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California D4 Finances

January - February Balance

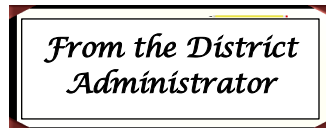
Beginning Balance 37,945.51

League Dues (Alameda) 3,780.00

January Bank Fee 3.00

February Bank Fee 3.00

Ending Balance 41,719.51



2023 Lewis Cup Award

Pinole Hercules 1272

Martinez 1263

Alameda 1249

Concord American 1216

East County 1180

Clayton Valley 1171

Walnut Creek 1137

Richmond 1072

NOLL/SOLL 902

Albany 873

Lafayette 860

Pittsburg 760



Background Checks

League	Teams	Checks	Complete	%
Alameda	44	220	195	89%
Albany	36	180	24	13%
Clayton Valley	48	240	123	51%
Concord American	29	145	23	16%
East County	50	250	150	60%
Lafayette	50	250	0	0%
Martinez	53	265	167	63%
NOLL/SOLL	82	410	90	22%
Pinole Hercules	27	135	97	72%
Pittsburg	10	50	0	0%
Richmond	13	65	66	102%
Walnut Creek	70	350	444	127%



From Liz Berg, ADA Safety

All ASAP plans have been submitted!

Waiting on registration data for just ONE league. Once that is received, we will be 100% approved once again. Thanks to everyone for the effort. Now we need to concentrate on getting the background checks completed.

Remember that only volunteers that have completed the JDP or Live Scan background checks are permitted to have access to your players.



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From Jim Rose – Training Coordinator and Asst. UIC Softball

District 4 is right in the middle of conducting its six, 2023 rules clinics. Although attendance has been consistent at around 35, there are leagues that are not represented and clearly the majority of umpires are not attending. These clinics are the District fulfilling its responsibility that all umpires, coaches, and managers be trained in rules for the coming season. We ask that league presidents and UICs please advertise these clinics with all their umpires, but also all their managers and coaches.

The following are the remaining clinics that will be held through March 1

Basic Rules Clinic #3:

Wednesday, February 22, 7-8:15pm via Zoom (pre-registration required). Covers Base Awards, and Obstruction and Interference.

Pre-registration Required: Click Below [Pre-Registration for Clinic](#)

Basic Rules Clinic #4:

Wednesday, May 1, 7-8:15pm via Zoom (pre-registration required). Covers Rules 8 and 9—The Pitcher and Umpire, and Review of Minor and Major Divisions Baseball Interleague Rules.

Pre-registration Required: Click Below [Pre-Registration for Clinic](#)

Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic:

Tuesday, February 23, 7-8pm via Zoom (pre-registration required).

Pre-registration Required: Click Below [Register Here](#)

Softball Rules Clinic:

Monday, February 27, 6:30-8:30, UC Extension, 2380 Bisso Ln., Suite B, Concord. No registration required.

The first two rules clinics, held February 8 and 15, along with all the other rules clinics, are recorded. Those recordings can be found on the District 4 Umpire channel on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@C4UA>

In addition, this is a reminder for leagues that are participating in Interleague play this year, all the Interleague rules for 2023 can be found on the baseball and softball pages of the District 4 website.



ADA LL Baseball, Geoff Shiu

California 4 Little League Baseball Interleague Program (CA4 LLB ILP) is off and running. Organization Meeting was scheduled for February 9th, 2023, at the UC Extension Office in Concord and attended by league representatives from Clayton Valley, Concord American, Lafayette, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek.

Introductions to the 2023 CA4 LLB ILP were presented by Geoffrey Shiu, LLB ADA, and District Interleague Rules were covered by Don Waddell, CA4 UIC.

Upon completion of introductions Liz Berg, CA4 ADA, started creating schedules for LLB, 3A Minors and Major Divisions, based on feedback and available fields from league representatives. Game schedules are posted on the CA4 website.

NOTES:

Please contact Liz Berg ASAP if a league needs to make updates to the schedule.

If you need to cancel a game, please contact the manager of the team you

were scheduled to play and do not consider your message was received unless you received confirmation from that manager. Host league MUST inform umpires. Cancelled games are to be rescheduled by the two teams involved... and information passed on to Liz Berg ASAP.

THANK YOU'S

Thank You Don Waddell for your expert explanation of playing rules to league representatives and managers.

Thank You Liz "Rocket" Berg for your computer and organizational skills. You made everything look so simply.

A Special Thank You to Carla Moore, CA4 Secretary, for reserving the UCX Office Meeting Room and attending as the UCX and CA4 representative.

A Very Special Thank You to Lafayette's President, Colby Powell and Walnut Creek's President, Neal McSherry for participating in this year's CA4 LLB ILP. Lafayette and Walnut Creek programs are large enough that they do not need to interleague... but have adjusted their regular season schedule so they may support their neighboring leagues.



