



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
November 15, 2022 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 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

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

Guests: Richmond LL: Daniela Rueda, Eva Padilla Romero and Pablo Ramirez

District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Welcome to incoming North/South Oakland LL President DeAndre Calhoun
- Live Scan: At this time every league should have at least started the process.

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- Each league must have their own ORI # before you can do the Live Scan
- Liz Berg and Michelle Vierra/Martinez LL can both do Live Scans. Meetings will be set up to do them.
- \$10 cost per person to recoup the \$5000 cost of the equipment
- Leagues will pay the DOJ/FBI fee
- I will send to each league the email address you should send the application for the Live Scan ORI
- Leagues must do the JDP background check if you do not have the Live Scan ORI

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- Good to see all leagues represented and to see new faces tonight
- Umpire Trainings – See the newsletter please
- League Volunteers – Start with the parents of TeeBall players when they first enter the league, find something they are interested in helping – Snack Bar, Umpiring, Scorekeeping, Field Work, Field Prep, then work towards being a board member. There are opportunities for leagues to seriously consider engaging adults to become umpires.
 - A. Umpires –
 1. Nominate adults to be an umpire for a game
 2. Some leagues assign umpire duties to teams
 3. Some leagues have the managers and coaches umpire
 4. Teenage umpires must have an adult as Game Coordinator at the game
 - B. Local Umpire Associations are very short on umpires, even High School Baseball and Softball will be severely impacted, they may not have many for Little Leagues
 1. You may not get the best umpires suited for Little League games from paid associations
 2. D4 Umpire Staff is available to help leagues to design a program best suited for you
 - C. Suggestions from leagues
 1. Concord American/Rick Munoz – trying to get the league to provide equipment to volunteers who umpire
 2. North/South Oakland/Paul Rosky – For the last 15 years we have been providing a stipend each year to umpires to help with purchasing their equipment. Youth Umpires, we have one of their parents umpire with them.
- Fall Ball for Blues –these meetings are held once a month on Wednesday nights, we avoid holidays
 - a. Conducted by Zoom – 90 minutes
 - b. Have invited 85 people, who are umpires from post season games or attended clinics, about 15-20 attend
 - c. Of those in attendance almost none have been league UICs
 - d. We cover equipment, training, new coaching/Little League program
 - e. Tomorrow - the new Western Region UIC from Seattle - Dennis Williams, taking over for Mark Bernstein at the end of the 2023 tournament season
 - f. Videos shown are from World Series games – cover several topics: You Make the Call
 - g. Register for tomorrow night's meeting on the D4 website - Umpire page



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Asst. UIC Softball and Training Coordinator, Jim Rose:

- Nothing at this time.
- More information in January about Rules Clinics and meetings
- If you have any questions please reach out to me

Western Region Tournament

Teenage Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- 50/70, Junior and Seniors – Please send the Contact Info for your Reps
- February 16th – 50/70 and Juniors Scheduling meeting for those that want to Interleague, hoping everyone will participate; will meet at the UC Extension office
- February 23rd – Teenage (50/70-Juniors-Seniors) Baseball Rules Clinic meeting conducted by Jim Rose, at the UC Extension office
- Senior Baseball – D4 did host the Western Region Tournament last year, because we are the hosting district the winner of the All Stars for the District gets an automatic berth in the tournament; only one league had Senior Baseball – NOLL/SOLL, had 65 players, have had Sr BB since 1982. Runner-up of the District All Star tournament gets to go to Section. If your league has been thinking about fielding a team, this would be a good year for it.

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- Jamboree, Sunday, April 23rd, changed due to Oakland A's Little League Day will be on Sunday, April 30th
- Working on getting a Challenger Little League Day

Assistant District Administrator and LL Baseball ADA, Geoff Shiu:

- November – league presidents is not due till December, best to get it in sooner. November 11th is Veteran's Day, if any of you are a veteran Thank you for your service.
- Need LL Baseball Contact Info to set up in-person meeting for late January/early February; I do have some of the Contact Info
- Meetings for Interleague play and schedules
- When I send out emails to the LL Baseball Rep I do cc the league president to keep in the loop
- Please let me know when your league's season will start

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Welcome everyone – I am the Director of Softball and the president of Martinez LL
- Scheduling meeting – For all divisions, possibly weekend of February 11th or 18th, I will let you know
- Rules Meeting – week of March 6th, once confirmed I will let you know
- Send the count of teams per division for your league by February 1st, I will ask your Reps for the Ages of the teams in each Division. Even if you do not Interleague I will want to know the number of teams you have and ages of the players.

Western Region Tournament Chairman, Paul Rosky:

- December 13th or 14th there will be a meeting for those interested in helping with the Western Region Senior Baseball Tournament
- Contact Paul and Grayson ASAP if your league may have a Senior BB team in order to schedule games.

DA Ted Boet:

- Thank you to the seven leagues who have sent in your Charter: Clayton Valley, Concord American, East County, Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Richmond, Walnut Creek
- Charter by December 31st keeps your insurance intact; come January 1st you have no insurance; your Board of Directors will be responsible for any injuries – no coverage through Little League
- Board of Directors Information is needed to be sent to Carla: Albany and Richmond LL, Carla will send to leagues
- Board of Director Information not submitted to the LL DATA Center: Albany, Lafayette, Pittsburg. Please do this for headquarters to know who is helming your league



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- Tax Returns – still need from Albany, Concord American, North Oakland, Pinole Hercules and Pittsburg
- Newsletter will be sent out at 9pm tonight
- Thank you to everyone who came out to help celebrate the Volunteer of the Year winners at the luncheon held at the Martinez Yacht Club. Two winners are here tonight: Eva Padilla Romero of Richmond LL – Volunteer of the Year, and the winner of the Ernie Lewis Award – Carla Moore for her dedicated service all her years to not only District 4 but also Pittsburg National LL now known as Pittsburg LL. It was fun to surprise Grant Tsuji with the Bob Beberg Coaching Award, he was there to see his brother from Alameda LL receive the Volunteer of the Year award.
- It became official between last meeting and tonight Continental LL and Walnut Creek LL have been approved by headquarters to become one league known as Walnut Creek Little League. We now have 12 leagues still representing all of the cities we have had with the previous leagues.

Adjourned: 8:45 pm

Next meeting: January 17, 2023, in person at UCCE, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord;

As of January 3rd the meeting has been changed to Zoom. Info will be sent by DA Ted Boet.

Dinner at 7:00pm, Meeting at 7:30pm

** Bring a Friend and get Points for your league