



# California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –  
Senior League – Challenger  
September 17, 2024, District 4 Meeting



**Meeting Called to Order:** 8:05 pm, at UCCE – Contra Costa, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

**Staff Attendance:** Ted Boet, Liz Berg, Phil Raines, Don Waddell, Paul Rosky, Carla Moore, Grayson Lawrence, Stephen Mohammed, Michele Vierra

**League Attendance:** Alameda, Albany, Concord American, Lafayette, Martinez, North and South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, Walnut Creek

**Guests:** Brendan Parker representing Alameda Little League for Ron Matthews; Martell Bates / Richmond LL

## District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Welcome! Some changes with the D4 staff: Don Waddell is staying on the staff as – Post Season Director; Jim Rose will now be UIC and Training Coordinator; Liz Berg – ADA and ADA Little League Baseball; Geoff Shiu will be staying on covering Social Media; and introducing our new Safety Office – Michele Vierra

- Post Season Winners:

### TOC Champions

#### Baseball

AA – Alameda  
 AAA – Lafayette  
 Major – Alameda  
 50/70 – Alameda  
 Junior – Pinole Hercules

#### Softball

Minor - Martinez  
 Major - Martinez  
 Senior - Richmond

### All Star Champions

#### Baseball

8-9 Alameda  
 9-11 Lafayette (Nor Cal Champions)  
 10-12 Alameda  
 50/70 Alameda  
 Junior NOLL/SOLL  
 Senior NOLL/SOLL  
 9U Alameda  
 11U Alameda

#### Softball

8-9 Martinez  
 9-11 Clayton Valley  
 10-12 Martinez  
 Junior Martinez  
 Senior Walnut Creek

- Folders given to Presidents:
  - Information for Leagues – Dues; Documentation Fees – Verification Day; No Show Fees – League or Team Representative did not attend Post Season Meetings (Tournament Director, TOC Baseball, All Star Baseball, TOC/All Star Softball); West Region Hospitality Donation; Umpire Clinics; FEES for TOC< Future Stars and All Stars; Fees carried over from last year.
  - Statistics of Players in Leagues Since 2007; I would like to see an increase of 5% this year. Districtwide 2016 was our Best Year with 6800 youth; Last season 2024 we had 5600 youth.
  - District 4 Mission Statement – is about Community  
Little League is the only baseball program that provides a program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges.
  - District Calendar – will be on-line by the weekend (9/19 or 9/20), will be updated as needed
  - Verification Day – Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>; Correction Day – Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm
  - Tournament of Champions will start the first Friday of June
  - All Stars will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of June
  - District Budget
  - Envelopes for each league from Verification Day; Stats and Return paperwork for players.



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10. Lewis Cup changes:
    - a. Items in yellow – do them early to get extra credit, every day late lose a point for each day late
    - b. For every \$50 donated to Challengers and/or West Region Senior Baseball Tournament – get 5 points
    - c. Increase Registration from last year
  11. Fiscal Year: October 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>
    - a. File your league Financial Report with Becky Bassett at LL headquarters
    - b. January – Taxes are due – Send to the IRS and Becky Bassett
  12. Live Scan AB506 – required by the State of California; required to be completed the first year as a league volunteer
  13. JDP Background Check – required by Little League headquarters; required to be completed every year; District 4 requirement of 4 background checks per team
  14. Fall Ball – if you volunteers were a part of the 2024 season they are not required to do another JDP for Fall Ball; NEW volunteers must complete a background check.
  15. New Year Begins October 1<sup>st</sup>
  16. Central Registration / Sports Connect – Little League now requires leagues to use this website
    - a. Assistance by phone is very good, they will stay on the phone until you have what you need.
    - b. Central Registration is Live for League Finders
  17. Data Center – File Cabinet: leagues are to place their Constitution, Rules & Regulations, and Financial Reports
- District Newsletter – will be sent out tonight

## Assistant District Administrator, Liz Berg

- I've got some BIG shoes to fill
- It is never too early to recruit managers.
  - a. Presidents appoint the managers, board approves
- Measure of Success: How many kids return to play the following year
- Data Center –
  - a. Update the registration till June 1<sup>st</sup>. This will possibly lessen the fees your league pays to headquarters if you had overestimated the amount of teams you would have for regular and post season.
  - b. Interleague – Each league participating in Interleague play must complete the form in the Data Center. You will not be able to have a waiver for post season All Stars if you don't complete the form for regular season.
- ASAP – you can start working on it now.
- Sports Connect – I can help you and show you around Concord American's website. Their customer service is great!
- District 4 will have a google calendar for all events.

## ADA LL Baseball, Liz Berg

- Scheduling Meeting – Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 6:30pm – finished.
- One VP Baseball / league representative attends.
- Even if you have enough teams to play on your own please attend and round out your schedule by helping other leagues.

## UIC and Training Coordinator, Jim Rose by DA Ted Boet

1. Fall Ball for Blues – there will be three sessions – more info in the newsletter  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and December 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 – 8:15pm by Zoom  
Pre-registration required – Info in the September newsletter

## Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Leagues who have softball please send me and Carla Moore the contact information for your Softball Reps.
- February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Scheduling Meeting at the UC Extension office, 7pm - ?
- February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Rules Clinic at the UC Extension office, 7:00 – 9:00pm
- I look forward to the new season



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## Big Diamond Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence

- This is my 4<sup>th</sup> year to coordinate teams for Big Diamond Baseball: 50/70, Juniors, Seniors
- Any questions you may have for these divisions send them to me
- February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6:30pm - ? for Interleague Scheduling for those who want to participate
- There were 46 teams last year across all levels, almost every league hosted Post Season games

## Post Season Director, Don Waddell

- Looking back at the tournament season, it was a great experience. Thank you for your support.
- Excited that some leagues were more competitive this year where they haven't been
- Next year's Field Availability – We need help for Teenage Baseball
- 60' fields are looking a little old/worn, need to improve them for tournament play
- I will work with you as to what needs to be completed.
- Made scheduling changes that worked out well

## Challengers ADA, Stephen Mohammed, Sr.

- Thank you everyone who has teams last year. It was a great year.
- I am looking for someone to help with getting donations for the Jamboree. If someone with your league will help please have them contact me.

## Western Region Tournament Chairman, Paul Rosky

- LL Baseball in July was very good
- There is a ton of Volunteer opportunities
- Lots of GREAT! Baseball
- Thank you to everyone who made it a success

## Safety Officer ADA, Michele Vierra

- Liz covered for me – see ADA Liz Berg comments

## District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- **Volunteer Dinner:** Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Contra Costa County Farm Bureau Hall, 7pm
  - a. Thank you to the three leagues that have sent me name for your Volunteer of the Year
  - b. Leagues: Send me your Volunteer of the Year name by October 5th
  - c. All presidents are invited to the Volunteer Dinner
- **Vendor's Night** – October 15<sup>th</sup> at Alhambra High School, 7:30pm Dinner and meet the Vendors
  - a. Presidents please bring at least six people to meet with the Vendors

**Adjourned: 9:20 pm**

**Next meeting:** October 15, 2024, Vendors Night at Alhambra High School, Commons Area outside the Cafeteria;  
Dinner and Vendors: 7:30pm – 8:30pm; Dinner: New Mecca Café of Pittsburg  
8:30-9pm: short meeting