



# California District 4

Little League – Junior League – Intermediate –

Senior League – Challenger

February 16, 2021 District 4 Meeting



**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:05 pm, via Zoom

**Staff Attendance:** Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Don Waddell, Liz Berg, Steve Harris, Phil Raines, Grayson Lawrence, Jim Rose

**League Attendance:** Albany, Alameda, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek

**District 4 Administrator:** Ted Boet

- **Covid 19 Numbers:** Both Contra Costa and Alameda Counties remain above the threshold need for baseball to begin. Contra Costa still is registering 21 cases per 100,000 and a positivity rate of 4.2%. Alameda County was at 12.6 cases per 100,000 and a positivity rate of 5.9%. At the current reduction of the virus it is hoped that play could begin near the end of March or Sometime in April.
- District 4 is experiencing the same level of drop off from our last played season (2019) as the rest of California. The entire Western Region has experienced a decrease of 20% while California 4 and the entire state is down by 28% from 2019.
- **2021 Tournaments**  
District 4 is hoping to be able to have a truncated Tournament of Champions.  
If allowed there will be only Major Baseball and Major Softball. Leagues will be allowed to participate if they meet all requirements of the District.  
All Star competition will be held at all levels if allowed by the state. There will be no Future Stars tournament in 2021.
- The current California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guideline for youth sports are as follows:
  - Stable cohorts may work out.
  - Players and coaches are limited to one team.
  - There are no tournaments or games currently allowed.
  - Once games are allowed, teams can play other teams in their county or an adjacent county.
- All leagues have started registration for the 2021 season.
- Lafayette and Walnut Creek have conducted player evaluations and selected teams.
- Alameda will be using teams selected last season as much as possible in 2021.
- Clayton Valley will be using their cohort groups to evaluate players for the current season.
- Leagues (Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental and Walnut Creek) using fields within the Mt. Diablo Unified School District have not been given permission to return to the fields. The same is true for Albany, Pittsburg and Pinole Hercules.

**Safety Officer ADA,** Liz Berg

- All leagues have uploaded plans with the exception of Albany, Continental, Lafayette, and Pinole Hercules
- Once plans are submitted, and registration data is sent they will be fully approved.
- Background checks must be conducted on all adults who have repetitive contact with players.



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## Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu

- Pinole High School is looking to April for games and looking to get on the school fields by then. This may affect the usage of Pinole Hercules league.
- The local league board cannot be made up of more than 50% of coaches and managers.
- League Presidents are the sole person who can appoint managers and coaches. Once appointed they are approved or denied by the Board of Directors.

## Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell

- Encourage leagues to have your current Chief Umpire listed in the data center so I may contact them in regard to available training in 2021.
- The Western Region is hosting a in person umpire clinic in Las Vegas this weekend.
- CA D4 will not be offering any in person training in 2021.
- Plate umpires may work behind the pitcher in 2021 instead of working behind the catcher.
- Please follow all safety protocols that are recommended by the CDPH and the CDC.
- Feel free to contact Don and the CA D4 umpire staff to arrange any possible umpire training for 2021.
- We are working on a virtual online mechanics clinic.

## Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball ADA, Steve Harris

- Please have your teenage baseball coordinator contact me so I can set up a time to meet virtually with everyone. Cooperation will be at a premium this year in order to get a season up and running.

## Softball ADA, Phil Raines

- I will be contacting all leagues who plan to participate in softball in 2021.

## Training Coordinator, Jim Rose

- Headquarters is hosting virtual rules clinics online. There are 9 clinics beginning this coming Sunday and will continue for the next 9 weeks. You can find more information in the current
- newsletter. In order to attend any of the online clinics you must be registered with the umpire registry through headquarters.
- **Rules Training** – CA D4 will offer an online set of classes with a date to be determined.
- Manager and coaches clinics for TOC and All Stars will be virtual in 2021.

## Volunteer Coordinator, Grayson Lawrence

- A feeling of optimism is certainly in the air.
- We ask each league to submit a volunteer of the year winner so we may recognize them. The league winners should be submitted by May 31, 2021.
- The District will choose a District winner from all leagues submissions. In turn the District winner will be submitted for the national award.



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**Senior Baseball Western Region Tournament Coordinator**, Paul Rosky

- **2021 Tournament:** Not certain if there will be a tournament in 2021. Current state restatations would not make it possible as well as possible travel restrictions across the Western Region.
- It may be possible to use Evans field at Cal Berkeley for the tournament if it is held. Although logistically the tournament would be easier to host at Laney.

**District Administrator**, Ted Boet

- **Virtual Fund Raiser** – Sports Connect is setting up a virtual fund raiser for 2021. Any chartered league may participate. Jake has sent the link to all.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:32pm

**Next District Meeting:** Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, via Zoom – Ted will send the link