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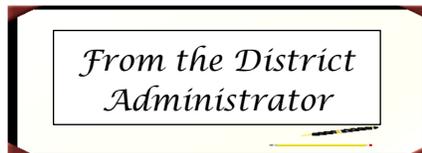
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## California D4 Finances

### February – March Balance

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$54,859.78</b>
Office Supplies	200.60
Staff Clothing	2,041.35
CA D4 Umpire Hats	184.38
January Dinner	436.60
Congress Staff Meals	1,172.97
Congress Printing Brochure	211.95
Congress Travel	118.84
Zoom (Large Meeting, 1 month add-on)	50.00
Ukraine Donation	1,000.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 49,443.09</b>



## 2026 Lewis Cup Award

Concord American	2375
Martinez	2330
Pinole Hercules	2077
North Oakland/South Oakland	2048
Alameda	1906
Richmond	1806
Walnut Creek	1459
Clayton Valley	1423
East County	1303
Berkeley Albany	1196
Lafayette	1107
Pittsburg National	1087



## Getting Ready for PlayMetrics in 2027

As a reminder, beginning with the 2027 season, all Little League Central Registration will take place through the PlayMetrics platform, bringing great value and a better registration experience to all our leagues. As we will implement this change for the 2027 season, **no immediate action is required for the current season.** Leagues will be able to begin registration for 2027 programs (including fall ball using the 2027 age chart) through PlayMetrics no later than June 1, 2026, and more information will be shared in the coming months.



## From ADA Challengers, Stephen Mohammed

- The Season is off to a great start, the schedules are on the D4 website, along with the contact information.
- Another reminder I'm going to need the Rosters and Shirt sizes NOW. Check the Size Tags on their shirts..
- We have lots to do for our 25th Challenger Jamboree on Sunday, April 26th.
- Leagues: Please, donate to help with the costs.
- Please let your UIC'S know, will be looking for umpires for the event.
- Please let me know if you want to set up a booth this year.
  - A. East County will be doing the Home Run Derby this year.
  - B. Martinez has also let me know they'll be doing a booth again.



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Reminders for the upcoming 50/70  
and Juniors season:

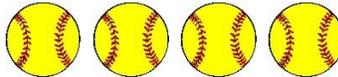
- The [D4 Baseball Page](#) has links to schedules, contacts, and interleague rules. Includes the recent Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic video.
- Managers confirm game and field location at least 2 days before hand. Managers, please contact the other team ASAP if your team cannot make a scheduled game.
- Any game(s) rescheduled are conducted directly between the two teams involved. District will not coordinate, but please provide me the new date/time/location.
- The home team is responsible for providing two umpires for each game, one of which needs to be at least 18 years of age. Strongly encourage volunteer umpires. If you need help staffing umpires for your teenage baseball games, please contact the D4 UIC Jim Rose.

**I hope everyone has a great  
start to the season!**



Good luck to everybody in the 2026 Season and a reminder to contact your opponent if you're traveling away to make sure the game is still on.

If you have any questions, please send me a Text: 925.270.9905



From Post Season Director,  
Don Waddell

## Postseason Director Updates

### Reminder on dates for post-season tournaments:

- Tournament of Champions will start on Friday, June 5th.
- Softball is planned to finish by Monday, June 8th.
- Baseball will finish by Saturday, June 13th.
- Future Stars will begin play on Monday, June 15th. Play will continue through Friday, June 19th.
- All Stars will begin on Friday, June 19th in several divisions. We plan to finish by July 10th.

Thanks to all the leagues for participating in the Interleague Scheduling meeting.

We had 7 leagues, 40 teams, and scheduled over 140 games. The meeting went smoothly and the attendance at the Rules Clinic was impressive.

Please continue to notify me if there are any changes to the schedule.

Thank you!





**From ADA D4 UIC & Training Coordinator, Jim Rose**

## **District 4 Trainings**

We had a busy month of training new and returning adult and youth umpires in Little League Mechanics and Rules. Our four Basic Rules Clinics had a combined attendance of 340, the Softball Rules Clinic had 65 attendees, and the Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic had 50. As of March 13th, recordings of these clinics on YouTube have reached 1590 views.

