



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
March 19, 2024 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 8:02 pm, in-person at UC Cooperative Extension 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord, CA 94520

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, Concord American, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, North/South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, Walnut Creek

Guests: Martell Bates/Richmond LL; Daniela Rueda VP /Richmond LL; Michele Vierra/Martinez LL

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- ASAP: 100% submission of the plans by the leagues. Everyone was submitted prior to the deadline.
- Live Scan:
 1. Live Scan (State of California Requires) and JDP (Little League Required) are required for Volunteers
 2. Do not Check the box for FBI on the Live Scan form; Save some money by not having the FBI check completed.
 3. An email has been sent to all of the Safety Officers and League Presidents informing them the JDP Background Check must be completed by the Volunteers.

DA Ted Boet –

- Thank you leagues for getting your Safety Plans submitted. There have been four Safety Officers in the 15 years I've been DA. This is the 24th year for 100% submission. Liz Berg received a Ballcap and pin from Little League headquarters in recognition.
- Submission will be easier next year due to Player Registration through SportsConnect will automatically be submitted to Little League for you.

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- Thank you – Frank Knowles / Albany Little League and Arnold Lum / Pinole Hercules Little League for putting a team together.
- Meeting tomorrow night with the Elks Lodge as to donations for the Jamboree.

DA Ted Boet –

- At the Jamboree every player will receive a T-shirt and Medal
- I need the Sizes for the Players, Managers and Coaches by April 4th.
- Donations:
 - a. Walnut Creek Elks Lodge: Outhouses, Tables & Chairs
 - b. Reno Optimists: \$250
 - c. Andy Ratchford / Lafayette Little League: \$1000 from his employer.
 - d. Alameda Little League: \$1000
 - e. Lafayette Little League and Richmond Little League made a donation through their Dues last year. Any league can do it this year.
- Booths – Leagues we could use the following for the kids if you would like to help out.
 - a. Games, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Slushies, anything else you can think of
 - b. Electricity is one outlet – bring a generator if you have it or have access to one
 - c. 100 Lewis Cup Points for those leagues that help out
 - d. Pop-ups are needed also – please bring one or more if you have them. To be used for the Booths.

Big Diamond Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- Thank you to Jim Rose and Don Waddell for the Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic, it was well attended.
- Interleague games started a week ago last Saturday, I have attended five games.
- Fields looked decent.



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- Umpires – Three games were cancelled due to no Umpires.
- Presidents – please communicate to me about Umpires for the games
- Senior Baseball West Region Tournament:
 - a. Please promote the tournament to the teenage players in your boundaries: Play starts after High School season is over
 - b. Team can be created with players from three contiguous leagues.
 - c. No Regular Season Games are required to participate.
 - d. Please let me know by Friday, May 24th, if you will have a team.

Paul Rosky: North Oakland LL / South Oakland Little League: We will have Four Teams. Please let us know before the end of May if you will have a team so that a schedule for Play Offs can be made for games.

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- March 9th – Games started
- Umpires – Issues have arisen. Junior Umpires at Games: Game Coordinator is required to be in attendance, this has not been happening. Junior Umpires have been doing a decent job, they do not know all of the rules and need help. Game Coordinator would help with these questions.

Rule: If no Game Coordinator the Junior Umpires are not to start the game until there is an adult in attendance. Either team can provide the Game Coordinator.

Reminders:

1. Please remind the Managers/Coaches they are to be in the Dugout during the game.
2. Pitching Log: Must be presented at the Plate Meeting so there are no discrepancies or problems as to Innings Pitched in prior games.
3. Managers are to sign each other's Pitching Log after the game.
4. Pitching Log is located on the D4 website.

LL Baseball ADA, Geoff Shiu:

- Reminders:
 1. Interleague Managers – are to confirm with the opposing team the night prior as to the time and field for play.
 2. No League Rules apply to Interleague games.
 3. Ground Rules – are to be supplied at the site.
 4. Pitching Log – managers are to present the Log at game time.
 1. No Pitching Log – each Pitcher is limited to no more than 20 pitches.
 5. Continuous Batting Order is in effect.
 6. No New Inning is started after 2 Hours of play.
 7. Two Home Teams playing each other should play using the Interleague Rules.
 8. Interleague Rules will be used for the Tournament of Champions.

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. We have a lot of FUN!
- **Dates for tournament** – July 17th – 23rd; Winner flies out on July 24th. Teams will arrive July 16th.
- **Colorado** will now be participating in the tournament.

Training Coordinator, Jim Rose:

- All Rules Training clinics have been completed.
- Some leagues had Zero Attendance at the Basic Rules Clinics – Very Sad
- All Rules Clinics were Recorded. The recordings are on the D4 website Umpire page.



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- a. Lack of Communication by the Presidents to Umpires about the Recordings of the Clinics on the D4 website.
I have spoken to umpires that do not know the rules. They are unaware of the website.
- Game Coordinator: Youth/Junior Umpires have been told that if there is not a Game Coordinator in attendance at their game they are to refuse to umpire. They are then to require the league to pay them for the game.
- 11 Volunteers in the district attended all 4 Basic Rules clinics.

Asst. UIC Baseball, Candido Anicete:

- 10-70 students attended each of the Mechanics Clinics
- Thank you to Pinole Hercules Little League for hosting the West Region Outreach Clinic
 - a. 10 umpires from the District Umpire Staff assisted the West Region Umpire Staff.

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- Thank you and I appreciate Candido Anicete and Jim Rose for their help with the pre-season rules Clinics.
- Every month I send a newsletter to the league's UICs.
- Protests: Managers need to learn how to Protest. It is one way to get clarity of a rule for future games.
- Post Season: Tournament of Champions and All Stars
 - a. Field Provision – Your league has team playing, you need to provide fields.
 - b. Fields should be in Good condition.
 - c. Fencing – make sure you have it prior to post season so that your volunteers know how to set it up
- Tournament of Champions
 - a. Softball – June 7th – 9th at one or two locations depending on the number of teams.

DA Ted Boet:

- October 2023 – Volunteer Dinner: one award was not presented due to the recipient being on a cruise.
Ernie Lewis Dedicated Volunteer Award – presented to Phil Davis, president of East County Little League
- Inter District Play: Forms are online that need to be completed; go to the Data Center, click on Manage Forms tab, click on Approve.
- Check Lists: handed to presidents in attendance.
 - a. Background Checks – Green indicates the league has verified in the Data Center that Background Checks have been performed by the league.
 - b. One point for Lewis Cup for every percentage completed.
- Future Stars: Put to a vote to change from 8-9-10 and 9-10-11 year old teams to 9U and 11U
10 leagues voted for the change to start this season, 2 presidents not in attendance.
- Tournament Forms are DUE tonight: Host and Teams
- District 4 Umpires selected for Region Tournaments:
 - a. Jim Rose / Martinez LL – Senior League Softball World Series in Lower Sussex, Delaware
 - b. Candido Anicete / Pinole Hercules LL – Senior League Baseball West Region in Oakland
 - c. Don Waddell, District 4 UIC – Junior Baseball Europe Africa Region in Chocen, Czech Republic

See the March Newsletter to read more about these Umpires.

25 years in a row District 4 Umpires will represent us at Regional Tournaments

Adjourned: 9:17 pm

Next meetings: April 16, 2024, 8:00pm, by Zoom; Link will be emailed to League Presidents

May 21, 2024, in-person 7:30pm – Dinner 8:00pm - Meeting
at UCCE, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord; Presidents, please share the date and address with
your Board members so they may attend.