



California District 4

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



Meeting Called to Order: 8:05 pm, via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions

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

League Attendance: Alameda, Albany, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, Lafayette, Martinez, Pinole Hercules, North/South Oakland, Pittsburg, Richmond, Walnut Creek

Also in attendance: Michelle Vierra (Martinez LL); Pablo Ramirez (Richmond LL)

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- **Teams** – 9 leagues are playing
- **Jamboree** – Has been canceled this year due to not enough interest out of concern for the kids; Hopefully next year Bigger & Better
- **Thank you** – Amber of Albany LL, a really great help

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- **Thank you** – Phil Raines and the Board of Martinez LL, Arnold Lum and Pinole Hercules LL for the awesome job of hosting the Umpire Trainings
- **Umpire Clinics** – Extreme look at participation
 - a. **Junior Umpire Clinic** – 9 leagues were represented, the most ever; Sponsors: Wilson Trophy, BSN, Dick's Sporting Goods
 - b. **League Umpire Trainings** – Staff Umpires have observed umpire trainings by Alameda, Lafayette, East County, Concord American.
Concord American - Rick Munoz and Chief Umpire asked us to run a clinic for them..... 35 attendees, mostly adults, 3-4 older teenagers and a few from Martinez LL

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- **Play** – most leagues have started playing
- **Schedules** – still ironing out a few things, some changes since the scheduling meeting. The D4 website will be updated with the changes within a few days to a week.
- **Contact Info** – will be on the D4 website and updated as the info comes in.
- **Field Directions** - will be on the D4 website and updated as the info comes in.

DA Ted Boet: Urban Initiative Tournament, as of yesterday only 2 leagues have accepted their invitation. If the tournament takes place it will be the last week of April.

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- **ASAP** – two leagues need to submit their Registrations. Lafayette will contact Liz for help with a problem in loading the info.
- **Background Checks** – Headquarters requires 6 per team. D4 requires 5 per team.

DA Ted Boet:

- a. League presidents your Checklist will indicate what you have done. Clayton Valley has 100% completed.
- b. In this month's newsletter there is an article: In Texas there is a Little League and Little League headquarters being sued by a team alleging abuse by the Manager and Coach

The Abuse Awareness Training is recommended for all parents

- c. **Live Scan** – leagues should have started the process for getting their ORI.

Don Waddell – sharing a real live situation: While completing training with USA Safe Sports Program he was able to view a list of Ineligible USA Baseball Participants. Found a person who had been selected to umpire in the Little League Junior World Series and he had umpired with at a regional tournament. This person had been a Little



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League President, Little League Vice President and an Assistant District Administrator. He is now serving 9 years in a California prison for abuse of players on his Little League team. I thought he had been a friend of mine.

- **Medical Releases** – Should be with the Team Manager at every practice and game.

Teenage Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- **Games** – have started this past weekend for Junior and 50/70 to run through June.
 - a. **Confirm**: please contact the other team the night prior to the game to confirm
- **Contact Info** – are on the D4 website
- **Umpires** – contact Don Waddell, D4 staff umpires can help with your games
- **Senior Teams** – I will be contacting the leagues who may have a Senior Team. NOLL/SOLL has the only Senior team at this time.

Training Coordinator, Jim Rose:

- **Rules Clinics** – all have been completed for February and March.
Thank you - Ed Newbegin helped with the Softball Rules Clinic. Don Waddell hosted the clinics.
Attendance – there were 30 – 60 participants per clinic
Recordings – are posted on the D4 website Umpire Page
- **Softball Rules Changes** – Umpires are to ask the teams if they want to bat 9 or continuous. Each team can choose different.
- **Interleague Rules** – are posted on the D4 website.

Western Region Tournament Chairman, Paul Rosky:

- **Games** – will be played at Laney College. CAL had too many conflicts.
- **Teams for Tournament** – wants to know what States will be represented so that can set things up with hotels next month.
DA Ted Boet: has a logo for the Tournament thanks to Don Waddell.

Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

- **Volunteers** – I am big on Volunteers and Volunteer Umpires. Was surprised when a request for an Umpire Clinic for this last Sunday came in, but was happy how things turned out. Rick/Concord American – what he did was Super! Took the time to find a Chief Umpire who was just as interested in promoting volunteers. He is an ex-umpire, wants to share his knowledge of umpiring, and attended the Umpire Training Clinic in San Bernardino. Thank you to Rick for stepping up to get volunteers; **Arnold Lum/Pinole Hercules** – when hosting a clinic, I noticed he knew who his volunteers were; Ron Matthews/Alameda – is great at getting people to volunteer. Season has started – now is the time to be out and getting volunteers for Post Season. Scorekeepers, Field Preps, etc. Look about to see who is doing a good job.

Announcements by 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

Adjourned: 8:59 pm

Next meeting: April 19, 2022, 8pm via Zoom, DA Ted Boet will email the link