



# California District 4



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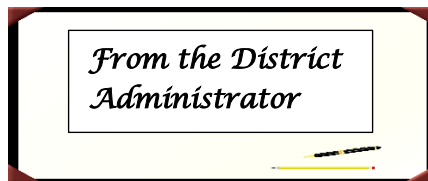
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## California D4 Finances

### March Balance

Beginning Balance	57,906.37
Storage (3 months)	777.00
Congress Travel	4000.00
DA Travel	1,491.33
Umpire Expenses	419.46
League Dues (Richmond, Albany Alameda, Pinole Hercules LL)	7,370.00
Ending Balance	58,588.58



## Little League Official Volunteer Application and Background Checks Required for Charters

Since 2003, local leagues have been required to have all board members, managers, coaches, and other volunteers or hired workers who provide regular service to the league and/or who have repetitive access to or contact with players or teams to fill out the Little League Official Volunteer Application. Additionally, leagues have been required to conduct a background check on each of these individuals. A local Little League must conduct a nationwide background check utilizing [JDP](#) or another provider that is comparable to JDP in accessing background check records for sex offender registry data and other criminal records,

including a review of the [U.S. Center for SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database](#) and the Little League Ineligible List. Little League Baseball and Softball will require each league to sign an agreement on the charter application that they will comply with Regulation I (b) and I(c) 8 & 9. The leagues are also required to sign a statement on the tournament enrollment form verifying that the process has been completed and implemented. Failure to sign the agreement on the charter application will result in the league not being chartered, and failure to fulfill the requirement of the regulations will result in the league's status being referred to the Charter/Tournament committee for action to revoke the league's charter and all privileges.

## Why Background Checks and the Adult Abuse Awareness Training Is a Necessity.

I recommend that all parents sign up and take the online abuse awareness training. This training is free and can be accessed from the CA D4 website.

[Abuse awareness for Adults](#)

Little League Baseball, a coach and his wife sued over allegations of sexual assault of 8 boys in Texas.

Adam and Miranda Isaacks, who are married, are accused of grooming players they coached. Adam Isaacks assaulted boys for years, the lawsuit claims.

The families of eight boys in Texas sued Little League Baseball Inc. this week, accusing the organization of enabling a coach to groom his players before he sexually assaulted them for years. Adam Isaacks, a coach and league president, and his wife, Miranda Isaacks, an assistant coach, were also named as defendants. The Isaacks are accused of grooming the boys in their capacity with Little



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League Baseball in Jasper County, about 25 miles north of Beaumont, the suit filed Monday said. The alleged victims and their families were not identified in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court for Eastern Texas. Adam Isaacks was arrested in December and charged with sexual assault of and indecency with minors, [NBC affiliate KMBT of Beaumont](#) reported. He is being held in the Jasper County Jail, where his bonds total \$6.5 million and include bonds for charges brought in both Jasper and Sabine counties. A representative of the Jasper County Jail confirmed that Isaacks remained there Wednesday afternoon. It was not immediately clear whether he or his wife had legal representation. Attempts to reach Miranda Isaacks were unsuccessful. "Plaintiffs are victims and survivors of childhood sexual assault, molestation and abuse at the hands of their Little League Baseball Coach and League President, Adam Isaacks," the lawsuit says. "The abuse started when some minor Plaintiffs were just 7 and 8 years old and continued for a period of years until the age of 11 and 12." The suit alleges that the Isaackses were able to abuse their positions because of a lack of oversight and training by Little League Baseball. "All such grooming occurred under the authority of Little League Baseball," the lawsuit says. "Defendants failed to enforce safety precautions to guard against the foreseeable risk of sexual assault in the context of Little League Baseball. Defendants failed to comply with their duties and obligations to implement safety awareness, education and training to protect minor Plaintiffs." Little League Baseball said in a statement Tuesday it "is aware of the unfortunate allegations made involving a former

volunteer ... however, due to the pending litigation, it would be inappropriate for Little League International to offer any further comment on the situation at this time." The lawsuit lays out the grooming process Adam Isaacks and his wife are alleged to have used to satisfy "his deviant gratification." "This grooming campaign included but was not limited to inviting the minor Plaintiffs to go on overnight trips and sleepovers with the coach, assistant coach Miranda ... other team members, such as camping, riding recreational vehicles, and/or hunting trips with him," it says. The Isaackses kept sex toys and pornography at their home and the hunting club, which they subjected children to, the suit says. Adam Isaacks sometimes also drugged or provided alcohol for the minors, which rendered them unconscious, impaired or vulnerable during the attacks, the suit alleges. The couple also tried to win over the children's parents, the suit says. As an example, they paid to have pink jerseys made for each boy with the name of his mother on the back, the suit says. The suit says Little League Baseball is a "big business." It highlights a television contract with ESPN and ABC, which runs through 2022 and earns the organization more than \$9 million annually.

