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California 4 Finances

-February Statement-

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance | \$24,843.68 |
| Room Rental | 375.00 |
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| Umpire Clinic | 106.55 |
| Challenger Donation | 2,000.00 |
| League Dues | 13,602.00 |
| January Dinner | 312.64 |
| WR Round Table | 3,135.56 |
| WR Round Table | 1,200.00 |
| Bank Fee | 3.00 |
| Ending Balance | \$35,112.93 |



Oakland A's

-Little League Days-

Don't forget to reserve your seats for Little League Day at the A's coming up Sunday, April 17th and Sunday, May 1st. Over 5 leagues in District 4 have already reserved their seats with a small deposit, and some are even using tickets sales as a fundraising effort! We are expecting another sell out so don't want you to miss your opportunity to get the kids down on the field and watch a professional baseball game. Feel free to reach out with any questions or inquiries of 25+ tickets for a group rate.

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



Lewis Cup

-2016 Standings-

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| Alameda | 500 |
| Albany | 850 |
| Antioch | 740 |
| Clayton Valley | 750 |
| Concord American | 1040 |
| Concord Continental | 710 |
| East County | 1020 |
| Lafayette | 100 |
| Martinez | 860 |
| North Oakland | 950 |
| Pinole Hercules | 800 |
| Pittsburg | 360 |
| South Oakland | 950 |
| Richmond | 580 |
| Walnut Creek | 600 |



Headquarters

-Little League Museum-

All current and former military members are admitted free to the Little League Museum with ID, every day of the year. Former military members may keep a photo copy of their DD214 on their smartphones for proof of service.





West Region Center

-2016 Region Outreach Clinics-

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

- 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 host league instructors.

-2016 Significant Rule Changes-

Baseball Rule 1.10 - Provides guidance regarding new bat restrictions beginning for the 2018 season for the Junior Division and below.

NOTE: Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (league age 12 and below), Intermediate (50-70) Division, and Junior League shall bear the USA Baseball Performance Standard. All BPF-1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed 2--5/8 for these divisions of play.

SB Rule 8.01 - Provides additional clarification that a pitcher must come to the pitcher's plate with the hands separated.

(c) The shoulders shall be in line with first and third bases. **When taking the pitching position, the pitcher must have his/her hands separated and must have the ball in either the glove or the pitching hand.**

(d) **Prior to pitching**, the pitcher shall take a position with his/her pivot in contact with the pitcher's plate. This contact must be on or partially on the top surface of the pitcher's plate. The non-pivot foot must be on or behind the pitcher's plate.

(e) While on the pitching plate, the pitcher shall take the signal or appear to be taking a signal with the hands separated. The ball must remain in either the glove or pitching hand.

(f) **After completing (e) above**, the pitcher shall bring the hands together in front of the body for not less than one second and not more than 10 seconds before starting the delivery.

BB & SB Rule 4.15(f) and Tournament Chain of Command-Clarifies that an umpire and the Tournament Committee may impose penalties to a coach, manager, or team for making a travesty of a game.

4.15 - A game may be forfeited by the Umpire-in-Chief of the game in progress to the opposing team when a team-(f) employs tactics designed to delay, shorten **or make a travesty of the game.**

BB & SB Tournament Replacement of Player, Manager or Coach.

Replacement of Player, Manager or Coach - Requires a temporary Tournament coach or manager to be entered on the Eligibility Affidavit.

Exception: If a manager or coach is unable to attend a game for a justifiable reason, a Tournament Director could approve a temporary replacement **as outlined in the Little League Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit.** Temporary replacement of a manager or coach **must** be entered on the Eligibility Affidavit.

BB, SB & C Operating Policies - The Little League Operating Manual content has been condensed and included in the back of the rulebook. It is now referenced as the Little League Operating Policies.

-2016 Clarifications-

BB & SB Regulation VII(a) - Schedules.

The schedule of games for the regular season shall be prepared by the BoD of the league and must provide for not less than twelve (12) games per team per regular season **against other Little League teams within their respective division**, exclusive of playoff and tournament games.

SB Regulation VI(c) and 3.03(c)

(c) a pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher anytime in the remainder of the game, but only once in the same inning as he/she was removed. **NOTE: A pitcher,, withdrawn from the game for a substitute offensively or defensively, may not re-enter the game as a pitcher. This applies to continuous batting order.**

BB & SB Tournament Eligibility Affidavit
A map, **signed and dated by the league president and District Administrator**, showing the actual boundaries of the league, with locations noted for the residences of the parent or legal guardian (court-appointed) or location of the school for every participant named on the affidavit;

SB Selection of Fields.

