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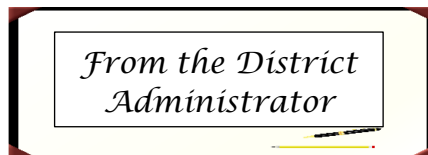
California D4 Finances

October Balance

Beginning Balance \$68,406.31

Nor Cal DA Association 50.00

Ending Balance \$ 68,356.31



2026 Lewis Cup Award

Richmond	954
Martinez	919
North Oakland/South Oakland	834
Concord American	715
Alameda	655
Pinole Hercules	655
Walnut Creek	638
Pittsburg	581
East County	458
Berkeley Albany	400
Clayton Valley	308
Lafayette	283



Out of Boundary Waiver Requests

Most of these requests are now made directly online through the Data Center.

You will find a tab in the Manage Forms section of the Data Center.

A Redshirt Out-of-Boundary Player Waiver request is for a player who does not meet the residency or school enrollment requirements as outlined in the Little League Official Regulations, Rules, and Operating Policies. If approved, a Redshirt Waiver provides a player **REGULAR SEASON ONLY** eligibility for One Season with the player eligible for both Regular season and Tournament play in **subsequent seasons**, provided the player meets Participation and Waiver Requirements which includes the player participating in a minimum of 8 games of his/her team's minimum 12 game regular season. A player must continue to be an active participant in your league annually to qualify for the waiver, if approved.

Players submitted via this form will **ONLY** be considered for Redshirt Eligibility. To make a request for a player to have full eligibility, the Little League Charter Committee will need to review and render such a decision. Please contact your regional office for assistance. It should be noted that players that are submitted for full eligibility consideration are still likely to be approved for redshirt eligibility.

Only Little League's International Charter Committee can approve a league to operate outside of the established rules, regulations and operating policies, which includes any player not meeting the residency or school attendance requirements.

Please ensure all information provided is accurate, including proper home League Identification. With improper information, a request may have to be resubmitted to correct errors causing further delay in this process. Upon your submission of the Redshirt Out-of-Boundary Waiver request, the home league and district



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administrator will review the Redshirt Request. Home league support (i.e. release) will be necessary for the player to be considered for Redshirt approval. Without such, the Little League Charter Committee waiver process could be considered.

Once all reviews have been completed, you will be notified via email.

Constitutions

All leagues are required to submit and have approved a league constitution through the data center. Once a league has approved their constitution, it is to be put into the file cabinet on the data center. Once uploaded to the file cabinet it will be reviewed by the regional office. If your constitution is not approved you will receive an email stating what changes need to be made.

If you need help crafting an acceptable league constitution here is a link ([sample constitution](#)) to a sample constitution provided by headquarters. You can use this sample to make a qualifying one by simply filling it out.



On October 25th, California District 4 honored the dedicated Volunteers throughout the District. Here is a list of the honorees for this past season.

Alameda LL – Rick Breslin

Albany LL – Jamuel Starkey

Clayton Valley LL – Kristie Duffy

Concord American LL –

Carl Cheney

East County LL – Tony Silagi

Martinez LL – Matt Davis

North Oakland/South Oakland LL –

Tom Boeckling

Pinole Hercules LL – Tarah and

Christopher Ornelas

Richmond LL – Ian Davis

Bob Beberg Award –

Carlos Grande, East County LL

Ron Matthews Award –

Frank Knowles, Albany LL

Brendan Barker Award –

Jim Quilici, Alameda LL

Ernie Lewis Award –

Ed Newbegin, Martinez LL

Congratulations to all the winners and **THANK YOU** for your dedicated service to Little League, your local leagues and California District 4.



**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

Welcome to Softball in District 4,

Lafayette LL now has a Softball

Division. Congratulations!



From Geoff Shiu – Social Media

League Presidents...

Please include the following important dates in your League Calendar if your league decides to participate!

SF Giants (Tentative) Little League Days!

*Saturday, April 4th vs Mets

*Sunday, April 26th vs Marlins

*Saturday, May 9th vs Pirates

Please contact Heather Marino (SF Giants Account Executive) for questions and concerns!
Cell: 415.972.2261

hmarino@sfgiants.com



From ADA Liz Berg,

This month's meeting will be a roundtable for sharing best practices. I'll reach out to several League Presidents and ask them to moderate specific topics. We will have approximately 15 minutes for each topic. Please feel free to invite your VPs, Registration Coordinators, etc.

