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California D4 Finances

June-September Balance

Beginning Balance	69,459.57
Pin Sales	887.00
Post Season Pins (TOC/AllStar)	4,797.60
Post Season Pins (Future Stars)	907.74
May Dinner	977.42
Congress Expense	5,365.84
Congress Travel	10,300.26
Wheel Chair for Don M.	219.99
Verification Lunch & Supplies	458.00
Post Season Pins (Section)	668.81
Post Season Awards (TOC/AllStar)	2,857.60
Post Season Pins (West Region)	1,401.52
Line Up Cards	477.47
West Region Ump Clothing	2,115.24
CA D4 Umpire Hats	250.00
COA Field Rental (for Section)	1,500.00
Meals for 7/1 Section	489.21
WR Compensation from HQ	5,000.00
WR Hospitality	450.00
Toner Cartridges/Verification	134.75
Supplies for WR Tournament	746.54
DA E-mail @gmail	19.99
Bank Fees (4 months)	12.00
DA Travel	3,014.59
WRBBT Hospitality Room (desserts)	34.37
WRBBT Transportation- Sacramento	500.00
Western Region Donation (Tarps) S.B.	600.00
WRBBT Hospitality (Ump T-shirts)	300.00
WRBBT Badges and Lanyards	726.31
WR Hospitality	4,350.00
Hospitality Room for Umpires	2,005.72
WRBBT Cash Receipts	7199.00
WRBBT (Umpires at Oakland A's)	1,000.00
WRBBT (Umpire Expense)	93.18
WRBBT (Umpire Housing)	8,892.36
WRBBT (Room Rental)	550.00
WRBBT (Hospitality Food & Drink)	967.47
WRBBT (Umpire Dinners)	1,607.01
WRBBT (Umpire Awards)	288.16

WRBBT (Photographer Room)	648.76
WRBBT (Volunteer & Staff shirts)	763.86
CA D4 Storage	777.00
Website	207.90
Zoom Renewal	227.52
Ending Balance	30,441.38

Thanks for the Donations

During July, California District 4 in association with North/South Oakland hosted the Senior Baseball West Region tournament. We welcomed teams from Hawaii, Southern California, Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Montana, Arizona and our own NOLL/SOLL team. After a week long tournament Maui, Hawaii defeated NOLL/SOLL and advanced to the Senior Baseball world series.

During the course of the event, we also played host to 9 visiting umpires from throughout the West Region. To make their experience a special as possible we requested for donations from both within our District 4 family as well as our fellow Districts. We would like to acknowledge the following leagues and Districts for their contributions.

Platinum Sponsors

Alameda LL	Ken Avery
Martinez LL	Steve Etter
Concord American LL	California District 2
North/South Oakland	
California District 4 Umpires Association	

Gold Sponsors

East County LL	Walnut Creek LL
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Silver Sponsors

Clayton Valley LL	Albany LL
Continental LL	California District 6
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Pinole Hercules LL	California District 44
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Financial Reports

After the completion of the fiscal year (September 30) each league is to submit a financial statement to headquarters. This can be a simple income and expense report. This is similar to what the District provides at every meeting but would include every month of the year. The financial report is separate from the tax return in that it only needs to be filed with headquarters. Once completed email report to Becky Bassett at: BBassett@LittleLeague.org Be sure to include your league name and league number on the report.



Lewis Cup Returns

A new Lewis Cup will be unveiled in October. We look forward to reviving the Lewis Cup to reward leagues that go above and beyond for the betterment of the district. A full report on the new Lewis Cup will be sent to all leagues prior to the October vendor event.



Fall Ball Returns

A reminder that your league and players are covered by Little League Insurance until December 31, 2022. No new insurance needs to be purchased by leagues to conduct fall ball and sand lot fun days.

2022 California D4 Champions

TOC Baseball

- AA – South Oakland
- AAA – Alameda
- Major – Alameda
- 50/70 – Alameda
- Junior – North/South Oakland

TOC Softball

- Minor – Martinez
- Major – East County
- Senior – Richmond

All Star Baseball

- 8/10 – Lafayette
- 8/10 futures – Lafayette
- 9/11 – North Oakland
- 9/11 Futures – Alameda
- 10/12 – Alameda
- 50/70 – North/South Oakland
- Junior – North/South Oakland
- Senior - North/South Oakland

All Star Softball

- 8/10 – Walnut Creek
- 9/11 – Walnut Creek
- 10/12 – East County
- Junior – Martinez
- Senior – East County *

*Also captured the Northern California Championship and advanced to the West Region Tournament.

Congratulations to all of the 2022 Champions throughout the District. A special thanks to the many leagues who hosted games throughout the tournament season.



Rules changes for the 2023 season

Rule 3.09 (Baseball and Softball)

Managers or coaches are permitted to warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bullpen or elsewhere at any time.

This change to include not only in-game warm-ups, but pre-game warm-ups. As written, the rule does include “any time” to include both situations, but clear language identifying such may be beneficial.

• **This change would be for Regular Season.**

Rule 6.08 A 2 (Baseball)

The batter becomes a runner and is entitled to first base without liability to be put out (provided said runner advances to and touches first base) when –

(2) ALL DIVISIONS: the defense elects to “Intentionally Walk” the batter by announcing such decision to the plate umpire. The request may be made prior to or during the at-bat.

A player may only be intentionally walked by announcement one time during a game.

