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California D4 Finances

April - May Balance

Beginning Balance \$70,727.67

League Dues: **4,965.00**

Clayton Valley

Donation – Challengers **1800.00**

East County, Alameda, Lions Club of Walnut Creek

March Dinner **352.61**

WR Hospitality **250.00**

Clayton Valley

NorCal DA Assoc. Dues **100.00**

WRRT Reimbursement **84.24**

DA Travel (SSBWS and WRBBT) **567.94**

DA Travel (SSBWS) **487.00**

All Star and TOC Pins **6,675.81**

Challenger Jamboree **1,999.31**

(Tables/Chairs)

Post Season Pennants **2,355.21**

Office Supplies **133.65**

Printer Ink for Tournament Printing

Ending Balance \$65,155.38



Important!!!!

Post Season Meetings

By Zoom, 7pm

**Monday, June 3rd – Tournament
Directors**

Tuesday, June 4th – Baseball All Star

Thursday, June 6th – Baseball TOC

At UC Extension Office – 7pm

**Wednesday, June 5th – Softball TOC
and All Star**

Every Team is to be represented by at least one person. Every league should have at least one if not more at the TD Meeting.

*From the District
Administrator*



2024 Lewis Cup Award

Martinez	2156
Pinole Hercules	1868
Richmond	1842
Concord American	1761
Walnut Creek	1744
Alameda	1722
North Oakland/South Oakland	1625
Albany	1588
Lafayette	1560
Clayton Valley	1542
East County	1385
Pittsburg	1313



From ADA Big Diamond Baseball,
Grayson Lawrence

Key Dates for the upcoming post season:

- The deadline to submit a Seniors Baseball All-Star team is 6/1.
- TOC Baseball Meeting: 6/6, 7pm on Zoom
- All-Star Baseball Meeting: 6/4, 7pm on Zoom
- Verification Day: 6/15

Please reach out to me with any questions.



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From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Tournament Umpire Training

Each umpire assigned to work games in the tournaments must be trained in the special rules and procedures. There are some rule changes this year and all umpires should attend our District 4 Tournament Umpire training on Thursday, May 30, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Preregistration is required and this may be done at the following link which can also be found on the California 4 website under Umpires. [Tournament Umpire Training Meeting Registration](#)

Tournament Umpire Assignments

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. Remember that by the organizational

rules of the All Star tournament umpires are expected to be volunteers. A list of games in TOC and All Stars assigned to leagues to provide umpires will be sent to League Chief Umpires this week.

Using Youth Umpires in Tournament of Champions, Future Stars and All Stars

We encourage the use of qualified and uniformed Youth Umpires during the post season tournaments. We know that many leagues use youth umpires during the regular season, and since TOC is played under regular season rules this can provide consistent, quality umpires. However, as outlined in Rule 9 if your league provides two youth umpires to work a game assigned to your league in TOC, your league must also provide a trained Game Coordinator. The Game Coordinator should meet the youth umpires prior to the game at the game site, participate in the pregame field and equipment inspection, and the plate meeting with the managers. More on the role of the Game Coordinator can be found in our short training video available on the District 4 Umpire YouTube Channel. Youth Umpires are acceptable for Future Stars tournament as well if they are trained on the Future Stars rules, and the league provides the Game Coordinator.

For All Stars, youth umpires can only be assigned to a game that has at least one adult assigned as well. Care in assigning should be made to ensure that the youth umpire is skilled for the level of play and for the higher competition they will encounter. It is recommended that the youth be assigned to the bases only.

Umpire Uniforms for TOC, All Stars and Future Stars

The umpires your league provides for the games assigned to cover in the post season tournaments must be properly uniformed. No regular league umpire uniform may be worn - which means no league cap or shirt. Each umpire must wear the California 4 umpire cap, an umpire shirt with the Little League patch affixed, and gray pants. No shorts may be worn. Your League Chief Umpire has been advised on how to obtain the CA D4 cap and where other uniform items may be bought. Do not delay as supplies are limited.