Topics to be discussed are:

Registration (fees, dates, promotion)

Division Structures

Volunteering (structure, compliance, fees)

Information Sharing (with BOD and League)

Post-Season Help

Sponsorship/Fundraising



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From Post Season Director,
Don Waddell

Make Your League Participants Aware of the Tournament Timing

It is not too early to share the plans for the Post Season tournaments with your participants, as soon as they register. Include the dates and other information in your league calendar and on your website. Having your All Star players or TOC representative not available due to vacations or commitments to other baseball tournaments can be avoided by giving out the information now.



Think About Find Improvements to Enhance Post Season Tournament Experience

Now is the time when most of the leagues will begin their Facility Inspections as part of preparing for the new season. As you complete your surveys and identify opportunities for field repairs and improvements, consider the needs for hosting post-season All Star and Tournament of Champions games in your plans. Some items you should prioritize which greatly improves the experience for our players and add to field safety:

- Full size game ready **portable mounds** for those baseball fields that lack a permanent mound. These game ready mounds are required by Little League rules and replace dirt mounds in size and feel. There is only one company with portable

mounds that meet the Little League specifications – True Pitch Mounds. They are expensive but make the game experience the best.
Truepitchmounds.com

- **Scoreboards** are essential to keep players and spectators informed on game action. They range from manual to portable boards to large field mounted manual or automatic. Consider finding a sponsor to fund the board and put their name on it.

- **Outfield fences** are listed as required item for tournament fields. Players want the chance to hit it out of the park so provide them with a fence. Temporary fences range from netting style to more stable plastic fence panels. On a small diamond, a 200-foot distance fence that covers the outfield and the sidelines will enhance the game.

- **Sideline fencing** to fully enclose your fields, even if just temporary style. Keeping thrown and batted balls inside the field prevents action being stopped and allows players to make the plays.

- **Upgrades to home plates, pitching plates and bases.** Now is when you should be replacing worn out bases and plates. For pitching plates, make sure to use the proper size where the baseball pitching plate is smaller than the softball plate. Also, if you do softball consider putting in permanent anchors for all three pitching distances so your field can be used at all levels without having to dig up the pitcher's plate each game. For bases, make sure you have the correct Breakaway style. Rogers Bases are the recommended Little League supplier of breakaway bases - they were the inventors of the base and while more expensive are proven to be safe and reliable. Consider using the double safety base for first base

for at least softball and perhaps even baseball. If you are buying the safety base, make sure you either replace the anchor system to fit your new base or buy the proper safety base that fits tightly onto your existing anchor.

- **Flagpole** to display the United States and Little League flags at games.

Please reach out to me if you have questions about the post season tournaments.

Tournament Fields

Remember, every league that participates in any of our post season tournaments is expected to provide fields and volunteers to host games. Make this obligation part of your league plan now. Appoint a Post Season Director who will lead this effort for your league. Request field access when submitting your permit applications. Field access is becoming more difficult and costly and we need to all work together to provide the best experience for our players.





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From ADA Big Diamond Baseball,
Grayson Lawrence



From ADA LL Baseball,
Liz Berg

Please send me the dates of your opening and closing days as well as your intentions for Interleague play.



As with the last couple seasons, District 4 will be hosting the Senior Baseball Western Region Tournament in Oakland in July, which the winner of this tournament goes on to the Senior Baseball World Series in South Carolina. The host district gets an automatic bid into the tournament, so the winner of the District 4 Senior Baseball All-Stars will play in the Western **Region** tournament. The runner-up of this district tournament will go onto the **Section** tournament, still with a chance to make it to the Region tournament. This is a great opportunity for your league to field a Senior Baseball team!



From ADA Challengers,
Stephen Mohammed

Here is a reminder of what we're going to need this upcoming season. I'm going to need your rosters earlier. Also, I'm going to need your team's set up with the players playing in the correct division. 18 and up need to play in the Senior division. We want the bigger kids to not be playing with the smaller kids. It's a safety issue; we ran into during the Jamboree.



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





From ADA D4 UIC, Jim Rose

Fall Ball for Blues

We had good turnouts for our Fall Ball for Blues sessions in October and November. In case you missed them, go to our YouTube channel, @CAD4, to watch them. They have information about umpire training dates, umpire resources, Regional umpire experiences and how to become a Regional umpire, and we have discussions of mechanics and rules from 2025 Little League Regional and World Series games.

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 clinics schedules for Lafayette and Concord on February 15 and 21, and March 1. In addition, we will be holding a one-day, District-wide mechanics clinic on February 22 at Pinole.

2026 Rules Clinics

Our 2026 rules clinics are as follows:

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, 7-8:30 on Zoom

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

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: <https://www.littleleagueumpire.org/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>

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 need to pass an Abuse Awareness Training each year after October 1, 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/>

Two other trainings your umpires should have:

CDC Heads Up Concussion Training: https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/training/youth-sports.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training: <https://epsavealife.org/sca-prevention-training/>