The outfield fence must be a minimum of 180 feet and a maximum of 225 feet from home plate.

BB & SB Tournament League Eligibility.

The league must be chartered in **an age appropriate** division(s) for which it wishes to enter a tournament team(s), no later than **June 1, 2016.**

The league must have scheduled and played, at a minimum, a 12-game (per team) regular season, exclusive of playoffs and tournament games, for each division entering tournament **prior to the first game in their respective tournament.+**

-2016 Tournament Fees-

Little League Tournament Fee has increased from \$150 to \$200 per team. 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.

-Boundary Map Requirements-

All Little League programs are required to establish a league boundary map with assistance from the district administrator. A boundary map maintains a community environment within the league and parity during the Little League International Tournament. Players in a league must live within that league's geographic boundary. The boundary map must meet the following requirements:

- The map must show the enclosed, contiguous boundary of the league outlined on a map.
- A written description of the boundary must be included with the map.
- The map must be signed and dated by the local league president and district administrator.

Region Office must have a copy of a league's boundary map and constitution.





Headquarters

-West Region Roundtable- Seattle, WA January 29 & 30, 2016

On-Line Mapping

Little League now has a league and district on-line mapping tool that will help determine which addresses are within which league's boundaries. Available through Little League University.

ASAP Reports

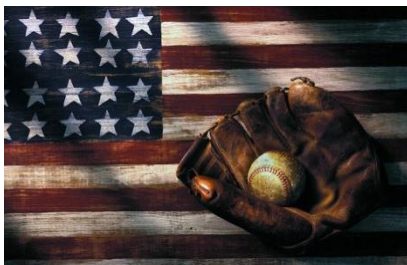
- Effective immediately league safety plans may be submitted on-line.
- All umpires must fill out volunteer forms even if paid.
- Recommend criminal background checks, not just sex registry checks.

Little League University On-Line

- Tool-kit for league presidents.
- Educational modules include:
 - a) Operations...a step-by-step guide.
 - b) Marketing...help leagues grow; do something different each year
 - c) Finances and Fundraising.
 - d) T-ball Curriculum...Fundamentals, Fun and Fit.
 - e) Coach-pitch Curriculum...on-line videos and practice plans.
 - f) Best practice methods for each Little League level.

Little League Research On Parents

- 58% of current Little League parents played Little League, so having good coaches is key to success.
- Millennial parents now often have a lawn mower style of parenting as opposed to Baby Boomers who had a helicopter style of parenting.
- Parents have requested more communication thru social media
- 60% of LL videos were downloaded onto mobile devices last year
- Parents want their kids to enjoy plenty of action and not just standing around which requires a different approach to practices



Little League News

- \$4 million/year now available in Little League grants.
- Medical research confirms that specializing in one sport results in increased injuries and burnout.
- Doctors strongly recommend youth 14 and under play in multiple sports or engage in different types of physical activities that use all parts of the body.

Reviewed Potential Rule Changes

Potential rule changes were discussed at the January District 4 Meeting. WR DAs and ADAs met in Seattle to discuss possible rule changes. Upon completion of all Region Roundtables Little League International will review comments, suggestions and determine which rules to implement.



DA's Desk

-League Charter-

All California 4 Little Leagues have completed their 2016 charter applications. Leagues purchasing Little League operating insurances are reminded that coverage starts January 1st, but only after approval of their charter application.

-District 4 Tournament Application-

District 4 Tournament Applications for 2016 were handed out at the January District Meeting. Applications were mailed to leagues not represented. Leagues should submit their application no later than the March District 4 Meeting.



-Tax Form 990-

League taxes are due on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Non-profit organizations are required to use federal tax form 990 for gross receipts. E-Postcard 990-N if under \$50K, 990-EZ with Schedule A if over \$50K, or 990 with Schedule A if over \$1M. The penalties for not filing are astronomical.



ADA Reports

-Carla Moore, Softball ADA-

2016 Interleague Groupings:

AA -

1. A - EC
2. CV/CA - P-PH - WC/CC

AAA -

1. A - EC
2. CV/CA - P - R
3. M - PH - WC/CC

Major -

1. A - EC - P
2. CV/CA - M - R - WC/CC

2-21, 12pm...Scheduling Meeting

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

Above events will be held at the UC Extension Office, 2nd Floor, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill.

