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California 4 Finances

-November Statement-

Opening Balance	\$26,766.94
Western Region Conference	387.94
November Dinner	127.98
Thank You Awards	20.52
Bank Fee	9.25
Western Region Conference	1374.57
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	\$24,843.68



West Region Training

-2016 Region Umpire Clinics-

The following training opportunities are available at the Western Region Center for the 2016 Season. Visit WR Website for more information.

- January 23rd & 24th, Rules Clinic #1
- February 6th & 7th, Rules Clinic #2
- February 5th - 7th, Umpire Field Mechanics
- February 20th - 26th, Week Long Adult Umpire Academy

-2016 Region Outreach Clinics-

The following are Western Region 2016 Umpire Outreach Clinics scheduled for California.

- Jan 23-24, Oceanside, CA70
- Feb 12-13, 90', Laguna Niguel, CA55
- Feb 27-28, San Jose, CA12
- Mar 4-6, Yuba City, CA2
- Mar 4-6, Sacramento, CA5 & 54

Outreach Clinics are led by Western Region Certified Instructors and supported with local host league instructors.



Headquarters

-2016 Tournament Fees-

Little League Tournament Fee has increased from \$150 to \$200 per team. The increase will benefit all Little League programs around the world.

Tournament fees go directly into a fund that Little League International uses to provide financial support to leagues, starting at the sectional level, for participation at the various levels of tournament play. Support includes mileage reimbursements for team travel, stipends for tournament hosts, and travel expenses and other costs related to the completion of nine Little League World Series tournaments.

-Little League University-

Little League University (LLU) is now the new training and education website for all of Little League. This is a free website and opened to anyone interested in learning what it takes to operate a successful Little League experience in your local community.

To begin your Little League University experience visit LittleLeagueU.org and create a free account. Other ways to sign-in and create a Little League University account are through Facebook, Twitter, and Google Plus.

-Regional Round Tables-

District Administrators and their ADAs have been invited to attend education sessions and discussion on rules and regulations. Discussion is necessary to gain the knowledge of how the rule or regulation would impact leagues in different locations in a region. The Western Region Roundtable Meeting is scheduled for January 29-30, 2016 at the Double-Tree in Seattle, WA. Contact Ted Boet to learn more about the agenda items and share your questions and concerns.



The Third Team

-The Big Show-

Congratulations to Roger Buhlis (East County) and Cory Dolph (Continental) for their recent appointments to umpire in 2016 Little League International All-Star Tournaments. Roger and Cory received early 2015 Christmas presents in the form of announcement letters from Little League International Headquarters and Western Region Headquarters.

Roger, a C4UA Training Staff member and a Lead Training Instructor, was appointed to umpire in the 2016 Big League Baseball World Series Tournament held at the Easley Recreation Complex in Easley, South Carolina.

Cory, also a C4UA Training Staff member and League Chief Umpire for Continental Little League was appointed to umpire in the 2016 Little League Softball Western Region Tournament held at the Western Region Center, San Bernardino, California.



Oakland A's

-Little League Days-

The Oakland A's have two Little League Days scheduled for 2016, Sunday, April 17th versus the Kansas City Royals and Sunday, May 1st versus the Houston Astros. Several leagues in District 4 have purchased group tickets early to ensure better view seats and to have their group stay together. Many choice seats have already been sold out. Group tickets (25+) are now on sale. 10% deposit will reserve seats and the balance may be paid off a month before the scheduled game. Purchase tickets early for better group seating.

Contact Kirsten Hilbert, A's group sales representative at 510-563-2373 or khilbert@athletics.com to reserve tickets.



DA's Desk

-League Charter-

Not all leagues have completed their charter application for 2016. Leagues purchasing Little League operating insurances are reminded that coverage starts January 1st and only after approval of their charter application.

-Field Improvements-

Concord American Little League is building their new Intermediate 50/70 Field in Willow Pass Park, Concord.

Alameda Little League has completed the installation of lights on one of their two Major baseball fields.

-Scholarship Program-

Ted Boet is offering to reimburse Little League volunteers interested in attending the 2016 Western Region Umpire Academy held at the Little League Western Region Headquarters. Scholarship will cover the tuition cost to attend the one week umpire training scheduled for February 20-26, 2016. Scholarship is on a first come, first served, basis and limited to two scholarships in 2016. Only one volunteer may apply per league. Reimbursement (with proof of attendance) via the league president after February 26, 2016.

-Rules & Bylaws-

Local rules, ground rules and bylaws for a local Little League are created each year by a league's Board of Directors and **SHALL NOT** be considered part of the league's Constitution.

No local rule may conflict with Little League Rules and Regulations. An existing Little League Baseball and Softball Rule may not be restated as a local league rule.

Local rules, ground rules and bylaws must be submitted to Ted Boet for approval before a league may apply them and expires each year immediately upon completion of that regular season.

-January Due Date Items-

The following items are due at the January District 4 Meeting.....

