



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
May 16, 2023 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 8:10 pm, at UCCE 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

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

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

Guests: Clayton Valley: Laura Martinez: Michele Richmond: Martell

District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Thank you for electing me to continue as your DA. 14 years so far.
- Don Goodman, former DA of D35 dies. DA for 40+ years. 43 years prior to not being re-elected.

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- Umpires Post Season Training, May 31st, via Zoom, 7pm. Registration is required, locate the link on the Umpire Training Page of the D4 website. CIUs were to provide me a list by yesterday containing the names of those to attend. Concord American and Martinez provided their lists.
- I've handed a sheet with game allocations per league. There are 180+ games in tournament season. The allocations are based on the number of teams each league entered and available locations.
- Umpire Schedule will be released tomorrow, May 17th in a system to populate with names.
- TOC – is an extension of the regular season will use the regular season rules.
- Two Youth Umpires: if your league provides two Youth Umpires for a game the league will also provide a Game Coordinator to go to the site they are assigned.
- A couple of incidents with Field Maintenance umpires would like to point out:
 1. Break Away Bases are to be used at the Teen Level
 2. There have been bats that did not meet Little League Softball Regulations
 3. Batting Helmets are only certified for three years. Manufacturers will not certify after that.

DA Ted Boet:

- All Stars: all games other than Seniors will have Continuous Batting Order
- TOC: will have Continuous Batting Order by Vote of the Presidents of D4; Except for Senior Softball – Same as All Stars
- TOC: Mandatory Play is still required for Defensive Play. Form for Tracking Players will be supplied.

Asst. UIC Softball and Training Coordinator, Jim Rose:

- I am currently working on the Power Points for the Post Season Zoom Sessions: Tournament Director, All Stars Softball and Baseball, TOC Softball and Baseball
- Managers and Coaches should be attending the meetings. They will be walked through what to expect from putting together binders to arriving at the field.
- 4 Trainings are required, certificates are provided upon completion. Each Coach & Manager are to complete them. Future Stars Managers and Coaches are to complete the CDC Training.
- Items that umpires are seeing now and Do Not want to see in Post Season
 1. No Adult in the Dugout. There is always to be at least one adult in the dugout.
 2. No handling of Bats in the Dugout.
 3. Batting Helmet must be worn if a bat is in their hands.
 4. Warm-up Catcher and Catcher in the game must wear helmet with a dangling Throat Guard.

DA Ted Boet:

- Requirement for Every Team to have at least one Representative at each of the Post Season meetings. When registering there is information to complete for the Team Information (Team Name, Level of Play, League.....)



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- May 30th – Registration for the Post Season will Open on the D4 website
 - a. June 5th, Monday – Tournament Director
 - b. June 6th, Tuesday – Softball TOC and All Stars
 - c. June 7th, Wednesday – Baseball TOC
 - d. June 8th, Thursday – Baseball All Stars

Teenage Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- Regular season has gone reasonably well; 2-3 weeks remain
- Be sure to use Break-Away Bases; there have been several injuries, one severe
- Pitching Affidavits: MUST Bring to games. No Affidavit – 20 pitches per pitcher for the game

Assistant District Administrator and LL Baseball ADA, Geoff Shiu:

- I've made visits to the ballfields and have seen the following things happening:
 1. Presidents to Managers: Eye Black – only a simple mark/line under the eye is allowed, no cross or lightning bolt or anything else
 2. Coaches or Managers Suspended: Minimum one game suspension. They are not to appear at the next game.
 3. Dress Code: This will be covered at the Zoom meetings for Post Season, not enforced during regular season.
 4. LL Patches: MUST be a REAL Patch, not silk screened.
 5. Warming Up Pitchers: Adults seem to be slowing the game down, can't throw the ball back to the pitcher
 6. Cover games with Umpires. When a game is short of or has none pull from another game if there are 2 or more.
 7. Notify Umpires if you know a team will not show for a game. PLEASE

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Thank you to teams that have been rescheduling as many games as possible.
- Teams Parents and Coaching Staff not getting along – arguments, slow down the game. Parents are a problem. Kids are losing out. Leagues Please work with the parents and coaching staff to smooth things out, how to work together. Let the games be played.
- All Star team selection: Start working on required paperwork now. The School Form is the easiest and only form that is needed for Proof of Residence.
- TOC: No Time Limit by vote of the Presidents of D4.

