



# California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –  
Senior League – Challenger  
February 17, 2026, District 4 Meeting



**Meeting Called to Order:** 8:05 pm, by Zoom

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

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

**Guests:** Richmond Little League - Martell Bates and Micaela Mota; Alameda Little League – Rick Breslin

## District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- **Congress:** Information will be shared at next month's meeting. They didn't share anything earth shattering.

## Safety Officer ADA, Michele Vierra

- **Background Checks:** Four leagues are under 50% completed. Leagues must have 4 Background Checks per team completed. More than half of the leagues need 100 or more.
- **Required Trainings:** Safety Awareness; Abuse Awareness; 1<sup>st</sup> Aid – these were to have been completed last month by managers, coaches and the Board of Directors.
- **Numbers completed:** DA Ted has been sending emails about the trainings completed counts to presidents. Links to the trainings are on the D4 website on the Resources page. League numbers will be increased next Monday due to not having included the Board of Directors in the prior count.
- **Safe Plans** – Two leagues still need to start their plan. Please complete ALL fields to assist Don and Jim for Post Season Play. The plan will be updated so that all fields need to be completed and must include a distance for fence even if there isn't a fence, otherwise the plan will not be accepted.
- **Challengers** – All parents and volunteers for the team must complete a Background Check.

## 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

- **LL Interleague Scheduling Meeting:** Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at UC Cooperative, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord. Email went out today; details are in there.
- **Rules Clinic:** February 25<sup>th</sup>, by Zoom. Attendance is required for Interleague Play.

## Big Diamond Baseball ADA, Grayson Lawrence

- **Scheduling Meeting:** Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at UC Cooperative Extension, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord. Email has been sent with details, and confirmation of leagues and numbers. 50/70 – 10 teams Jr.s – 12 teams
- **Rules Meeting:** Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, by Zoom. Link on the D4 website, in the newsletter. Interleague or not at least one person per team or more to attend. Majority of the rules to be discussed will be from the Little League Rule Book.
- **Umpires** – Have them prepared for games to be scheduled next couple of weeks.
- **Break-Away Bases:** Bring your own if the site does have them. Umpires have been instructed to walk away from the game if no Break -Away Bases are provided.

## Softball ADA, Phil Raines

- **Rules Meeting:** Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm. All teams are to have at least one representative in attendance.
- **Interleague:** All teams Interleague and non-Interleague



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- **Contact Information:** Team Name, Name's of Managers due to Cancellations or Changes of Games or Weather. Contact info is still needed from Lafayette, D53, American Canyon, and Suisun.
- **Game Schedules:** All schedules have been posted to the D4 website. Thanks to Michele Vierra and Liz Berg for helping with the scheduling. Thank you, Carla, for hosting.

## Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed, Sr.

- **D4 Teams:** We are down to 16 teams this year. Pittsburg National does not have a team, they do have 5 players. East County has 2 or 4 teams, will not Interleague.

## DA Ted Boet:

1. **East County LL Challenger Team:** It is official from Williamsport; East County will be going to Williamsport to play in a game with a team from Pennsylvania the week of the Little League World Series.
  - a. **Meeting:** Zoom meeting next week to discuss the trip; email will go out tomorrow morning to Stephen and Carla

## UIC and Training Coordinator, Jim Rose

- **Mechanics Clinics:** Great Turnout; 1<sup>st</sup> clinic – 100 attendees; 2<sup>nd</sup> clinic – 85 attendees; D53 and D57 had participants.
  - A. Next week, Small Diamond Baseball Interleague Rules.
  - B. Walnut Creek LL Coaches Clinic drew 25
  - C. Richmond LL Coaches Clinic to be held next week
- **Interleague Rules:** All Interleague Rules have been posted to the D4 website.
  - A. Senior Softball – will use Continuous Batting Order, not batting 9.
  - B. Softball AAA: please read the Interleague Rules, there have been a lot of changes, going to more of the Little League Rules (Orange Book).
  - C. Five Run Rule: I asked for clarification while at Congress. When does the 5-run rule be determined by the last inning. You can have an inning prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> inning in a Small Diamond game. Get rid of the 5-run rule and have unlimited runs. DA Ted Boet has determined for all Interleague games in District 4 that we will use the 6<sup>th</sup> Inning and any subsequent inning for unlimited runs for Majors on down, and the 7<sup>th</sup> inning for unlimited runs for Senior Softball.
  - D. Umpire Strategies: have ready
  - E. Youth Umpires: Must have a Game Coordinator. Go to the YouTube channel on the D4 website Umpire page, there is a video on being a Game Coordinator.

## Asst. UIC Baseball, Candido Anicete

- **Field Mechanics and Umpire Training have already started.**
- **First one** was on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at Walnut Creek LL – 95 students, mostly youth umpires
- **This coming weekend:**
  - a. **Saturday at Lafayette LL** at Buckeye Fields – youth and adults are registered
  - b. **Sunday, District-wide Clinic at Pinole Hercules LL** at Ellerhorst Fields: 45-50 have registered, this is an All-day Clinic
- **Clinic on February 28<sup>th</sup>:** Multi-league (Berkeley Albany and Richmond) gathering in Albany, 60-75 students
- **Clinic on March 1<sup>st</sup>:** at Concord American LL at Olivera fields, several leagues participating.
- **Section 1 Clinic:** held in Benicia on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 30 from our district are participating.
- **Please encourage your Managers and Coaches to attend these clinics, it will be really helpful for them.**

## Post Season Director, Don Waddell

- **YouTube channel:** Jim mentioned the Game Coordinator video, it is being updated, should be ready by this weekend.
- **Videos:** Some have been taken down due to being duplicated on LL University site, direct your volunteers to this site for videos that are not on D4.
- **Equipment:** some new items were displayed by vendors for Softball and Baseball, more info at next month's meeting.

## Social Media, Geoff Shiu - No info tonight



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## District Administrator, Ted Boet:

- **Congress:** It is an opportunity to meet others from around the U.S. and other countries.
- **Ukraine Donation:** I met a representative from Ukraine. I am asking the presidents to send the funds (\$1,000) to the Ukraine representative to assist youth there, that we have sent to the West Region Hospitality in the past.  
Vote: 11 – Yes, 1 – Absent
- **Next Month:**
  - a. **League Dues**
  - b. **Tournament Forms:** Teams and Hosting of Games, these will assist us to provide info at the April meeting – Times & Dates

**Next meeting:** March 17th, at UC office, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord, 7:30pm – Dinner, 8:00pm - Meeting

**Adjourned: 8:46 pm**