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California D4 Finances

May - September Balance

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|---|--------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$64,488.93 |
| May Meeting Supplies | 81.62 |
| WRBBT - Umpires | 14,354.22 |
| <small>Uniforms/Ball Holders/Hats/Food/Shirts/Rooms/Chairs</small> | |
| WRBBT Donation 2024 (ECLL,LLL) | 1000.00 |
| League Dues (ECLL,LLL,WCLL) | 15,928.00 |
| Jamboree Donation (LLL) | 500.00 |
| Line Up Cards | 449.02 |
| Sr. Section Expenses MDUSD/Lunches | 329.25 |
| Verification Day Expense | 972.26 |
| <small>Labels/Envelopes/Bin/Supplies/breakfast/Lunch/Dinner</small> | |
| D4 Supplies Zoom Large Meeting Add On | 323.12 |
| <small>Certificate for Website/DA Email Acct/Hand Truck/New Checks</small> | |
| May Meeting Dinner Back Forty/Safeway | 1069.54 |
| Post Season Awards | 5,178.62 |
| <small>TOC Awards/Pennants/NorCal Pins/Postage/Awards</small> | |
| Jamboree Expenses | 12,073.82 |
| <small>Food/Truck/Prizes/Supplies/Awards/Shirts&Medals/Pop-Ups/Stanchions</small> | |
| D4 Umpire Pins | 3,184.19 |
| WRBBT Supplies | 7,200.09 |
| <small>Pins/Badges/Lanyards/Mud For Balls/Shirts/Snack Bar Food/Truck</small> | |
| WRBBT - Williamsport | 5,000.00 |
| WRBBT - Square & Venmo Deposit | 5,917.41 |
| WR – Hospitality & Welcome Comm. Donations | 1,173.95 |
| DA Travel San Bernardino | 1,710.95 |
| 2026 Congress (DA Travel) | 393.36 |
| WRBBT: Shirt Sales Commission | 1,767.00 |
| WRBBT – Entry Gate Fees | 5,249.00 |
| WRBBT – Hospitality Donations | 1,850.00 |
| WRBBT – 50/50 | 412.00 |
| WRBBT – Pin Sales | 525.00 |
| Pin Sales | 625.50 |
| WRBBT – Donations | 950.00 |
| <small>D57, D14, D12, D6</small> | |
| Donation for Brendan Barker Foundation | 500.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 55,218.83 |



From the District Administrator

Congratulations to the 2025 District 4 TOC Champions

Baseball

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| AA | Alameda |
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| Major | Alameda |
| 50/70 | Concord American |
| Junior | South Oakland |

Softball

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|--------|-----------------|
| Minor | Martinez |
| Major | Pinole Hercules |
| Senior | Martinez |

Congratulations to the 2025 District 4 All Star Champions

Softball

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|--------|----------------------------------|
| 8-10 | Martinez |
| 9-11 | Pinole Hercules (Nor Cal Champs) |
| 10-12 | East County |
| Junior | Walnut Creek |
| Senior | East County |

Baseball

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|--------|-----------------------------|
| 8-10 | Lafayette |
| 9U | Alameda |
| 9-11 | Alameda (Section 1 Champs) |
| 11U | Alameda |
| 10-12 | Lafayette |
| 50/70 | Alameda |
| Junior | North Oakland/South Oakland |
| Senior | North Oakland/South Oakland |

Season-End Financial Requirements

Remember,

September 30 is the end of the fiscal year for most local Little League® programs. Each league



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is required to submit its annual financial report via email to Becky Bassett at BBassett@LittleLeague.org in addition make sure to submit your district's financial report through the [Little League Data Center](#).

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On Saturday October 25th we will celebrate the efforts of our dedicated volunteers throughout the District. Each league president and their deserving volunteer of the year are invited to attend. Be sure and honor a member of your league for their tireless efforts during the 2025 season. Be sure and let Ted know by October 1st of your league's winner.

Update your Board of Directors

As we begin the 2026 season it is important to update your league board of directors through the data center. This ensures that each member of your board receives timely information from headquarters and the Western Region. Once your elections have been completed send your new board of directors to Carla as well as updating the data center.



From ADA Little League Softball,
Phil Raines

Softball Scheduling Meeting

Thursday, February 12th, 6:30pm -?
Location: 2380 Bisso Ln, Concord

Softball Rules Meeting

Monday, February 23rd, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location: 2380 Bisso Ln, Concord



From Post Season Director,
Don Waddell

2025 Tournament Season Wrap-up

The 2025 tournament season was a big success as we put on over 200 games in a very short 5 weeks. Some 120 baseball and softball teams representing every league in the District played in the three tournaments we held - Tournament of Champions, Future Stars and International All Stars.

