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California D4 Finances

March-April Balance

Beginning Balance \$35,973.33

League Dues: **26,999.00**

NOLL/SOLL, Martinez, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek, Albany, Lafayette

Donation – Challengers **5750.00**

Martinez, Pinole Hercules, Albany, Lafayette, Concord American

Umpire Luncheon **66.35**

WR Hospitality **3000.00**

Albany, Lafayette, Concord American

WRBBT Umpire Shirts/Hats **1002.00**

WRBBT Donation **1000.00**

DA Travel Room Deposit **292.62**

DA Travel Airfare Williamsport **448.96**

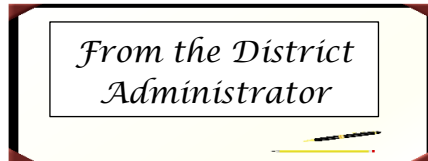
WR Donation **104.06**

WR Roundtable **199.43**

Webstarts Renewal & Domain **360.00**

Umpire Clinic Fees **478.76**

Ending Balance \$70,727.67



2024 Lewis Cup Award

Martinez **1856**

Pinole Hercules **1668**

Richmond **1642**

Concord American **1561**

Walnut Creek **1544**

Alameda **1522**

Lafayette **1460**

Albany **1388**

North Oakland/South Oakland **1321**

Pittsburg **1213**

East County **1185**

Clayton Valley **1170**



Umpires Needed for Challenger Jamboree

We still need umpires to join in the fun at the Challenger Jamboree on April 28th at Heather Farm Park in Walnut Creek.

League Chief Umpires have been contacted to solicit umpires to work at the Jamboree. Please encourage participation in this great event. Every league that is sending a team to the Jamboree should be sending umpires as well.

Please have your volunteers contact Don Waddell by April 24th.



**From Jim Rose – Training Coordinator
and Asst. UIC Softball**

This is a reminder to all the leagues of recurring violations we are seeing in various divisions of baseball and softball. I will be sending this out to your League UICs to be sent down to all umpires. And remember, the below list will be points of emphasis for TOC and All Stars.

Pre-game:

1. All players handling a bat, or near a bat, must wear a batter's helmet.
2. Umpires are required to do a pre-game equipment inspection of all bats, helmets, and catcher's helmets.



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During the game:

1. Too many batters out swinging bats between innings. In Major and Minors, only one batter is allowed out between innings, and in 50/70 and above, only two batters are allowed out between innings.
2. No handling of bats in the dugout. Players can only have a bat in their hands if they are returning the bat to the rack after an at-bat or picking one up to go out to bat.
3. There must be an adult in the dugout at all times there is a player or players in the dugout.
4. Base coaches are not allowed to take their base coaching positions until after the catcher throws down the ball to second base at the end of warm-ups.
5. Coaches are not allowed to leave the dugout to wander behind the backstop to watch pitches or wander in the stands. A third coach who is used in the dugout during offense, may not sit in the stands when the team is on defense.
6. An inning may not begin until there are two base coaches in their respective coaching boxes.
7. Youth umpires who do not have a game coordinator assigned to that particular game.

Equipment:

1. Pine tar on bats and helmets, even if dried, is illegal.
2. We are still finding illegal 1.15 bpf bats in baseball.
3. All catcher's helmets must have a dangling throat guard; otherwise they must be removed fr
4. All fields must be supplied with breakaway bases.



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Tournament Umpires Needed

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 in mid- May. Leagues should begin to identify their tournament umpires now and provide those nominations to the District Chief Umpire by May 10.

Qualifications for Tournament Umpires

Tournament umpires should meet a minimum set of qualifications to be assigned to games:

Adult or youth umpires are encouraged; however, each game must have at least one adult umpire assigned. In TOC for the Minor levels of Baseball and in Future Stars two youth umpires may be assigned to a game, but the league assigned to umpire the game must also provide a qualified Game Coordinator. This Game Coordinator will accompany the youth umpires to the game site and be in attendance at that game for its duration.

Umpires must be active regular season umpires for their home league, and have completed the Volunteer Application, had a background check performed, and have been approved by the league Board.

Umpires must have completed the required safety and youth protection training and participated in District 4 postseason umpire training for this season.

Umpires must be properly uniformed for the games, including umpire shirt, District 4 cap, and umpire pants.

Umpires must agree to not receive any compensation for games in the postseason tournaments.

Congratulations to Two More Dedicated District 4 Volunteer Umpires on Post Season Tournament Assignments

Congratulations to the following District 4 umpires who are headed for prestigious Tournament assignments

- **Bill Karpowicz** of North/South Oakland Little League has been selected to umpire the Junior and Senior League Softball Europe Africa Region tournaments in Ostrava, Czech Republic in July. Bill has previously been assigned to the Senior League Baseball West Regional in 2023 and the Little League Baseball Europe Africa Region tournament in Kutno, Poland in 2019.

- **Laura Peterson** of Albany Little League has been selected to umpire in the inaugural Maria Pepe Little League Baseball® Legacy Series: A Girls with Game Experience in Williamsport, PA in June. Laura is a longtime volunteer for Albany LL and has served as the League Chief Umpire for many seasons.





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**From ADA Big Diamond Baseball,
Grayson Lawrence**



**From ADA Challengers,
Stephen Mohammed**

Reminders for the 50/70 and Juniors season:

- Managers confirm game and field location at least 2 days beforehand. Managers, please contact other team ASAP if your team cannot make a scheduled game.
- Any game reschedules are conducted directly between the two teams involved. District will not coordinate, but please provide me the new date/time/location.
 - Ensure your teenage baseball fields have break-away bases. We typically see this issue when teenage baseball teams are playing at high schools.
 - The home team is responsible for providing two umpires for each game, one of which needs to be at least 18 years of age. Strongly encourage volunteer umpires. If you need help staffing umpires for your teenage baseball games, please contact the D4 UIC Don Waddell at llcad4uic@gmail.com.
 - The [D4 Baseball Page](#) has links to schedules, contacts, and interleague rules.

**Please reach out to me
with any questions.**

Our Jamboree is less than two weeks away, we have 16 regular teams, 1 major team and 4 senior teams. We have three outside teams, Reno, Sacramento, and Santa Cruz.

Presidents would you please contact your UIC? We're not getting much response from them; we need more Umpires to volunteer. Would you please have them contact our UIC Don Waddell to sign up?

Also, would you please let me know if you are going to have a booth at the event? As of right now I have East County, Martinez and Concord having booths.

I would like to thank Rick Munoz for volunteering his time as our DJ/ Master of ceremonies once again.

We're still looking for more donations.

Thank you all again, Stephen



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