



# California District 4

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## California D4 Finances

### October Balance

**Beginning Balance** 50,187.70

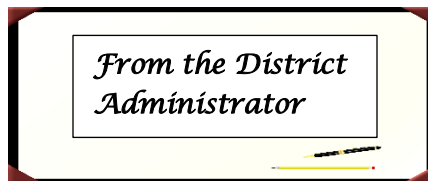
Bank Fee 3.00

Storage (3 months) 708.00

District Dues (MTZ LL) 3,844.62

District Dues (Lafayette LL) 2,460.00

**Ending Balance** 55,781.32



## T-Mobile Little League Call Up Grant

As we head into the 2022 season, the T-Mobile Little League Call Up Grant is back to help cover registration fees for Little League families in need. T-Mobile and Little League share the belief that every child should have the chance to experience Little League, regardless of their financial or personal situation.

Many families face financial constraints and economic challenges, which has made it difficult for their children to make their way on to a Little League field. However, Little League firmly believes that payment shouldn't be a prerequisite for participation and that it's important to find a way to allow children to play the game.

Our insights tell us that many families may not attempt to register with a local league because they are fearful of not being able to afford the registration fees and equipment. This program serves as a tool

for your league to encourage more participation from families in your community who may otherwise not participate.

Financially challenged families in communities across the country with proof the child is currently receiving Medicaid benefits, SNAP or WIC may be eligible to receive a T-Mobile Little League Call Up Grant so long a funding is available. Please note, documents will need to include the Child's name and eligibility/issued dates (within the last 12 months or have a future expiration date) verifying their low-income status in order to complete the application. Physical cards for Medicaid, SNAP or WIC that do not provide current dates and the Child's name will not be accepted.

The program offers a simple-to-use online application to get and keep children on the field. Prior to applying, families should identify their local league by visiting PlayLittleLeague.org, then reach out to their league for more information about registration dates and fees. If families have already paid and registered for the 2022 season, they should work with their league to have their payment reimbursed.

It is our hope that the T-Mobile Little League Call Up Grant will provide much-needed support to the families in your community while allowing more children to participate in your league as it did for 1,516 leagues in 2021. We are extremely grateful to T-Mobile for their incredible support of the Little League program and for sharing this passion for offering every kid the chance to experience Little 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.



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From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

## Western Region Umpire Training Schedule

Registration is now open for several Western Region Umpire training events. All of these clinics are held at the Regional Headquarters in San Bernardino. These clinics are highly recommended for anyone interested in learning more about being a Little League umpire. Registration links can be found on the Western Region Little League Umpire Alumni Association website at: <https://wrlluaa.org/western-region-clinics.html>

### Chief Umpire Clinic (Train the Trainer)

January 7-9, 2022  
Cost: \$95.00

This clinic will focus on an important and major part of the UIC position, RECRUITING, RETAINING and REWARDING the volunteer. While this will be the bulk of the clinic material, we will also touch on how to lead your league or district as the Umpire-In-Chief or the Umpire Administrator. The clinic will teach you how to teach Mechanics, rules and will include dissemination of all the new Regional drill sheets. The clinic will also review the responsibilities of the league & district UICs and all that is entailed in being a successful Umpire-In-Chief. This clinic is not just for UICs, but is also for those who desire to train others and those who have the responsibility to recruit, reward and retain umpires.

## Weeklong Umpire Academy #1

February 5-11, 2022  
Cost: \$395.00

This Academy is designed for the Volunteer Little League Umpire. It is a week of classroom and on the field training that delves into rules knowledge, mechanics, umpiring philosophy and game management. Includes training materials, dormitory style housing and all meals. Umpire gear is required (a very limited supply of equipment to borrow is available). Students are strongly urged to dress as an umpire during all sessions.

Check in will begin Saturday, 5pm. Dorm Assignments for students will be at 5pm. Umpire gear is required for this academy.

\*\*\*Due to the popularity of the Weeklong Adult Umpire Academies, Volunteers interested in attending should register early. \*\*\*

## Umpire Mechanics Clinic

Date TBD  
Cost \$95.00

This clinic will emphasize the on-field Experience and umpiring philosophy for Local league as well as District umpires. Base and Plate Mechanics will be taught with an eye towards attendees learning new skills, removing some of the rust as the season approaches and bringing training information back to the leagues and Districts.

Umpire gear is Required.

## Weeklong Umpire Academy #2

March 12-18, 2022  
Cost: \$395.00

This Academy is designed for the Volunteer Little League Umpire. It is a week of classroom and on the field training that delves into rules knowledge, mechanics, umpiring philosophy and

game management. Includes training materials, dormitory style housing and all meals. Umpire gear is required (a very limited supply of equipment to borrow is available). Students are strongly urged to dress as an umpire during all sessions.

Check in will begin Saturday, 5pm. Dorm Assignments for students will be at 5pm. Umpire gear is required for this academy.

\*\*\*Due to the popularity of the Weeklong Adult Umpire Academies, Volunteers interested in attending should register early. \*\*\*

## Weeklong Umpire Academy #3 (Fall Session)

November 5-11, 2022  
Cost: \$395.00

This Academy is designed for the Volunteer Little League Umpire. It is a week of classroom and on the field training that delves into rules knowledge, mechanics, umpiring philosophy and game management. Includes training materials, dormitory style housing and all meals. Umpire gear is required (a very limited supply of equipment to borrow is available). Students are strongly urged to dress as an umpire during all sessions.

Check in will begin Saturday, 5pm. Dorm Assignments for students will be at 5pm. Umpire gear is required for this academy.

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## District 4 Umpire Training Clinics Scheduled – Host Leagues Needed

The District 4 Umpire Staff is planning to hold two umpire clinics this year designed to grow the skills of your volunteers. There is no cost for your umpires to attend.



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The two clinics are:

## Advanced Umpire Mechanics Sunday, February 27, 2022

For those umpires who have some Experience but want to go beyond what is taught in a Basic Mechanics clinic. Both Base and Plate Umpire Mechanics will be covered.

## Junior Umpire Clinic Sunday, March 6, 2022

A special one-day clinic just for the Teenage umpire. Clinic content will cover Basic Umpire Skills, working with the bases and the plate. The teaching approach will be tailored just for the teenage student.

## Registration for these Clinics will open on January 1, 2022.

### We need Host Leagues

We need Host Leagues for these two Clinics. As Host you would be expected to provide the following:

- Two prepared and lined fields
- Access to electrical power
- Lunch for the students and staff, Usually about 150 total Participants.

If your league is interested in being the Host for either of these clinics please Contact Don Waddell.



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 Liz Berg, ADA Safety

### Background Checks:

Leagues should be clearing all volunteers before allowing them access to the players. This includes, but is not limited to, board members, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, umpires, announcers, and concessions supervisors. The league expectation is to run a minimum of 6 background checks per chartered team



From Geoff Shiu, ADA

Thank you everyone for an Awesome 2021 Season.

Happy Thanksgiving wishes to All! We are blessed and have so much to be thankful for as we move into the holiday season. Safe travels to all visiting family and friends. Celebrate and be merry, but don't forget the Designated Driver...and your Covid-19 Vaccine Cards.

Some reminders and homework for League Officials as we approach the End of 2021:

- Good Communications is Vital!
- Continue to keep your membership routinely informed on League plans.
- 2021 Little League Insurance ends on December 31, 2021.
- 2022 Little League Charters should be submitted to Headquarters In November.
- 2022 Little League Insurance coverage Starts on January 1, 2022, **but ONLY** If paid in full.
- 2022 Little League Officers should be Updated into the Data Center.