



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
January 16, 2024 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 8:05 pm, at UC Extension 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Don Waddell, Phil Raines, Stephen Mohammed, Candido Anicete, Carla Moore, Paul Rosky, Liz Berg

League Attendance: Albany, Concord American, Lafayette, Martinez, North/South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, Walnut Creek

DA Ted Boet:

- Thank you all for coming tonight.
- Arnold Lum / Pinole Hercules LL received the Ron Matthews Award
- Frank Knowles / Albany LL attended services for past D4 Teenage Baseball ADA, David Preuss (74 years old)
- 2023 Lewis Cup monetary awards were handed out
- **Charters:** All 12 leagues have completed as of today.
- **West Region:** 630 leagues as of today, there were 655 leagues last year.
- **California:** 415 leagues as of today, there were 431 leagues last year.
- **Registration:** New change for 2025 –
 - a. 4 to 7-year-olds can register to play wherever they want (Siblings can go where their 4–7-year-old chooses to play).
 - b. Sports Connect: All leagues must use Sports Connect starting in 2025. Roughly half the leagues in D4 already use it.
- **Taxes:** File by February 15th.
 - a. Last year's (year 2022) are due to DA Ted today.
- **Constitutions:** 2nd six of the leagues will be submitted to West Region this year. The 1st six were submitted last year.

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- **Live Scan:**
 - a. Mobile Live Scan companies will come to your league.
 1. Team up with another league for a date to save on expenses.
 - b. JDP is still required to be completed even with the Live Scan.
 - c. Live Scan checks DOJ Registry – Custodian of Records receives message; FBI ONLY checks when submitted.
- **ASAP:** Is now open and you can submit anytime. You do not need to submit to Liz first.
 - a. MUST be submitted prior to holding Tryouts.
 - b. Give a date for Managers/Coaches Meeting and add the date to the league's calendar, otherwise it will be rejected.
 - c. If your league doesn't have any changes in the ASAP, update the Board of Directors and the Managers/Coaches Meeting, change 2023 to 2024 everywhere in the plan, then submit to LL headquarters.
- **Abuse Awareness Training:**
 - a. **All Volunteers** must complete the training every year after October 1st or the league can hold a meeting, keep track of who attended, then submit saying they completed the requirement.
 - b. The on-line training takes ½ to 1 hour to complete.

Training Coordinator, Jim Rose: presented by Don Waddell

- Four Rules Clinics Trainings in February on Thursday nights starting on the 8th by Zoom at 7pm
 - a. Pre-registration is required.
 - b. Trainings: will cover all Rules across all levels of Baseball play.

Teenage Baseball Rules Meeting – Wednesday, February 21st, by Zoom

Softball Rules Meeting – Monday, February 26th, In-Person at UC Extension, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

All Information for the Trainings is in this month's newsletter.



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- Jim has put together a 1 ½ hour session with Richmond LL (this will be recorded) – Q & A with Managers/Coaches/Parents
- New Training Programs from West Region headquarters will be coming.

More from Jim Rose by DA Ted Boet:

- **Two new Softball Rules**
 - a. Leaping is no longer illegal pitch. Requirement: Pitcher must be within the width of the Pitcher's Plate facing towards Home Plate.
 - b. Seniors no longer will have a Designated Hitter (DH). Will follow High School and College – DP Flex.

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- Umpire Issues and more Information in this month's newsletter.
- **West Region Outreach Clinic:** Pinole Hercules LL will host on Sunday, February 25th.
 - a. Attendees: will include students from outside of the district.
 - b. Clinic is not for brand new umpires.
 - c. Designed to raise the skill levels of semi-experienced umpires.
 - d. West Region Umpire Staff will lead, D4 Umpire Staff will assist
 - e. Registration is required.
 - f. League UICs were asked for a list of names last year. These are the ones who should attend.

