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## California D4 Finances

### April - May Balance

**Beginning Balance \$65,486.95**

March Dinner **506.55**

Jamboree: Port-A-Pots & Wash Stands **961.21**

Jamboree Serving Supplies **99.83**

Post Season Pins **7,900.43**

Jamboree T-Shirt Sales **316.00**

Jamboree Donations **654.00**

Jamboree Donation (MLL) **7,500.00**

**Ending Balance \$ 64,488.93**



*From the District  
Administrator*

## California DOJ and AB 506

It has been reported that several leagues within California have been contacted by the CA DOJ.

They are conducting audits on leagues regarding compliance with AB 506.

**The following was shared by the Western Region office.**

Please advise your leagues to comply with the audit request and direct any additional questions to the auditors as they can best assist.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am part of the Training and Administrative Support Section (TASS) at the California Department of Justice (DOJ). My section facilitates audits, training, and information to agencies authorized to submit

fingerprints for criminal history background checks for purposes of employment, volunteering, or issuing a license or certificate.

DOJ conducts audits on all applicant agencies with access to criminal offender records information (CORI) for noncriminal justice purposes. The FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Advisory Policy Board requires authorized state officials to conduct state-level audits for non-criminal justice agencies. Each state must establish a process to periodically audit all noncriminal justice agencies with access to CORI to ensure compliance with applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, once every three years.

Your agency will receive a notification email from [donotreply@cjisapps.com](mailto:donotreply@cjisapps.com) that an audit has been assigned. The email will include a link to <https://california.cjisapps.com/noncrim/cjisaudit> and a temporary password.

**As your agency's Custodian of Records (COR), you will be responsible for completing the audit within thirty days.**

As your agency's assigned auditor, I would like to provide the following information in preparation for your audit:

- On the Agency Profile page in the AAJC portal, verify that all of your agency's Active Contacts' information is correct, including names, phone numbers, and email addresses.
- On the Agency Profile page in the AAJC portal, verify your agency's address is correct.
- On the Resource page in the AAJC portal, you can find helpful training tutorial videos.
- The Applicant Agency Audit Procedure Guide and AAJC User Guide are attached for your convenience.



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## Post Season Tournament Reminders

### Make Those Last-Minute Field Repairs Now

Every league, despite best efforts probably have some repairs to do on the fields. Take care of those items now so our fields are in top condition for the tournaments. Typical items often found are:

- Repair damaged fencing, which most typically happens at the bottom of fence panels where they meet the ground or the backstop. Fencing is pulled away from it's supports, exposing holes or dangerous sharp edges.
- Fix gate latches to make sure gates are fully enclosed and safe. Gates without latches can open on their own exposing players to injury or allow balls to enter a dead ball area.
- Fill in low spots on the infield. This usually occurs on the pitcher's mound in baseball where the dirt is dug away from the pitcher's plate, or in softball where a hole is made where the pitcher's foot lands or pushes off. In softball with the different pitching distances this can lead to a hole that makes a pitcher's plate not lay flat.
- Repair leaky water faucets that can flood the playing surface.
- Replace worn bases and home plates.
- Make sure your public address system works after it has been sitting in storage for a year.
- Replace your damaged or faded United States flag and your Little League banner.

### Get Organized for the Tournaments

If you are hosting games, you need a good team to make it all happen. Consider a Tournament Coordinator position to ensure that your league is ready to host.

Your Coordinator recruits volunteers and assigns them to jobs: Game Directors, Announcer, Field Preparation, Security, etc., and makes sure they attend the required training.

Have your Tournament Coordinator develop a plan for how you will set up the areas outside the field to ensure safety and security.

- Scorekeeper and Tournament Director areas should be marked off from spectators with caution tape if not within an enclosed booth. **Provide an area for the Game Coordinator in TOC who is assigned to assist when there are only Youth Umpires assigned to a game.**
- Determine the best location for loudspeakers to make sure that spectators and game participants can hear the announcer.
- Block off spaces in your parking lot for Tournament Volunteers and the Umpires.

Notify your local police department that you are hosting an event that may have a large number of people attending, especially if you are hosting a Final game.

### Field Preparation Tips for Tournaments

When hosting a tournament game, we want to make sure we have the field ready for the game. Beyond just making it look good, we need to have proper lines that help the players and umpires. You can refer to the complete set of instructions on lining a field in the diagrams found in the Little League Rule Books under Rule 1.04.

Important lines to be marked for every game are:

- Foul lines extending from Home Plate all the way past the base to the outfield fence.
- Batter's boxes, in proper size for the division of play (box is three different sizes and shapes for 60-foot baseball, teenage baseball, or softball)
- Running lane, starting halfway between Home Plate and First Base, 3 feet off the Foul line.
- Catcher's Box (again different for the different levels of play)
- Coaches box, sized for the field of play
- The 8-foot radius circle around the Pitcher's Plate in softball
- Any limits of the playing field, that by Ground Rule the area beyond is a Dead Ball area, should be marked in a different color chalk than the Foul Lines (typically yellow).



