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California D4 Finances

January - February Balance

Beginning Balance	55,778.32
League Dues (CVLL)	2,630.00
Congress Travel (DA)	498.95
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	57,906.37



**From ADA Little League Softball,
Phil Raines**

Meetings:

- February 23 - Scheduling Meeting, 6:30pm, Kiwanis Club, 750 Allen Street, Martinez
- March 1 – Softball Rules Clinic, 7 PM, Zoom Meeting

**Pre-registration is required.
Register at the following link:
[Softball Rules Clinic](#)**



**From ADA Little League Baseball,
Don Mayjoffo**

Hi all , Hopefully we're getting close to meeting face to face again, let's have a great year , I hope your boards have are all formed,& all slots are filled.



**From ADA Big Diamond Baseball,
Grayson Lawrence**

Reminders for the upcoming season:

- Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic is scheduled for 2/28/22 at 7:00pm (Mon). Location: Zoom Meeting [Registration Link](#)
- Games are played under the official Little League rules as indicated in the 2022 Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations and District 4 Interleague rules. No individual league's "local" rules will apply and no "manager agreements" will be allowed to change or modify these rules.
- Games between teams from different districts require approval from Little League (games between D4 leagues do not require approval). Please submit your inter-district requests through the Little League Data Center website.
- The home team is responsible for providing two umpires for each game, one of which needs to be at least 18 years of age. Strongly encourage volunteer umpires. If you need help staffing umpires for your teenage baseball games, please contact the D4 UIC Don Waddell at llcad4uic@gmail.com
- Ensure your teenage baseball fields have break-away bases
- The D4 Teenage Baseball specific calendar link: tinyurl.com/d4teenagebb
- Have fun!



From Liz Berg, ADA Safety

ASAP

ALL ASAPs have been submitted and approved with the exception of 3 leagues that need to submit roster data. Well done everyone!



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From Geoff Shiu, ADA

VOLUNTEERS...Backbone of a Successful League!

A strong volunteer base is at the center of every successful Little League program. From coaches to board members to umpires, every volunteer plays a part in providing a great Little League experience. With today's busy schedules, recruiting volunteers can be a challenge, but when done successfully will help take your program to the next level. Take the time now to develop a plan to have a strong volunteer base.

The stronger the volunteer base, the stronger your league will be...and more room on your plate to lead your league.

Identify Volunteer Position --

The Board determines how many positions need to be filled in advance of the season. When identifying positions, be sure to define the role and responsibilities of that position. This will help potential volunteers know what to expect and help the league measure the success of the individual filling that position.

Identify Volunteer Sources --

Most volunteers within your league will be parents of participants; however, there are other areas to which your league can turn to look for volunteers:

- Service Organizations
- Local Businesses
- Leadership Programs
- High Schools and Colleges

Prepare To Reach Out --

When asking someone to volunteer their time, there are several factors you will

want to keep in mind. This includes clearly defining volunteer roles and positions plus what motivates individuals to volunteer. Be prepared to promote to individuals why they should volunteer, which is different from player registration promotion.

Recruiting Volunteers --

There are numerous opportunities to reach out to volunteers, one of the best being registration. When conducting an in-person registration, talk with parents about positions that need to be filled; when conducting an online registration, make sure there is an opportunity for parents to sign up to help out in a volunteer capacity.

Volunteer Recognition --

An important part of keeping volunteers engaged and motivated is recognizing their efforts throughout the year. Whether your league holds a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony or creates special pins and other tokens of appreciation, consider creating opportunities to recognize and thank your volunteers. Showing appreciation for volunteers is crucial to a league's longevity.

Little League Days With The San Francisco Giants

Sunday, April 10 vs Marlins
Sunday, May 1 vs Nationals

\$5 of every ticket sold goes directly back to your league!

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From ADA Challengers,
Stephen Mohammed

Hello, I'd like thank all your Challenger VP's who responded to our survey. Our numbers are way down again this year. We've taken a big hit due to the Pandemic. I'm still waiting to hear from, Alameda, Pinole-Hercules, Richmond and Pittsburg. As of right now we have 8 Challenger teams and 5 Senior teams. I'm going to talk to Ted before our meeting to decide on the Jamboree. Right now I have more no's than yes to have it. Again I'd like to thank Amber Crowley from Albany LL for her help. Thank you everyone



From Jim Rose – Training Coordinator
Rules Clinics 2022

District 4 will be running five Rules Clinics on Zoom to prepare all divisions of baseball and softball for the coming season. The Clinics will highlight rules and regulations, new rules, interleague rules, and will highlight rules with video examples. Coaches, manager, and umpires are encouraged to attend. Questions are encouraged during these presentations. **Pre-registration is Required for each Clinic.** [Links for registration are listed after each clinic.](#)

The **Basic Rules Clinics** will focus on Minor and Major Baseball, but will cover Foundational rules relevant for both Softball and Teenage Baseball.



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Thursday, February 17, 7-8:15pm.

Basic Rules Clinic #1: Regulations, and Rules 1 and 2-Safety, Decorum, Equipment, and Definitions

Pre-registration at the following link:
[Basic Rules Clinic - February 17th](#)

Thursday, February 24, 7-8:15pm.

