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California D4 Finances

January Balance

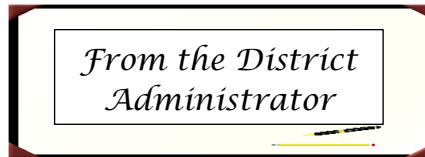
Beginning Balance \$53,828.92

Lewis Cup Awards 750.00

Umpire Supplies (2025 clinic) 234.17

Office Supplies 139.14

Ending Balance \$52,705.61



2025 Lewis Cup Award

Concord American	1816
Richmond	1753
Martinez	1683
Walnut Creek	1429
Alameda	1387
Pinole Hercules	1337
Lafayette	1281
North Oakland/South Oakland	1203
Pittsburg	1109
Clayton Valley	1075
Albany	988
East County	840



From ADA Big Diamond Baseball,
Grayson Lawrence

Reminders for the upcoming

50/70 and Juniors Season:

Here are some key upcoming dates. Please share with those in your league that need to attend.

- 2/20/25 7pm (Thursday):
Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic
 - Location: Zoom meeting
 - [Registration Link](#)
 - Attendees: At least 1 manager/coach from each teenage baseball team in the League/District.
- The [D4 Baseball Page](#) has links to the Schedules, Contacts and the Interleague Rules
- Games are played under the official Little League rules as indicated in the 2025 Little League Baseball Rules and Regulations and District 4 Interleague rules. No individual league's "local" rules will apply and no "manager agreements" will be allowed to change or modify these rules.
- The home team is responsible for providing two umpires for each game, one of which needs to be at least 18 years of age. Strongly encourage volunteer umpires. If you need help staffing umpires for your teenage baseball games, please contact the D4 UIC Jim Rose at jrose001@aol.com
- Ensure your teenage baseball fields have break-away bases. We typically see this issue when teenage baseball teams are playing at high schools.
- Have fun!



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From ADA LL Baseball,
Liz Berg

Reminders:

- Scheduling meeting for Little League Baseball (A to Majors) is tomorrow, **February 19th at 7:00 PM at 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord.**
- All leagues are encouraged to have a representative present to assist with scheduling games.
- Please Note:** Even if your league has enough teams to play independently, scheduling even one game with a league that only has 1 or 2 teams makes a significant difference. Your participation is crucial for a successful season for all leagues. We look forward to your attendance.
- Presidents,** please be sure to share this information as well as any upcoming Rules Clinics, Umpire Training, etc. with your league managers and coaches. Don't let all this important info stop with you!



From Geoff Shiu, ADA Social Media

League Presidents...

Thank You to Leagues who have already decided their Little League Day with SF Giants!

Little League Days with the SF Giants are...

Sunday, April 6 – Giants vs Mariners @ 1p (Youth Giveaway – Charm Hat)

Sunday, April 27 – Giants vs Rangers @ 1p (Youth Giveaway – Bailey Headband)

Sunday, May 18 – Giants vs Athletics @ 1p (Youth Giveaway – SF Chain)

Left Field Bleachers Section are Sold Out for April 27th and May 18th!

Little League Day is still set up as a fundraiser and \$5 from each ticket you buy goes back to your League directly. Special pricing for Little League Days! **See attached Pricing!**

There are two ways to purchase tickets:

- Bulk purchase:** Heather Marino (SF Giants Account Executive) will reserve as many tickets as you think you will need all in the same section, pay for 50% upfront, then give her a final headcount and payment 30 days before the game (provide one form of payment and you handle ticket distribution).
- Link purchase:** Heather Marino will reserve tickets together for a specific day, in the same section, and load them onto a link. The families from your league can purchase their tickets directly from that link (add'l fees apply with the 3rd party link).

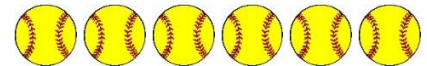
This requires no money upfront, and you do not have to deal with ticket distribution. The link **expires** 30 days before the game.

On gameday: the festivities start about 3 hours before first pitch with a pre-game Q&A with players and coaches, followed by a Little League team parade on the field once the gates open. Have Little Leaguers wear their team uniforms and don't forget to properly attach the Little League Patch on uniform tops!

After the game, the Little Leaguers will have the chance to get on the field and run the bases!

SF Giants Point of Contact to purchase Little League Days Tickets is...

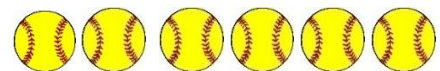
Heather Marino
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From ADA Little League Softball,
Phil Raines

Softball Rules Meeting

Monday, February 24th, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location: 2380 Bisso Ln, Concord





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From ADA D4 UIC, Jim Rose

League Umpire Mechanics Clinics

We are currently planning to hold a one-day Little League Outreach Mechanics Clinic at Ellerhorst Elementary School in Pinole on Sunday, February 23rd for adult umpires, new or experienced, and advanced youth umpires. Supplementing the District 4 Staff umpires will be several Northern California Little League World Series and Regional World Series umpires. The clinic is now filled, but there is a waitlist. Registration is required and be found on the District 4 home page.

Two or more of the District 4 Umpire Training Staff have helped at, or are planning to help at the following League Mechanics Clinics: Walnut Creek on February 2, Lafayette on February 22, Concord American and Martinez adults on March 2, Martinez youth on March 2, Albany on March 8, and Concord American youth on March 9.

Coaches Clinics

Two Leagues, Martinez on February 25 and Richmond on February 27, will be holding coaches clinics with District 4 UIC. These clinics are designed to prepare the coaches and managers for what to expect during games and to acquaint them with interleague rules and expectations.

District 4 Rules Clinics

Two of the four Zoom Basic Rules Clinics have been held and two more remain. The clinics cover basic rules for all divisions of baseball and softball

Wednesdays, February 19, and 26, 7-8:15pm are the final clinics

Registration is required and can found at: <http://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org>

The first two were recorded and can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/@CAD4>

Zoom Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic:

Thursday, February 20, 7-8:30 on Zoom
Registration is required and can be found at: <http://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org/contact>

In-Person Softball Rules Clinic

Monday, February 24, 6:30-8:30,
UC Extension Office, 2380 Bisso Ln.,
Concord

No Online Registration Required



New 2025 Rule Clarification

The Director of the Western Region has clarified two of the many new rule changes for 2025.

First, Illegal Equipment for the purposes of ejecting players and managers is limited only to illegal bats.

Second, despite the rule still appearing in the Rule Books and the Rule Book App, there is still Mandatory Play when using a Continuous Batting Order during the Regular Season.

The 2025 Season

Hopefully, all the Leagues have now established how their games will be umpired during the coming regular season. Interleague schedules are being drawn up, regular season games are getting scheduled, and all of these will need umpires. Please contact me if you want to discuss strategies for filling these games. Also, many Leagues will be using youth umpires. Two things to remember if this is part of your umpiring strategy. First, many Interleague games require either adults or youth who are at least sixteen-years old. Teenage baseball and Small Diamond baseball each requires at least one adult on a game. Senior Softball Interleague rules prefer two adults, Major Softball contains a preference for adults umpires or youth sixteen-years or older, and Minor Softball contains a preference for anyone sixteen-years or older. Second, if there are only youth used on a game, there **must** be an adult Game Coordinator (Rule 9.03(d)) for that particular game and field. Also, it cannot be someone working the game in a different capacity, such as a scorekeeper, coach, or snack shack worker. For a YouTube video produced by District 4 on the role and responsibilities of the Game Coordinator, see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYjNr3XExVI>

