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California D4 Finances

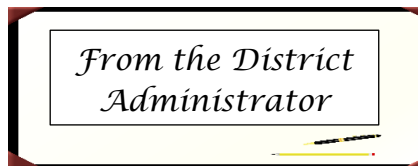
September Balance

Beginning Balance \$45,277.70

Bank Fee – Stop Payment Check1605 **30.00**

Bank Fee – September **3.00**

Ending Balance 45,194.70



Is your league operating a successful program?

Here are guidelines for running a successful program:

1. ****Clear Mission and Vision:****

- Define a clear mission and vision for your organization. This will guide your activities and help others understand your goals.

2. ****Strategic Planning****

- Develop a strategic plan that outlines Your short-term and long-term objectives. This will serve as a Roadmap for your organization's Growth.

3. ****Legal Structure:**

-Choose an appropriate legal structure (non-profit, for profit, or social enterprise) based on your goals and funding model. Each has its own implications for taxes, liability, and fundraising.

4. ****Financial Management****

-Implement sound financial management practices. Keep accurate records, budget wisely, and explore diverse funding sources, such as grants, donations, and partnerships.

5. ****Marketing and Branding****

-Build a strong brand identity for your

organization. Clearly communicate your mission and impact to attract volunteers, sponsors, and donors.

6. ****Technology and Social Media****

-Leverage technology and social media for outreach and communication. Utilize platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter to engage with your audience and share success stories.

7. ****Volunteer Recruitment and Retention****

-Develop effective volunteer recruitment strategies. Clearly communicate roles and expectations and recognize and appreciate the efforts of your volunteers. This will contribute to higher retention rates.

8. ****Training and Development****

-Invest in training programs for your volunteers. This not only improves their skills but also enhances their commitment to your organization.

9. ****Networking****

-Build strong relationships with other organizations, both within and outside your sector. Networking can lead to collaborations, shared resources, and increased visibility.

10. ****Evaluation and Adaptation****

-Regularly evaluate your programs and adapt to changing needs. Solicit feedback from volunteers, beneficiaries, and stakeholders to continually improve your operations.

11. ****Legal Compliance****

-Ensure compliance with all relevant laws and regulations. This includes legal requirements for volunteer programs, employment laws, and tax regulations.

12. ****Risk Management****

-Identify potential risks and develop strategies to mitigate them. This could include having proper insurance coverage, implementing safety



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protocols, and ensuring legal compliance.

Remember, the success of your youth volunteer organization not only depends on your passion for the cause but also on your ability to run it effectively and sustainably. Good Luck!



From ADA, Geoff Shiu

I'm delighted to see that leagues are involved in Fall Ball (Training & Development).

Reminder that 2023 League Insurance covers 2023 players participating in Fall Ball...however any new player MUST have their contact information entered into the League Data Center for proper coverage.

Fall Ball is also a good time to have parents and older players practice umpiring informal games.

League Presidents...please forward umpire training dates from the CA4 Calendar to your membership volunteers.

Fall Ball is Training & Development for Everyone in the league!



2024 Lewis Cup Award

Concord American	200
Richmond	200
Alameda	100
Albany	100
Clayton Valley	100
Lafayette	100
Martinez	100
North Oakland/South Oakland	100
Pinole Hercules	100
Pittsburg	100
Walnut Creek	100
East County	0



From Jim Rose – Training Coordinator and Asst. UIC Softball

As we begin year of Little League, know that training in rules is already scheduled for all divisions of baseball and softball. These rules trainings are designed especially for umpires, managers, and coaches. Please let your League UICs and all managers and coaches know of these opportunities. And, as in the past, they will be recorded and made available on the California District 4 Little League YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CAD4>.

This coming season we will be running a four-part Basic Rules Clinic designed specifically for rules basic to Little League baseball and softball, with a focus on Minor and Major Division Baseball. Those will be presented from 7-8:30pm on Zoom on four, successive Thursdays: February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024. District 4 will also put on an in-person Softball Rules Clinic for umpires, managers, and coaches, on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:30pm at the UC Extension Office. One more rules clinic will cover Teenage Baseball and will be on Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

If any Leagues want me to speak to their coaches, either for a few minutes or for a longer presentation, on basic safety rules, expected behaviors, and how to work with umpires, I would be happy to do that on either Zoom or in person.



From ADA Big Diamond Baseball, Grayson Lawrence

At this point, for the following information to help Frame and plan the upcoming season:

- Each league's contact(s) for teenage baseball.
- Which teenage baseball divisions will your league be offering, along with an estimation on the number of teams in each division.

Exact key dates for the following upcoming Teenage Baseball Season will be published soon:

- Mid Feb: 50/70 and Juniors Scheduling Meeting. In-person meeting, location TBD
- Late Feb: Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic. Zoom meeting



From Liz Berg, ADA Safety

Remember that Live Scan is a CA requirement this year. You must have an OR# in order to submit your volunteers for clearance. If you have questions about your application status or how to complete it, please email the DOJ at: authorizationquestions@doj.ca.gov

ASAP submission is not yet available in the Data Center, but you can still get it ready to go. Make sure both you (President) and your Safety Officer have access to the Data Center now. Don't wait until the last minute. Your Safety Plans must include your updated Board of Directors and the dates for your coach and safety training sessions in order to be approved.



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From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Districtwide Umpire Meeting – Fall Ball for Blues

District 4 umpire staff is holding monthly online meetings via Zoom that we are calling Fall Ball for Blues. These 90-minute sessions are designed to engage umpires during this offseason, cover topics of interest to all umpires, and engage in discussion around rules and mechanics supported with video examples.

Our next Fall Ball for Blues is on Wednesday, October 25th, 7:00-8:30pm
Pre-Registration for this Zoom meeting is required at the following link on the District 4 website under Umpire Training: [CA D4 Umpire Training](#)

Our future Fall Ball for Blues meetings are set for Wednesday, November 29th and Wednesday, December 14th, 7 - 8:30 pm.

Please encourage your umpires and others interested to register and attend.

District 4 Umpire Training

Basic Umpire Mechanics –

We believe that Basic Umpire Mechanics are best taught in your league given the wide range of skills, experience level and league needs. The District 4 Umpire staff will help your League Chief Umpire design a strong league umpire clinic, help provide tools for the clinic, and supplement your league umpire instructors with trained District Staff Umpires. We encourage leagues to work together to hold joint basic clinics. To help get started on your League Umpire Clinic please contact Don Waddell.

Little League Umpire Registry –

The Little League Umpire Registry is the go to online community for all Little League Umpires. This free registry provides the member with access to training videos, rule instruction books and other exclusive offers. It is also the place where umpires can register to provide the required background check results to multiple leagues, reducing the work required of both the volunteer umpire and the leagues.

Encourage your umpires to register now at: [Little League Umpire Registry](#)



Little League Challenger



From ADA Challengers,
Stephen Mohammed

Please be sure to send Carla and myself your updated Vice President of Challenger Division.

Thank you, Stephen



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