

# **California District 4**

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## California D4 Finances

September - October Balance

Beginning Balance \$55,218.83 WRBBT – Umpire Rooms 1,577.60

WRBBT Donation 2024 (ECLL,LLL) 2000.00 League Dues (MLL, NOLL/SOL, RLL) 14,219.00

D4 Zoom Renewal 319.80

D4 Office Supplies 175.87

Pre-Season Staff Meeting 54.24
DA Travel (Williamsport) 307.57

New D4 Signage 192.53 September D4 Dinner 403.91

Ending Balance \$ 68,406.31











#### 2026 Lewis Cup Award

Richmond	754
North Oakland/South Oakland	651
Martinez	452
Concord American	365
Pittsburg	213
Alameda	200
Walnut Creek	200
East County	121
Albany	100
Lafayette	100
Pinole Hercules	100
Clayton Valley	0











## From ADA Little League Softball, Phil Raines

**Softball Scheduling Meeting** 

Thursday, February 12<sup>h</sup>, 6:30pm -? Location: 2380 Bisso Ln, Concord

**Softball Rules Meeting** 

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







## From ADA Big Diamond Baseball, Grayson Lawrence

#### 50/70 and Juniors Scheduling Meeting

Date: 2/19/26 (Thu) at 7:00pm

Location: UC Extension,
 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

 Attendees: Managers for each team, or a rep who can schedule games on behalf

#### **Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic**

Date: 2/24/26 (Tue) at 7:00pm

Location: Zoom meeting

Attendees:

At least 1 manager/coach from each teenage baseball team in the District



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# From ADA Challengers, Stephen Mohammed

Please send to Carla Moore, D4 Secretary, your VP'S contact information, she will send to D4 Staff. I'll be sending out the information once I get the contact information.

I'd like to have more Senior teams this season. The biggest reason is due to safety concerns having the little ones playing with the older and bigger kids.

Like last year we're going to need your team's Rosters the same time as we do the schedules.

We're looking forward to our Challenger Jamboree 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April.





#### From Michele Vierra, ADA Safety

ASAP submission is not yet available in the Data Center, but you can still get it ready to go. Make sure both you (President) and your Safety Officer have access to the Data Center now. Don't wait until the last minute. Your Safety Plans must include your updated Board of Directors and the dates for your coach and Safety Training sessions to be approved.



#### From Geoff Shiu - Social Media

Welcome leagues to the 2026 Season!

Thank You to leagues who hosted 2025 post season games and allowed me to take pregame Facebook photos for all to Enjoy!

As we prepare for the 2026 Season may I suggest leagues include in their league's operation calendar important CA D4 dates so they will not interfere with local league operations!

\*Jim Rose will again schedule pre and post season umpire training dates for league volunteers!

It is important for volunteers to be correctly trained!

\*Don Waddell will again schedule post season tournament games so have League calendars show June as a very busy month!

Volunteers are needed for post-season games!

Thank You for Your Time!



#### **District 4 Secretary, Carla Moore**

# League's Board of Directors Contact Information

Please email me the contact information for your board members. I will send it to the D4 Staff. **Position/Name/Phone/Email** 



#### From ADA Liz Berg,

### A few important reminders:

- Information Sharing: Please ensure
  that all newsletters and vital information
  received during District meetings are
  shared with your entire Board of
  Directors and your respective leagues.
  We encourage you to invite them to join
  meetings to ensure effective information f
  low within your organization. Don't let the
  information stop with you!
- Key League Dates: If you haven't already, please email (or Slack) me the key dates for your league: registration opens, registration closes, opening day, and closing day. If you have your registration page link, we'd be happy to share it on the D4 website and Facebook pages to help promote your season.
- Chartering on the Data Center is available for the 2026 Spring Season.
   Please log in and start your charter ASAP. Be sure to review the number of teams in each division you plan to have and not just copy from last season. We'd like as accurate count as possible.



### From ADA LL Baseball, Liz Berg

Little League Divisions Meeting:
A reminder that the meeting for
Little League divisions (A, AA, AAA,
Little League) is scheduled for
Thursday, February 19th, at 7 PM.
Please come prepared to ensure an
efficient meeting.



#### **Fall Ball for Blues**

We are about to start our Fall Ball for Blues sessions, which are aimed at umpires and I encourage UICs to heavily advertise these with all your League umpires. They run on Zoom and will be held on Wednesdays, October 22 and November 12 from 7-8:30pm. Pre-registration is required and the link to the session registrations is found at: <a href="https://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org/ca\_d4\_umpire\_training">https://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org/ca\_d4\_umpire\_training</a>. We discuss the latest news from Little League and the West Region in regards to umpires, have discussions with umpires who were invited to Little League post-season and special tournaments, and we show many video clips of plays from Regionals and World Series and discuss rules and umpire positioning and mechanics from those videos. It's a great way to talk about the post-season that just ended and begin thinking ahead to our umpiring for the 2025 season. For League UICs it is a great way to begin engaging with your League umpires.

### 2026 League Umpire Mechanics Clinics

We highly encourage Leagues to hold their own umpire mechanics clinics, which can emphasize that League's needs. District 4 can help your League UIC in that process. We can provide umpires from the Umpire Training Staff, help structure your clinic, and provide the training tools. We encourage Leagues to organize with other Leagues to hold clinics together to best utilize our resources. Please encourage your League UICs to reach out to me, Jim Rose, to start planning your umpire mechanics clinic. We already have Leagues requesting dates, so please try to secure one early. In addition, we will be holding a one-day District-wide mechanics clinic in February.

#### 2026 Rules Clinics

We have decided on our 2026 rules clinics and the dates are:

Basic Rules Clinic #1 (Zoom): Wednesday, February 4, 7-8:30 on Zoom

Basic Rules Clinic #2 (Zoom): Wednesday, February 11, 7-8:30 on Zoom

Basic Rules Clinic #3 (Zoom): Wednesday, February 18, 7-8:30 on Zoom

Basic Rules Clinic #4 (Zoom): Wednesday, February 25, 7-8:30 on Zoom

Softball Rules Clinic (in-person): Monday, February 23, 6:30-8:30, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic: Tuesday, February 24, Zoom

#### Fall Ball, Umpire Registry, Background Checks, and Abuse Awareness Training

Many Leagues are currently conducting Fall Ball and need umpires for those games. This is a perfect time to get new volunteers and newer umpires from last year to umpire those games, which are generally far less intense than regular season games. Get teams to provide a parent umpire and begin training them and hopefully gaining a new umpire.

Now is also the time to encourage all your umpires from last year to register for the Little League Umpire Registry. There they will find many resources, including the rule books, the Rules Instruction Manual, and training videos. Register at: <a href="https://www.littleleagueumpire.org/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F">https://www.littleleagueumpire.org/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F</a>

Now is also the time to begin encouraging your umpires to conduct their Background Checks for the 2025 season. The process is now open and can be done by your League or on the Umpire Registry (at a \$5 cost).

And, with Little League's requirement that all volunteers are required to pass the Abuse Awareness Training each year after October 1<sup>st</sup>, work on assuring your umpires are up to date on this training. Direct them to the following Little League page: https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/