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California D4 Finances

March - April Balance

Beginning Balance	\$49,540.51
Challenger Donations	3500.00
<small>(Martinez, Pinole Hercules, Concord American)</small>	
League Dues	15839.00
<small>(Pittsburg, Lafayette, Clayton Valley, North/South Oakland)</small>	
Luncheon Meeting	48.34
March Bank Fee	3.00
Western Region Hospitality	1250.00
<small>(Clayton Valley and North/South Oakland)</small>	
West Region Reimbursement to CA D4	3214.38
Website Renewal	177.95
Domain Registration	29.95
West Region DA Travel Fund	100.00
April Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	72,981.65



*From the District
Administrator*

Background Checks

The following leagues have not completed the required background checks for 2023:

Albany	67 of 175
Clayton Valley	213 of 240
East County	194 of 350
Lafayette	103 of 235
North/South Oakland	214 of 405
Pinole Hercules	114 of 135
Pittsburg	0 of 50

Please make sure your volunteers use the background check offered by Little League and JDP. As a reminder, in

2024 it will be state law that leagues have set up an account with the DOJ and to use Live Scan to complete this process. Do not put your league at risk of a potential lawsuit for failing to comply with the law.



2023 Lewis Cup Award

Martinez	1850
Walnut Creek	1835
Pinole Hercules	1714
Clayton Valley	1669
Alameda	1591
East County	1525
Richmond	1522
Concord American	1517
NOLL/SOLL	1416
Lafayette	1394
Pittsburg	1220
Albany	1108



Challenger Jamboree Donations

As of April 16th I have received donations from the following leagues:

- Clayton Valley LL
- Concord American LL
- Martinez LL
- Pinole Hercules LL



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From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Tournament Umpires Needs

Soon the tournament season will be here! Leagues should be working to identify and prepare their umpires who they plan to use in the postseason. Each league that participates in All Stars, Tournament of Champions, or Future Stars will be expected to provide their fair share of umpires based upon their share of total number of teams in each tournament. Leagues will be expected to provide umpires for softball as well if they have teams in those divisions. Many leagues rely upon paid umpires from outside sources, or upon youth umpires during the regular season. These leagues will still be expected to provide enough qualified umpires for their share of the tournament games. A list of games in TOC and All Stars assigned to leagues to provide umpires will be sent to League Chief Umpires in mid- May.

Leagues should begin to identify their tournament umpires now, and provide those nominations to the District Chief Umpire by May 15.

Qualifications for Tournament Umpires

Tournament umpires should meet a minimum set of qualifications to be assigned to games:

1. Adult or youth umpires are encouraged; however, each game must have at least one adult umpire assigned.
2. Umpires must be active regular season umpires for their home league, and have completed the Volunteer Application, had a background check performed, and have been approved by the league Board.
3. Umpires must have completed the required safety and youth protection training, and participated in District 4

postseason umpire training for this season.

4. Umpires must be properly uniformed for the games, including umpire shirt, District 4 cap, and umpire pants.
5. Umpires must agree to not receive any compensation for games in the postseason tournaments.

Reminder to Perform Background Checks on Your Umpires

Here is a reminder of the requirement for each league to complete the Background Check on their umpires - volunteer and paid. This was recently provided to all Umpire leaders by Little League Headquarters.

"Don't Let This Happen to Your League" details a real-world scenario, how it has impacted a league, and how you might learn from it.

The names have been omitted in the following scenario, but the situation is real.

The Situation

The District UIC completed a background check on a volunteer umpire, and the umpire began officiating local league games in the district. The District mistakenly believed that they could complete all of the required steps for background checks and then provided an "approved list" to their leagues. The local league Board selected several umpires from the "approved list" and approved them to officiate in its league's games. The local league did not perform its own background checks on the umpires it selected. During the season, parents and team managers notice that on occasion one of the umpires has been late to games, and seemed disoriented while on the field. During a game, a parent smells alcohol on the umpire's breath, and threatens to call the police and remove his child from the league.

