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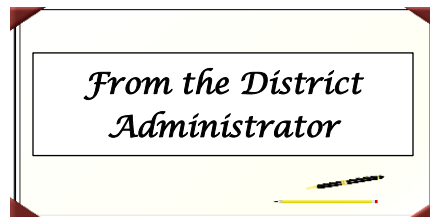
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California D4 Finances

-January Statement-

Opening Balance	20,753.13
Challenger Donation	1000.00
(NOLL/SOLL)	
Volunteer Dinner Donation	2000.00
(NOLL/SOLL)	
Umpire Clinic Luncheon	107.28
Umpire Clinic Room Rental	509.25
Western Region Training	133.18
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	23,000.42



Tournament of Champions

For a league to be able to participate in the 2019 California District 4 Tournament of Champions they must be tournament eligible. Beginning in 2019 there are 15 criteria that must be met in order to be eligible for participation.

As of 2/16/2019 no leagues are currently eligible for inclusion into the tournament.

Here is a breakdown of the California District 4 leagues and the items that are missing for consideration.

1. Charter

All 15 leagues have completed their charter process for 2019

2. League Calendar

Albany, Antioch, Continental, East County, Lafayette Martinez, and Richmond have not provided this information.

3. Board of Directors

Antioch and Lafayette have not provided this information.

4. Constitution

Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Continental, Lafayette, Martinez, North Oakland, Pittsburg, and South Oakland have not provided their current league constitutions.

5. Rules and By Laws

Albany, Antioch, Continental, Lafayette, Martinez, North Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg and South Oakland have not supplied the items for 2019.

6. League Budget

Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Lafayette, Martinez, North Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Richmond and South Oakland have not provided the 2019 budget for the league.

7. Taxes

Albany, Antioch, Continental, Lafayette, Pinole Hercules and Richmond have not provided their 2016 tax return.

8. Bank Statement

Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Continental, Lafayette, Martinez and Richmond have not provided a bank statement from the required months.

9. ASAP

Walnut Creek has not submitted their plan.

10. Registration Data

Alameda, Clayton Valley, Continental and East County have not furnished the information to headquarters.

11. Background Checks

Alameda, Albany, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, North Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond and South Oakland have not



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performed the required background checks for their leagues.

12. Dues

Not due yet

13. Tournament hosting

Not due yet

14. Tournament participation

Not due yet

15. District Meetings

Albany and Pittsburg can only miss one more meeting.

Attendance at 5 of 8 District meetings is required to be eligible.

All the above is due no later than May 1st. Any league not in compliance at that date will be removed from the TOC.



Lewis Cup Standings

Alameda	1625
Albany	702
Antioch	880
Clayton Valley	1319
Concord American	1441
Concord Continental	826
East County	1511
Lafayette	971
Martinez	1344
North Oakland	1211
Pinole Hercules	1384
Pittsburg	1114
Richmond	1125
South Oakland	1190
Walnut Creek	1692



From Liz Berg, ADA Safety

I want to thank the leagues for working so hard to get their ASAPs and registration data into the Data Center. There are only a few leagues left that need to upload registration data. A reminder that all board members, managers, coaches, and league safety officers should be completing the Concussion Awareness training (www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/).



From ADA Little League & Senior League Softball, Phil Raines

Softball Rules Clinic – ALL managers, coaches, and umpires.

Thursday, February 28th, 7pm-9pm, UCCE office, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord



From ADA 50/70/Junior/Senior Baseball, Marco Rosen

Intermediate Baseball:

On Thursday February 7th we conducted our game scheduling meeting for two of the divisions. Intermediate & Junior Baseball. I wanted to thank all leagues that showed up including the following: Alameda, Antioch, Concord American, Clayton Valley, Continental, Martinez, Pinole, Richmond and Walnut Creek. I

would also like to recognize District 57 (not present at meeting) & District 53 for joining our season with their teams and broadening the playing field. We were able to schedule 62 games for the season from 5 leagues in our district and the other teams will be a combination from district 53 & 57.

Intermediate division has agreed to play Continuous batting order through April 14th. Thereafter they will bat 9 in the order. This was discussed in length and decided that this will help managers managing teams for their first time in this division as well as get more playing time for the players. Also new this year we will be having a mid-season tournament for intermediate teams. Please look for future emails coming soon with important information. The dates for this tournament will be held April 12-14.

Junior baseball

Game scheduling meeting was also held same evening as the intermediate meeting on February 7th. The leagues that are participating in interleague are: Antioch, Pinole, Pittsburg, Richmond, Martinez, Concord America, Walnut Creek and Walnut Creek/Continental. With a combined number of ten teams from our district. District 53 joined in with another 8 teams from their district to help form a season of 108 games to be played.