-Don Mayjoffo, LLBB ADA-

All leagues, please send Don Mayjoffo the point of contact for Little League Baseball Major/Minor divisions. Several leagues have already informed Don that they will need to play some interleague games in order to have a season.

-Fred Flint, Challenger ADA-

California 4 and Fred Flint would like to thank Concord American and Lafayette who each donated \$1000 to the Challenger Jamboree. The Jamboree is scheduled for Sunday, 4-24-16, 9am, Heather Farms, in Walnut Creek. 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.

-Liz Berg, Safety ADA-

The link from the Little League Data Center is currently broken so leagues may connect directly from the District 4 ASAP link or load directly to <http://facilitiesurvey.musco.com/login.php?redirect=index.php>. League safety plan uploads deadline has been extended until 2-26-16 and will qualify for Lewis Points. An approved safety plan must be in place before scheduling any league events. Contact Liz Berg (RocketLiz@gmail.com) if you have questions or concerns.

-David Preuss, Big Diamond ADA-

The organizational meeting for teenage baseball was held on 2-4-16 with the following results:

Intermediate Baseball

There will be eight Intermediate (50/70) teams that will inter-league during the 2016 season as follows:

Concord Continental--one team with no home games
Antioch--one team
Pinole-Hercules--two teams
Walnut Creek--two teams
CALL/CVLL--two teams

Each team will also inter-district with D53 teams (American Canyon, Benicia and Suisun) with double-headers on Saturdays. The first games are scheduled for Saturday, 3-19-16 and the regular season will end before Memorial Day weekend to allow for make-ups if necessary

Junior Baseball:

There will be seven Junior teams that will inter-league during the 2016 season as follows:

Concord Continental--one team with no home games
Antioch--one team
Walnut Creek--one team
CALL/CVLL--one team
Pinole-Hercules--one team
NOLL/SOLL-two teams but with limited participation

- Albany and NOLL/SOLL will inter-league but they are putting together their own schedule.
- East County and Martinez will field Junior teams but do not plan to inter-league.
- Walnut Creek and Lafayette will have Gold teams that will inter-district with D-57

Big League

- East County will field a Big League team that will inter-district with D-57 starting in March.
- NOLL/SOLL may have a Big League team that begins play in May.

Any league fielding a Senior or Big League baseball team this spring, please contact David Preuss.

If you are inter-leaguering or inter-districting, please be sure to fill out the inter-league forms, have them signed by your league president and then send them to Ted Boet and me before the season starts.

-Don Waddell, CA4UIC-

The following 2016 training sessions are still on schedule.

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.

2-1/2 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.

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.

Adult Volunteer Umpires

Your league should consider developing a group of volunteers who have a desire to follow the mission of Little League as an All Volunteer Program providing a service to the local community. Your volunteer umpires are just as important as your managers and coaches when it comes to providing a safe and fun environment for players while at the same time being cost effective.

How can you recruit volunteer adult umpires?:

- Recruit umpires at all league events with your UIC in full umpire uniform.
- Ask each team to nominate two adults as volunteer umpires. Each team has 12 or more players so there is a large number of parents who can give back to the League.
- Start small with the commitment, explain that you only need them to do 1 or 2 games a week.
- Contact local high school and college umpire associations and ask their members to donate one or two games a week. Make sure these umpires are trained in Little League rules.
- Contact local police, fire, and military units as their members are community minded and often have flexible schedules.
- Advertise in your local newspapers or other media.
- Find that fan in the stands who (already knows the rules) is always complaining about the umpires. A perfect candidate for your volunteer umpire program.

Remember, recruiting is the first step. Once you have them recruited, remember to train them so they will do well and have fun. Keep them coming out with incentives like post game hot dog and soda, uniforms and equipment. Then, at the end of the season recognize your volunteer umpires when you have your season closing ceremonies, or with a special party.

A successful Volunteer Umpire Program starts with your Board of Directors leadership, and a strong statement that umpires deserve utmost respect and harassment or abuse will not be tolerated.

A's 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 510-563-2373 or khilbert@athletics.com

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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 Chaloma 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://c4uaplateclinic.eventbrite.com> and <https://c4uaplateclinic.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 a.m.
Ellehorst Elementary Multipurpose Room
2555 Pinhole 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://c4uarnules1.eventbrite.com> (Pinole location)

<https://c4uarnules2.eventbrite.com> (Walnut Creek location)

