



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
April 19, 2022 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 8:03 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: Albany, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, Lafayette, Martinez, Pinole Hercules, North/South Oakland, Pittsburg, Richmond, Walnut Creek

Also in attendance: Shannon Self (Walnut Creek LL); Pablo Ramirez (Richmond LL)

Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

- **Umpiring** – I've had the pleasure to umpire for five leagues so far: Martinez, Richmond, Albany, East County and Pinole Hercules. Everything went well. Conduct of the coaching staff, players and fans was great. Just how Little League games should be. Too often you hear negatives, wanted to some positives.
- **Volunteers** – to host Post Season games you need Volunteers. Start recruiting dedicated volunteers so that you and your Board do not have to do everything, it is too much work.

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- **Umpiring** – Last few weeks I've been at Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Martinez and Pinole Hercules. Wish I could get to more. I have been impressed with how each league has trained their managers and coaches which makes for a fun time for all.
- **Congrats** – to the folks having a great time with the players.
- **Issues** – There have been a few issues that I have become aware of so far this season. Please reach out to me with your concerns or questions and we will work to resolve them. In the end, umpires may make mistakes, but want to get the calls right. We stop and talk and get back to play.
- **Tournament Season Umpires** – The expectation is for every league that participates in Post Season play provides umpires. This goes for Baseball and Softball TOC, All Stars, and Future Stars. Goal would be to provide a fair share.... Your league has 10% of the teams playing you provide 10% of the umpires. The Schedules are being put together now, some days there will be 20 games. We will need your help.

Little League Baseball ADA, Don Mayjoffo

- **Visits** - Been out to the fields, things are going well. Still need to get to Albany, Richmond and Alameda.
- **Games** – seen some good ones. Seeing some good young umpires.
- **Fields** – are looking good except for Antioch.

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- **Play** – Things are pretty quiet.
- **Rules** –
 - A. Some confusion with the Time Limit for games. Play the inning out when the time expires.
 - B. House Rules – There are **NO** House Rules when teams from opposing leagues are playing each other. Use the Interleague Rules and the Little League Softball Rules **ONLY**.
- **Schedules** – Too many changes being made due to Times & Dates.
- **Thank You** – **District 4 Umpires** who have helped out with the games.

Teenage Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- **Visits** - All is going well. I've been to a dozen games at 8 fields.
- **Rules** – have had some questions
- **Break away Bases** – please swap out for the sunken bases

Western Region Tournament Chairman, Paul Rosky:

- **Fields** – Issues with Soccer Games scheduled for some of the days. Working to resolve.



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- **Hotels** – Working on Blocking Dates; wants to know what States will be represented so that can set things up
- **Baseballs** – Ted has the tournament baseballs

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- Everything is going smooth. Everyone is playing.

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- All is quiet so far. Only a few incidents at the beginning of the year.

Training Coordinator, Jim Rose:

- No report
- Will be preparing the Power Point presentations for the Post Season meetings in June

Announcements by District 4 Administrator: Ted Boet:

- **Background Checks** - Five leagues have currently told the Data Center they have completed the Background Checks. The rest of the leagues please do this.
- **TOC Awards** – Traditionally the Champions and the Runner-up receive trophies. This year instead of trophies we can have Rings and Medals (Softball and Baseball). Rings come with a chain to hang.
VOTE – 8 leagues voted for Rings, 1 league voted for Trophies, 1 league voted to go with the majority
Decision – Rings for the Champions, Medals for the Runner-up
- **Tournament Update** –
 1. **TOC** – Baseball: Divisions will start on June 14th and 15th
Softball: will start June 17th or 18th; to be played in Martinez
Championship Games will take place on Father’s Day
 2. **All Stars (District)** – **No Baseball Games to be played the 4th of July weekend**
8/10 Future Stars: June 22nd – June 30th
9/11 Future Stars: June 21st – June 30th
8/10 Baseball: June 22nd – July 6th
9/11 Baseball: June 21st – July 6th
Little League Baseball: June 23rd – July 6th
50/70 Baseball: June 20th – June 26th
Junior Baseball: June 20th – June 26th
8/10 Softball: June 24th – June 29th
9/11 Softball: June 24th – June 25th
Little League Softball: June 24th – June 28th
Junior Softball: June 25th – June 28th
Senior Softball: June 26th – June 27th
 3. **All Stars (Section)** – **District 4 will be hosting the following:**
Delta Section Softball 8/10 and 10/12: July 1st – July 8th
9/11 Baseball: July 14th – July 20th
Senior Baseball: June 30th – July 6th
 4. **All Stars (Nor Cal)** – **District 4 will be hosting the following:**
Senior Baseball: July 8th – July 14th
 5. **Games/Umpires** – 68 TOC and 126 All Star games to be played in 3 weeks’ time. We will need umpires from all participating leagues.

Adjourned: 8:40 pm

Next meeting: May 17, 2022, Dinner: 7-8pm; Meeting 8pm in-person at
UC Cooperative Extension, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord