



# California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –  
Senior League – Challenger  
February 20, 2024 District 4 Meeting



**Meeting Called to Order:** 8:05 pm, by Zoom

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

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

**Guests:** Martell Bates/Richmond LL; Drina Rubiales/Clayton Valley LL attended for CVLL President; Angel Galarza/Pinole Hercules LL; Michele Vierra/Martinez LL; Vivian Gomez/Richmond LL

## DA Ted Boet:

- Round Tables Report:
  - a. New Regulation 2.0 to begin in 2025 – 4–7-year-old can play in any league in any District  
Will only ever apply to 4–7-year old players  
Players who are 8 years old can continue in league (not home league) till age out OR return to their Home League and stay till age out.  
Any player between 4-7 can pick any league every year until the year they turn 8.  
Older brothers/sisters can follow their 4-7 year old sibling to the league they registered to play; Still under discussion Red Shirt possibility.  
Under discussion at headquarters – 6-year-old that plays in Not Home League that has an older sibling, If the 6 year old returns to the Home League does the older sibling have to return.  
Since 1992 in California – any student can attend school in any school district as long as there is an opening for them; Set to Expire in 2028; talks are underway to extend it  
Currently 5 ¼ million students K-12 grade attend school; Only 9600 students attend a school outside of their district.
  - b. Starting next year all Registration will have to go through SportsConnect to a centralized registration point. Add a button/link to your website to take registrants to the site.
  - c. Continuous Batting Order and 12 Players on the Team: It is still being discussed at remaining Round Tables to make it equitable.

## Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- ASAP: still waiting on three leagues to submit: Albany, East County and Pinole Hercules; Martinez needs to submit Registration
- Live Scan: Been receiving questions
  1. Each league MUST have their own ORI and Custodian of Records
  2. There will NOT be a District wide Live Scan Rolling
  3. Live Scan (State of California Requires) and JDP (Little League Required) are required for Volunteers
    - a. Anyone who has regular access to children
    - b. 16 hours per month and/or 32 hours per year
  4. Live Scan: Do not Check the box for FBI, nor pay for it. This will be completed by JDP.

## Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- Umpire Safety with Children
  - a. Do not be in a one-on-one with a child
  - b. Should have two adults when waiting for a parent to pick up the child.
- Clinics:
  1. Sunday, March 25th
    - a. Thank you to Pinole Hercules, Arnold Lum and Volunteers for hosting and making all of the arrangements.



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- b. 55 Students have registered, representing 20 leagues from across the Bay Area; D4 has 9 leagues participating except for Clayton Valley, Lafayette or Richmond
  - c. 5-6 openings remain
  - d. Six West Region Instructors
2. D4 Umpire Staff will help with League Clinics
    - a. We have assisted East County and Lafayette, Lafayette had 35 youth umpires
    - b. Assisting with upcoming clinics for Albany, Clayton Valley and Concord American
    - c. Anyone else needs assistance please reach out to Candido Anicete, Asst. UIC Baseball - [ctanicete@gmail.com](mailto:ctanicete@gmail.com)
  3. In this month's newsletter you will find the information about Game Coordinators, please read.

## Training Coordinator, Jim Rose:

- Upcoming Rules Clinics are listed in the newsletter
- Have had 80-90 people in attendance
- Teenage Baseball this Wednesday, February 21st, by Zoom; MUST register, go to D4 website, Umpire page or Teenage Baseball page.
- Softball Rules Clinic – Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, at UCCE office, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
- Encourage Managers, Coaches, Umpires and League Officials to attend the Rules Meetings
- If you would like for me to do a Zoom clinic with Managers and Coaches on Interleague Rules, Behavior, and Safety please contact me.

## Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Scheduling Meeting was held last week
  - a. All leagues were in attendance
  - b. Thank you – Carla Moore for hosting and Michele Vierra for inputting the information.
  - c. 60-70 teams: AA to Seniors
- Rules Clinic - Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, at UCCE office, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
  - a. At least One Representative per Team

## Big Diamond Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- Scheduling Meeting was held last week for Interleague 50/70 and Juniors
  - a. Thank you – Carla Moore for hosting and Liz Berg for inputting the schedules.
  - b. Schedules – all are on the D4 website and have been emailed to the teams and leagues
  - c. 9 leagues – D4 and American Canyon – D 53 participated; 13 teams – 50/70 and 10 teams - Juniors
  - d. 50/70 and Juniors – 166 games were scheduled
- Rules Clinic – Tomorrow night, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm by Zoom
  - a. Link was emailed yesterday.
  - b. One representative (manager or coach preferred) per team.
- Interdistrict Play – any league that has games with American Canyon must complete the form in the Data Center.
- Break Away Bases – Please make sure they are being used at the fields being used for 50/70 and Juniors.

## LL Baseball ADA, Geoff Shiu:

- Scheduling Meeting was held last week
  - a. 5 leagues attended and scheduled games: Concord American, Clayton Valley, Pittsburg, Pinole Hercules, and Richmond
  - b. Thank you – Carla Moore for hosting, Liz Berg for inputting the schedules and getting them out that night, and Jim Rose for covering the Interleague Rules.
  - c. Thank you Lafayette LL / Colby Powell for offering to schedule games with those leagues that needed them even though Lafayette LL is self-sustaining.



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- d. Schedules: Please remind your VPs and Directors, Managers & Coaches to communicate with each other.
1. Night prior to a game – call and confirm the game, time and place; Don't wait for the other team to call
  2. This affects not just the two teams but also the Umpires, Snack Bar Crew and Field Prep
  3. Let all of these people know of a Cancellation!
  4. Contact Lists: Keep Updated for all officials and teams.

## DA Ted Boet –

1. Thank you Phil Raines, Geoff Shiu, Grayson Lawrence and Carla Moore
2. All Schedules and Contact Information (that has been provided) is on the D4 website on their respective pages – Little League Baseball, Teenage Baseball and Softball.

## Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- 8 leagues have Challengers teams
- Welcome back Pinole Hercules – will have one team possibly two teams
- Thank you Albany for having Amber, she has helped tremendously with the scheduling
- Thank you – Walnut Creek LL for hosting the Jamboree at Heather Farms
- Jamboree – Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Donations – Leagues please help out with a donation.

## DA Ted Boet –

1. **9 weeks till the Jamboree**
2. Information Needed from each Team
  - a. Number of Players and their Shirt Size
  - b. Manager and Coach – their Shirt Size
3. Issued invites to the Sacramento and Reno teams: Reno will be attending and donated \$250
  - a. Los Altos LL – Paul Rosky will reach out and issue an invite if they have a team.

## West Region Tournament Chair, Paul Rosky:

- D4 hosting the Senior West Region Baseball Tournament at Laney College
  - a. Volunteers – Please presidents get word out to your staff and volunteers we could use their help. Concessions and 50/50 Raffle. They will get to see some great games.
- **Dates for tournament** – July 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>; Winner flies out on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Teams will arrive July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **New Oakland Semi-Pro Team** – “Ballers”, will NOT be playing at Laney college.

## DA Ted Boet:

- Taxes:
  - a. Thank you for sending me your Taxes: Pinole Hercules, Walnut Creek, Concord American, Richmond, Alameda, and Martinez.
  - b. 5 days ago 2023 Taxes were due to the Federal government
  - c. D4 tax report is attached to this month's newsletter
- Out of Boundary Waiver – is attached to the newsletter
  - a. If you have a child that wants to play in your league but lives out of bounds these are the steps needed to let this child play.
  - b. Follow the instructions
  - c. Submit to DA Ted Boet, he will submit to West Region if all requirements are met.
  - d. Required Information: Must be provided, if any is missing DA Ted Boet will return it to you to attach the info.
- Rule or Regulation Waiver –
  - a. Must in a letter format specifying what rule or regulation you wish to not follow in terms of the Rule Book.
  - b. I will look it over and submit to headquarters if all information is provided.



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- Rule Books
  - a. No longer does LL headquarters provide to the leagues
  - b. App is free, everyone has access
  - c. Can order Rule Books from headquarters Little League Shop
- Little League University
  - a. LittleLeague.org/University – courses that anyone can take: managers, coaches, league staff, volunteers and parents.
  - b. Education and Training at your own pace – for Managers, Coaches, Parents
- **Diamond Leader Training Program** is required of all Managers and Coaches that participate in Post Season play – a certificate is provided upon completion.
- USA Baseball - Athlete Safety
  - a. Abuse Awareness Course – for all Managers, Coaches and Volunteers: Required
  - b. Must be taken annually after October 1<sup>st</sup> – Certificate is provided upon completion.
  - c. In the Drop Down for Leagues – Choose Little League
  - d. User Directory: enter the required info except for organization (leave blank).
- Emailed to presidents tonight:
  - a. Newsletter
  - b. The following items are due in March
    - 1. Tournament form for 2024 Hosting of TOC and / or All Star games
      - a. Above the black Line are District Tournaments
      - b. Below the Black Line are Tournaments beyond District
      - c. Please let us know what fields will be used for the games you want to Host. Will help with scheduling of the games.
      - d. Submit before or at the next District Meeting, March 19th.
    - 2. Tournament form for 2024 Teams - TOC, All Stars and Future Stars
      - a. Upper half is TOC – can enter one team in each Division, providing you have it during the regular season. Red Squares on your form indicate you did not have this Division during regular season.
      - b. Bottom half is for the International Tournament (All Stars)
      - c. Leagues can have one team at every Division except for Future Stars
        - 1. You can enter two teams for 9-11 Future Stars and 8-10 Future Stars.
      - d. Future Stars: Change to 8-10 to 7-8-9 year olds? Will vote at the March meeting to 9U and 11U

**Adjourned: 9:20 pm**

**Next meeting:** March 19, 2024, Meeting: at UCCE, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord; Presidents, please share the date and address with your Board members so they may attend.