Basic Rules Clinic #2: Rules 3 – 7

Pre-registration at the following link:
[Basic Rules Clinic - February 24th](#)

Thursday, March 3, 7-8:15pm.

Basic Rules Clinic #3: Interference, Obstruction, and Rule 8-Pitching

Pre-registration at the following link:
[Basic Rules Clinic - March 3rd](#)

The Teenage Baseball Clinic will cover rules specific to Intermediate, Junior, and Senior Baseball, and Interleague Rules for District 4 at those levels of play.

Monday, February 28, 7-8pm

Pre-registration at the following link:
[Teenage Baseball Clinic](#)

The Softball Rules Clinic will cover rules specific to Softball and all Interleague Rules for District 4.

Tuesday, March 1, 7-9pm

Pre-registration at the following link:
[Softball Rules Clinic](#)



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Umpire Training

Our District 4 Umpire Mechanics Clinics are coming up starting this week! Please encourage your umpires to attend

1. Advanced Umpire Mechanics Clinic -

This clinic is designed for those experienced umpires who want to build upon their past training and experience to improve skills and knowledge. Organized and delivered by the District 4

Staff, instruction will focus on positioning for the right call, working in two umpire crews, and advanced plate mechanics. The clinic is on Sunday, February 27 at Pinole Hercules Little League.

Pre-registration is required at the following link -

[Advanced Umpire Mechanics Clinic](#)

2. Junior Umpire Clinic -

A special one day umpire clinic just for your teenage umpires. Instruction will focus on the basics of umpiring on the small diamond, but we will also cover working with a partner, plate umpire skills, and proper equipment. Open to all Junior Umpires. The clinic is Sunday, March 6 at Martinez Little League. Pre-registration is required at the following link - [Junior Umpire Clinic](#)

League Assistance is Needed

The District 4 Umpire Staff needs your assistance to make sure our clinics are the best they can be. We need teams of players who will participate in live scrimmage drills with our student umpires at our clinics. Just like an extra practice – your team would be able to run bases, field balls and make plays in a controlled action situation. Teams are needed in the afternoon sessions on both dates, from about 1230 to 330 p.m. You must provide your own equipment including batting helmets etc. If you can help out please contact Don Waddell.



Little League Rule Book App

Download the 2022 Little League Rule Book App to stay current with all rule updates and approved rulings. The Rulebook App contains the Official

Regulations, Playing Rules, and Operating Policies for all divisions of Baseball, Softball, and Challenger in one easy-to-use location. The App includes all three rulebooks, exclusive rule interpretation videos, and automatic updates for future seasons after a one-time download of \$1.99. Purchase on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. You can still order the printed Rule Book through the Little League Shop for a cost of \$4.99 each. These printed books are in limited supply and will not be updated during the season if rule changes occur.

Local Rules Should be Developed by Each League

Each league should prepare Local Rules that govern the play in each of your divisions. The Little League Rule Book contains all the rules and regulations under which regular season games are to be played, but it does allow for certain options on many rules that can be adopted by a league to address local issues. There are currently 39 unique rule or regulation options for 2022 that your league needs to decide upon and document in your Local Rules. Leagues can also adopt local rules that enhance specific rules, such as requiring more mandatory play or specific amount of play at given positions, protective cups for all male players, etc., as long as those enhancements do not violate or weaken the Little League rule.

Please note that any proposed local rule that is inconsistent or in direct conflict with the Little League rule requires a specific waiver from the Charter Committee at Headquarters in Williamsport. Waivers are good for **one season only**, and must be resubmitted each year unless otherwise noted. The waiver process is simple – the local Board votes to request a waiver, the League President prepares a written summary of the requested rule modification with justification and sends it to the District Administrator. The DA forwards the request to the Regional Administrator in San Bernardino with his comments. The Regional Administrator coordinates the review with Headquarters, and makes a response back to the DA as either approved or rejected. This process can take several weeks given the meeting schedule of the Charter Committee, and



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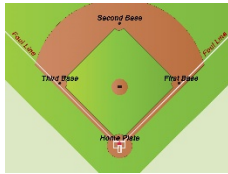
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leagues cannot implement the rule change until approval is granted. Given that most leagues want to start play in late February or early March, early submission of waiver requests is very important.

If you have questions on Local Rule options, please contact Don Waddell or Jim Rose



Ground Rules for your Fields Should be Documented

Each of the fields you use for regular season play have unique situations that should be addressed in specific Ground Rules. These are specific to a field, and typically cover how the playing conditions align with Little League rules regarding Dead Ball areas, Field Enclosures, field of play limits, and other situations that might come into play during an actual game. These might include how unfenced field sidelines or outfield areas are defined as in play or out of play, how overhanging trees, wires or other structures impact dead ball condition, or how overhanging backstops impacted by batted or thrown balls are to be ruled. They should not cover items that are instructions to teams on decorum, field preparation, dugout assignment, etc. even if these are important for your league. You should document your Ground Rules and review with all managers, coaches, players and umpires before games begin to ensure there is no confusion.

The District 4 staff has developed a set of Ground Rules for all fields that were used in the 2021 All Star Tournaments and will provide them to you as a sample to use in developing your own.

Please contact Don Waddell for questions on Ground Rules.