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California D4 Finances

-February Statement-

Opening Balance	23,000.42
Challenger Donation (Pinole)	500.00
District Dues (Continental and Richmond)	4441.00
Rule Books	432.00
Umpire Clinic Registration	90.00
Umpire Clinic Breakfast	37.47
Western Region Training	690.02
February Dinner	365.40
Chevron Donation	500.00
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	26,823.53



Lewis Cup Standings

Alameda	1947
Walnut Creek	1942
Clayton Valley	1760
Concord American	1701
Martinez	1660
East County	1644
Concord Continental	1601
North Oakland	1596
South Oakland	1575
Pinole Hercules	1560
Richmond	1555
Pittsburg	1374
Lafayette	1370
Antioch	980
Albany	937



From Liz Berg, ADA Safety

District 4 is 100% in both ASAP and Registration Data submissions!!!!!!



From ADA Challengers,
Stephen Mohammed

Thank you to the following leagues for your monetary donations for the Jamboree: Lafayette, Pinole-Hercules, North and South Oakland. Thank you to North Oakland and South Oakland for providing the barbecue and to Antioch and North/South Oakland for barbecuing.

Challenger Jamboree is Sunday, April 28th.

Challenger Day with the Oakland A's is on Saturday, June 15th. More info on the attached flyer.



From ADA 50/70/Junior/Senior
Baseball, Marco Rosen

By now I hope that the rain is done. Our fields have been saturated as we had record inches of rain in Northern California for the months of February and into March. The Intermediate & Juniors Division got off to a slow start as fields were not playable due to over saturation. We have finished uploading the games schedules to the Umpire sign up site "Sign Up Genius". This is web faced



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application that allows individual umpires the availability to assign themselves to a game. I want to thank Patrick Brandt & Candi Murphy from Concord American for helping in setting this up for the district and teams playing in inter-league.

First ever annual: King of Clubs - Intermediate Mid - Season Tournament:

The brackets are set for the tournament. The Pins are being made. The t-shirts are at our vendor for printing. What is left to do? Guidelines for games are as follows:

Games will be held under this bracket:

****Saturday:** Opening Ceremonies will take place @ Foothill MS: 9:00 AM Sharp. All teams MUST BE PRESENT.

****All teams** Must be in Uniform on the field, with managers and coaches.

****HOME team** to provide Scorekeeper (NOT IN DUGOUT OR ON THE FIELD). There will be a table set-up at both fields.

**** Visitor team** to provide Pitch Counter. This person will be at same table as scorekeeper.

****Game rules** will adhere to the green book rules; continuous batting order will be used in this tournament!!

****Must have PITCHING AFFIDAVIT.**

****Managers and coaches** Dress code: Just like in All- Star play; **NO JEANS, No** cut off jean shorts, **No** cut off shirts, Same polo color or team shirt required.

*****Both Teams** to clean out trash from dugouts at end of game.

*****Championship game:** Scorekeeper & Pitch Counter will be provided.

Umpires will be Provided for all of the games, there is no need for the Home or visiting team to provide these services.

Tournament Direct: Marco Rosen 925-334-0974.

This is the first year we are running this tournament, as ADA of b Baseball I wanted to give our teenagers a way to have fun while playing the sport they play and love. While developing the thought of how to set-up the tournament and all the people I have spoken to I came up with the idea that this tournament should recognize players that have shown Character, Courage & Loyalty. These are the three standards that LL brings to the table as well as teaching our youth Life lessons.

This past summer I heard of a local teenager Ryan McLeod of Walnut Creek that was involved in a horrific accident. While with his friends up in Tahoe he had a skateboard incident which required life flight to the nearest trauma center and then multiple surgeries since then. I had a thought of whom I wanted to recognize and honor in this tournament. I wanted to help Ryan in his fight for his life. I reached out to Craig McLeod, Ryan's dad who happens to be a past president of WCLL and told him of my intentions for the tournament. I received an email from Craig McLeod which read - "Ryan loved his time at Little League. He and I built that Foothill field, the first time...he drove the bobcat and my Yukon while grading it. Sometimes I worry I made him work too hard, but before his accident, it paid off by knowing he could do just about any project he wanted to do. Hearing stories from his friends of his adventures I did not know about cements that feeling as well". After reading this email from

Craig I know I am honoring the right person.