Schedules for both divisions will be on the district 4 website at the end of the month. I am still finalizing the schedules for both divisions with District 53 & 57. I strongly recommend to all league president to fill out the inter league forms that are in the data center. For those teams



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that will have games with another district these leagues MUST fill out the Inter District forms that are in the data center. Rules will be posted on the website as well for inter league games for both divisions of play.

Please remember it is the HOME team that MUST supply umpires for these games. I strongly recommend working with your league chief umpires to qualify the volunteer umpires for these games In these divisions. Umpire schedule will be up soon as well. Still undecided what program we will be using for this. A separate email will go out to presidents and League UIC's for the umpire schedule of games in these divisions.



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Reminder on Umpire Approval and Use of Paid Umpires

All umpires who provide repetitive service to your league must be appointed by the League President and approved by the Board of Directors by vote at a board meeting. The process must include the individual completing a Volunteer Application and having a nationwide criminal background check performed. Approval is not transferable from League to League, so make sure those umpires from other leagues are approved. Umpires assigned from an association, even if paid must also go through the approval process. Do not rely upon the assignor telling you he performed the background check. We recommend you have a written contract with the assignor, laying out game rate, payment methods, etc. If you choose

to hire umpires, this is a business relationship and should be handled as such.

If you are paying umpires, we suggest your Board address issues related to employment, taxation and insurance. In California, recent labor law court rulings have changed the independent contractor tests. If an individual who performs umpire duties is under control of the League which dictates and provides uniforms, location and time of work, specific training on local conditions, and is subject to suspension by the Board may be considered an employee. While youth sports officials may be exempt from workman's compensation, being an employee subjects the league to wage schedule concerns such as allowable hours, overtime, work permits for youth, etc. Also, IRS Rules might require tax withholding and other payments. Even if deemed to be Independent Contractors you may have 1099 payment reporting requirements. We recommend your Board get advice from your league CPA or others. Remember that Little League accident and general liability insurance is for volunteers, not employees.

Upcoming Big Diamond Umpire Mechanics Clinic

Is your league operating an Intermediate, Junior or Senior Baseball Program? If so, your umpires need to be trained on the special skills needed to be an effective umpire in these leagues. We are holding a special clinic to train those umpires! Sunday, March 10th, 9:00 - 1:00 Mt. Diablo High School Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/district-4-little-league-big-diamond-umpire-mechanics-clinic-3102019-registration-54054197560>

Thanks for Help with Recent Umpire Clinics

Thank you to the following leagues and their Boards of Directors for assistance in hosting recent umpire clinics - Lafayette Little League for planning to host our Mechanics Clinic on February 10th and thanks to Concord American Little League for helping arrange an indoor facility and assisting with lunch when the clinic was moved to Mt. Diablo High School gymnasium. Martinez Little League for hosting the Junior Umpire Clinic on February 24th.

Questions on Helmet Attachments

With the season approaching, we are sure to see many players with helmets that have been modified through the addition of a jaw guard, faceguard, or stickers. Some of these modifications may not void the NOCSAE certification, some may. For the latest information, please refer to the Little League information on helmet modifications at <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/modifying-helmets-with-additional-attachments/>

Breakaway Bases

Every field used for any game in Baseball and Softball at all levels from T Ball to Senior must be equipped with bases that will disengage from their anchor. If you are using fields that are controlled by others such as high school or city recreation programs, please ensure that the bases used meet this requirement. The best way is to have your own set of League supplied bases for that field that will fit the anchors. There are several brands with adaptable base posts. Talk to your equipment supplier to find the proper bases.



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From ADA Challengers,
Stephen Mohammed

We're having our meeting this Saturday, February 23rd, 4pm at Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Drive.

We will be going over the tentative schedules for the upcoming season. Would you please make sure that someone is there to represent your team if the VP cannot make it to the meeting?

Challenger Day with the Oakland A's

Saturday, June 15th. Open to all of the Northern California Little Leagues. I am hoping to have more kids this year representing District 4. We had almost 200 kids and parents attend last year.



Little League Days with the Oakland A's and Giants

A's games

Sunday, March 31st v Angels, 1:07pm
Friday, May 10th v Indians, 6:37pm
Sunday, June 16th v Mariners, 1:07pm

Giants games

Sunday, April 7th v Rays, 1:05pm
Sunday, April 14th v Rockies, 1:05pm
Sunday, May 12th v Reds, 1:05pm