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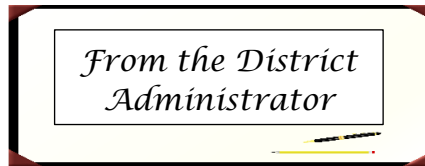
California D4 Finances

September-October Balance

Beginning Balance \$49,527.74

League Dues (Richmond)	1,995.00
Donation – Vendor	500.00
DA Travel – San Bernardino	1,233.31
DA Travel - Delaware	314.65
DA Travel - Williamsport	1,305.19
Pop-ups / Challengers	306.41
WRSBBT – Volunteer Shirts	1,077.50
Zoom Renewal	319.80
Office Supplies – September	17.08
LLCAD4 Website-Renew 3 years	360.00
Staff Breakfast Meeting	155.72

Ending Balance \$46,933.03



2025 Lewis Cup Award

North Oakland/South Oakland	657
Richmond	630
Concord American	582
Albany	402
Pinole Hercules	318
Martinez	313
Alameda	200
Lafayette	200
Clayton Valley	100
East County	100
Pittsburg	100
Walnut Creek	100

Important Updates to the Little League® Child Protection Program for the 2025 Season

The safety and well-being of all participants remains the utmost priority for everyone at Little League® International and as local leagues and families gear up for the 2025 season, we wanted to share two important updates to the **Little League Child Protection Program** that will help enhance and simplify the volunteer's experience.

Each year, volunteers at every level of the Little League programs are required to complete their background check as well as Abuse Awareness Training to be eligible to volunteer. While these requirements have previously been permitted to be completed through third parties, Little League has worked to streamline those requirements to help make the process itself easier for both the user and administrator tracking their league/district volunteers.

Abuse Awareness Training Through Little League

With the requirement of all volunteers to complete Abuse Awareness training each year, we are proud to announce the launch of the new Little League Abuse Awareness Course, which will now serve as the required course for completion and is available for all volunteers to complete at LittleLeague.org/AbuseAwareness. **There is a link on the California D4 website on the LL Forms page.**

This course, which serves as a replacement for the programs previously available through third-party organizations like USA Baseball, is custom to the Little League program and provides an easier learning experience for our volunteers. **Required to be completed by all volunteers each year**, this course is available as part of the training and education courses at LittleLeague.org/Training, making signing up for the course even easier for our volunteers to both complete and track their volunteer completions.



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Once a volunteer completes the course, they will receive an email with their completion certificate as well as being able to access it through the training platform itself. League Officials, who are responsible for ensuring all volunteers complete the course, can also access the completion records through the **Little League Data Center**.

Background Checks Through JDP

Starting in 2025, background checks for all volunteers are required to be conducted through J.D. Palatine (JDP) and other providers will not be accepted. As a reminder, the use of **Sports Connect** (required as part of Central Registration) will continue to provide leagues with the advantage of the integrated technologies available to ease this process.

Little League International requires all leagues and districts in the United States to conduct an annual background check, including a nationwide criminal search, a search of the National Sex Offender Registry, and a review of the **U.S. Center For Safesport Centralized Disciplinary Database** and **Little League International Ineligible List**.

JDP has a Criminal File database that contains more than 600 million records, including criminal and sex offender registry records covering 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as the review of the **U.S. Center for SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database** and **Little League International Ineligible List**, meeting the current Little League Regulation 1(c) 8 & 9 requirement.

As leagues begin to charter and get ready for the 2025 season, it is important for all volunteers, parents, and guardians to read through the **Little League Child Protection**

Program

(LittleLeague.org/ChildProtectionProgram) and understand the requirements for a local league to remain affiliated with Little League Baseball and Softball.



From ADA Big Diamond Baseball, Grayson Lawrence

Here are some pre-season key meetings for Teenage Baseball:

- 2/12/25 7pm (Wed): 50/70 and Juniors Scheduling Meeting
 - Location: UC Extension, [2380 Bisso Lane, Concord](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2380+Bisso+Lane,+Concord,+CA+94520)
 - Attendees: Managers for each team, or a rep who can schedule games on behalf
- Late February (date TBD): Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic
 - Location: Zoom meeting
 - Attendees: At least 1 manager/coach from each teenage baseball team in the District



From ADA LL Baseball, Liz Berg

Please remember to send me the contact information for the person(s) responsible for scheduling your minor and major division games. This includes AA, AAA, and Major. We will need at least one person from each league to attend the interleague scheduling meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.



From ADA Liz Berg,

Little League Charter Applications

The LL Charter applications are open for the 2025 season. Please log into your account and put in your team counts to submit. Entering estimated team counts is acceptable, but you will need to update the counts once finalized to make background checks and post-season play easier. If you're hosting Fall Ball, this is a great time to start recruiting good managers and coaches. New Presidents - please reach out if you need help accessing the LL Data Center.



From Michele Vierra, ADA Safety

ASAP Plan

ASAP submission is not yet available in the Data Center, but you can still get it ready to go. Make sure both you (President) and your Safety Officer have access to the Data Center now. Don't wait until the last minute. Your Safety Plans must include your updated Board of Directors and the dates for your Coach and Safety Training sessions in order to be approved.



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From ADA D4 UIC, Jim Rose

Fall Ball for Blues

We have already conducted one session of Fall Ball for blues and we have two more upcoming. Fall Ball for Blues is aimed at umpires and I encourage UICs to heavily advertise these with all your League umpires. They run on Zoom and will be held on November 13th and December 11th from 7-8:15pm. Pre-registration is required and the link to the session registrations is found on the homepage for District 4:

[California District 4 Little League](#)

We discuss the latest news from Little League and the West Region in regards to umpires, have discussions with umpires who were invited to Little League post-season and special tournaments, and we show many video clips of plays from Regionals and World Series and discuss rules and umpire positioning and mechanics from those videos. It's a great way to talk about the post-season that just ended and begin thinking ahead to our umpiring for the 2025 season. For League UICs it is a great way to begin engaging with your League umpires.

League Umpire Mechanics Clinics

We highly encourage Leagues to hold their own umpire mechanics clinics, which can emphasize that League's needs. District 4 can help your League UIC in that process. We can provide umpires from the Umpire Training Staff, help structure your clinic, and provide the training tools. We encourage Leagues to organize with other Leagues to hold clinics together to best utilize our resources. Please encourage

your League UICs to reach out to me, Jim Rose, to start planning your umpire mechanics clinic. In addition, we are currently meeting with the Western Region to hold a one-day Western Region Outreach Clinic in District 4 for adult umpires, and advanced youth umpires.

Fall Ball, Umpire Registry, Background Checks, and Abuse Awareness Training

Many Leagues are currently conducting Fall Ball and need umpires for those games. This is a perfect time to get new volunteers and newer umpires from last year to umpire those games, which are generally far less intense than regular season games. Get teams to provide a parent umpire and begin training them and hopefully gaining a new umpire.

Now is also the time to encourage all your umpires from last year to register for the Little League Umpire Registry. There they will find many resources, including the rule books, the Rules Instruction Manual, and training videos. Register at:

[Little League Umpire Registry](#)

Now is also the time to begin encouraging your umpires to conduct their Background Checks for the 2025 season. The process is now open and can be done by your League or on the Umpire Registry (at a \$5 cost).

And, with Little League's requirement that all volunteers need to pass an Abuse Awareness Training each year after October 1, work on assuring your umpires are up to date on this training. Direct them to the following Little League page:

[Abuse Awareness Training Course](#)

