



California District 4

Little League – Junior League – Intermediate –

Senior League – Challenger

February 20, 2020 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 pm, UCCE 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Liz Berg, Steve Harris, Marco Rosen, Phil Raines, Stephen Mohammed, Grayson Lawrence, Paul Rosky, Carla Moore

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

Assistant District Administrator: Geoff Shiu

- **Promoting for Volunteers in your league** – The president and B.O.D. does 90% of the work. Spread it out, let others help. Let them see what it takes to run a league. Get a core group of volunteers. It can be easier to do it yourself, but let others help. They will see where the money goes.
- **Reminder** – Managers, Coaches, and Umpires must be appointed by the President before the Board can approve. Problem person does not need to be appointed; the Board cannot approve anyone not appointed by the president.

Safety Officer ADA: Liz Berg

- Thanks everyone for working hard to get the ASAPs submitted. Waiting on Clayton Valley to enter their Registration.
- Background Checks completed (see the chart in the newsletter) – The total is really low since your teams are practicing now. A lot more should have been completed by now. JDP is easier this year.
Alameda LL created a spread sheet last year to refer to this year.
CA LL – Liz keeps a running list of those entered into JDP so she can check to make sure they are have completed and are ok. Also tracking Concussion & Abuse Awareness training
- Ted - 21 districts in Western Region have no ASAPs completed. There are 123 districts in the Western Region.

Little League Baseball ADA: Steve Harris

- **New Programs from Little League** – see the newsletter
- **Travel Ball** – will allow each league to have one team. It will give players additional play within the district. Handout with the information given out by Steve to those in attendance.
 - a. Two Divisions: 8-9-10 and
 - b. Games – Play on Sunday. 5 games, possible Championship
 - c. District run league – Steve Harris will administer
 - d. Higher competition
 - e. Will be played during the season. Start on 1st or 2nd week of April till the end of May. Finish before leagues Post Season play.
 - f. Pitch Count - applies to the regular season. There will be a 20-pitch limit for every player who pitches on Sunday.
 - g. You can have an All Star Team all season long or All Star material playing to improve.
 - h. Cost - \$250 per team. This will cover the Charter Fee, League Fee, ASAP Plan (has to incorporate all of the fields of the leagues that are participating), paperwork
 - i. Jerseys – anything goes. They can wear their regular season jersey. MUST have the LL patch.
 - j. Players – only those that are registered. We do not have to re-register the players.



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- k. Managers and Coaches –will have to do Background Checks for District 4.
- **Sandlot Sundays** – T-Ball, Softball and Baseball
 - a. Players – Any child that lives within your league's boundaries is eligible. They do not have to registered in your league.
 - b. Teams – the kids pick the teams.
 - c. No Adults/Parents – exception: one to oversee the game.
 - d. Informal Fall Ball of the Future
 - e. Age Groups – any you choose, can be different each weekend. However your league wants to set it up.
 - f. Uniforms – None. Must use the proper Safety Equipment.
- **Interleague** – Pittsburg and Richmond still need games. Antioch Little League has some open dates. Complete the Interleague form in the Data Center.

Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball ADA: Marco Rosen

- **Interleague Intermediate and Junior Leagues** – Complete the Interleague form in the Data Center. List all leagues you play with.
- **Emails sent** – to league reps about the Substitution Waiver for the new rule. Please submit a waiver for your league. This will allow for kids to have more play time, starters and substitutes will not be married.
- **Strong turn out** – for the Scheduling Meeting. Thank you everyone
- **Mandatory Rules Meeting** – Tuesday, February 25th, 7-9pm, UCCE 2380 Bisso Lane
- **King of Clubs Tournament** - April 17-19, \$250 Fee per team, Open to eight teams, players will receive a pin and t-shirt. Four teams have committed. Continuous Batting Order will be used. Once I know what fields will used the schedule will me made and sent to the teams.
- **Senior League** – once the high school's season has finished we can start playing. Leagues start working on registering players. You can create rosters now and we can get a schedule created so the teams can start play immediately following the high school season.

Softball ADA: Phil Raines

- Interleague Scheduling Meeting - Sunday, February 23rd, 9am till finished. All leagues have been reminded, a few other districts participating too.
- Softball Rules Clinic - Tuesday, March 3rd, 7pm here at the UCCE office. Managers and Coaches are to attend. Umpires are welcome.
- Need contact info for all managers: phone, email, team name
- Little League Softball World Series to be held in Greenville, North Carolina. Greenville LL was chartered in 1951. 2-hour drive from Raleigh, NC; 2-hour drive from Norfolk, VA. Mark Oda will be an umpire representing District 4 and Pinole-Hercules Little League
- Urban Initiative Softball Tournament – hosted by Mark Torres and Richmond Little League. April 24th-26th.