Assistant UIC Baseball, Candido Anicete:

- We reached out to league UICs for league clinics
 - a. 5 of the 12 leagues responded
 - b. February – Clayton Valley and Lafayette
 - c. March – Concord American
 - d. Hosting their own clinics – Alameda and Albany

These clinics are for Basic/New Umpires

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- I've sent out an email to the league reps for a Zoom meeting. I will send the link once I have it.
 - a. Attendees: League Rep or President
- Donation: Thank you to Lafayette LL

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Meetings in February 2024
 - a. Scheduling Meeting: Monday, February 12, 6:15pm, at UC Extension 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
 1. Seven D4 leagues, D 53 and a few other leagues
 - b. Rules Clinic: Monday, February 26, 6:30pm
 1. Attendees: At least one rep per team
- 5 Run rule for Majors and Seniors has been proposed:
 - a. Letter will go out to the league presidents for signature approval.
 - b. The rule is to help offset discrepancies in game scores.

Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

- **Managers/Coaches –**
 - a. Presidents appoint, then the Board votes to approve.
 - b. Board can only approve those that have been appointed by the President.
 - c. This is the time to clean out the troublesome people.
- **UIC –** I hope you have one on your board and they are a voting member.
 - a. Provide a budget for the umpires so they can follow the guidance of the D4 Umpire Staff.
- **D4 Meetings –** Bring other volunteers with you to help spread the word, learn new things to share with your board



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LL Baseball ADA, Geoff Shiu:

- **Interleague Play** –
 - a. Please notify if you will be participating.
 - b. Please notify me the number of teams and level of play that will participate.
- **Date** – Tuesday, February 13th, at UC Extension 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
 - a. Attendees – league rep that can make decisions for league/team(s)
- **Contact Info** – Please provide me the Baseball VP contact info for your league.
- **Thank you** – Lafayette LL and Walnut Creek LL for participating in Interleague. Although they did not need to they provided games for other leagues that did.

West Region Tournament Chair, Paul Rosky:

- **New Oakland Semi-Pro Team** – “Ballers”, now playing at Laney college. They will have games before and after the tournament.
- **Seating at Laney** – due to the Ballers more seating may be added, with the possibility of shade.
- **Dates for tournament** – July 17th – 23rd; Winner flies out on July 24th.

DA Ted Boet: Colorado will now be a part of the West Region, was in Southwest.

- a. 12 and under will be in the Mt. Region.
- b. Softball will be in the Northwest Region
- c. Teenage will be in the West Region

Teenage Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence: presented by DA Ted Boet

- **Dates** –
 - a. Thursday, February 15th – **Scheduling Meeting** at UC Extension 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
 1. For 50/70 and Juniors
 2. Emails to come
 3. One representative per team
 - b. Wednesday, February 21st, by Zoom – **Rules Clinic**
 1. Link is on the D4 website, Teenage Baseball Page
 2. Attendees – at least the manager or coach for every team
- **Teams** –
 - a. More Junior teams than 50/70 teams this year
 - b. Senior teams – Committed to having a team: Oakland LL and East County LL
 1. If anyone else is interested let me know by June 1st (cut off date)
 2. If you have a team prior to June 1st please let me know to connect with other districts for games.

DA Ted Boet:

- **Teenage Fields:** 50/70, Junior and Senior
 - a. Please work NOW on procuring fields for June and July for Post Season Play
- **Interleague Play** – Leagues do not to complete the form in the Data Center as long as you are playing another D4 team. If playing a team from outside of D4 you must complete the Interleague Play form.
 - a. League ID#s - DA Ted Boet can provide these.
- **League Check Lists** – handed these out to those leagues in attendance. Lists what is Due and Past Due.
- **TOC & All Star Participation** – forms will be emailed to the presidents prior to the next meeting.

Thank you for braving the weather to attend the meeting tonight.

Adjourned: 9:15 pm

Next meeting: February 20, 2024, Meeting: 8pm by Zoom; Presidents, please share the link with your Board members so they may attend.