Our District 4 Training Staff helped put on a one-day District-wide Mechanics Clinic, and also separate youth and adult clinics at Concord American LL, combined youth and adult clinics at Walnut Creek LL and Lafayette LL, and at Albany-Berkeley LL, Richmond LL, NOLL/SOLL combined clinic. Total umpires trained was 310. Some of our training staff have also helped teach Mechanics and Rules Clinics in Dublin, Benicia and Yuba City.

In addition, we put on two Coaches Clinics at Walnut Creek LL and Richmond LL, which reached a total of 55.

## **Interleague Umpires**

I want to remind Leagues that written into the Interleague Rules for Minors, Majors, and Teenage Division Baseball, and AA, AAA, Majors, and Seniors Softball are age requirements for Umpires.

- a. Senior Softball: 2 adult umpires
- b. Majors: preferably 2 umpires over 16-years old, ideally 2 adults
- c. AA and AAA Softball: preferably 2 umpires 16-years or older
- d. Minor and Majors Baseball: 2 umpires, at least one 18-year-old
- e. Teenage Baseball: 2 umpires, at least one 18-year-old

Little League Rules do not allow for any solo youth umpires in a game, nor do Little League Rules allow for two youth umpires in a game without a Game Coordinator.

## **Challenger Jamboree**

We are planning ahead, please let your Leagues know that we need many Umpires to assist at the annual Challenger Jamboree at Heather Farm Park on Sunday, April 26. This year is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first Jamboree in CA District 4. Not only does umpiring at the event help support our Challenger programs, but it is tons of fun, highly satisfying, and there is free food. I'll be reaching out to the League UICs to begin recruiting as many umpires as we can for this event. Both adult and youth umpires are encouraged to attend.

## **Bats for Little League Baseball Players**

As the 2026 Little League season begins, let's talk about bats. Little League has strict guidelines for bats and it is all in an effort to keep our players safe. It is for that reason that we (parents, managers and coaches, umpires, and League officials) should always be observant and proactive in only allowing legal, proper, and undamaged bats in our games and practices.

**We categorize bats that should not be used in Little League into three categories:**

1. Damaged, improper, and illegal bats. A damaged bat is one that is cracked, dented, bent, separating at the joint, etc. These bats are not illegal and carry no penalty but should be immediately removed for obvious safety reasons.
2. An improper bat is one that has added to it something that does not belong: choke-up knob, choke-up assist, or pine tar (or similar adhesive substance) on the taper or barrel (pine tar on the grip is okay) of the bat. Again, these are not illegal, and we simply remove the bat from the game. However, if a player, once warned for an improper bat uses the bat again in the game, both the player and manager are ejected.
3. The third category is illegal bats. These are bats that do not meet Little League specifications, which vary by division. An illegal bat has been tampered with (e.g. inside shaved or corked), has too big a barrel, is too long, or does not have the proper bat logo or the logo is unreadable. If a batter steps into the batter's box with an illegal bat, the player is out and ejected, and the manager is also ejected.

**Minor and Major Baseball:** Bats must have a barrel no larger than 2 5/8" diameter and no longer than 33". If a non-wood bat is used, it must be marked with the USA Baseball logo.  
**BBCOR and BPF bats are illegal.**

**Intermediate and Junior Baseball:** Bats must have a barrel no larger than 2 5/8" diameter and no longer than 34". If a non-wood bat is used, it must be marked with the USA Baseball or BBCOR logo.  
**BPF bats are illegal.**

**Minor and Major Softball:** Bats must have a barrel no larger than 2 1/4" diameter and no longer than 33". If a non-wood bat is used, it must be marked with BPF 1.20.  
**Baseball bats and BPF 1.15 bats are illegal.**

**Junior and Senior Softball:** Bats must have a barrel no larger than 2 1/4" diameter and no longer than 34". If a non-wood bat is used, it must be marked with BPF 1.20.  
**Baseball bats and BPF 1.15 bats are illegal.**