### 2025 Lewis Cup Award

Martinez	3644
Concord American	3059
Richmond	2857
Alameda	2502
Pinole Hercules	2488
North Oakland/South Oakland	2450
Lafayette	2414
Walnut Creek	2357
Pittsburg	1933
Clayton Valley	1931
Albany	1839
East County	1528



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From ADA D4 UIC, Jim Rose

With May comes preparation for the June and July post-season. Now is the time to make sure that all of post-season umpires are identified, trained, and properly attired. The League UICs have been notified of their need to identify the umpires who will be doing post-season games and send their names to me (only five of twelve Leagues have complied). The next steps are training these umpires and letting them know what will be District 4's expectations of them.

## League Responsibility for providing umpires

Each League, based on the percentage of teams that are entered in post-season play, are assigned to provide umpires for roughly that percentage of games. Even Leagues that have relied on youth and/or paid umpires are expected to fill their quota of providing umpires for games. The UICs will be provided by me their post-season umpire assignments this week. It will be up to those UICs to provide the umpires for those games or, if they cannot staff certain games, to let me know well ahead of time so that District 4 can appoint other umpires.

## Who is eligible?

Post-season umpires are umpires who have worked regular season games, are not paid, and can umpire at the level of play to which they are assigned. They need to have their League perform a background check, have filled out a volunteer application, have the League board approve them, and have had training in Sudden Cardiac Arrest (at least once), Concussion Awareness (at least once), and Little League Abuse Awareness (certified after 10/1/24).

Many Leagues have relied heavily on youth umpires during the regular season. Ideally, we would like adult umpires in the

post-season, and especially as plate umpires, but youth umpires can work games. Although we allow two or more youths without an adult to work both TOC and Future Stars games, All Star games require that there be at least one adult umpire on the field, preferably working on the plate, if youth are also umpiring (no exceptions). Further, Leagues that provide only youth umpires to a TOC or Future Stars game MUST also provide a trained, game coordinator to that game to serve that one purpose. You can find the training--simply watching a short video-online on our District 4 YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CAD4>

## Training

It is required that our umpires be trained in the rules and expectations for the three, post-season tournaments. This year's umpire trainings will be broken into two, one-hour Zoom sessions on Tuesday, May 27 and Thursday May 29, both beginning at 7:00pm. Attendees must pre-register with links on the District 4 Umpire page:

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

The first session will deal with who can umpire, expectations, dress, how to find games, when to show up for games, pre-game and post-game meetings, etc. The second session will deal with rules and regulations for each tournament, and common points of emphasis we expect all umpires to follow and enforce.

## Umpire Uniforms

Because we as umpires represent District 4 in all three post-season tournaments, we want umpires properly attired and signifying their identification with District 4 and not a particular League. It is required that all tournament umpires wear District 4 hats. The UICs for each league have been instructed as how to obtain those hats. We do not want any uniforms that identify an umpire from a particular League. We expect the uniform to consist of an umpire

shirt, gray pants, black socks, and preferably black shoes.



From Geoff Shiu – Social Media

Congratulations to all Post Season Tournament teams participating in the 2025 California District 4 and International All-Star Tournaments!

During the regular season I noticed some teams not adhering to basic Little League Rules and Regulations!

Please remind your tournament teams these basic regular season rules will be strictly enforced during post season tournament games!

- \* Managers and coaches may not be stationed outside their dugout on the field during play!
- \* An adult must be in their dugout to supervise their players at all times!
- \* Only the 1 Manager and 2 Coaches listed on the team affidavit/roster allowed on the field during pregame warm-ups and game!
- \* Official Little League Patch must be properly attached to all player's uniform top! Sublimation of Little League Patches are not allowed!
- \* Cell phones are not allowed on the field or dugout for communications! Cell phone may be used for scorekeeping and Little League Rule App!
- \* Players may not handle bats in their dugout!
- \* Illegal bats and improper, unsafe, equipment are not allowed on the field or dugout!
- \* Players are not allowed outside their dugout during a game!
- \* Multiple players may not be outside their dugout swinging their bats in between innings!

Have a Safe and Fun post season tournament!





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From ADA Challengers,  
Stephen Mohammed

I want to thank everyone for the amazing job putting on our 24th Challenger Jamboree. I wish the weather would have been a little warmer. The players and their family's had a great time. A big thank you to Jim Rose and his CA D-4 Umpires Association, we had a lot of Umpires this year. A big thank you to the Walnut Creek Elks, again with the massive Volunteers!! Plus all the leagues who donated to our event. I'm looking forward to our 25th year!



North Oakland and South Oakland  
Little League Invites District 4



There will be Games for Tball and Farm players, Food Sales and the NOLL/SOLL community!

Keep an eye on our [blog post](#) and [socials](#) for more details as we have them! [Click on blog post link to register for the Home Run Derby!](#)

Would you like to help make this event happen? Reach out to [info@nollsoll.com](mailto:info@nollsoll.com) and we'll put you in touch with the organizers.



We're excited to invite you to our  
**Home Run Derby & Closing Day  
Celebration Saturday, May 31st**  
at Chabot Field

6686 Chabot Road, Oakland

Celebrate the end of the season and

kick off summer with a

Home Run Derby for ages 8-14

(\$20 entry fee goes toward

league Fundraising)