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- Make sure each player has a signed Medical Release in the All Star binder
- Required Trainings and Links to them are on the D4 website
- Parents are to take the School Form to the schools to be signed.
- Use Break-Away Bases for Teen Baseball
- Injury Reports: I have not received any copy of an Injury Report this season. These are to be sent to me to keep on file. Especially if the injured has been seen by a doctor.

DA Ted Boet:

- Background Checks:
 1. ONLY 5 leagues have completed.
 2. Have not Completed: Albany, Pittsburg, Pinole Hercules
 3. Albany and Pinole Hercules: Go to the Data center to Verify you have completed Checks

A lawsuit has been filed against a league 10 years. The league is trying to find out if the Background Check was completed.

4. Start the paperwork for the DOJ Live Scan. Law takes effect January 2024. It will be the only way to do Background Checks in California. Work with Liz, she can help you.



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5. Leagues that have completed the paperwork: Clayton Valley, Concord American, Lafayette, Martinez
- Medical Release is not a Requirement in the All Star binder

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- Thank you everyone who participated with the Jamboree: Michele Vierra, Liz Berg, Grayson & Kathy Lawrence and volunteers, Don Waddell and the Umpires, Geoff – photography, Rick Munoz, Paul & Ty at the BBQ, and Ted & Laura Boet
- Thank you leagues for the Donations; and Chris Miller and Miller Meats for the Hot Dogs
- Donations brought in \$7700; Cost of the event = \$12,500

Western Region Tournament Chairman, Paul Rosky:

- Hotel rooms for the Umpires have been secured
- Volunteers are Needed for the following July 19th – 26th: Announcers and Snack Shack Workers
- Teams: possibly 10, 9 participated last year
- To be held at Laney College, Oakland; No Field Prep needed
- NOLL/SOLL has 66 Senior Baseball players, they had signed up by Thanksgiving last year

DA Ted Boet:

- Donations for the Hospitality Room would be appreciated. We will be hosting 8 Umpires Pinole Hercules will donate
- Photographer to work with the Umpires is needed to get action shots and group shots; last year's photographer is not available

DA Ted Boet:

1. All Star Tournament Enrollment on the Data Center is Open; Do Not list Future Stars and Do Not Pay for them
2. Combined Teams MUST be entered as such in the Data Center
3. Waivers are DUE no later than May 30th to me so that Ted can have them to LL headquarters by June 1st
 - a. Any Waiver already approved is good
4. District Meetings:
 - a. 4 Zoom and 4 In-Person
 - b. Time will to start will move to 7:30pm – Dinner, 8:00pm – Meeting
5. League Dues: Next year will go up to \$5 per player
6. Tournament Packets contain the following:
 - a. List of Verified Players of League Age
 - b. Games hosting during Tournament Season
 - c. TOC & All Star Schedules; Report Scores by Text, the number is listed on each Bracket
 - d. Handout from LL headquarters of All Star Games & Start Dates
 - e. Verification Times
 - f. President Verification Letter
7. All Star Binders, bring to Verification Day with the following:
 - a. Original and 1 Copy of the following:
 1. Player Affidavit
 2. Birth Certificate
 3. School Form or 3 Proofs of Residence

Ex: Last year there was a team with 12 players and none of them had all proper paperwork.

- b. Items No longer needed in the binder: Manager & Coaches certificates for trainings. President will sign a letter saying they know the manager & coaches completed the trainings.



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- c. Fees for Paperwork provided by D4
 - 1. \$5 and \$10 for Previously Verified Players
 - 2. Copy Fee at Verification Site = \$2 per page
- d. Fine for No Show on Saturday, Verification Day = \$100
- 8. Reminders for Hosting Games will be emailed to Presidents the day before the game(s) are to be played at your field(s)
- 9. Emails for Cancellations will be sent as soon as he is aware of them
- 10. Items to be Picked Up tonight:
 - a. League Pins
 - b. Awards for TOC – League that is hosting the Championship Game
 - c. Banners for TOC and All Stars – League that is hosting the Championship Game
 - d. Line Up Cards

Adjourned: 10:00 pm

Next meeting: September 19, 7:30pm Dinner; 8:00pm Meeting starts.
Please let Ted know if you are Gluten-Free or Lactose Intolerant.