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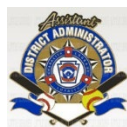
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California D4 Finances

April - May Balance

Beginning Balance	\$72,981.65
Challenger Donations <small>(Alameda and Clayton Valley)</small>	1750.00
League Dues <small>(East County and Albany)</small>	4971.00
Post Season Pennants	2203.32
Jamboree Toilets	1297.55
West Region Hospitality (SB)	1000.00
Western Region Hospitality <small>(East County and Albany)</small>	750.00
West Region Umpire Attire	649.15
Challenger Shirts & Medals	5140.07
Supplies for Jamboree	45.59
Prizes for Jamboree	595.79
New Pop-Up for Jamboree	175.59
Truck Rental/Gas – Jamboree	307.01
Ice for Jamboree	69.75
Food for Jamboree	2185.87
DA Travel Williamsport	1194.71
Storage for 4 months	1136.00
TOC Pins	2201.10
TOC Awards	3168.19
All Star Pins	3002.35
May Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	56,077.61



From ADA Geoff Shiu

League Presidents... with the Regular Season winding down let's start preparing for hosting upcoming post season tournaments. Being prepared is the key for success hosting tournaments.

Key volunteers a league will need to host a post season tournament game are...

- Tournament Director
- Scorekeeper
- Pitch Counter for baseball
- Spotter
- Announcer
- Field Prep Workers
- Snack Bar Workers

May I suggest league presidents start looking at regular season volunteers who have demonstrated strong interest in helping their team/league.

Start recruiting that one parent who keeps showing up ready to keep score and parents who always arrives early to their child's game and willing to help prepare the field for play.

Recruit Now... or it will be just you and a few directors doing it all.



2023 Lewis Cup Award

Martinez	2050
Concord American	1958
Walnut Creek	1935
Clayton Valley	1871
East County	1825
Pinole Hercules	1802
Alameda	1772
Richmond	1622
NOLL/SOLL	1617
Lafayette	1594
Pittsburg	1320
Albany	1308





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From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Tournament Umpire Training

Each umpire assigned to work games in the tournaments must be trained in the special rules and procedures. There are many rule changes this year and all umpires should attend our District 4 Tournament Umpire training on Wednesday, May 31, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Preregistration is required and this may be done at the following link which can also be found on the California 4 website under Umpires.

[Post Season Umpire Training Zoom Registration](#)

Tournament Umpire Assignments

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 this week.

Using Youth Umpires in Tournament of Champions

We encourage the use of qualified and uniformed Youth Umpires during the Tournament of Champions. We know that many leagues use youth umpires during the regular season, and since TOC is played under regular season rules this can provide consistent, quality umpires.

However, as outlined in Rule 9 if your league provides two youth umpires to work a game assigned to your league in TOC, your league must also provide a trained Game Coordinator. The Game Coordinator should meet the youth umpires prior to the game at the game site, participate in the pregame field and equipment inspection, and the plate meeting with the managers. More on the role of the Game Coordinator can be found in our short training video available on the District 4 Umpire YouTube Channel.

Umpire Uniforms for TOC, All Stars and Future Stars

The umpires your league provides for the games assigned to cover in the post season tournaments must be properly uniformed. No regular league umpire uniform may be worn - which means no league cap or shirt. Each umpire must wear the California 4 umpire cap, an umpire shirt with the Little League patch affixed, and gray pants. No shorts may be worn. Your League Chief Umpire has been advised on how to obtain the CA D4 cap and wear other uniform items may be bought. Do not delay as supplies are limited.



From Jim Rose – Training Coordinator and Asst. UIC Softball

Currently we are working on the Zoom Tournament and TOC presentations for District 4. The dates and times for these are found on the District calendar. As in the past, these presentations are individually crafted for umpires, tournament directors, TOC baseball, Tournament baseball, and TOC and Tournament softball. They will emphasize binder requirements, exceptions for prior to, during, and after games, relevant rules, and points of emphasis on behaviors and

safety.

Prior to those presentations, there are some things that presidents can be emphasizing with managers, coaches, and, if you are hosting games, tournament directors. All managers and coaches should be working on required trainings (for Tournament, Future Stars and TOC, the CDC Heads Up for Concussion, and for Tournament also the Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Abuse Awareness, and Little League Diamond Leadership trainings). All these trainings can be found through links on the District 4 Forms page. Managers and coaches who have not gone through the District 4 basic rules, softball, and big diamond baseball rules clinics, can view them all at: <https://www.youtube.com/@C4UA>

Presidents can also be emphasizing with their managers and coaches very basic and expected safety procedures that we as umpires see consistently violated through the regular season. In warm ups, players with or near bats must wear a batting helmet, catchers warming up pitchers and near a bat for infield/outfield practice must have a catcher's helmet with a dangling throat guard, no bats may be handled in the dugouts, absolutely no jewelry, and only one batter out between half innings in Little League Baseball and Softball and below.

Presidents can also be preparing for hosting Future Stars, Tournament, and TOC games. There are many, many positions that will need to be filled, so now is a good time to identify those League volunteers who will make your tournament hosting a success. Start thinking of who will be the tournament directors and team leaders for areas such as score booth, field prep, equipment, security, and snack shack. Each of these areas will also need many volunteers. For example, the score booth for each game will need at least a scorekeeper and a scoreboard operator, and for baseball, also a separate pitch counter.

If two, non-adult umpires are to be used at a TOC game, it is mandatory that they have at that field, and remaining at that field for the entire game, a game coordinator. To know his or her responsibilities, they should view District 4's training on the game coordinator role at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYjNr3XExVI>



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ADA LL Baseball, Geoff Shiu

Reminder to all leagues participating in TOCs and the International Allstar Tournament to have their managers, coaches, and league directors attend respective upcoming CA4 Post Season training. Training sessions are listed on the CA4 website.

All player uniforms used for post season tournament must have the Little League Patch properly attached. Screening the Little League Patch on uniforms is not permitted.



From ADA Challengers, Stephen Mohammed

I would like to thank everyone who made our Jamboree a success. A big thank you to Walnut Creek Little League for hosting the Jamboree. The Walnut Creek Elks Lodge for all the volunteers. East County Little League for hosting the Homerun Derby!! Paul Rosky for Barbecuing and Martinez Little League for all the volunteers, especially the Senior Girls Softball team. Thank you to Rick Munoz and his Son for such an amazing job as our Master of Ceremony!! Don Waddell and Geoff Shiu for everything! I'm sorry if I missed anyone. Looking forward to next year's Jamboree. Stephen