



# California District 4



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## California D4 Finances

### September Balance

Beginning Balance 50,907.99

Website 95.87

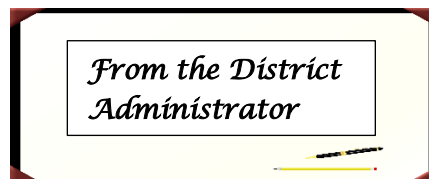
Text Line for CA D4 75.00

Replacement Pennants for  
Martinez LL 999.62

Zoom 299.80

District Dues (CALL) 750.00

Ending Balance 50,187.70



## Tax Exempt Returns for Small Non-Profits

Taxpayer First Act amends Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 6033 to require organizations exempt from taxation under IRC Section 501(a) to file their annual returns electronically. This requirement includes returns filed On Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. Generally, Form 990-EZ is for Organizations with annual gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets at tax year-end less than \$500,000.

The requirement to file electronically generally became effective for tax years beginning after July 1, 2019. However, for small exempt organizations, the

legislation specifically allowed a postponement. For tax years ending before July 31, 2021, the IRS will accept either paper or electronic filing of Form 990-EZ.

The IRS will not accept Form 990-EZ filed on paper for tax years ending on or after

You may use software offered by the exempt Organization Modernized e-File providers Listed on the IRS website at: [irs.gov/2020eofileproviders](https://irs.gov/2020eofileproviders).

For more information about your filing Requirement, visit: [irs.gov/eoannualfiling](https://irs.gov/eoannualfiling).

## Update New Board Member Information on the Little League Data Center

It's important to have the correct information for your league's leadership within the Data Center to ensure volunteers have all the information and access needed for the 2022 season. If there are not changes to your board for the upcoming season, please confirm your officers are current in the Data Center.

## Complete Your Chartering and Insurance Enrollment

The chartering and insurance enrollment process for the 2022 season is available through the Little League Data Center. Little League International is committed to providing volunteers with information and support as we work together to return to play in 2022.

## Complete an ASAP Safety Plan

The A Safety Awareness Program (ASAP) Safety Plan will be available starting December 1, 2021, through the Little League Data Center, the ASAP Safety Plan helps outline your league's efforts to Providing a healthy experience that focuses on the wellbeing of all players, volunteers, and fans. Local leagues that submit an ASAP plan by the Announced deadline (typically mid-April), and Are subsequently approved, will receive an award based on their participation in the AIG Accident Insurance Program.



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## Insurance Reminder

Leagues who purchase insurance through the Chartering process utilize the AIC Insurance Program for Little League. This program is administered By Keystone Risk Managers LLC ("Keystone") and is **NOT** an insurance program run through Little League International directly. To ensure there is no gap in coverage between policy years, those leagues enrolling in this program must have their insurance premium paid in full by:  
December 31, 2021.



From ADA Big Diamond Baseball,  
Grayson Lawrence

At this point, I am looking for the following information to help frame and plan the up-coming season.

- Each league's contact(s) for Teenage Baseball
- Which teenage baseball divisions will your league be offering, along with an estimation on the number of teams in each division.

### Key dates for the upcoming Teenage Baseball Season

- 2/09/22, Thursday: 50/70 and Juniors Scheduling Meeting. In-person Meeting, location TBD
- 2/24/22, Thursday: Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic: Zoom Meeting

### Google Calendar for Teenage Baseball

Google calendar has been created with all Current D4 Teenage Baseball dates, located at: [tinyurl.com/d4teenagebb](https://tinyurl.com/d4teenagebb)



From Geoff Shiu, ADA

It's great to know we have so many Leagues playing Fall Ball (Training & Development).

Another reminder that your 2021 League Insurance is in effect for all of 2021, which Means Fall Ball will also be covered, but not until his/her personal information is entered into the Data Center at Headquarters.

Not only is Fall Ball an awesome way to offer hands-on training for players, but it is an excellent way to keep the membership informed on league plans for the 2022 Season.

October is traditionally the month CA 4 invites vendors to help local leagues with fundraising programs to support their operations. Unfortunately, current County COVID Restrictions does not allow for such a gathering. Please reach out to Ted Boet if you need to contact any of our Previous year's vendors.

October 1<sup>st</sup> is normally the first day to register for Little League Workshops and Umpire Training. Headquarters is Currently working with all Regions to Re-establish their training programs. Training will be offered for 2022, but Programs must be finalized to make sure all County and State restrictions are met.