From ADA Challengers, Stephen Mohammed

We're getting ready to go for our upcoming season. We're working on our schedules now, they'll be done by the end of this week. Regarding the Jamboree on April 23rd, would you please reach out to your Board to donate anything the league can afford. It costs about 10K for the event. Thank you, Stephen



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From ADA Big Diamond Baseball,
Grayson Lawrence

Reminders for the upcoming 50/70 and Juniors season:

Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic
is scheduled for Thursday,
2/23/23 at 7:00pm.

Location: Zoom Meeting
[Registration Link](#)

- The [D4 Baseball Page](#) has links to schedules, contacts, and interleague rules.
- Games are played under the official Little League rules as indicated in the 2023 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.
- Games between teams from different districts require approval from Little League (games between D4 leagues do not require approval). Please submit your inter-district requests through the Little League Data Center website.
- The home team is responsible for providing two umpires for each game, one of which needs to be at least 18 years of age. Strongly encourage volunteer umpires. If you need help staffing umpires for your teenage baseball games, please contact the D4 UIC Don Waddell at 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.
- Have fun!



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Role of the Game Coordinator

We are excited to see all of the young umpires working games in many of our leagues. However, leagues are reminded that Rule 9.03(d) requires that a responsible adult be assigned to any game where there is not an adult on field umpire. This position is called "Game Coordinator" and has the duty to support the youth umpires and to make decisions when needed to support safe play. The Game Coordinator is to be assigned to only one game, and must have no other duties. It is not the Board Member on Duty person, but could be a Board Member doing a different role.

The Game Coordinator by the rule shall:

- Participate in the on field pregame meeting with the umpires and managers just prior to the start of the game, to ensure that ground rules are covered, time limits, any special rules and that lineups are proper.
- Must remain at the game site at all times, including between innings in a position to see all the action on the field and in close proximity to the field (not in an enclosure). The Game Coordinator can be replaced during the game if they must leave for some reason.
- Oversee the conduct of all players, managers, coaches, and umpires during the game to ensure they meet the field decorum requirements as well as their responsibilities
- Have the authority to disqualify any player, coach, manager, or substitute for objecting to decisions of the umpires, or for unsportsmanlike conduct or language, or for other reasons called out in the rules. They have the authority to eject a

disqualified person from the field.

- Have the sole authority to judge whether and when play shall be suspended due to weather conditions or unfit playing field, and to judge when it is safe to resume play.

Leagues must remember that a game that has only youth umpires must not start before the Game Coordinator is in position.

Thank You for Hosting our Umpire Clinic

Thank you to Martinez Little League for hosting the District 4 Umpire Clinics which is coming up this Sunday, February 26th. We are expecting 45 youth and adult umpires representing 9 of our District 4 leagues. Without their support of the Martinez Board of Directors in providing fields, lunch and snacks, our clinic would not be 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 nearing completion. 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 2023 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](#)

Don't forget to get direct access to all the training videos on our California District 4 Umpires You Tube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/@C4UA>

Congratulations to Steve Depetris of North/South Oakland Little League

Congratulations to Steve Depetris of North South Oakland Little League on his selection to be an umpire in the West Region Junior Softball Tournament in Tucson, Arizona in July. Steve is a longtime volunteer with NOLL SOLL. He had an earlier assignment at the West Region Little League Softball tournament in 2011.



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District 4 Alumni Umpires Are Selected for Post Season Assignments

Congratulations to two umpires who gave years of volunteer service to District 4 but have moved away recently on their selection to umpire in Regional and World Series tournaments.

Wayne Bonnington, formerly of Concord American Little League but now residing in Medford, Oregon and Oregon District 6 has been selected to umpire the Intermediate Baseball Division World Series in Livermore this coming August. Wayne has previously been an umpire at the West Region Senior Baseball tournament in 2108 and the West Region Intermediate Baseball tournament in 2015.

Marco Rosen, formerly of Walnut Creek Little League as well as a District Staff member now resides in Windsor, Colorado and Colorado District 2 has been selected to umpire in the Southwest Region Little League Baseball tournament in Waco, Texas in August. Marco had previously been an umpire in the West Region Little League Baseball tournament in 2022.



From ADA Geoff Shiu

Oakland A's Little League Days

Sunday, April 2nd, 1pm
Angels' vs A's

Sunday, April 30th, 1pm
Reds vs A's

Discounted Tickets:

MVP... \$45
Plaza Infield... \$30
Field Level... \$26
Plaza Outfield... \$18

Most leagues are still not playing games yet but are forming teams and planning their schedules. This is the perfect time to make sure you have these two dates on your league calendar. Oakland A's Little League Days also include a Pregame Parade on the field. Have players in full uniform and be sure to have Little League Patches properly attached to players' uniforms.

Once your league decides which Sunday works best for your league contact Ethan Eliason for tickets.

To ensure group seating... best to contact Ethan as soon as possible!

Let's Support the A's. Oakland A's have consistently supported Local Little Leagues with affordable regular season team uniforms, hosted Northern California Little League State Meetings and Annual Little League Days with the A's at the Coliseum.

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