



California District 4

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



Meeting Called to Order: 8:05 pm, via Zoom

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Don Waddell, Phil Raines, Stephen Mohammed, Candido Anicete, Carla Moore, Liz Berg, Jim Rose

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

Guests: Martell Bates/Richmond LL; Ilse Rueda Hernandez /Richmond LL; Vivian Gomez / Richmond LL; Michele Vierra/Martinez LL

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- Items have been ordered – Tables/Chairs; Port-A-Potties; Food
- 21 – 22 teams participating
- Liz Berg – will be making Slushies
- More leagues have made donations
- Game Schedule will be completed tonight
- Umpires – we still need more, a total of 28

DA Ted Boet –

- Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the day of Fun and Enjoyment

Big Diamond Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence (report given by Ted Boet):

- Senior Baseball Teams – Leagues have until June 1st to let me know if you will have a team
 - a. Need to know in order to set a schedule for games
- 50/70 and Juniors – Breakaway Bases are **REQUIRED**
- Junior TOC and All Stars – Need your Fields for Post Season play
 - a. There are 6 Junior and 6 50/70 teams signed up to participate in TOC and All Stars

LL Baseball ADA, Geoff Shiu:

- TOC - Small Diamond Majors and Minors will Use Interleague Rules; recommend using them now
 - a. Continuous Batting Order is in effect.
 - b. Interleague Rules are located on the D4 website on the Little League Baseball page.

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Rules – Teams need to know the Rules
- Jewelry – Players cannot wear jewelry in games. Make sure they know this.
- Pitching Log – I have not heard of any problems since I sent out the reminder.
- Make-up games – most leagues will be done mid-May, get games rescheduled
- All Stars: get the word out to parents now about the required paperwork

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- Umpire Issues:
 1. After announcing three of our volunteer umpires had been selected to participate in International Tournaments this year I found out we have another from North Oakland/South Oakland Little League: Bill Karpowicz. He was selected for the second time to the Europe/Africa Region for the Junior & Senior Softball tournaments in the Czech Republic. More info in the newsletter.
 2. Laura Peterson of Albany Little League was selected to be one of less than twenty women from across the US to umpire in the Maria Pepe Little League Baseball Legacy Series. This is part of the Girls with Game series. Will take place the first week of June. More info in the newsletter.



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3. Please read this month's Newsletter for the following:
 - a. Tournament Umpires Needed
 - b. Qualifications for Tournament Umpires

Post Season Game Scheduler, Don Waddell:

- TOC and All Star Schedules will be available at the May meeting, brackets will be provided here
- Fields for Big Diamond / Teenage Baseball – are Needed
 - a. TOC will end on Thursday of the week of TOC, many fields are needed for 50/70,
 - b. 50/70 All Stars must end the following week so that they get time to rest prior to Section, June 17 – 23 District
 - c. Please let me know if you have fields available with appropriate pitching mounds
 - d. Junior fields are needed for All Star tournament, All Stars – June 24 – 28 or so

DA Ted Boet: To give you some perspective on the scheduling of the games by Don. I gave him the pairing that were determined by a random draw. If no one drops out there are 181 games to be played at the District level in 30 days which is 6 games per day.

Training Coordinator, Jim Rose:

- Rules for Tournament of Champions (Interleague Rules will be used) / Time Limits - None
- Tournament (TOC and All Stars) Meetings: Monday, June 3rd – Thursday, June 6th by Zoom, will need to Register.
 - a. Softball TOC/All Star meeting may be In-Person
 - b. Each Team must have one Representative at the Softball and Baseball meetings.
 - c. Each League is to have at least one Representative at the Tournament Director meeting.
- Safety Rules – Please see the April Newsletter; the Rules are to protect the kids
 - a. Presidents – please get the message out to the teams.

West Region Tournament Chair, Paul Rosky (report given by Ted Boet):

- Albany LL – made a donation for the Hospitality Room, Thank you
 - a. Please help out – donation can be added to next year's Dues
 - b. Hospitality Room is the volunteer umpires that come to work the Senior Baseball tournament

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- RULES:
 - a. Coaches Do Not Sit outside of the dugouts
 - b. Break-Away Bases are to be used for 50/70 and Juniors
- Injury Reports: Leagues have been sending them in. Thank you I only need a copy.

DA Ted Boet:

- May 1st – Tournament Enrollment in the Data Center will be open for you to enter teams.
 - a. Fees per team: \$150 for 8–10 and 9-11 teams
 - b. Fees per team: \$300 for Little League on up
 - c. Future Teams are **NOT** to be entered into the Data Center
- Required forms for All Star and Tournament of Champions Teams
 - a. Locate the forms on the District 4 website, LL Forms page
 - b. TOC forms are on the left in Green
 - c. All Star forms are on the right in Red
 - d. President Letters
- An email from LL Headquarters will be sent to presidents and District Administrators tomorrow morning if you have not already received it. New next year:
 - a. Centralized registration will take place in Sports Connect



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- b. Leagues will file their paperwork in the File Cabinet in the Data Center
 - 1. Reason: the incoming president will have access to the files
 - 2. Files will stay there forever: EOY Financial Statement; Budgets; Minutes for Meetings; Constitution; By-Laws
- c. Constitution: after being uploaded the West Region will receive an email, they will then review it
- Background Checks: 7 of the 12 leagues are up to date; in the Data Center on your league's page left column there is a box to check that you are in compliance – Background Check and Child Protection Compliance. You must do this to be tournament eligible. At this time Pittsburg, Albany, Clayton Valley, Lafayette, and East County have not completed this step, everyone else has.
- Today's Checklist: GREEN – you have completed the item; BLACK – you need to complete it **at headquarters**.
- Leagues: After reviewing the brackets at the May meeting if anything is incorrect we will make sure to get teams entered where they belong.
- Schedule for District tournaments:
 - a. I am attempting to have them completed prior to July 4th.
 - b. No softball over the July 4th weekend.
- c. Junior Baseball Section will play July 4th weekend.

Adjourned: 8:48 pm

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