



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
January 17, 2023 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:32 pm, via Zoom

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

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

Guests: Richmond LL: Pablo Ramirez; Walnut Creek: Shannon Self; Martinez LL: Michele Vierra

District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Welcome everyone, hope to see everyone soon
- Later we will check in on what everyone is doing for Tryouts

Asst. UIC Softball and Training Coordinator, Jim Rose:

Some very important new changes: Rules & Regulations

- League Board of Directors: managers & coaches can now make up to 75%
- Players can be in more than one Little League program
- Players MUST participate in at least one evaluation (Try-out)
- Senior Baseball and Softball – no regular season games required to participate in All Stars
- Armbands/Calling Bands – must be worn on non-pitching wrist or forearm; Must not be grey, white or optic yellow
- Jewelry – Medical Alert bracelets/necklaces are allowed; Beads in hair are now allowed
- Pace of Play – an adult manager/coach can warm up the pitcher on the field, in bullpen, and in between innings
- Time limit between innings – still 1 minute or less, 8 pitches or less
- Run Rule revised – Major Baseball & Softball games ends 15 runs/3 innings; 10 runs/4innings; 8 runs/5 innings
- Intentional Walk – 50/70, Juniors, Seniors: Can only Intentional Walk a player once without pitches per game, the rest of time must pitch to that batter
- All Stars – New Rule: no matter how many players on the team there will be 1 manager and 2 coaches
- Little League Diamond Leader Training Program – Manager and Coaches MUST complete training **prior** to being appointed a Tournament Manager or Coach for All Stars; Certificates are to be in the All Star binder
- Senior Baseball and Softball Eligibility for All Stars– A player who is registered with local league meeting Residency or School Enrollment requirements and of league age Must meet residency requirements by tournament play
- Tournament Rules –
 - a. all Divisions of Baseball and Softball with the exception of Senior will use Continuous Batting Order, no more batting 9, no more substitutions for batting
 - b. No Mandatory Play – player on Team Affidavit at game time must be on the Batting Line Up card and MUST bat when their time comes up; Managers/Coaches are not required to play them Defensively
 - c. No Special Pinch Runner
 - d. Courtesy Runner – used in Tournament/Post Season/All Stars by Juniors and below, the player selected to be Courtesy Runner is the one who made the last out
- In preparation for tournament we have been reviewing Interleague Rules:
 - a. Interleague Softball – Senior, Major and Minors will Batting 9 players
 - b. Interleague Baseball – will be using Continuous Batting Order
- All Star Team Affidavits – Little League Headquarters requires that the 12 players must be listed in order to be verified and signed by the District Administrator

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- Happy New Year! Welcome back!
- Junior/Youth Umpires are not meant to replace adults or be the only umpires at a game. They are to be in addition to adult umpires.



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- a. Jr/Youth Umpires need adult umpires to help mentor and guide them throughout the year
- b. League Chief Umpire cannot possibly supervise 30 or more youth umpires; have more to do than just supervise the Youth Umpires
- c. Youth Umpires must have an adult at the field. Example: if there are two fields with only youth umpires each field must have its own Adult Game Coordinator
- d. Game Coordinator is essentially doing what an Umpire does, NOT the Board Member on duty. They must be at the field for the entire game, support for the youth umpire(s).
 1. Game Coordinator Training - on D4 website Umpire Page there is a training program through our YouTube Channel
- e. Why establish Adult Umpire Training Programs – Many leagues have a Volunteer Fee/Deposit approximately \$150 - \$200 on top of the league registration, 300 families x \$200 = \$60,000 more than enough to pay the Junior Umpires
 1. Possibly a family would like their fee back
 2. Establish Adult Volunteer Umpire Program
 - a. Approach should be to work with the teams: Assign a game(s) to a team, manager looks for an umpire(s); some leagues have a group of trained umpires you can pick from
 - b. Assign to the team, manager has to umpire the game
 - c. Each team gets 1-2 volunteers from the parents, can pair them with Youth Umpires to cover the assignments
 3. How to make it Happen in your league
 - a. In-league Training: 5 leagues are doing this and have asked for our assistance with their Clinics
 - b. District-wide Training, Sunday, February 26th, at Martinez LL
 1. Registration is open on the district website
 2. 10 have registered
 3. Looking for 30 – 40 participants
 4. Any adult or youth, working/retired has an interest in volunteering and umpiring

DA Ted Boet: Four UIC's attended the West Region Umpire Training along with CA D4 UIC Don Waddell. In attendance were, Jim Rose, Ed Newbegin, Laura Peterson and Shannon Self
There are 12 on-line rules courses: 4 – District, 4 – Region and 4 – Headquarters No Fees
These can be accessed through the CA D4 website under the Umpire tab.

