



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
February 21, 2023 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:35pm by Zoom

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

League Attendance: Alameda, Albany, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Lafayette, Martinez, North/South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, Walnut Creek

Guests: Walnut Creek: Shannon Self Martinez: Michelle Vierra Richmond: Pablo Ramirez

District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- Thank you, D4 Staff, for lots of meetings for LL BB, Teenage BB, and Softball. Thank you, Liz Berg, for helping with scheduling.

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- All ASAP plans have been submitted.
- One league needs to upload Registration Data
- Background Checks need to get completed.
 - a. Little League requires 6 per team.
 - b. District 4 requires 5 per team.
- Alameda LL is using Live Scan, won't show in Data Center

Teenage Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence:

- 50/70 and Juniors Scheduling Meeting:
 - a. Every league/Team was represented.
 - b. Went smoothly.
- Rules Clinic
 - a. Thursday by Zoom
 - b. Attendees: 50/70, Juniors, Seniors – at least 1 Managers, 1Coach per team and Anyone else that interested
- Break Away Bases – Please get them if you do not already have them in use. Required!
- Senior teams: Let me know by June 1st if you will have a Senior team. I can help schedule games. No minimum number of games to be played to be eligible for All Stars.
- Leagues: Interleague and Inter-District: go to the Data Center and start the form, then the other league will complete it.

LL Baseball ADA, Geoff Shiu:

- Thank you, Don Waddell, for covering the interleague Rules with the managers and coaches. The rules are pretty specific.
- I recommend to all leagues to use the Interleague rules with their own teams at Home as well as when they play Interleague games. Games will run more smoothly.
- Thank you to Colby/Lafayette and Neal/Walnut Creek for picking up some Interleague games although they didn't need them.
- Thank you to Liz for entering the scheduled games into the program and Carl for providing the rooms.
- February 9th: Opening meeting went well.
 - a. 2A Baseball: Richmond (3) and Pinole Hercules (4) will Interleague. No one else has this division.
 - b. Lafayette reached out to Richmond with open dates at their field.
 - c. We've had good communications so far.
 - d. Schedule Changes: Please contact Liz immediately so that she can update the schedule and website.
 - e. Confirm Games: Managers reach out the night prior to confirm where/when to prevent No Shows.
 - f. Canceled Games: It is up to the two leagues involved to reschedule and contact Liz to update.
 - g. Umpires: PLEASE inform the Umpires about canceled games.



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Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Held Scheduling Meeting. Thanks to everyone that helped. 50 teams scheduled games in 4 hours.
- Rules Clinic:
 - a. Monday at 6:30pm
 - b. Attendees: One person per team to help minimize problems during the season.
- I will be talking with American Canyon about the Rules to avoid last year's problems.
- Games, Team Contact Info and Locations: Posted on the D4 website. Still need Contact Info.

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- Schedules are being finalized.
- Jamboree is being worked on. Not as many teams as in past years.
- Ted will speak with Sacramento for teams for Jamboree.
- Donations: Please ask your board for a donation.

West Region Tournament Chairman, Paul Rosky: Ted gave the report

- Planning Meeting: to be held by the end of the month.
- Umpire Hotel Rooms: will be booked by the end of the week.

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- CAD4UA: 13-14 Staff Umpires represent most of the leagues in the district
- D4 Staff Umpires will support the league clinics to be held at:
 - a. March 4th: Albany LL
 - b. March 5th: Concord American
 - c. They are open to other leagues members
- Thank you, Phil and Martinez LL, for hosting this past Sunday's District-wide Clinic
 - a. All but 3 leagues were represented.
 - b. 48 registered: Adults and Youth
 - c. 15 additional on the Waiting List
- Game Coordinator: Please read the newsletter for their role and also on-line training.
- Recognition for over 20 years: District 4 has umpires represented in Post Season play – Steve DePetris/NOLL SOLL
- D4 Umpire YouTube Channel: Videos used for trainings are located here. Go to D4 Website/Umpire page to access; see the article in the newsletter.

Asst. UIC Softball and Training Coordinator, Jim Rose:

- February is Rules Training Month
 - a. Have held two so far, they were recorded and are on the Umpire YouTube Channel
 - b. Teenage Baseball is this Thursday
 - c. Softball is on Monday
- Presidents: Please advertise these trainings.
 - a. They are very important
 - b. We need more Umpires
 - c. Umpires should attend the Softball and Teenage Baseball Trainings. They will be recorded and added to the Umpire YouTube channel.
 - d. Rules Questions: please send an email about any questions you may have about the Rules
 - e. Urban Initiative Tournament:
 1. April 21 – 23, Richmond LL hosting
 2. I will be scheduling the umpires
- Rule Books: All presidents should have received an email from headquarters about the printing. Please check what you have received.



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Asst. UIC Baseball, Candido Anicete:

- 15 D4 Umpire Staff will be at Sunday's Clinic
- West Region also hosts Virtual Rules Clinics every other Friday. These are listed on the D4 website – Umpires page.
If you can't attend an In-person clinic then you should join in the Regions Virtual Clinics.
- Little League Headquarters is also hosting Virtual Rules Clinics on Sundays. This coming Sunday and one in March.

DA Ted Boet:

- Announcements:
 - a. Registration: 2 leagues need to update, Martinez and Lafayette
 - b. Constitutions: First 6 leagues by alphabet will be sent to West Region this year; the next 6 will be sent next year.
 - c. Charter #s: Compared to last year are down 5% in teams; #s of youth and teams should increase
 - d. Registration: players; Need to add Managers and Coaches in case they get injured
 - e. March District Meeting: Has been moved to Tuesday, March 14th, In-Person at UC Extension
 1. Dues are due at the March 14th meeting
 2. Tournament forms are due
 3. I will send a reminder email

Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

- Oakland A's: We should support them because they have been good to Little League and District 4 with the Uniform Program, hosting North CA LL meeting, Little League Days
- Little League Days: Sunday, April 23rd and Sunday, April 30th
- Contact Information is in the newsletter
- Players should have LL patches on their uniforms when attending

Adjourned: 8:30pm

**Next meeting: March 14th, 7:30pm – Dinner, 8:00pm - Meeting at UC Extension, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
April 18th, meeting by Zoom, 8:00pm**