fremont need games. (209) 256-3372 – Javier. I'll send the info for the Fremont team.
- Start looking for volunteers NOW for the Post Season, Don't wait till June when they have other commitments made.
- Make-Up Games – You do the rescheduling. I don't know your availability.

DA Ted Boet – Kudos to Richmond Little League's small group of volunteers for doing a great job for the tournament and the Ladies who were managing and coaching the team.

## Chief Umpire ADA: Don Waddell

- Read the newsletter please!!!
- All leagues participating in Post Season provide umpires
- Games will be assigned to leagues
- No to 2 youth umpires covering a game. Must have at least 1 adult with a youth umpire.
- The 17 umpires listed in the newsletter have stepped up. D4 umpire staff are working with them.
- Jamboree - let me know who your volunteer umpires are so I can look for them and assign them to the games. There will be a table set up for them to check in at.

DA Ted Boet – I find it exciting that these people want to umpire and better themselves. I appreciate all the leagues who have people participating in the program.

## Little League Baseball ADA: Steve Harris

- Interleague play (4 leagues) – Issues with coaches not knowing the rules, they are posted on the D4 website



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- Girls Baseball Program – Continental Little League is continuing to play. Pat Noonan with Baseball 4 All – games played through the summer. Went to Nationals last year. Made it to the Championship game. Information is in the newsletter.  
Albany LL President Frank Knowles – my daughter was on the Oaks team. Enjoys it. It is a worthwhile experience – no pressure to perform in front of boys.

## Safety Officer ADA: Liz Berg

- In preparing for the Post Season I am updating the Power Point for “How to Put Together an All Star Binder”.
- Ice packs and First Aid Kits – your teams should have these, and you should have them at your fields. Make sure you have them for your All-Star teams.

## District Administrator, Ted Boet

- It is a law – Report Abuse
- Adult Abuse Awareness Training was required for the manager and coaches in the Urban Initiative tournament. Western Region strongly recommends that all managers and coaches take the training. D4 recommends this year, it will be mandatory next year. Ted – it took me 25 minutes to complete. The link is on the D4 website as of today. You do have to register – No Fee. I will post instructions on how to access.
- Interleague forms – Complete the forms on the Data Center. I will read a list of leagues for each division of play for Softball and Baseball – please confirm or deny you have team(s) playing.
- Report Card/Checklist – Ted handed out to league presidents  
Red marks – Fix by May 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for TOC. Two weeks from tomorrow due by mail or email.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: meetings will be here at the UC office for Post Season play  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tournament Directors: every league hosting games must be represented  
June 4<sup>th</sup> – Softball TOC and All Stars: Every team must be represented  
June 5<sup>th</sup> – Baseball TOC: Every team must be represented  
June 6<sup>th</sup> – Baseball All Stars: Every team must be represented

One league representative CANNOT represent all of their teams. Each team MUST have a representative, preferably the manager.

- TOC schedules are completed:  
All Softball games will be played at one site.  
50/70 and Juniors are played at several sites  
All Major baseball at one site  
All Minor baseball at one site
- Verification Day, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Schedule will be handed out at the May meeting. I will also hand out the lists of all the players who have been verified.
- IID Waiver – (form on D4 website) a player who started in your league who now lives outside your boundaries.
- IVH Waiver - (form on D4 website)
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – soonest you can announce your All Stars



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- Put out an email now to all members in the league telling them what is required for All Star play
- D4 website – Player Affidavit: complete on the computer. Cannot use pen/pencil. It will populate the map with each player as you enter their information.
- All Star play starts June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- TOC play starts June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Link for where to go to get Birth Certificates for those born outside of the United States is located on the Home Page of the D4 website.
- Before the May meeting presidents will receive an email from LL headquarters about voting for the District Administrator. Only presidents can nominate and vote. If you cannot attend the meeting email me who will represent you for the vote. I am willing to be DA again.

**Meeting ended at 8:40 pm**

**Next District Meeting:** Tuesday, May 21st at UCCE, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

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