I would like to HONOR Ryan McLeod for showing his Character, Courage & Loyalty to WCLL as we can give him the courage and repay him with our Character for his volunteer time he devoted to the game he loves, baseball. We are also remembering a past player of WCLL Andrew King. Andrew took his own life back on October 18, 2016. We want to bring Suicide awareness prevention in teens. We all know how hard this subject is to talk about with our kids. We want to ensure each one that we are there for them. Andrew and Ryan were very close friends. When I spoke with Craig, Ryan's dad he said that if there was anyway to bring this awareness during this tournament Ryan would greatly appreciate it. That shows again character and loyalty. Life lessons that we want to teach our young teenagers and pay it forward.

There will be Donation boxes at both the Foothill & Clayton fields during the tournament. The money donated during this time will be donated to an organization for suicide prevention with teens in Andrew King's name.



Reminders and Suggestions on Using Youth Umpires

Having a Junior Umpire Program is one of the best ways your league can provide another leadership development opportunity for your older players. These players often "age out" and are lost to Little League. But as with any program involving youth, your League should consider addressing to avoid concerns during the season:



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1. Make sure that your youth are appointed by the President and approved by your Board of Directors before they act as an umpire in a game. There is no background check required since in California court records for minors are sealed. However, as good practice you should consider having the Youth Umpire submit a paper-version Basic Volunteer Application form, which includes all their contact information and most importantly has a place for parent or legal guardian to sign agreeing to their service to the league. You could also use the full Volunteer Application which has a place for references. Your league may have another process and paperwork which works and is equivalent.
2. Some leagues have expressed concerns about what would happen if a youth umpire is injured or has another medical event at a game that requires emergency treatment. Make sure you have a plan in place for immediate action. Remember, all your players have Medical Release forms completed, consider something similar for your youth umpires.
3. Make sure your league is meeting the requirement for having an independent, adult "Game Coordinator" at every game that does not have at least one adult umpire on the field. In games with only youth umpires, the Game Coordinator has specific duties as outlined in Rule 9.03(d) and is not optional under this condition. The Game Coordinator cannot be a manager or coach of a team in the game, cannot be the scorekeeper or pitch counter, and must be assigned to only one game.
4. Take proper care of your youth umpires from the time they arrive at the game site to the time they are picked

up by their ride after the game. You should not allow youth umpires to be left at the field or in the parking lot alone after a game, especially when no more games are to be played that day. Just as they should be instructed to take care of their players before and after games and practices, Managers should be told to watch out for the youth and stay at the game site until the youth has been met by their ride. We might think that a 13 or 14-year-old can take care of themselves, but this is the highest risk time for the wrong type of individuals to have access to a youth, especially when they know that Little League is being played at your park and many children are present.

5. Lastly, your league should have a "Zero Tolerance" policy regarding any verbal or physical abuse towards a youth umpire, even if it appears to be unintentional or just occasional. Yelling at a youth umpire in a negative or derogatory manner, objecting to calls or other actions is unacceptable in Little League. Your league should take immediate and consequential action against managers, coaches, or spectators who behave in such fashion against your youth umpires. Your Board of Directors should act to suspend or remove a manager or coach who acts in such a way towards any umpire, but especially a youth umpire. Hopefully you have a member of the Board at each location when games are being played (the on site assigned "Board Member of the Day") who can deal with issues and address concerns among spectators. Your League Umpire in Chief as a member of your Board has a duty to protect the umpires.

Rules Clinics Wrap-Up

Thanks to the 6 leagues who invited District staff to meet with your volunteer managers, coaches and

umpires in a formal Rules Clinic. Our goal in offering to run your rules training was to improve understanding of Little League rules across the District, and to help your league by providing instructors and materials. We trained over 275 volunteers in these clinics, almost 3 times as many as we trained last year in our two District wide. In addition to the general rules clinics, we trained over 60 softball volunteers on specific rules for their sport.

Thank You

Thank you to Concord American Little League for hosting the District 4 Big Diamond Umpire Mechanics Clinic on March 10. The efforts of their volunteers to prepare a water-logged field and provide lunch was beyond expectations. Thanks to the Board of Directors and all the volunteers at CALL.

Thank you to Martinez Little League for hosting the Junior Umpire Clinic on February 24 at Hidden Lakes Park. Our 40 youth umpires and the instructors were welcomed with two fields ready to go, snacks and a great lunch. Thanks to the Board of Martinez for your support.