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- Live Scan Update
 - a. Requirement has been extended to January 2024 to have Volunteers scanned
 - b. ORI – only 3 leagues have their ORI
 - c. District wide scanning has been postponed till next year
 - d. I will help the remaining leagues to get your ORI
 - e. Fees: FBI/DOJ = \$15; Rolling Fee: \$10; Transaction Fee: \$5-7
 1. Alameda LL is charging \$33; A local Notary reduced his costs for the league
- ASAP – is DUE and APPROVED prior to leagues holding Tryouts/Evaluations

DA Ted Boet:

1. Start your Background Checks on Managers and Coaches – there are NONE in the DATA Center
2. I will contact Headquarters as to how leagues who are doing Live Scans are to report them to headquarters

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Scheduling meeting – For all divisions, February 13th, 6:15pm till finished, at UCCE
 - a. Pinole Hercules, Richmond – I need #s (teams per level of play)



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- b. Clayton Valley, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek – What levels of play do you want/need to Interleague and how many teams
 - Rules Meeting – February 27th, 6:30pm, at UCCE, All Managers/Coaches AA to Seniors; This is a Live Meeting
- Richmond LL President, Mark Torres – will be hosting the Urban Initiative Softball Tournament, April 21st – 23rd

Teenage Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- I have reached out to all leagues – heard from 8 of 12
 - a. About 12 teams at 50/70 and Junior to Interleague
- February 16th – 50/70 and Juniors Scheduling meeting, arrive at 6:45pm will start at 7pm SHARP ; at the UC Extension
 - a. Manager, Coach or Rep for EACH Team must attend
 - b. D 53 will be there
- February 23rd – Rules Meeting for 50/70, Junior and Senior, by Zoom
 - a. At minimum the Manager must attend, coaches are welcome
 - b. Info/Zoom link will be sent to all Contacts for Teenage baseball
- District Calendar has been updated on the website and will be sent to you tonight

Assistant District Administrator and LL Baseball ADA, Geoff Shiu:

- LL Baseball Interleague – I have heard from Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, Clayton Valley and Concord American
- February 9th, 7pm at UC Extension, Meeting for Organizing and Scheduling
 - a. All interested in Interleague play MUST have a Rep at the meeting
 - b. Bring Contact information for all Managers of teams Interleaguings
 - c. Bring Locations of Fields and Ground Rules of those fields
 - d. Bring the Dates and Times of the field's availability for Major and Minor games
 - e. I will send an email out reminding as to what to bring to the meeting

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- Challenger Jamboree, Sunday, April 23rd, at Heather Farms Park
- Presidents, please ask your Boards for donations for the event
- Meeting for Reps is set for next week

Western Region Tournament Chairman, Paul Rosky:

- Western Region Senior Baseball Tournament at Laney College, July 20th – 26th
- Volunteers are appreciated
- I'll send an email out when we have a meeting set

DA Ted Boet:

- Diamond Leader Training: locate on the D4 website Forms page; takes about ½ hour
Suggestion: have Managers and Coaches complete the training now, will be ready for the Post Season appointing
- Constitutions: are currently being digitized by Western Region
 - a. Leagues are to submit their Constitution (changes/ no changes) every other year to DA Ted Boet, he will then submit to West Region
 - 1. 1st six leagues submit this year
 - 2. 2nd six leagues submit next year
- Uniform Patches – there are plenty in store at headquarters,
 - a. Order now to be prepared for Post Season
 - b. Regions no longer carry the Patches
- Tax Returns for last season Fiscal Year end September 2022 should be filed by February 15th, 2023



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- Parent Code of Conduct – will add to the All Star binder to help curb Fan Abuse of umpires Post Season; will be a one page form
- Emails going out tonight:
 - a. Tournament Forms: TOC and All Stars – DUE March 21st
 - b. Host TOC and All Star games – DUE – March 21st
 - c. New District Calendar on website
 - d. Newsletter will be sent out at 9pm tonight
 - e. A copy of the District Taxes submitted by DA Ted Boet

Open Discussion: Tryouts/Evaluations by Leagues

Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Next meeting: February 21st, by Zoom

March 21st meeting to be In-Person at UCCE