From Jim Rose – Training Coordinator

It's not too early to start thinking about Rules Training for umpires and coaches for the 2022 Little League season. How rules will be presented, whether in person, on Zoom, or a combination of both, is yet to be determined, but we will be presenting our regular season Basic Rules Clinics. Also, due to demand, we will also be Including, at some point, more advanced rules Instruction for umpires. Please feel free to contact me if you want to discuss rules training for your particular league.



From ADA Little League Baseball,  
Don Mayjoffo

### Interleague Plans

I would like all presidents to submit to me their plans for who they would like to interleague with, or play in house.

I met on the phone with East County LL, I know their plans.

I've met with the Mayor of Antioch, still working on it.



From Liz Berg, ADA Safety

ASAP submission will be available in the Data Center in early December.

**ASAP's must be submitted and approved PRIOR to holding tryouts/evaluations.**



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From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

## District 4 Staff Umpires Named

Did you know there is a team of volunteers who have volunteered to support league umpires in their development through training and mentoring? The District 4 Staff Umpires are here to support the Leagues in growing and sustaining their volunteer umpire programs.

Here are the District 4 Staff Umpires for 2022:

- Candido Anicete – Pinole Hercules LL
- Mark Oda – Pinole Hercules LL
- Geoffrey Shiu – Pinole Hercules LL
- Laura Peterson – Albany LL
- Robb Bittner – Albany LL
- Norm Downing – Pittsburg LL
- Jim Rose – Martinez LL
- Ed Newbegin – Martinez LL
- Ken Avery – Lafayette LL
- Bill Karpowicz – North/South Oakland LL
- Angela Noury - North/South Oakland LL
- Cory Dolph – Continental LL
- John Heise – Walnut Creek LL

For more information on Umpire Development in District 4 please contact Don Waddell.

## District-wide Umpire Meeting – Fall Ball for Blues

District 4 umpire staff is holding monthly online meetings via Zoom that we are calling “Fall Ball for Blues”. These one hour sessions are designed to engage umpires during this off-season, cover topics of interest to all umpires, and engage in discussion around rules and mechanics supported with video examples.

Our next Fall Ball for Blues is on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm. Pre-registration for this Zoom meeting is required at the following link on the District 4 website under Umpire Training: [Training Schedule](#) this is link to the site.

Our future Fall Ball for Blues meetings are set for Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm.

Please encourage your umpires and others interested to register and attend.

## District 4 Umpire Training Dates

For the upcoming season we are planning a variety of umpire training opportunities that will support your league needs. Feedback from our recent survey of our umpires was used to help shape our plans. Here are the dates for the planned Umpire Mechanics Training to be run by the District 4 Umpire Staff. Please put these on your league calendar and encourage participation by your league umpires, managers and coaches.

### Basic Umpire Mechanics

We believe that Basic Umpire Mechanics are best taught in your league given the wide range of skills, experience level and league needs. The District 4 Umpire Staff will help your League Chief Umpire to design a strong league umpire clinic, help provide tools for the clinic, and supplement your league umpire instructors with trained District Staff Umpires. We encourage leagues to work together to hold joint Basic Clinics. To help get started on your League Umpire Clinic please contact Don Waddell.

### Advanced Umpire Mechanics Clinics

We received lots of feedback that our Experienced umpires are looking for advanced skills and instruction. This season we plan to hold an Advanced Umpire Mechanics Clinic on Saturday,

February 27, 2022. This will be a full day clinic with focus on the returning umpire who wants to improve their skills and be ready for higher level competition. The clinic will cover advanced positioning, teamwork in the crew, and basic plate umpire duties. We plan to include live scrimmage play to allow for confirmation of teaching.

### Junior Umpire Clinic

Returning this year is our very popular Junior Umpire Clinic for your teenage umpires. This is a 6 hour clinic that will prepare your youth to be successful on the field as an umpire, and improve the skills of the youth who have some experience. Instruction is tailored for the teenager and includes fun activities along with instruction. We finish this clinic with “Camp Games” where the umpires actually perform skills learned in the clinic. Sunday, March 6, 2022.

**We are looking for leagues to host District wide Clinics. If your league is interested please advise Don Waddell.**

### Little League Umpire Registry

The Little League Umpire Registry is the go to Online community for all Little League Umpires. This free registry provides the member with access to training videos, rule instruction books and other exclusive offers. It is also the place where umpires can register to provide the required Background Check Results to multiple leagues, reducing the work required of both the volunteer umpire and the leagues.

Encourage your umpires to register at: <https://www.littleleague.org/umpires/umpire-registry/>