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## California D4 Finances

-April Statement-

Opening Balance	14,875.21
District Dues	20,570.00
February Dinner	-175.70
Congress Reimbursement	157.42
Challenger Donations	4,500.00
(Albany, Laf., Mtz., Cont., CALL, PHLL)	
Junior Umpire Shirts	-652.75
March Meeting Room	-125.00
Chevron Donation	500.00
Bank Fee	-15.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>39,634.18</b>



From Don Waddell, ADA D4 UIC

**Umpire Registry Now Available to All Volunteer Umpires**

The Little League Umpire Registry is the online place where all Little League volunteer umpires have access to an assortment of training materials, including live webinars. Members of the Registry are also able to purchase a specially-discounted "umpire bundle" of materials from the Little League store, which features printed or electronic rule books and other items. Current resources available to only members of the Umpire Registry are Umpire Field Mechanics manuals and the 2018 Rules Instruction Manual.

The 2018 Umpire Registry is now open for registration; and the Little League Store currently has the umpire bundle available for purchase. We encourage all umpires, youth and adult, regardless of their experience or level of involvement to join the Umpire Registry. You can find the Umpire Registry registration page at <https://www.littleleague.org/umpires/umpire-registry/>

### How to Handle Rule Questions

Every season leagues will bring rule interpretation questions to the District staff, including the District Umpire in Chief for advice. Often these questions involve formal game protests or other conflicts. Here are some guidelines for how best to handle these for your league:

1. Remember that only those who were at the actual game that involved the protest or other conflict know what took place, so when you ask our District staff



## Lewis Cup Standings

Alameda	1162
Albany	1995
Antioch	1458
Clayton Valley	1600
Concord American	1833
Concord Continental	1837
East County	1917
Lafayette	702
Martinez	1603
North Oakland	1938
Pinole Hercules	1218
Pittsburg	1444
Richmond	1482
South Oakland	1937
Walnut Creek	1665



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we will usually condition our response to be generic.

2. You should use the resources within your league first, generally your League Chief Umpire to answer rule questions. This will reinforce their role in your league as the "go to" person not only for rule questions, but also for umpire decision concerns. Each league should have a Protest Committee with the members defined in your league By Laws. Don't be afraid of protests, the rules allow for this process so the players can keep playing and then later, the decisions on the field can be reviewed.

3. Never call the Little League Headquarters or Western Region Headquarters staff directly without contacting the District staff first. Those offices may answer your question, but again they will do so from a very general approach and may do nothing more than read the Rule Book back to you!

4. District staff is here to help you get the call right. Let us help you understand not only the intent of the rule but also its application.

## Leagues Should Plan Now For Tournament Ready Umpires

Soon the tournament season will be here! Each league participating in the Tournament of Champions, International All Stars, and the Future Stars tournaments must provide volunteer umpires. Umpire assignments will be allocated to each league based upon its share of the total number of teams in the tournaments. For example, if the number of teams from one league represents 10% of the total teams in the tournament they will be assigned about 10% of the games. Leagues with

softball entries will be expected to provide softball umpires; baseball only leagues will be provide umpires for baseball tournaments.

Leagues should be identifying umpires their umpires now. The District Umpire in Chief will be requesting names of tournament umpires from the League Chief Umpires in early May. Umpires must meet the following qualifications to be considered as a tournament umpire:

- Be an Board of Directors' approved volunteer with their league.
- Have completed the CDC Heads Up Concussion Awareness training.
- Met the requirements of the local league for umpire training including participation in the League or District umpire mechanics and rules clinics.
- Attend the District 4 Tournament Umpire Rules and Procedures training on Thursday, May 24th. (Location will be determined.)
- Agree to not receive cash compensation as an umpire in any tournament game



### 2018 Tournament

### Mandatory Play Rule

**MANDATORY PLAY 8- to 10-Year Old Division, 9- to 11-Year-Old Division, Little League, Intermediate (50-70) Division, and Junior League:** If a tournament team has thirteen (13) or more eligible players in uniform at a game, then every player on a team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum of one (1) at bat. If a tournament team has twelve (12) or fewer eligible players in uniform at a

game, then every player on a team roster shall participate in each game for a minimum of six (6) consecutive defensive outs and bat at least one (1) time.

