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## California D4 Finances

### March - April Balance

Beginning Balance	36,552.70
Zoom Expense	75.15
CA D4 Storage Unit (till October)	1635.00
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	34,839.55



## From Jim Rose – Training Coordinator

We have concluded our three, ninety-minute rules clinics for baseball and our two-hour softball rules clinic. Each was presented on Zoom, had many participants from most leagues, and were open to question and answers. The clinics are PowerPoint presentations that cover new rules, playing rules, and safety and equipment concerns, and have various rules scenarios highlighted with videos. These were recorded and You Tube links to them are available on the D4 Umpire Resource page - click link: [CA D4 LL Training Resources](#). League presidents and UICs can encourage their managers, umpires, coaches, players, and parents to view them to get a better understanding of Little League rules.



## From ADA Challengers, Stephen Mohammed

Hello everyone, I hope your all doing well. I'd like to thank all of you whom have reached out to me with your prayers and well wishes. As of right now, only Alameda, Albany, Pinole Hercules, and Walnut Creek have requested to play games this season. The other leagues have decided to not play this season. Hopefully, the few leagues can play some games this season. We're waiting to see if we can get some games scheduled by the end of April. Thank you, Stephen



## From Geoff Shiu, ADA

Thank You Little League Volunteers for your hard work getting your local league out of hibernation and players on your fields.

## Some reminders as we move forward.....

1. Covid Protocols are the responsibility of local leagues' board of directors. The host league is responsible to ensure the entire membership is aware of their Covid Protocols and they are available in the League's Safety Plan.
2. A team manager is responsible for all team members following host league's Covid Protocols.
3. Umpires are to follow host league's Covid Protocols.
4. Host league (not the managers or umpires) is responsible to ensure their local league's Covid Protocols are followed by Spectators.

With many baseball and softball organizations searching for fields to play their games and



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many organizations are asking to share field usage. If a Chartered Little League has a Lease Agreement with the city, school district, etc., it is very important the board review their Lease Agreement before they allow other organizations to share field usage. Allowing another organization to use fields not permitted in your Lease Agreement may terminate your Lease Agreement, Insurance, etc. The local league could also be held liable on legal matters.

states that in addition to the Concussion and Abuse Awareness training, league volunteers must also complete the Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) training. The volunteers required to complete this additional training includes, but are not limited to, coaches, safety parents, umpires, and league administrators.

- certification, and participated in league specific or District 4 umpire training.
- 4. Umpires must be properly uniformed for the games, including umpire shirt, District 4 cap, and pants.
- 5. Umpires must agree to not receive any compensation for games in the post season tournaments.

A link for the Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) training has been added on the forms page below the Concussion Training.

**League Chief Umpires will be asked to nominate tournament umpires in early May.**



From Liz Berg, ADA Safety



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Thanks to everyone for their continued efforts in keeping our players safe. It was a difficult season to start, but we are all making it happen and the kids are thriving!! Please remember to adhere to all the safety rules.

## Tournament Umpires

Soon the tournament season will be here! Leagues should be working to identify and prepare their umpires who they plan to use in the postseason. Each league that participates in All Stars or TOC will be expected to provide their fair share of umpires based upon their share of total number of teams. Leagues will be expected to provide umpires for softball as well if they have teams in those divisions.

## How to Handle Rules Questions

We often receive questions directly from parents, managers and even umpires about rule interpretations. These are most usually the result of something that happened in a recent game. While we are happy to respond regarding specific rule applications, we cannot comment on things that happened at games. Please encourage your managers and umpires to use your League resources first, by contacting their League Chief Umpire as well as consulting the Rule Book.

## A few observations so far:

1. Keep players out of the dugout doors and/or off the field when on offense. Only players in the Intermediate or above may have on deck batters.
2. Coaches are not allowed to sit on buckets outside of their dugouts.
3. Coaches are not allowed to warm up pitchers. **PERIOD**
4. Only the manager and two official coaches are allowed on the field. Additional assistant coaches, team moms, etc. are not permitted during warmups or game time.
5. Team managers must bring a current pitching affidavit to all interleague games (forms can be found on the D4 website). If you do not supply a current pitching affidavit, pitchers will be limited to one inning or 25 pitches each.

## Umpire Training Resources Available

Now available on the District 4 website are video recordings of the 6 training clinics that were delivered by Zoom in March and April. There are 3 90-minute general Rules Clinics, one 2-hour Softball Rules Clinic, one 90 minute Base Umpire Mechanics clinic, and one 90 minute Plate Umpire Mechanics Clinic. These are available for viewing via the links on the District 4 website under the Umpire page, the Umpire Resources tab.

## Qualifications for Tournament Umpires are as follows:

1. Adult or youth umpires are encouraged; however, each game must have at least one adult umpire assigned.
2. Umpires must be active regular season umpires for their home league, and have completed the Volunteer Application, had a background check performed, and have been approved by the Board.
3. Umpires must have completed this season the Heads-Up Concussion Awareness training, the Safe Sports

Please see the notification from Little League attached to the Newsletter. It



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Dear League Officials, District Administrators, and Staffs in California:

In 2020, the California concussion law was amended to also require youth sports officials, coaches, administrators, and other adult volunteers associated with organized youth sports programs to be familiar with and undergo Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) training.

This education protocol also requires any youth sports organization to provide similar information to that included in the CPR/AED training that many leagues conduct with First Aid training as part of the Little League A Safety Awareness Program (ASAP).

With limited to no local Little Leagues operating in California during the 2020 season due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we wanted to make sure our volunteers in California were aware of this protocol. The [Save A Life Foundation](#) website is a robust tool for explaining and understanding the [law and related compliance requirements](#). It provides [online training](#), and a [toolkit](#) with factsheet resources for leagues to provide to their participants and families.

Please also be aware that league and district officials are responsible for the "Youth Sports Concussion Protocols." This law went into effect in Jan. 2017.

Under the law, all athletes participating on a team and their parents/guardians are required to have a Concussion Information Sheet from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that is signed by both the athlete and their parent/guardian ([Download the English Version](#) | [Download the Spanish Version](#)). Also, managers and coaches are required to go through concussion awareness training using the [CDC's Heads Up program](#).

Little League also provides information on [Concussions in Youth Athletes](#) as a resource to help protect the health and safety of players. You are encouraged to view this free content.

Other safety-related resources can be reviewed by local leagues and districts through the [A Safety Awareness Plan \(ASAP\)](#) at [LittleLeague.org](#).


For assistance regarding these California-only requirements, please, contact Little League's West Region Center in San Bernardino, Calif., at: 909-887-6446/email: [westregion@LittleLeague.org](mailto:westregion@LittleLeague.org); or the Little League International Risk Management Department in Williamsport, Pa., at: 570-326-1921/email: [support@LittleLeague.org](mailto:support@LittleLeague.org).

Sincerely,




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Little League® West Region Director



  
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