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California D4 Finances

-February Statement-

Opening Balance	25,636.26
District Dues	7,550.00
Umpire Expenses	-325.52
Congress Travel	-671.29
Congress Refund	1,898.49
World Series Ad	-1,000.00
Bank Fee	-3.00
Ending Balance	33,084.94



Lewis Cup Standings

Alameda	577
Albany	1375
Antioch	1064
Clayton Valley	1048
Concord American	1265
Concord Continental	1282
East County	1320
Lafayette	302
Martinez	908
North Oakland	1289
Pinole Hercules	600
Pittsburg	806
Richmond	810
South Oakland	1183
Walnut Creek	984



2018 Little League® Rules, Regulations, and Policies:

The [2018 Little League Rulebooks](#) are now available for purchase through the [Little League online store](#). The electronic rulebooks will be available on Amazon and iTunes later this month. The [changes and updates](#) for 2018 voted on and approved at the 27th Little League International Congress are available for review at the newly-launched [LittleLeague.org](#).

New Background Checks Provider:

Little League International will soon introduce a new background checks provider, along with information about the process for satisfying regulation 1 (c) 8 and 9 is part of the Child Protection Program.

Leagues and districts that have already completed background checks for the 2018 season using First Advantage will NOT need to re-submit any checks. Leagues and districts will have a **combined total of 125 free background checks for the 2018 season**, regardless whether using First Advantage, Little League's new provider, or both.

Moving forward, the new provider will be Little League International's preferred approved vendor for this service. More information about this new service will be available soon.

Background checks are to be completed on ALL local league volunteers before assuming any duties/responsibilities for the 2018 season.



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Redesigned LittleLeague.org Launched at Congress:

Officially launched at the 27th Little League® International Congress in New Orleans, the redesigned LittleLeague.org offers users a one-stop resource to access information and tools in an improved layout designed for all devices. The site also includes more robust search capabilities, consistent design elements, and a streamlined user experience.

With an emphasis on the user experience, the new LittleLeague.org offers a variety of new features that will help users find what they are looking for, including:

- Articles, videos, and other resources organized by role within the program - Parent, Coach, Umpire, etc.
- Search functionality that covers the full library of Little League content, from Little League University to the Hall of Excellence
- Little League's most-used resources organized into the brand-new "Field Guide"
- Responsive design principles ensure that information is optimized for all screen sizes, from mobile devices to desktops
- Updated fonts, color palettes, formatting, layout, and navigational items

While the overhauled LittleLeague.org has officially launched, Little League continues to improve its presence online by:

- Incorporating the sites of its Regional headquarters
- Improving the Little League Baseball® World Series site
- Enhancing Divisional World Series sites
- Re-launching Little League University
- Integrating an enhanced videos archive and official store

While Little League encourages users to utilize the new website to find the most up-to-date content, the former Little League website is available for a limited time at Archive.LittleLeague.org. Please note, if there is something that you are unable to find on the new website, email support@LittleLeague.org.

As a reminder, because of the transition to the new website, many bookmark pages and shortened URLs may need to be updated on local league webpages.



From ADA Challengers, Stephen Mohammed

Challenger VP'S - our scheduling meeting is set for Sunday March 4th @ the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge. We are meeting at 5:00 thank you.

Saturday, June 9th, Challengers Day at Oakland A's



Little League Baseball

Marco Rosen's e-mail address has been updated to:

marco@llcad4.org

Please make note of this change.



Little League and Senior Softball

Game Scheduling Meeting

Monday, February 26th
6PM till finished

Rules Clinic

Wednesday, March 7th
7PM – 9PM

UCCE – 75 Santa Barbara Rd, 2nd Fl
Pleasant Hill



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Umpire Mechanics Clinic Thank You's!

Thank you to all the leagues who sent students to our Basic Umpire Mechanics Clinic on February 10th - Alameda, Albany, North/South Oakland, Concord American, Pittsburg, Clayton Valley. We hope your student umpires had the chance to improve their skills and get ready for the new season! Thank you to the Board of Directors of Continental Little League for hosting us and for providing water and lunch. Support from local leagues is critical to allowing us to run these clinics.

Upcoming Rules Clinics

Our District 4 Rules Clinics are coming up quickly beginning this week! These are open to all your volunteers - umpires, managers, coaches, parents. Several options to pick from. Please encourage your members to attend one or more:

Rules Clinic - Wednesday, February 21st, 6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Walnut Creek Intermediate School, 2425 Walnut Blvd., Walnut Creek.

Rules Clinic - Wednesday, February 28th, 6:15 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Ellerhorst Elementary School, 3501 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole

Softball Rules Clinic, March 7th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. UC Extension Office, 75 Santa Barbara Road, 2nd Floor, Pleasant Hill

Junior Umpire Clinic
Coming in March

If you have youth umpires in your league they should be attending our upcoming Junior Umpire Clinic. This is a special 6 hour clinic just for the youth umpire, covering what they need to know to be a quality umpire for you. Instruction will be tailored to the youth umpire, both in content and in teaching style.

The clinic is Sunday, March 4th, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Hidden Lakes Park in Martinez, hosted by Martinez LL.

There is no cost to attend!

Students must preregister at:
<https://cad4juniorumpireclinic.eventbrite.com>.

Big Diamond Umpire Clinic

If you are one of the 12 leagues with Teenage Baseball programs, you should be giving your umpires training on how to be an umpire on the larger field size. We are holding a half day clinic that will cover everything your umpires need to know to get started on the Big Diamond. Experienced umpires will benefit from this clinic as well, reinforcing what they already know and changing some of the ways they work today!

Don't shortchange your teenage baseball players by using umpires who are not trained to work the larger field, or who do not know Little League rules. Send you umpires to this clinic-

Sunday, March 25th, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Oakland Caldecott Field, hosted by North/South Oakland Little Leagues.



"Oakland A's Little League Days"

*Sunday, April 22nd vs. Boston Red Sox

*Sunday, May 6th vs. Baltimore Orioles

*Get group tickets ASAP

*Plaza Reserved section for both games have been "Sold Out".

*Discounted Group Seating for 15+ available.

