



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
January 20, 2026, District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 8:10 pm, at UC Cooperative Extension, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord, CA

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Liz Berg, Jim Rose, Michele Vierra, Carla Moore, Grayson Lawrence, Phil Raines, Geoff Shiu, Stephen Mohammed, Don Waddell

League Attendance: Alameda, Berkeley Albany, Clayton Valley, Concord American, East County, Lafayette, Martinez, North and South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg National, Richmond, Walnut Creek

Guests: Richmond Little League - Martell Bates and Sarah Salazar

District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- District pins handed out to everyone.
- Donation to Cary Dyer
- Volunteers – Thank you to those who could not attend the dinner.
Presented the Ron Matthews Presidents Award to Frank Knowles of Berkeley Albany LL
- Ernie Lewis Cup Awards: 1st - Martinez LL, 2nd Pinole Hercules LL, 3rd – Alameda LL
- Checklists were handed out to the Presidents – current as of 1/17/2026
- Reminders:
 - a. 2025 Taxes due to IRS on 2/16/2026
 - b. 2024 Taxes due to DA Ted Boet ASAP
 - c. Waivers: Players who live out bounds; President of the league that wants the player must start the request, then the President of the league the player will leave completes the process by saying Yes or No, Player will be unable to play All Stars the first year for the new league.
 - d. Constitutions: Red Mark – league has not submitted to LL headquarters, Yellow – submitted, Green – Passed/Good
 - e. New Softball Division: Lafayette LL has Chartered a Softball Division to their league – Congratulations!

Safety Officer ADA, Michele Vierra

- **ASAP** – Now called SAFE, it is Brand NEW, I was able to complete it in 20 minutes. Once completed and accepted, leagues must post it to their website for parents to see.
- **Trainings:** must be completed.
 - a. Abuse Awareness
 - b. Safety Awareness
 - c. First Aid Awareness
- **Background Checks:** No longer done directly through JDP, must be completed through SportsConnect to request the link. Leagues must meet minimum number of background checks to be eligible for TOC. Walnut Creek LL has completed 263.

UIC and Training Coordinator, Jim Rose

- **Clinics** – Listed in the Newsletter. Highly recommend Managers and Coaches attend as well as umpires. A good way to learn rules as well as get an umpire's interpretation of the rules.
 - a. Outreach Clinic is \$28, all of the others are FREE
 - b. February Clinic – 27 have registered, room for 13 more participants
- **New Rules for 2026** are listed in this month's newsletter.
- **Local Rules** need to be updated

ADA LL Baseball, Liz Berg

- **Scheduling Meeting:** February 19th, 7pm, at UC Cooperative, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord. We will be in the same room with the Teenage Baseball Scheduling Meeting.
- **Rules Clinic:** February 25th, by Zoom. Attendance is required for Interleague Play.



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Assistant District Administrator, Liz Berg

- **League Opening Days:** will be added to the District 4 Calendar
 - a. February 28th – Lafayette LL, Walnut Creek LL
 - b. March 1st – North and South Oakland LL
 - c. March 7th – Clayton Valley LL, Concord American LL, East County LL, Pinole Hercules LL, Pittsburg National LL, Richmond LL
 - d. March 14th - Alameda LL, Berkeley Albany LL, Martinez LL

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- **Scheduling Meeting:** February 12th, 6:30pm, at UC Cooperative, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord. Two other districts will be in attendance.
 - a. Interleague: leagues will be interleague with all of the other leagues
 - b. Know the number of teams you have at each level
 - c. Be aware of the ages of players on your teams prior to scheduling games for Interleague. Match Age not necessarily Division to have competitive games, not slaughters. League 1: AA team players 7 & 8, League 2: AA players 8 & 9. These teams should not play each other.
 - d. All teams (those that Interleague and those that don't) should play by Interleague Rules Interleague Rules are used for TOC.
- **Time Limits:** there are time limits for all Divisions, listed in the Rules.

Big Diamond Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence

- **# of Teams:** Leagues send me the number of teams you will have playing at each level. At this time I know there are the following: 50/70 – 11 teams, Juniors – 11, Seniors – too early to tell
- **Scheduling Meeting:** February 19th, 7pm, at UC Cooperative Extension, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord. I will email more details.
- **Rules Meeting:** February 24th, 7pm, by Zoom. Link on the D4 website, in the newsletter, and will be sent by email.

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed, Sr.

- **Meeting:** by Zoom, January 29th, 7pm. The link will be emailed.
- **Jamboree:** Sunday, April 26th

DA Ted Boet:

- **Challenger Jamboree:** This year will be the 25th Anniversary of the Jamboree.
- **East County LL Challenger Team:** will be going to Williamsport to play in a game with a team from Pennsylvania the week of the Little League World Series.
 - a. **Funding:** Little League will give them funds from two grants = \$30,000
 - b. **Fundraising:** will still be needed to make the trip possible
 - c. **Game:** August 29th, will be televised on PBS

Post Season Director, Don Waddell

- **Post Season Dates:** handed out to the Presidents
- **TOC:** will start on Friday, June 5th, will be roughly be a week long, possibly end on June 13th
- **Affidavit Day:** Saturday, June 13th. Leagues will assigned times to arrive. Monday, June 15th – Completion night
- **Future Stars:** June 15th – June 20th
- **All Stars:** June 19th – July 18th, No Games on the 4th of July
- **Fields:** Every league participating in the tournaments will need to provide fields at some level.
- **Hosting Section 1 10-12 Baseball:** tournament will take place at the same time as the West Region Senior Baseball Tournament.
- **Brackets:** the goal is to hand them out to the leagues in April.



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- **Forms for Participation and Hosting:** have been handed out to the Presidents. Return by the March district meeting, if not sooner.
- **Break(s) between tournaments:**
 - a. Leagues – Do you want District tournaments to finish by July 4th or July 11th?
 - b. July 4th gives a two-week break before Section games start.
 - c. July 11th gives 1 week off before Section games start.

District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- **Brackets:** at the April district meeting the brackets will be handed out without actual teams listed.
 - a. Games will be assigned to Brackets by ChatGBT.
- **League Websites:** your league's website will be audited by D4 Staff after the February district meeting.

Next meeting: February 17th, via Zoom, 8:00pm, link to be emailed to presidents

Adjourned: 10:00 pm