Best estimate is that 400 individual volunteers made the tournaments run smoothly this year – managers, coaches, umpires, game Directors, and League Officials. The tournaments would not be possible without the support of each league and their volunteers.

A big thanks goes out to the nine leagues who hosted games, with special recognition for Martinez LL who hosted over 50 games. Also thanks to Concord American, Pinole Hercules and Martinez for hosting Sectional and State level All Star tournaments.

Tournament Survey Results

In August we commissioned a survey asking our volunteers about their experiences in this year's tournaments. We received some 95 survey responses from the 375 requests sent out, a very good response rate for this kind of survey. Information on the survey respondents' roles was gathered, as well as comments focused on what they liked, what could be improved, and general issues. The comments fell into 8 areas which are listed below with highlights -

1. Kids' Experience & Competition

- Kids had fun, excitement, and opportunities to showcase skills.
- Enjoyed the chance to keep playing baseball/softball beyond the regular season.
- High quality of play and competitive atmosphere.
- Sportsmanship, growth, and development of players.

2. Tournament Organization & Professionalism

- Well-run and professional atmosphere with attention to detail.
- Smooth scheduling and communication with minimal last-minute changes.
- Positive experience with tournament staff, hosts, and volunteers.
- Announcing, national anthem, and structure of games added formality and excitement.

3. Umpires & Officials

- Umpires enjoyed working games, camaraderie, and professionalism.
- Respectful treatment of officials by player, coaches, and fans.
- Opportunities for umpires to gain experience and development.



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4. Fields & Facilities

- Field quality varied — some great experiences, others had thick grass, construction issues, or inadequate prep time.
- Positive mentions of sites like Albany and Martinez providing good facilities and hospitality.

5. Scheduling & Timing

- Suggestions to start weekday games later (e.g., 6 PM instead of 5:30 PM).
- Appreciation for earlier start to All-Stars Compared to prior years.
- Requests for fewer back-to-back games and more spacing between matches

6. Rules, Rosters & Eligibility

- Concerns about roster sizes and inconsistent standards across teams.
- Requests for clearer rules on player eligibility, especially regarding travel ball.
- Suggestions to define league age rules before tournaments and double-check stats.

7. Hosting & Volunteer Capacity

- Need to align tournaments with available volunteer capacity.
- Concerns that some leagues lack manpower to properly host.
- Calls for financial disincentives for leagues not hosting games.

8. Overall Positive Sentiment

- Many expressed gratitude and appreciation for the hard work of organizers.
- District 4 staff recognized for strong support.
- Overall impression: tournaments are well organized, enjoyable, and valuable for kids and families.

From the survey results, several areas for improvement were identified. District Staff will be working with the Leagues to

address these opportunities –

1. Atmosphere & Extras

- Announcing and national anthem appreciated, but inconsistency across sites.
- Some felt the Little League pledge wording should be reviewed (concerns about inclusivity).
- Fans and coaches generally behaved well, but some games were blowouts — which reduced competitive balance.

2. Fields & Facilities

- Grass conditions at some fields must be addressed to make sure they are game ready.
- Consistency in field preparation and quality across hosting sites.
- Some cities lack the manpower or facilities to effectively host games.
- Desire for better pre-game prep time (start games later to allow fields to be ready).

3. Scheduling & Structure

- Start weekday games at 6:00 PM instead of 5:30 PM for families' convenience.
- Spread out games more evenly to avoid back-to-backs.
- Ensure earlier scheduling (before June 1) so families can plan.
- More weekend tournaments after District play (like District 57).
- Missed communication about Tournament of Champions start date caused one team to miss out.

4. Umpires & Officiating

- Improve consistency of umpiring quality.
- Provide more opportunities for umpire development and field experience.
- Balance workload (not relying on the same individuals too heavily).

5. Administration & Rules

- Ensure roster and eligibility compliance (concerns about players from travel ball teams).
- Binder and paperwork processes are improving, but need ongoing attention.
- Clarify league age and All-Star eligibility verification.
- Some feel focus is too heavy on “rules” vs. player experience.
- Improve training before the tournaments to be more effective and address limited participation in some areas and leagues.

6. Hosting & Volunteer Capacity

- Host sites need sufficient volunteers, announcers, and snack shack support.
- Consider limiting hosting to cities with capacity to manage smoothly.
- District should support leagues more in preparing fields.





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