- 2015 Bank Statement (Nov. or Dec.)
- 2016 League Budget
- 2016 League By-Laws
- 2015/16 League Constitution



ADA Reports

-Carla Moore, Softball ADA-

2016 important meetings and events for District 4 Softball have been scheduled. Leagues should have already submitted their softball point of contacts to Carla Moore, District 4 Softball ADA.

- 2-9, 7pm...Interleague Meeting
- 2-29, 6pm...Scheduling Meeting
- 3-2, 7pm...Softball Rules Clinic
- 4-16 & 17...Queen of the Diamond
- 4-30 & 5-1...Mid Season Classic
- 6-7, 7pm...Tournament Manager Meeting

All meetings at the UC Extension Office, 2nd Floor, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill.

-Liz Berg, Safety ADA-

Headquarters has opened the online Facility Survey page and will allow electronic submission of ASAP Plans. One only need to log on to the Little League Data Center, select the "Facilities Survey" link and complete each of the tabs...the final tab being uploading your safety plan. Please remember that in order for a plan to be accepted, it must have a completed **Registration Page** as the "**First Page**" of the document. This document is available on the D4 website.

-David Preuss, Big Diamond ADA-

David Preuss, has scheduled an organizational meeting for Intermediate (50/70), Juniors and Senior baseball on Thursday, 2-4-16, 7pm, 2nd floor at the Blue Barn in Berkeley. The season will start in March. Every league planning to participate in inter-league or inter-district play for these levels must send a representative to the meeting with the number of teams they plan to have at each level. Any league wishing to participate in the CA57 "Gold Programs" must inform David by Tuesday, 1-27-16.

A separate meeting will be scheduled for April to start the Senior and Big League baseball season in mid May.

Blue Barn is located at Harrison and 4th Street in Berkeley. Take Gilman exit off of I-80 in Berkeley, head East towards the hills, cross railroad tracks, left onto 4th Street, Blue Barn is across the street.

-Don Mayjoffo, LLBB ADA-

Don Mayjoffo, will be making his annual trips to all leagues to ensure teams are following Little League Rules and Regulations during their practices and games. Good practices and suggestions will be reported to the league president.

Some leagues have declining numbers in their Little League Major and Minor baseball divisions and in order to have an enjoyable, productive, season they may require playing some games with neighboring leagues. Leagues requiring inter-league play must contact Don as soon as they become aware of their situation. It can be very difficult for a league to find open days to help a neighboring league if they are not contacted before their league schedules are completed.

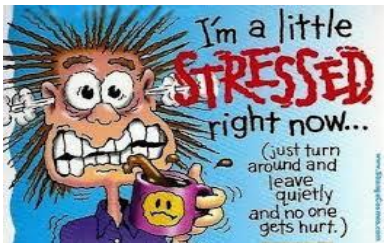
-Fred Flint, Challenger ADA-

The number of leagues with Challenger teams are growing and growing. To ensure all leagues are on the same page Fred would like league presidents to forward current point of contact information for their Challenger program.

Fred has scheduled Sunday, 4-24-16, 9am, Heather Farms, in Walnut Creek for their annual California 4 Challenger Jamboree. Leagues wishing to make financial donations to the Jamboree may send a check to Ted Boet, payable to "California District 4 Little League" and noted for the 2016 Challenger Jamboree. Contact Fred if your league is interested in working this year's Jamboree.

-Al Hatcher, Special Projects ADA-

Little League Volunteer Applications must be filled out annually for all volunteers who have repetitive contact with player members in a chartered Little League program. This can be a very stressful task as many leagues have reported. If your league is experiencing difficulties please share your problems with Al so he may compile complaints along with suggestions and forward them to Headquarters via Ted Boet.



-Don Waddell, CA4UIC-

Local leagues are ultimately responsible for the recruiting and training of their umpires. To support local leagues and league chief umpires Don Waddell has scheduled several umpire training sessions so local leagues officers may have the latest information to pass on to their own volunteer umpires. C4UA Training Staff will continue to provide guidance on how to run a successful clinic, drill instruction sheets, instructional materials, etc.. The following training sessions are scheduled for 2016.

Rules Clinic #1...2-9-16, 630-9pm

Pinole Hercules Little League will host this event at the Ellerhorst Elementary School in their Multipurpose Room, 3501 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole.

2 hours interactive session on the key rules and rule interpretations for Little League umpires. Will include group discussion of "case studies" on key rules. Designed for all umpires and others.

Rules Clinic #2... 2-18-16, 630-9pm

Walnut Creek Little League will host this event at the Walnut Creek Intermediate School in their Multipurpose Room, 2425 Walnut Boulevard.

2 hours interactive session on the key rules and rule interpretations for Little League umpires. Will include group discussion of "case studies" on key rules. Designed for all umpires and others.

Softball Rules Clinic...3-2-16, 7pm

This clinic will cover rules specific to softball and their interpretation for Little League umpires, managers, coaches, and others. Clinic will be held at the UC Extension, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill.

Basic Umpire Clinic...3-6-16

Continental Little League will host the 2016 Basic Umpire Clinic at their complex, Ygnacio Elementary School, 2217 Chalomar Road, Concord. Training for base and plate umpires on proper mechanics and positioning. Includes cage sessions with pitching machines.