Volunteer Umpire Mentoring Program

The District 4 staff umpires are starting a formal program to help develop your key volunteer umpires. Open to all volunteers including adult and youth, this program will pair your umpire with an experienced staff umpire throughout the season. Game observations and feedback for improvement is a key part of the mentoring. Our goal is to develop a larger number of highly qualified tournament umpires for District 4. The League Chief Umpires are aware of the program. The next step is to nominate umpires for the program so the next steps can begin in April.



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Ground Rules

Each league should have a set of "ground rules" that describe the special conditions for each field. The most common ground rule is to define the limits of the playing field on a field that is not fully enclosed. This is very important so that all participants and the umpires understand what Dead Ball territory is. Another item that is often addressed is how overhanging trees or utility lines are to be played - Dead Ball area of in play? Remember that Ground Rules cannot conflict with the Little League Playing Rules, so items like unusual base awards for balls entering Dead Ball areas should not be included.

Little League Days with the Oakland A's and Giants



A's games

Sunday, March 31st v Angels, 1:07pm
Friday, May 10th v Indians, 6:37pm
Sunday, June 16th v Mariners, 1:07pm



Giants games

Sunday, April 7th v Rays, 1:05pm
Sunday, April 14th v Rockies, 1:05pm
Sunday, May 12th v Reds, 1:05pm

A's 1st Little League Day for 2019 is less than two weeks away, Sunday, March 31st. Sunday the 31st is a perfect time for new teams and their new teammates kick-off the season at the Coliseum with the Oakland A's. There are still some Team Group Seating (15+) available. Contact Ashley Carrillo at acarrillo@athletics.com for tickets and additional information.

District Administrator 2018 Report Card

ASAP Approved/Charter % 100%

Summary of League Evaluations

Number of Evaluations 15

Has ADAs

Yes 100%

Availability Satisfaction

Completely Satisfied 80%

Not Satisfied at All 6.7%

Somewhat Satisfied 13.3%

Number of Meetings

7 26.7%

8 33.3%

9 13.3%

10 6.7%

11 6.7%

12 6.7%

Not Sure 6.7%

Knowledge Rating	Excellent	93.3%
	Satisfactory	6.7%
Documentation Responsiveness	Yes	100%
Provides Budget	Yes	100%
Provides Treasurer Report	Yes	100%

Overall:97.50%

District Administrator: TED BOET (California District 04)

Communications/Responsiveness

The District Administrators' goal is to provide quality leadership and oversight for the district.

REGION EVALUATION: District Administrator meets all expectations within this specific standard on a Regional Level and is also evident by local league response to overall evaluation.

- Provide leadership and guidance to leagues
- Be responsive to local league inquiries
- Be responsive to Little League International and Regional Center inquiries
- Be accessible to local leagues and Regional staff

Education

To be an effective District Administrator, keeping informed of responsibilities and expectations of the position, including accountability to the local leagues, Regional Center, and Little League International is required. Regular attendance and participation of the District Administrator is required in continuing education and knowledge about the operation of the overall program.

REGION EVALUATION: District Administrator meets all expectations within this specific standard on a Regional Level.

- Attendance and participation within clinics at the Regional Center, as well as LLU, Road Clinics
- Attend and participate in a minimum of two (2) online webinar sessions and one live, in person session (State Meeting, Clinics, International Congress/Regional Roundtable Events) per year
- Share educational initiatives with leagues
- Train district staff through meetings or attending regional clinics, International Congress/Regional Roundtables, and related education-based events

International Tournament

The International Tournament operation is a crucial component of the District Administrator position. Responsible for the preparation, administration, guidance, and oversight at the district and/or section and state levels as assigned, the District Administrator provides a valuable service to the leagues and community. REGION EVALUATION: District administrator meets all expectations within this specific standard on a Regional Level.

- Be responsible for the preparation, administration, and oversight of district tournaments and/or section, or state level tournaments
- Be knowledgeable of all tournament rules and regulations
- Follow proper chain of command in administration with open communication to all throughout the tournament season
- Complete and maintain accurate and correct tournament paperwork and records

Observations for Effective District Management

Ted, please continue to do a great job servicing your leagues and district. Thank you for upholding Little League rules and regulations. Continue to look for educational opportunities. Your time and dedication to the program reflects in your district's success. Thank you for being a great Little League leader and volunteer.

Northern California Little League Challenger DAY WITH THE A'S

Saturday , June 15 | 1:07pm vs. Seattle

Event Highlights:

- Enjoy a fun day with all of the Challenger teams here at the Coliseum!
- Discounted group seating for each league
 - Field Infield: \$25
 - Field Level: \$20
- Pregame parade around the field for players and coaches



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