Challenger ADA: Stephen Mohammed

- **Scheduling meeting** – Saturday, March 7th at Walnut Creek Elk's Lodge. Please have a rep at the meeting.
- **Jamboree** – Sunday, April 26th, Heather Farm
- **Donations** – are much appreciated! Please send to Ted Boet
- **Number of teams** – are down this year. There are 17-18 teams. CALL, ALL and Pittsburg do not have teams.
- **Oakland A's** - will not be doing a Challenger Day this year.



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Chief Umpire ADA: Don Waddell's report by Geoff Shiu

- Other items are covered in the newsletter – Clinics, Helmet and Chest Protector NOCSAE information; Breakaway Bases; Batter's Helmet Safety handout.
- Umpires paid or volunteer MUST complete the Concussion Awareness Training. It is recommended they complete the Abuse Awareness/Mandated Reporter Training.
- Umpires – New Law, Pay and not part of an Umpire Association are not independent contractors, they work for your league.
- Paid Junior Umpires MUST have a Work Permit from their school. They are allowed to work only so many hours per week.

Volunteer Coordinator ADA: Grayson Lawrence

- **Senior League Baseball Western Region Volunteers** flyer – Asking for help starting now. There will be more details to come. I will send a digital copy of the flyer to the leagues.
 - A. Team Ambassadors** – they are the point of contact for the team – restaurants, fun, etc.
 - B. Teams** - As many as 13 teams. Most likely nine will participate plus a team from District 4. Alaska, Idaho and Utah don't usually participate.
- **Volunteer of the Year** – There is an on-line form, I will send the link. We are asking for each league to submit a name and story of why they are your league's Volunteer of the Year. Please also submit to headquarters for the National Volunteer of the Year Award. Cut & Paste what you submit to District 4 to the form for headquarters. Due by May 31st.
CA District 12 had the National Volunteer of the Year last year.
 - A. Mom of the Year Award**
 - B. Good Sport of the Year Award**
 - C. They all win a paid trip to Williamsport.**

Western Region Tournament Chairman ADA: Paul Rosky

- **Hotels** – are set for the teams and umpires.
- **Fundraising** – we are actively fundraising for \$35,000 – \$50,000. Largest expenses are - housing and two meals for twelve umpires, provide two meals for the teams. If you know anyone or a company who would like to donate, please send the information to me.
- **Laney College** – all turf field, no volunteers for field prep are needed.
- **Food Trucks** – instead of Food Booth, no volunteers needed.
- **Snacks concessions** – Sodas, water, candy, granola bars, chips, cookies. Will need volunteers.

Come volunteer and see some great baseball games.

Coaching Clinic hosted by North/South Oakland – “**Double Goal Coach**” – see the handout attached to the newsletter

Arm Safety Clinic (Pitching) – put on Kaiser, Wednesday, March 4th, 7pm at the Sports Basement in Berkeley. Doctors and Sports Therapists will be there. No Charge. Learn the difference between pain & injury.



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- **T-Mobile Homerun Contest** – leagues participating: Continental, East County and Richmond. Winners go to Williamsport.
- **T-Mobile Call Up Grant** – any player in your league on Free or Reduced School Lunch program, SNAP or State Assistance can receive \$125 for registration.
 - A. If the family has paid the league the family will be reimbursed \$125
 - B. If the family has not paid the league T-Mobile will send the payment to the league.
 - C. Ted will send the link to the leagues to post.
- **League Scorecards/Items Due** - were handed out
- **Teams in District** – Softball up one team; Baseball is down; District is down 6 teams from last year. Information from the Data Center.
- **DA/ADA Training in LA.:**

The following items are possible changes for Post Season play:

 - a. Slight change to the Mandatory Play Rule for All Stars
 - b. Batter reaches base must run the bases.
 - c. Can intentionally walk, no matter when in the pitch count
 - d. Softball – Intentional walk added
 - e. Players eligible for All Stars based on Age not Division played in.
 - f. Eligible to play on more than one All Star team once the first team has been eliminated.

LL is trying to encourage players to play more, give them more opportunities to play

The following items are possible changes for Next Year Regular Season play:

- a. King of Clubs games do not count towards All Stars (next year will)
 - b. LL will allow a time limit on all games. Minimum 1 hour 45 minutes (next year)
- **Pitching Distance** –

I am actively asking for leagues to be able to use a shorter pitching distance for the younger players.

 - a. Please do not pitch shorter than 46'. Your league Board will be responsible for injuries incurred.
 - b. There are other Districts besides us asking for the shorter distance.
 - c. Softball Pitching Distance – District 4 was the test area for the 35' for Minors. It then became the rule.
 - d. In 1039 the distance for Baseball was 38', it later became 46'.
 - **Next Month** – Dues and two tournament forms are DUE.
 - **Scrimmages** – Must complete the form in the Data Center

Meeting ended at 8:10 pm

Next District Meeting: Tuesday, March 17th at UCCE, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

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