The Outcome

The League President and UIC are contacted and the umpire is removed from the game. The umpire informs the President that even though he has alcohol on his breath, he feels he is fully capable of umpiring. The umpire also states that he has had prior DUI convictions and the District was aware of them since they were revealed on his background check. The District did not remove him from the District's approved list. After being informed about the arrests, the league Board of Directors votes to remove the umpire and not permit him to officiate any games for the league.

In view of this situation, the newly elected League President discusses the issue with the Board of Directors. The Board considers appointing a committee to assist the League President in conducting background checks. The Board supports the motion and approves the UIC to be on the Committee and review the background check procedures in the Little League Rulebook, and conduct background checks on all umpires providing regular service to the league. After the annual checks are completed, the UIC is required to report the findings to the League President and the Board. Even though the umpire did not have any automatic disqualifying offenses according to Little League regulations, the Board also voted in favor of excluding any volunteer with an arrest for driving under the influence (DUI), driving impaired or drug-related charge within the past three years.

Note to Little League Officials

The League President is responsible for the nomination of all manager, coach and umpire candidates; and it is the Board of Directors that votes to approve (or deny) these nominees. The League President is responsible for confirming that all background checks are completed before any manager, coach or umpire may assume his/her duties with the league. In this case, no umpire is permitted to officiate any league game without the completion of a background check by the league to which regular service is to be provided. The League President may choose to delegate the background check



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responsibilities to another Board member (such as the UIC), but such a decision requires Board approval and the person entrusted with conducting the league's background checks must report to the League President and the Board of Directors. In years past, leagues have been known to rely on the district staff to fulfill the background check responsibilities, and assemble a list from which the league can select umpires. This practice goes against Little League's Child Protection guidelines and Little League Regulations I (c) 8 & 9 which require that all umpires who provide regular service and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams submit to, and pass, a background check for each league to which they provide service. While we recommend that all Districts conduct background checks on all of their staff and volunteers, this does not alleviate each local league from conducting the required checks on potentially the same individuals in order to adhere to the Little League regulations. This is an example of why all local leagues must review their own records and incorporate their own policies in determining who will be involved in their league.

Has your Board of Directors completed all of these steps for each of the umpires who are working your games?



**From ADA Challengers,
Stephen Mohammed**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Jamboree. Also, thank you to the leagues for letting me know they'll be running booths for us. Alameda, Concord American and Martinez. Would you please remind your Challenger teams to bring a case of drinks and one bag of ice

per team playing. The Walnut Creek Elks are ready to go with all the Volunteers we need. Thank you to Don Waddell for getting us Umpires for the games. We still could use more Umpires. Would you please reach out to your UIC to call Don with more Umpires. Thank you, Stephen



ADA LL Baseball, Geoff Shiu

Thank You Mother Nature for some nice April weather as CA4 Little League Baseball Interleague teams are finally playing games.

Unfortunately, some leagues have had damage to their fields and had to play many of their early scheduled games traveling away.

In the future, if a league finds themselves in a similar situation where they must travel as the Home Team, please also let the Visiting Team know that you will be providing umpires.

Reminders To Interleague Traveling Parents...

- *No Dogs!
- *No Alcohol!
- *No Smoking!
- *No Noise Makers!
- *No Outside Foods!
- *No Sunflower Seeds!
- *Rescheduled/Continuation Games are the sole responsibility of the two teams involved!



**From ADA Big Diamond Baseball,
Grayson Lawrence**

Reminders for the 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.
- Ensure your teenage baseball fields have break-away bases. We typically see this issue when teenage baseball teams are playing at high schools.
- The [D4 Baseball Page](#) has links to schedules, contacts, and interleague rules

Please reach out to me with any questions.

Oakland A's Little League Days

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

Discounted Tickets:

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

Have players in full uniform and be sure to have Little League Patches properly attached to players' uniforms.

Only a few weeks away for the 1st Oakland A's Little League Day, so best to contact Ethan ASAP!

Oakland A's have consistently supported Local Little Leagues with:

1. Regular season team uniforms
2. Hosted Northern California Little League State Meetings
3. Annual Little League Days with the A's at the Coliseum.

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