

# California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League – Senior League – Challenger

January 21, 2024, District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 8:03 pm, at UC Extension 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Liz Berg, Phil Raines, Jim Rose, Carla Moore, Grayson Lawrence, Geoff Shiu, Paul Rosky,

Stephen Mohammed, Michele Vierra, Don Waddell

League Attendance: Alameda, Albany, Clayton Valley, Concord American, East County, Lafayette, Martinez,

North & South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, Walnut Creek

Guests: Martell Bates and Sarah Salazar / Richmond LL

#### **DA Ted Boet**

- President's Reports: Ted asked where/what their league is doing right now.
  - a. Alameda Ron has asked for a new Diamond at Rittler Park. Fall ball has been helped with recruits and volunteers
  - b. Albany over 300 youth have registered, should hit 400. Evaluations to be 1st and 2nd weekends of February.
  - c. Clayton Valley Softball Tryouts and Drafts are finished. Baseball Tryouts are done, drafting tonight.
  - **d. Concord American** Evaluations started last weekend. Drafting the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of February. Numbers are more than last year. Galindo will be playable this year.
  - e. East County Last tryouts were Saturday. Sunday, we drafted the teams.
  - **f. Lafayette** Registration numbers are up from last year. Sunday will be the last evaluations. Drafts will be February 10th, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - g. Martinez 600 youth registered. Tryouts and Drafts are done. Practice starts on Monday.
  - h. North & South Oakland First weekend of February will be Tryouts.
  - i. Pinole Hercules Tryouts and Drafts are done. Practice starts next week.
  - **j. Pittsburg** a lot of new kids. Still working on signing up past players. Softball there will be one team per Division. Challengers we will have a team.
  - k. Richmond Numbers are slightly better than last year. Hoping for 210, at 160 right now. Registration closes January 31st. Challengers we will have two teams. We now have Booker T. Anderson fields back. TeeBall thru Seniors can play there.
  - I. Walnut Creek Tryouts are done. Drafts will be finished by the end of the week. Practice will start in February.

### Safety Officer ADA, Michele Vierra

- ASAP is OPEN
  - a. Five leagues have not logged on. Alameda, Albany, Clayton Valley, East County and Richmond.
  - **b.** Needs to add two Meeting Dates Pinole Hercules
  - c. Needs to upload Registration North and South Oakland, Martinez

**DA Ted Boet** – Walnut Creek has completed 300 Background Checks. Seven leagues have not started them. These are a requirement. Managers and Coaches should be completed before they work with players.

### **UIC and Training Coordinator, Jim Rose**

- Umpires:
  - **a. Basic Rules Clinics** Information in the newsletter for the dates and Times. Managers and Coaches should Tune-in, all of them are recorded and posted on You Tube. You Tube Channel @CAD4
  - **b.** Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic by Zoom, information in newsletter under ADA, Teenage Baseball, Grayson Lawrence
  - c. Softball Rules Clinic In-person here at the UC Extension office. Date and Time in the newsletter under ADA Softball. Phil Raines.
  - d. Coaches Clinics just did one for Richmond. We can do Zoom or Live. Call or Email if you would like a clinic.
  - e. **Umpire Mechanics Clinics** -February 22<sup>nd</sup> assisting Lafayette and one in Albany March 9<sup>th</sup> – Concord American Youth Clinic



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- f. **Little League Outreach Clinic February 23**<sup>rd</sup> at Ellerhorst Elementary in Pinole Hercules. This clinic is for Youth who have experience, Experience and Some Experience Umpires.
- Rules Changes 2025 A complete list of the Changes are attached to the January Newsletter.
  - a. Background Checks Little League requires to be conducted by JDP
  - **b.** Little League Abuse Awareness Training Required after October 1st Annually. Link is located on the D4 website Forms page. Anyone who has repetitive contact with players must complete the training.
  - c. Senior Baseball and Softball No Mandatory Play
  - **d.** Senior Softball Interleague Mandatory Play is required.
  - **e. Rule 3.01 Umpires Checking Equipment** Is no longer required. I recommend the Presidents discuss this with your UIC on how your league wants to handle this change.

**Suggestion**: Continue having your umpires check the equipment. Remove the illegal equipment prior to game versus ejecting the manager and player during the game and subsequent game.

## DA Ted Boet: Tournaments – TOC and All Stars

Umpire can ask the Managers if they want the equipment checked prior to the game. Now is the time to take care of anything. Avoid possible ejections.

# Challengers ADA, Stephen Mohammed, Sr.:

- Meeting with League Reps.: Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00pm, by Zoom
  - a. Scheduling Games
  - b. **Jamboree**
- New Teams: Martinez, Pittsburg, and Richmond with two teams

### Big Diamond Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence

- Emails: I've been in contact with the league reps. I will be sending more emails.
  - a. Received estimates for the number of players
- Interleague 50/70 and Juniors possibly a total of 10 teams
- Scheduling Meeting: Wednesday, February 12th, 7pm, at UC Extension office, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
- **Rules Clinic:** Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, by Zoom, Link will be emailed. Registration required. Every team is to be represented by a manager and / or coach
- Senior Baseball:
  - a. Richmond LL is working on forming a team.
  - b. Regular Season Play I can help with scheduling games if you want Regular Season games.
  - c. June 1st Deadline to notify me if you will have a team. The winner of the D4 tournament gets a Free Pass directly to the WRSBB tournament.
  - d. D53 may participate.

If you have any questions about a team or are thinking about it, please send me an email or call, I am here as a resource.

#### ADA LL Baseball, Liz Berg

- Scheduling Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 6:30pm, UC Extension office 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
  - a. Please send a representative with the following information: Fields & Times/Dates Available
  - b. Scheduling for AA, AAA, and Majors. Scheduling for Single A will take place on another day.
  - c. Leagues that don't need Interleague but are willing to give other leagues a few games please attend.
- Newsletter more information here, please read.

## Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Scheduling Meeting: Monday, February 10th, 6:30pm, at UC Extension office, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
- Rules Clinic: Monday, February 24th, 7-9pm, at UC Extension office, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
- Fremont and Centerfield are interested in Interleague/District
- Softball Rep. Contact Info is needed from: East County and Walnut Creek



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#### Post Season Director, Don Waddell:

The 2025 Season is my 30th year as a Little League Volunteer for District 4.

- **Field Improvements:** fences, scoreboard, permanent mounds for Post Season. Game Ready Mound there is only one manufacturer approved by Little League for Tournament Play.
  - Boards should be discussing these items now so that they can be ready for the Post Season.
- **Tournaments:** Tournament forms will be handed out tonight, Due back to Ted Boet by March 18<sup>th</sup> if not sooner. These will enable us to set plans for fields.
  - a. Facilities/Field Maintenance Rep. please send me their contact information

# Western Region Tournament Chairman, Paul Rosky

- July 16th 22nd, the West Region Senior Baseball Tournament again this year
- Volunteers and Donations are Needed
- Senior Team if you have questions about forming a team give me a call.

#### **District Administrator. Ted Boet:**

- Packets handed out to the Presidents:
  - a. League Check Lists: Red Marks Missed a meeting or I'm missing Data from you Balance owed to LL Headquarters
  - b. Tournament Games / Host -
    - **1.** Red you don't play in the Division.
    - 2. What teams you will be entering
  - c. League Dues Still owe
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Umpire Clinic Registration Required; D4 Umpires no Registration Fee; Breakfast and Lunch provided.

Next meeting: February 18, 2025, 8:00pm, by Zoom – link will be emailed prior to the meeting date

Adjourned: 9:21 pm