Financial records also show that Little League Baseball reported more than \$32 million in revenue in 2018 and 2019 and more than \$22 million in 2020, which was affected by the pandemic, according to the lawsuit.



## From ADA Challengers, Stephen Mohammed

Hello everyone, the schedules are done. I'd like to thank Albany's Amber Crowley for helping me with the schedules. We won't be having the Jamboree again this year, Ted and I are hopeful that we'll have it back next season. Bigger and better! A big thank you to all of you for offering your donations to our Jamboree. Time to play ball!!!



## From Jim Rose – Training Coordinator

District 4 ran five ZOOM rules clinics in February and March. The three, basic rules clinics had between forty-five and fifty-five attendees each session. The softball rules clinic had over fifty attendees and the teenage baseball clinic brought in over thirty. Thank you to the various ADAs for encouraging these clinics and to Ed Newbegin who helped present the softball rules. All of these clinics were recorded and the recordings are available through links on the District 4 website Umpires page under "CA D4 Umpire Training Videos."

Remember that all Interleague Rules for baseball and softball are easily accessible through the Baseball and Softball pages on the District 4 website. For any rules questions, don't hesitate to contact Jim Rose or Don Waddell.



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From ADA Big Diamond Baseball,  
Grayson Lawrence

Reminders for the upcoming  
50/70 and Juniors season:

- Managers confirm game and field location at least 2 days before hand. Managers please contact other team ASAP if your team cannot make a scheduled game.
- Any game reschedules are conducted directly between the two teams involved. District will not coordinate, but please provide me the new date/time/location.
- Allow plenty of time to get to the field for away games; and always respect the field of the home team.
- The home team is responsible for providing two umpires for each game, one of which needs to be at least 18 years of age. If your league needs help staffing umpires for your teenage baseball games, please contact the D4 UIC Don Waddell at:  
[llcad4uic@gmail.com](mailto:llcad4uic@gmail.com)
- Ensure your teenage baseball fields have break-away bases. We typically see this issue when teenage baseball teams are playing at high schools.
- 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.
- The D4 Baseball Page has links to schedules, contacts, and interleague rules

Hope everyone has a great start to the season!



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Thank You for Hosting our  
Umpire Clinics

Thank you to the two leagues that hosted our District 4 Umpire Clinics over the last month. Thanks to Pinole Hercules LL for hosting our Advanced Umpire Clinic where some 15 experienced umpires learned some new mechanics to help them be more effective on the field. Also, thanks to Martinez LL for hosting our Junior Umpire Clinic where 35 young umpires from 9 leagues received a full day of instruction on the basics, and put their new skills to work with game action with real teams. Both leagues did a great job providing us with quality fields, drinks, lunch and players for game action. Without their support of their Board of Directors, our clinics would not have been a success!

## District 4 Umpire Resources

With the season now underway for nearly all the leagues, our Umpire Training Clinics and Rules Instruction Clinics are now complete. But your umpires can continue to refresh their skills and knowledge by accessing the District 4 Umpire webpage. We have included links to video recordings of all of our 2022 Rules Clinics, as well as to our recently updated Umpire Mechanics training videos. Also available for your use are several publications to help your umpires - the District 4 Umpire Basics handbook, Mechanics guides for both small diamond and large diamond umpires, and instructions on how to use a Line Up card.

More resources are being added on a frequent basis and we encourage your umpires to take a look at what is there for them!

You can access the Umpire Resources on the District 4 webpage via the menu link for D4 Umpires:

## [Umpire Resources](#)



From ADA Little League Baseball,  
Don Mayjoffo

Met with leagues for scheduling games on February 24<sup>th</sup>. With the great help of Liz Berg, all leagues are playing and most leagues are having Opening Days. I will be around to visit. Have a great year all!



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## 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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