Tournament Rules Clinic...6-2-16

Review of Tournament Rules for Tournament of Champions and International All-Star Tournaments.

Tournament Mechanics Clinic...6-5-16

Mechanics training to prepare umpires for post-season tournaments, with focus on working with new crew members and 2 & 3 man umpire crews.

Meet The Chief

Don Waddell, Umpire-In-Chief, and his Assistant Chief Umpires, Mark Oda and Jim Rose, are available to meet with local league board of directors to discuss the role of the League Chief Umpire and the importance for a volunteer umpire program.



Junior Umpire Program

Several leagues in California 4 have Junior Umpire programs that involves teenage boys and girls umpiring baseball and softball games. This is an excellent way to keep skilled players more involved during their playing season and for Little League graduates to stay in the game after they have completed their playing career.

12 elements for a successful Junior Umpire Program.

- 100% Board of Directors support.
- An adult supervised program.
- A Leadership development program.
- Ump for Community Service points.
- Register umpires for California 4 training opportunities.
- Provide umpire mentors.
- Register umpires with the local league for insurance coverage.
- Submit Little League Volunteer Applications with parental signature.
- Provide distinct umpire hat and league protective equipment.
- Allow umpires to earn personal umpire uniform and equipment.
- Local league adheres to government Tax and Employment Laws if umpires are paid.
- Have an end of season Appreciation Event with fun awards.



2016 Little League Day at the A's

SUNDAY, April 17 - Little League Day #1

- . A's vs. Kansas City Royals @ 1:05 PM**

SUNDAY, May 1 - Little League Day #2

- . A's vs. Houston Astros @ 1:05 PM**



Little League Discounted Pricing:

- . Lower Box: \$33**
- . Field Level: \$25**
- . Plaza Level: \$22**
- . Plaza Outfield: \$16**
- . Plaza Reserved: \$12**

Little League Day includes:

- . Pregame festival in B Lot**
- . Pregame parade for players & coaches**
- . Special giveaway item (subject to availability)**



**For more information contact Kirsten Hilbert at
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Umpire Mechanics Clinic

The District 4 Umpire Training Staff is offering a one day clinic designed to teach the basic two umpire mechanics for the 60 foot diamond used in Little League Softball and Baseball.

The Clinic will be offered in two sections – students may attend one or both of the sections! Lunch provided! No Cost to the Student!

Morning Section will cover Base and Plate Umpire Field Mechanics

- Basic 6 calls and signals
- Base umpire positioning and responsibilities for plays at all the bases
- Plate umpire positioning and responsibilities for plays in the field and at home plate.



Lunch session will include:

- Pregame duties including equipment checks.
 - Managing the game – players, managers and other umpires
- Afternoon Section will cover Plate Umpire Mechanics:

- Proper Slot Position.
- Live machine pitching in Cages for practice with calling pitches
- Mechanics for other calls around home plate.



Sunday, March 6, 2016

**Continental Little League Fields, Ygnacio Valley Elementary School
2217 Chalomar Rd, Concord, CA**

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Morning Section: Registration: 8:00 am

Instruction 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch: 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm

Afternoon Section: Registration 12:30 pm

Instruction: 1:15 pm – 4:00 pm

Register by March 3, 2016 at <https://c4uafielddclinic.eventbrite.com> and

<https://c4uaplatedclinic.eventbrite.com>



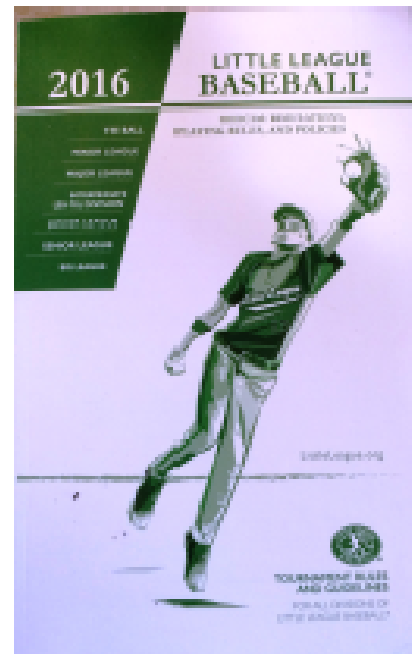
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Rules Clinics

District 4 Umpire Training Staff members are leading **two Rules Clinics**. Attendees will participate in roundtables and discuss specific game scenarios that illustrate the rules of the game.

Clinics are designed for all Little League Volunteers – managers, coaches, parents, and umpires – who want to learn more about the rules and how the game is played.



Two Clinic Dates and locations providing easy access from anywhere in District 4:

Tuesday, February 9th, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Ellerhorst Elementary, Multipurpose Room
3501 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole

Thursday, February 18th, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Walnut Creek Intermediate School Multiuse Room
2425 Walnut Blvd, Walnut Creek.

Register at:

<https://c4uarules1.eventbrite.com> (Pinole location)

<https://c4uarules2.eventbrite.com> (Walnut Creek location)