a) **Prior to the start of play in the top of the fourth inning (Intermediate/Junior Divisions: fifth inning), the umpire-in-chief or other individual designated by the game Tournament Director in consultation with the official scorekeeper, shall advise both team managers of their obligation to insert all players who have not completed their mandatory play requirement into the line-up as outlined below. A manager's failure/refusal to insert players into the line-up as outlined below shall result in immediate ejection of the manager and removal for the remainder of the International Tournament.**

**1. If a team has 12 or fewer players in uniform at the start of a game, and is:**

a. **Visiting Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the bottom half of the fourth inning (Intermediate/Junior: fifth inning) into a position in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.**



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b. Home Team: Any player(s) who has yet to enter the game to meet the defensive requirement of mandatory play must be inserted prior to the first pitch or play in the top half of the fifth inning (Intermediate/Junior: sixth inning) into a position in the line-up that will ensure all requirements of mandatory play will be satisfied, absent a shortened game, including one at-bat.

2. If a team has 13 or more players in uniform at the start of a game, players must be inserted into the line-up to bat offensively during the:

a. Visiting Team: fourth or fifth inning, or as one of the first three batters in the sixth inning (Intermediate/Junior: fifth or sixth inning, or as one of the first three batters in the seventh inning), that will allow their one at-bat to be satisfied.

b. Home Team: fourth inning or as one of the first three batters in the fifth inning (Intermediate/Junior: fifth inning or as one of the first three batters in sixth inning), that will allow their one at-bat to be satisfied.

b) Managers are solely responsible for ensuring that all players fulfill the requirements of mandatory play, even if notification is not made.

c) There is no exception to this rule unless the game is shortened for any reason. NOTE: A game is not considered shortened if the home team does not complete the offensive half of the sixth or seventh inning (or any extra inning) due to winning the game.

d) Failure to meet the mandatory play requirements in this rule is a basis for protest. If one or more players on a roster do not meet this requirement, and if protested or brought to the Tournament Committee's attention, it shall result (by action of the Tournament Committee) in the removal of the team's manager, without replacement, for the remainder of the International Tournament. Additional penalties (including but not limited to forfeiture of a game, additional mandatory play requirements for players who failed to meet mandatory play, and/or disqualification of the team or coaches from further tournament participation) may be imposed if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee:

1. a manager or coach takes any action that results in making a travesty of the game, causing players to intentionally perform poorly for the purpose of extending or shortening a game, or;

2. a team fails to meet the requirements of this rule more than once during the

International Tournament, which begins

with District play and ends at the World Series level (State level for 8- to 10- and 9- to 11-Year-Old Divisions), or;

3. a manager willfully and knowingly disregards the requirements of this rule.

A manager or coach suspended for any reason is not permitted to be at the game site and must not take any part in the game(s), nor have any communications whatsoever with any persons at the game site. This includes pregame and postgame activities. Violation may result, by action of the Tournament Committee, in further suspension; forfeiture of a game; and/or disqualification of the team, managers, or coaches from further tournament participation.

e) For the purpose of this rule, "six (6) consecutive defensive outs" is defined as: A player enters the field in one of the nine defensive positions when his/her team is on defense and occupies such position while six consecutive outs are made; "bat at least one (1) time" is defined as: A player enters the batter's box with no count and completes that time at bat by being retired or by reaching base safely.



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From Liz Berg, ADA Safety

## Incident Reports

**Injuries** – Please send a copy of the report to me if it is a concussion, broken ??, go to the doctor, physically removed from the field.

**Do not send** a report if it is a scratch, or something just as minor.

Just a quick reminder that the first A's Little League Baseball & Softball Day is less than 3 weeks away on April 22 when the A's face off against the Boston Red Sox!

There are still limited group seating available for teams of 15 or more. If your league or team is looking to get involved, please contact Alissa Persichetti ([apersichetti@athletics.com](mailto:apersichetti@athletics.com) or 510.563.2281) ASAP!

If a team is not attending and individuals would like to attend, the A's still have individual tickets available on [www.athletics.com/littleleague](http://www.athletics.com/littleleague).



From ADA Challengers,  
Stephen Mohammed

Just a reminder to please send in your donation for the Jamboree to Ted Boet, DA. Thank you to the leagues who have sent in their donation.  
Second reminder - Please don't forget about our Challenger Day with the A's on June 9th.

Thank you, Stephen Mohammed DA  
ADA Challengers