



# California District 4

Little League – Junior League – Intermediate –

Senior League – Challenger

March 16, 2021 District 4 Meeting



**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 pm, via Zoom

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

**League Attendance:** Albany, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, North Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, South Oakland  
Guest – Michelle Vierra

**District Administrator,** Ted Boet

- Monday – COVID updates will stop unless numbers go the wrong direction. Alameda and Contra Costa are now open. Alameda may go to Orange in two weeks. Contra Costa may go Orange in a month.
- Requirements for shots are getting relaxed. Some counties are vaccinating High School coaches. Its possible Managers and Coaches can get them.
- Current guidelines – Kids should always wear masks. I recommend they wear them. Adults should be wearing them. Only family members in same house can attend games.
- I still doubt there will be tournaments.

**Assistant District Administrator:** Geoff Shiu

Recommendation for leagues who have a Duty Director to keep it going, and those who do not get one to take care of the people outside of the fence and the umpires can take care of the game. One Director per game site.

**Training Coordinator:** Jim Rose

- Will start Rules Instruction tomorrow, Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. See more information in the Newsletter. Links for registration is on the Umpire Page of the District 4 website.
- Softball rule Clinic will be April 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>, will also be by Zoom.
- Leagues – there are more Options this year and leagues will have to make a choice. You will need to make decisions prior to playing. As well as for Interleague, leagues playing together will have to agree on the rules. The umpires will need to know what each league has decided. Send your Rules to the D4 Umpire-In-Chief, don Waddell.

Ted – clinics are limited to 100 people. Links sent out Sunday night to league presidents. 25 have registered so far.

**Chief Umpire ADA:** Don Waddell

- After the three weeks of Rules Clinics there will be two weeks of Mechanics Clinics. See the newsletter for the schedule of all clinics.
- We plan on recording the clinics, we will do our best. It will be best live because we will be able to answer questions.
- League COVID Protocols – please include Umpire considerations are included and that everyone is trained on those considerations.
- Hope you have a Masking Requirement for youth and adults. Youth and Adult Umpires should be wearing them during the game.



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- Pre-game – Umpires normally inspect the equipment, please continue to this however ask the umpires to NOT Touch the equipment. Managers should have the equipment out where the umpires can see it easily.
- Ground Rules – make sure they are shared with the Visiting Team and Umpires.. Cover this at the Plate Meeting.
- Position of the Plate Umpire – If you have covered all factors to be safe the umpire can be behind the plate. Otherwise behind the Pitcher.
- Share Umpire equipment – How do you prepare the equipment so that is safe for the next umpire. Have a procedure – record that it has been cleaned.
- Rule Books – Baseball are sold out in Williamsport. They want you to use the App. San Bernardino is out of stock also.

Ted – Rule Books – presidents are getting a lot less; they want you to use the App. It is a one-time fee to use, it will be updated each year with all changes.

Plate Umpire – if the Adult has been vaccinated, they should work behind the plate, if not vaccinated then behind the pitcher. Youth Umpire should be behind the Pitcher.

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

- Had a meeting last week to look at numbers. Have 9 Jrs., 9 Intermediate, and a few Seniors. Set for a 16-game season. Changes are being made already. Start play second weekend of April.
- Rules – Interleague Play
- List of Coaches for Contact Information will be added to the D4 website. Please send it to me if you have not already provided.
- Field Locations – go to the Baseball page. Make sure the information for your league is correct and let Steve and Ted know. Otherwise let them know the correct information.
- Schedules will be added to the D4 website soon.

## Softball ADA: Phil Raines

- Have not heard from Pinole Hercules or Pittsburg. Please call me.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> for the Softball Rules Clinic via Zoom, 6:30-8:30pm. Must register.
- I want to set a date for the Scheduling meeting for the end of March.

## Volunteer Coordinator: Grayson Lawrence

- District Volunteer of the Year – link in the newsletter will take you to an on-line form.
- Complete the Application by the end of May
- Also there are other Awards programs through Little League headquarters.
- If we do have District Post Season games I will help staff them.

## Safety Officer ADA: Liz Berg

- Please Read the Newsletter
- Clear ALL Volunteers through Background Checks and have them sign the COVID Waiver.
- Adults who help teams should sign the COVID Waiver too.
- Players are to sign the COVID Waiver.
- Players must have a Medical Release on file. If they do not have one they are not to be on the field.



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- Concussion Training, Abuse Awareness Training must be completed and the certificates in the Team Binder. Board of Directors and Volunteers are to complete these also.
- Player Pool – not for games because you leave the POD.
- Background Checks – for all umpires and all paid umpires that work at your fields. Umpires must have a background check conducted by each league they work for.

## Western Region Sr. Baseball: Paul Rosky

- Meeting with Cal and the Coach about the use of the field for this year and future use
- Coach will be donating \$10,000 each year to the tournament.

## District Administrator, Ted Boet

- Monday night, 7pm, meeting for anyone who needs to Interleague 7–12-year-old baseball. I will send and email with a link.
- Thank you for getting the ASAPs in. Four leagues need to get the registration entered. Albany- need to enter more, Lafayette - nothing entered, Pittsburg – nothing entered, Richmond – nothing entered.
- Background Checks – Little League requires 6 per team; I require 4 checks per team again this year (same as last year).  
First 125 checks are free, \$1.99 each after the first 125.
- Thanks & Congratulations:  
Gil Bates – Concord American Little League volunteer is moving to Tennessee.  
Laura Peterson – Albany Little League volunteer umpire. Hometown Hero – Hospital Administrator who has been on the front lines since the beginning of COVID. On the cover of Time magazine, see on the D4 website
- Fields – pretty much all leagues have fields again.
- By-Laws – recommendation from Little League is to have them posted on your website so that parents will know how your league operates, especially how All Star teams are picked.
- Interleague – Each league go to the Data Center and enter the leagues you will have games with for each Division.
- Interleague Rules – post on your website
- Tournaments if we do them:  
TOC – Major baseball – June 19, 20, 26, 27  
Major Softball – June 18, 19, 20  
All Star Baseball  
50/70 – Start June 19th, end by June 29th  
Senior – Start June 23rd, end by June 30th  
All others – Start July 1<sup>st</sup>, end by July 15<sup>th</sup>
- All Star Softball  
8-12 year olds – Start June 24<sup>th</sup>, end by July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jr & Sr. Start July 1<sup>st</sup>, end by July 8<sup>th</sup>

Will email: Chart of playing dates; Minutes from January and February; Newsletter

**Meeting ended at 8:00 pm**

**Next District Meeting:** Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, via Zoom