



California District 4

Little League – Junior League – Intermediate –

Senior League – Challenger

February 19, 2019 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 pm, UCCE 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Don Waddell, Liz Berg, Marco Rosen, Steve Harris, Stephen Mohammed, Phil Raines, Carla Moore

League Attendance: Alameda, Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, Lafayette, Martinez, North/South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Richmond, Walnut Creek

Assistant District Administrator: Geoff Shiu

- Look to the newsletter for the **Little League Days with the Oakland A's and the Giants**; Also Cal Baseball has days for the youth teams – Steve Harris had taken players (150 kids) two years ago, cost was \$6; some were able to take a tour of the campus, some were able to go on the field and dugouts, got to meet the players after the game and get autographs, a section of bleachers were saved for his kids.
- **Games with other organizations** – make sure they have insurance to cover your team(s). Little League insurance does not cover your teams when playing games with other organizations. Little League equipment or uniforms are not to be used.
- **In House Audit** – have a league member (non-board member) serve on the audit committee, makes for good transparency.
- **Tournament Administrator Officer** – this person will be responsible for the All Star teams binders that conform to what Little League requires. Get this person soon so they can start preparing.
- **Volunteers** – It takes a lot of effort into making your league a Volunteer Program, however in the end it will make things easier on you. They will also have a better understanding of how Little League works.
- **Fields Clean-Up Day** – Have someone to greet people as they arrive. Ask how long they can stay so as to what job will work with their time allowance. Let the volunteers know what needs to be done and where to go to do it. Otherwise it is very possible people will leave because they can't find someone to direct them. Thank them when they arrive, thank them while they are working and thank them again as they leave.

Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball ADA: Marco Rosen

- Handed out rules for the Intermediate and Junior Leagues. There was one rule change – Prior to April 15 play with Continuous Batting Order, AFTER April 15 play with 9 Batter Line-Up.
- D4 Intermediate Tournament: April 12-14, \$250 Fee per team, Open to eight teams, players will receive a pin and t-shirt. Four teams have committed. Continuous Batting Order will be used.

Chief Umpire ADA: Don Waddell

- Most items are covered in the newsletter.
- Thank you to Lafayette for prepping their fields for the Rules Clinic although we did not use them due to the rain. We appreciate you volunteering. Thank you, Concord American, for getting use of the school gym to hold the clinic. 12 leagues were represented. Almost 40 in the morning and about 25 in the afternoon.



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- There is a waiting list of 15 for this week's clinic with 40 attendees. We are working on getting the waiting list into other clinics.
- Great scheduling meeting for Intermediate & Junior Baseball. Clinic for Introductory Mechanics coming up for these games – March 10th at Mt. Diablo High School.
- Background Checks for Umpires – get these done.
- If you use an association for umpires have a contract saying what they are responsible for, what risks do they cover.

Little League Baseball ADA: Steve Harris

- **Interleague Baseball** – four leagues are participating in AAA and Majors; two leagues for AA
- **Rules** – 3 are based on Waivers. Only one league has a waiver. If the others do not get the waivers no one can use these rules. In the Rules it states they are pending.
- **Scheduling meeting** – went well once we got started. Hope to make it go faster next year.

Challenger ADA: Stephen Mohammed

- **Scheduling meeting** info is in the newsletter, this Saturday. Please have a rep at the meeting.
- Handed out a flyer about the Nor Cal Little League Challenger Day with the Oakland A's
- **Jamboree** – Sunday, April 28th, Heather Farm
- **Donations** – are very welcome! Please send to Ted Boet

Softball ADA: Phil Raines

- Interleague Scheduling was completed on Sunday, February 17th. Some changes have been made. Please contact Liz Berg when you have changes, she will make them on the master list that will be posted on the D4 website.
- Softball Rules Clinic - Thursday, February 28th, 7pm here at the UCCE office. Managers and Coaches are to attend. Umpires are welcome.
- Softball Tournament hosted at Western Region headquarters in San Bernardino on Saturday-Sunday, May 11th -12th. Teams stay in the dorms, hotels nearby for the parents. Phil's team had a lot of fun last year. They were the only Nor Cal team. Let Phil know if you have a team interested.
- Urban Initiative Softball Tournament – hosted at Richmond Little League. April 13th-14th
- Interleague Play: Managers – Please confirm the night before a game that you have the right date, time and field prior to getting into cars and finding out no game when you get there.
- Contact Info for teams will be listed on the D4 website.

Safety Officer ADA: Liz Berg

- Thanks everyone for working hard to get the ASAPs submitted. One league just needs to click the button.
- Get your registration completed.
- Concussion Training – get completed
- Uniform Patches – get them on your uniforms. Concord American provides them to the uniform supplier who presses them onto the shirts. Fee - \$1 each.



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District Administrator, Ted Boet

- David Preuss, formerly of the D4 Staff is now serving as ADA for Tennessee District 6. He is the only ADA. They have 8 leagues. The district is 150 miles from one end to the other. They do not have TOC. Davis will try to implement some of the things that Ted has done here in D4.
- DA/ADA Training in LA.:
 1. Western Region has approximately 123 districts (California – 71); 240 attendees
 2. South East Region (Tennessee is a here) has 80 districts; 80 attendeesWorldwide there are 2 million + kids playing Little League; 300,000 in California
Worldwide there are approximately 1 million volunteers
70% of all kids playing baseball and softball play Little League
39% of kids who leave Little League is Because they are NOT having FUN
- Background Checks – reporting procedures. Leagues must report to headquarters (you'll find the info in the newsletter) if you get a report on a volunteer of Sexual Abuse. If you get a report of a Felony Offense it is up to the league how to handle, you do not report it to headquarters.
- Interleague or Combined Team form – complete the form in the Data Center, inform the other league(s) you have done your part. Once all have completed Ted will sign off. Deadline is June 1st.
*** 1500 teams were denied Post Season play last year due to not completing the forms.
- Deadline for Waivers is June 1st
- Little League University is a great place for finding information and stats
- League Scorecards were handed out
- Charter – league has agreed to follow the Little League Rules (Operations, Baseball and Softball). If you want to do anything different you must complete a Waiver.
Example – AA Baseball, 7-9 age players, use a shorter pitching distance.
At this time your board can be sued by the injured party if you do not follow the rules nor ask for a Waiver to change the rule(s) for your league.
I would rather send a 100 Waiver requests than have you go out on your own have a player get injured and the league board get sued.
- District Pins – presidents were to go back to their boards and discuss after last month's meeting
Alameda, Martinez, North and South Oakland want to participate
- Lewis Cup Checklist – items due next month: League Dues and Tournament Participation forms.
 1. Background Checks – several leagues have completed 0, several less than 50%
 2. Next year District will complete the Background Checks on the league presidents. ADA Liz Berg completed them on the District Board this year.
 3. KittyStrouse@LL.org – Insurance documents

Meeting ended at 8:05 pm

Next District Meeting: Tuesday, March 19th at UCCE, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

- 7:00 pm – Dinner
- 7:30 pm - Meeting