



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
February 15, 2022 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:06 pm, via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Don Waddell, Liz Berg, Phil Raines, Stephen Mohammed, Carla Moore, Grayson Lawrence, Don Mayjoffo, Paul Rosky, Jim Rose

League Attendance: Alameda, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, Lafayette, Martinez, Pinole Hercules, Walnut Creek

Also in attendance: Eric (Continental LL), Shannon (Walnut Creek LL)

Little League Baseball ADA, Don Mayjoffo:

- **Umpires** – please work on getting umpires for your league as well as Post Season
- **All Star Committee** – form the committee now so they will be prepared to do what is needed when the time comes.
- **Visits** – I will be visiting every league and complex to see how I can help. When I visit I will wear a D4 shirt. If I see something that is wrong/incorrect I will speak up at an appropriate time.
- **Antioch LL** – working with the President, still trying to get it going

Teenage Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- **Communications** – I've been emailing e-mailing fairly frequently
- **Teams** – 13 of 14 leagues have at least one teenage baseball team
- **Game Scheduling Meeting** – all leagues were represented in-person or by Zoom
- **Interleague and Inter-district play** – D53, D57 and D14; Presidents complete the Inter-District form in the Data Center – one per league per Division of Play. No longer need to complete an Interleague Play form. Have the League IDs on hand for fast and easy completion.
- **Rules Clinic** – February 28th, 1 hour. Links were emailed and are on the D4 website/Umpire Page. Registration is required. Every team is to be represented by the manager or coach.
- **50/70 and Juniors Schedules** – are now posted on the D4 website. A date next to link will indicate when it is updated.

Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

- **Volunteers** – are very important for leagues to have a good Volunteer base (local community, sponsors and parents) giving of their services depending on their ability.
- **Paid Umpires** – this is a BIG concern. Get the message out to the membership Little League is a Volunteer Organization. Please step up and to umpire.
- **Plan Ahead** – know what Events will occur before and during the season so that you can start recruiting Volunteers early.
- **Scorekeepers** – Each team should have two. They work together to help each other improve. Have a Scorekeepers Clinic for Newbies and to help improve others. They can be your Post Season Scorekeepers.
- **Thank the Volunteers** – During the season the president and the board members should thank the managers, coaches, scorekeepers, field preps, and snack bar workers. People like to hear that they are appreciated. After the season possibly have a dinner or a BBQ for the volunteers. They are more likely to return the next season if they hear a Thank you this season.
The President must push for Volunteers. More Volunteers makes less work for you and the board members.

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- **ASAP** – all have been received and approved. Just waiting for some Registrations to be entered.
- **Trainings for Managers, Coaches and Safety Volunteers** – these take no more than one hour; Safety Office should be tracking to make sure they are completed.
 - a. JDP Background Check – by the league
 - b. Online Concussion Training – by the Volunteer
 - c. Online Sudden Cardiac Arrest – by the Volunteer
 - d. Online Abuse Awareness – by the Volunteer



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- **Injury Reports** – I have received the first one for the season. Please send copies to me.

Live Scans – Reported by DA Ted Boet

- **Nor Cal DA Meeting** – attended by 15 of 30 leagues in-person, 4 by Zoom
Discussed the Live Scan
 1. Most likely leagues won't process volunteers this year.
 2. Leagues should make a "Good Faith" effort to procure the ORI for Live Scans
 3. We met with a Live Scan rep: Made the following recommendations:
 - a. Each league should have two Custodians of Records in case one person leaves the league then you still have someone to receive the DOJ emails.
 - b. Recommendations: When completing the Live Scan there are two boxes to check: DOJ and FBI. Have the Volunteer check both. (Right now only the DOJ needs to be completed but we (NorCal DAs) are recommending to Little League headquarters to have both, then can eliminate JDP (it provides the same info as the FBI)). Have Volunteers do this now so they will not have to complete the Live Scan a second time. Non-profits do not pay the DOJ fee, it is free of charge. FBI fee is \$15 - \$20, paid by the league or the volunteer.
Basic Fee is \$20, with FBI \$35
 4. Several people with D4 have started the process to become Live Scanners. Two are Liz Berg and Michelle Vierra.
 5. Live Rep info – email Ted for the contact info for the Live Scan rep they met with if you want more info or help.
 6. D4 is acquiring it's own ORI. This will help with the Umpires who work with more than one league within D4.

Training Coordinator, Jim Rose:

- **Basic Rules Trainings** – are coming up, these are listed in the February Newsletter and on the D4 website/Umpire page
League UICs should have league umpires attend.
- **Interleague Rules** – are posted on the D4 website

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- **Survey** – was emailed to the leagues, only one league responded
- **Teams** – 9 Regular, 5 Senior, 1 Major; Pinole Hercules may have a team – Arnold will contact Stephen.
- **Jamboree** – 2 Yes, 1 No, 3 Unsure; Ted will make a decision next month
- **Scheduling Meeting** – Next week

Western Region Tournament Chairman, Paul Rosky:

- **Meeting with CAL** – waiting for number and dates of Baseball Camps to make a decision if only games at CAL or a combination of CAL and Laney College.
- **Dates for Western Region Sr. Baseball Tournament** – sent from LL headquarters, July 20th – 27th
- **Coaches Clinics** – CAL coaches will come to your league to conduct Coaching Clinics. Email Paul for contact info.
- **CAL Game Days with Kids** – \$7-8 per kid; see the players/game up close; meet afterwards. Paul or Liz can give you contact info.

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- **Scheduling Meeting** – February 23rd, In-person at the Kiwanis Club in Martinez, address and time in the February Newsletter and on the D4 website.
- **Softball Rules Clinic** – March 1st, 7-9pm by Zoom; Must Register, each team is to be represented

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell: by way of DA Ted Boet

- **Umpire Clinics** – Extreme look at participation
 - a. **Advanced Umpire Clinic at Pinole Hercules** – February 27th, 6 people registered
 - b. **Junior Umpire Clinic** – March 6th, 11 registered; hoped for 25 – 30 people



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Registration is required for the Clinics – links are in the February Newsletter as well as the D4 website/Umpire page; you will receive a confirmation email after you register.

Lunch is provided; Breakfast is donuts and other items.

- **Week-long Umpire Clinic in San Bernardino** – in November; check-in Saturday afternoon, finish the following Saturday morning.
Cost - **\$395**; covers Board and Room; Housed in the Dormitories; Eat in the Cafeteria
Information on the D4 website Umpire page
- **2022 is the 20th straight years for D4 Umpires to represent us at Western Region and World Series Tournaments** – we have four people at Western Region or World Series this year
Training Coordinator, Jim Rose – will umpire at the Western Region Softball Tournament in San Bernardino

District 4 Administrator: Ted Boet:

- D4 website/Fields Page – all presidents click on the links for your league to make sure they work. No longer will there be hand written directions. All are now Google Maps.
- League Dues are due – 3 leagues have paid
- Tournament Forms were sent out last month, are due next month (March). One league has submitted.
- Previously emailed to staff and presidents – Rules Changes to be considered by Little League to make it a better organization. Please submit your suggestions by Thursday, I have to submit to headquarters by Saturday.

Items to be e-mailed to the presidents:

1. February Newsletter
2. League Check-list
3. League ID numbers

Open Discussion:

Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Next meeting: March 15, 2022, 8pm via Zoom, DA Ted Boet will email the link