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California D4 Finances

October Balance

Beginning Balance \$46,933.03

League Dues **6,082.00**

(Alameda, Concord American)

Challenger Donation **65.00**

New Meeting Signs **95.53**

New PA System for District **354.21**

13 Months Storage **3,211.00**

Staff Breakfast **71.62**

WRSBBT – Donation **100.00**

September Meeting Dinner **360.46**

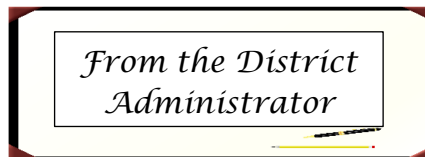
Private Donation **350.00**

From Volunteer Thank You Dinner

Pin Sales **1,528.50**

Volunteer Dinner (Drinks, Food) **126.96**

Ending Balance \$46,933.03



2025 Lewis Cup Award

Richmond **1351**

Martinez **1244**

Concord American **1093**

Pinole Hercules **1012**

Walnut Creek **921**

Alameda **913**

North Oakland/South Oakland **849**

Clayton Valley **774**

Pittsburg **408**

Albany **402**

Lafayette **310**

East County **100**

2024 Final Results Lewis Cup

Martinez **5226**

North Oakland/South Oakland **3135**

Walnut Creek **3064**

Pinole Hercules **2978**

Alameda **2922**

Concord American **2451**

Lafayette **2430**

Clayton Valley **2362**

Richmond **2212**

East County **2190**

Albany **2138**

Pittsburg **1883**



On Saturday, October 26th, California District 4 2024 season came to an end. The District welcomed many to our annual dinner. Volunteers that support the local leagues as well as those that step up and make CA D4 the best were honored.

The following local league members were honored with a volunteer of the year awards.

Alameda **Brendan Barker**

Richmond **Martell Bates**

North Oakland & South Oakland **Steve Bunner**

Concord American **Ben Stripe**

Pinole Hercules **Angel Galtraza**

Clayton Valley **Ali Smith**

East County **Dan Longacre**

Martinez **Michele Vierra**

Additionally, the District recognized Steve Bunner as the winner of the Bob Beberg coaching award for 2024.

Finally, the District awarded Don Waddell the Ernie Lewis dedicated volunteer award for his invaluable service as the District UIC since 2011.

Congratulations to all our winners!



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From ADA Big Diamond Baseball,
Grayson Lawrence

As with the last couple of seasons, District 4 will be hosting the Senior Baseball Western Region tournament in Oakland in July, which the winner of this tournament goes on to the Senior Baseball World Series in South Carolina. The host district gets an automatic bid into the tournament, so the winner of the District 4 Senior Baseball All-Stars will play in the Western **Region** tournament. The runner-up of this district tournament will go onto the **Section** tournament, still with a chance to make it to the Region tournament. This is a great opportunity for your league to field a Senior Baseball team!

- 2/12/25 7pm (Wed): 50/70 and Juniors Scheduling Meeting
 - Location: UC Extension, [2380 Bisso Lane, Concord](#)
 - Attendees: Managers for each team, or a rep who can schedule games on behalf
- 2/20/24 7pm (Thursday): Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic
 - Location: Zoom meeting
 - Attendees: At least 1 manager/coach from each teenage baseball team in the District



From Don Waddell,
ADA Post Season Director

Think About Find Improvements to Enhance Post Season Tournament Experience

Now is the time when most of the leagues will begin their Facility Inspections as part of the ASAP Safety Plan process. As you complete your surveys and identify opportunities for field repairs and improvements, consider the needs for hosting post-season All Star and Tournament of Champions games in your plans. Some items you should prioritize which greatly improves the experience for our players and add to field safety.

- Full size game ready portable mounds for those baseball fields that lack a permanent mound. These game ready mounds are required by Little League rules and replace dirt mounds in size and feel. There is only one company with portable mounds that meet the Little League specifications – True Pitch Mounds. They are expensive but make the game experience the best.

Truepitchmounds.com

- Scoreboards are essential to keep players and spectators informed on game action. They range from manual to portable boards to large field mounted manual or automatic. Consider finding a sponsor to fund the board and put their name on it.

- Outfield fences are listed as required item for tournament fields. Players want the chance to hit it out of the park so provide them with a fence. Temporary fences range from netting style to more

stable plastic fence panels. On a small diamond, a 200-foot distance fence that covers the outfield and the sidelines will enhance the game.

- Flagpole to display the United States and Little League flags at games.

Please reach out to me if you have questions about the post season tournaments.



From Michele Vierra, ADA Safety

ASAP Plan

Remember that every volunteer needs to do their Abuse Awareness Training every year. You can now access through the Little League website at.

LittleLeague.org/AbuseAwareness.

There is also a link on the California D4 website.

Background checks are required to go through JDP starting in 2025, other providers will not be accepted.

ASAP submission is not yet available, but it is never too early to get it ready. Make sure your safety officer has access to it on the Data Center now, don't wait for the last minute.





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From ADA D4 UIC, Jim Rose

Fall Ball for Blues

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

<http://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org>.

We will discuss the latest news from our District, Little League, and the West Region in regards to umpires, have presentations by two District 4 umpires who umpired at this year's Marie Pepe Little League Baseball Legacy Series in Williamsport, PA, and we will 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. Dates fill up, so get on this early! In addition, we are currently planning to hold a one-day mechanics clinic at Ellerhorst Elementary School in Pinole on Sunday, February 23rd for adult umpires, and advanced youth umpires. League Chief Umpires should be thinking about who they want to encourage to attend this clinic. Supplementing the District 4 Staff umpires will be several Northern California Little League World Series and Regional World Series umpires.



District 4 Rules Clinics

The following is our schedule for in-person and Zoom rules clinics for the 2025 season:

Zoom Basic Rules Clinics, divided into four sessions, for all divisions of baseball and softball:

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26,
7-8:15pm on Zoom
Registration required

Zoom Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic:
Thursday, February 20th
7-8:30 on Zoom
Registration required

In-Person Softball Rules Clinic:
Monday, February 24, 6:30-8:30,
UC Extension Office, 2380 Bisso Ln.,
Concord
No Registration Required