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California D4 Finances

April Balance

Ending Balance 34,839.55

No Expenses or Deposits



From Geoff Shiu, ADA

Thank You League Presidents for taking charge and ensuring teams are playing games during these challenging times.

Reminder...

- Make it a special point this season to Thank your volunteers. This goes for ALL your volunteers.
- Thank managers for all they are doing to keep their teams together and playing games.
- Arrive early to games so you can Thank the volunteers preparing the field for play.
- You see a scorekeeper working a game....Thank them and let them know their administrative efforts are appreciated.
- Make a point to Thank your volunteer umpires.
- If your league is lucky enough to have a running snack bar....drop in and Thank the volunteers.
- Mingle with parents cheering on their teams during a game and Thank them for being there for their team.
- And don't forget to Thank your Board of Directors.

Communications...

With so many leagues involved in District Interleague play it is vital for ALL to make it a Point Of Emphasis to communicate well with all that are involved.

It is better to receive several same messages or phone calls about a cancelled or rescheduled game than to not know there was a change. Do Not Assume someone else will pass the word!



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Tournament Umpire Nominations Are

Past Due to District Chief Umpire

In April, League Chief Umpires were requested to provide the names and qualifications of those umpires for Post Season play.

Thank you, Alameda, Albany, and Martinez for Providing your list of nominated umpires.

Each league participating in Post Season Tournaments is expected to provide umpires.

Leagues that have not yet provided their names are Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, East County, Lafayette, Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, and Walnut Creek.

This is critical information as we expect to offer streamlined Virtual Training by Invitation for Tournament Umpires. Names and Contact Information is necessary in order to do this.

Please provide the requested information ASAP.



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From Grayson Lawrence,
Volunteer Coordinator

District Volunteer of the Year

As everyone is aware of, Little League is a volunteer organization, from the league board, coaches, umpires and all the way down to team parents. One of the more difficult tasks of running a league is ensuring all jobs are filled through the long Little League season. Finding volunteers who will dedicate their valuable free time to your league is a key responsibility (and hopefully strength) of the board. During the season, certain volunteers in your league will go above and beyond expectations to make a positive impact, whether it be leading a key project, an outstanding coach, or someone who is always available to pinch-hit when you have that last second open slot to fill.

District 4 wants to recognize these individuals. We ask that each league nominate a League Volunteer of the Year in 2021. From the 14 league nominations, the district will choose the District Volunteer of the Year, and that person will be honored at the District 4 Volunteer Dinner in September.

Important:

Here is the link to submit your league's [District 4 Volunteer of the Year Nomination](#). Please submit your nomination by May 31st.

Little League Awards Programs

In addition to the District 4 Volunteer of the Year program, Little League also recognizes volunteers through several different awards:

- Volunteer of the Year Award

- Softball Volunteer of the Year Award
- Challenger Award
- Mom of the Year Award
- Good Sport of the Year Award
- Urban Initiative Volunteer of the Year Award

Your league can nominate volunteers for any or all these awards. More information can be found at the link [Little League Awards Program](#), including their [Volunteer and Player Recognition Form](#). Winners are announced at the Little League World Series in August.

From LittleLeague.org

Season Resources Updates AS OF 4/8/21

Little League® International provides the latest guidance to help assist our volunteers with their local league operations throughout this unprecedented time.

[Mental Health and Well Being of Youth Athletes](#)



Use the link above to view the conversation.



From Jim Rose – Training Coordinator

As we approach TOCs and All Stars, know that we will prepare presentations for the Tournament Directors, Baseball Managers and Coaches, Softball Managers and Coaches, and Umpires. Although these have traditionally been done in person, this year they will be done through Zoom. When we have dates for these presentations, they will be widely distributed so that everyone can be prepared for this, somewhat unusual, tournament season. Nonetheless, unlike last year, we do get to play tournament games this season!

We have had some issues arising over Interleague Game Rules and under which rules they are played. Interleague games are played by official Little League rules and regulations, except for certain waived rules used by District 4 and the local rule options (e.g. use or not use courtesy runner, bat nine or continuous batting order, etc.) for Interleague that are also set by District 4. All Interleague Rules are posted on the District 4 website under the Softball and Baseball links. Please encourage all your managers and coaches to read them.