- NOTE 1: Such notification must be made by the defensive manager. The manager must request and be granted “time” by the umpire and then inform the umpire of the defense’s intent to walk the batter.
- NOTE 2: The ball is dead, and no other runners may advance unless forced by the batter’s award. The appropriate number of “balls” needed based on the count on the batter at the time of the manager’s request to complete the Intentional Walk will be added to the pitch count.

This change would be for Regular Season and Tournament play for all divisions of Baseball. This change would not affect the current Intentional Walk for all divisions of Softball. Softball Rule 6.08(a)(2) will remain the same as written for both Regular Season and Tournament play.



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Tournament Organization, Managers/Coaches in the Dugout

A maximum of three (3) adults who are named on the affidavit (or authorized replacements as noted on the affidavit) will be permitted to act as manager/coaches for that game. The named adults must be listed on the affidavit or must be authorized temporary replacements as noted on the affidavit. If there is a third adult listed on the affidavit, that adult is permitted to be in the dugout or on the field during that game.

NOTE: Base coaches may be adults and/or players provided at least one adult manager or coach remains in the dugout. See 4.05(b). • This change would be for Tournament Play in all divisions of Baseball and Softball.



From ADA Challengers, Stephen Mohammed

Welcome back for another season of Challenger Division Baseball. Thank you to all the leagues whom participated last season. Hopefully will be able to have every league back this season.

Would you please let me know if you have a new Director or the same contact person?

Thank you again, Stephen Mohammed, Sr



From ADA Little League Softball, Phil Raines

Would you please let me know if you have a new Director or the same contact person?



From ADA and ADA LL Baseball, Geoff Shiu

Welcome to the 2023 Season. I'm excited to finally attend an actual in person Little League District 4 meeting.

League Presidents...I sent an email on 9.18.2022 asking you to review and confirm your contact information.

If you are returning for the 2023 Season... Thank You!

If you are attending the September District Meeting but will not be returning as league president...please provide me with the new league president's contact information.

Your District Administrator, Ted Boet, has appointed me as the Little League Baseball ADA. I look forward to meeting all Little League Baseball representatives as we prepare for the 2023 Season.

League Presidents...please forward to me your Little League Baseball point of contact to include full name...cell phone... and email address at the September District Meeting.

Geoffrey Shiu
CA4 Little League Baseball ADA



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

"Fall Ball for Blues" Monthly umpire online meetings happenings

In each month this Fall the District 4 Staff Umpires will be hosting an online umpire meeting we are calling "Fall Ball for Blues." These will be Zoom meetings, lasting about 90 minutes and are open to all umpires and any other interested League volunteers. Topics for the sessions will

include updates on Little League Umpire training programs and interviews with guest umpires from around the Western Region. The highlight of these meetings will be a video review of plays from the recently completed Little League Baseball and Softball World Series with emphasis on Little League rule interpretations and proper umpire mechanics. We want these monthly meetings to be a way for your league volunteer umpires to stay connected throughout the Fall and be ready for action as the season starts early next year.

Our first Fall Ball for Blues is Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. Advance registration is required and can be done via the link on the District 4 Umpire Training webpage: [Fall Ball for Blues Registration](#)

Thank You for Tournament Umpire Support

All of our Future Stars, TOC and All Star teams owe a big Thank You to all of the leagues in District 4 that provided umpires for the Tournament of Champions and All Star tournaments. All 13 of our active District 4 leagues provided some 72 individual umpires, covering some 387 umpire spots! This is a 25% increase from participation in 2021! This great turnout provided quality umpiring for every game which made for a smoothly run tournament. In addition, these 72 District 4 umpires were excited to be part of the action and continue their volunteer service to Little League.

The following umpires need to be recognized for their individual contributions during the tournament season:

- Norm Downing Pittsburg 31 games
- Matt Avery Pinole Hercules 29 games
- Shannon Self Walnut Creek LL 26 games
- Jim Rose Martinez 25 games
- Ed Newbegin Martinez LL 22 games



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From Jim Rose – Training Coordinator and Softball UIC

As we begin another year, it is not too soon to think about Rules Clinics for Umpires, Managers and Coaches.

Although it is unclear yet how those rules will be presented early in 2023. If your league would like a Rules Clinic, either by Zoom or In-Person, in 2023, always feel free to contact me about that.

And we are running the Fall Ball for Blues on Zoom this fall. Included are videos on rules and mechanics for umpires. Please share with your league's umpires and any other interested volunteers. Sign-ups for the individual meetings, which run from 7-8:30pm on 9/28, 10/26, 11/16, and 12/14, are found at:

[Fall Ball for Blues Registration](#)

From ADA Big Diamond Baseball, Grayson Lawrence

I am returning as the Big Diamond ADA for the upcoming 2022-23 season. Big Diamond, also known as Teenage Baseball, comprises three Little League divisions:

- Intermediate (AKA 50/70): ages 11-13
- Junior League: ages 12-14
- Senior League: ages 13-16

At this point, please provide me the Big Diamond contact(s) for your league so we can begin to coordinate and organize the upcoming season at the district level. Please provide me these contacts by the October D4 board meeting. If your league is not planning on offering teenage baseball or combining with another league, please let me know also.

I look forward to a great season!

Presidents, please e-mail your league's 2023 Board of Directors to me at: Sewcarla2@gmail.com. I will forward them to the District 4 Staff.

Thank you, Arnold Lum, Pinole Hercules LL for already having sent your league's information.