



# California District 4

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## California 4 Little League

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## California D4 Finances

Opening Balance	18,605.50
District Improvement (fixed canopies)	83.80
Bank Fee	3.00
Vendor Donations	675.00
Private Donation	200.00
League Dues (CALL)	2,518.00
Ending Balance	21,911.70



## 2020 Lewis Cup Award

Alameda	700
Martinez	640
Walnut Creek	610
Concord American	530
East County	510
North Oakland	400
South Oakland	400
Clayton Valley	400
Pinole-Hercules	400
Pittsburg	300
Antioch	220
Lafayette	200
Concord Continental	200
Albany	100
Richmond	0



From ADA Challengers,  
Stephen Mohammed

Please send me the contact information for your Challenger Division VP. Corporate and personal donations for the Jamboree in April 2020 - Please send me the name of the company, contact person and their contact info.



From ADA Safety, Liz Berg

ASAP Template - Two weeks after the ASAP is released from Little League, I will have the templates ready for your Safety Officer to complete. The Data Center has what your league completed last year.

Concord American LL website – the winning ASAP plan has been posted – READ IT! I had help from the previous winner.

ASAP Plans – are to be uploaded and APPROVED prior to Try-Outs



From ADA Training Coordinator,  
Jim Rose

District 4 is providing for each league, if they request it, a 2 1/2-hour baseball rules clinic open for managers, coaches, umpires, and anyone else interested. These will be given in January through March. The league would need to secure a location that has a screen, electricity, and rule books if you want to distribute them, and we provide the PowerPoint presentation with videos and the presenter. All days of the week work, except with the possible exception of Thursdays. Please contact Jim Rose for confirming a date.

It will be on a first come, first serve basis.



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## From ADA Little League Baseball, Steve Harris

As your leagues finalize their picks for coaches and managers, I came across a nice article on Little League University that highlights the Five Reasons to Continue Your Coaching Education-link <https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/five-reasons-to-continue-your-coaching-education/> are experienced and don't need to be educated... well, I'm here to tell you that even MLB coaches and managers are continually seeking knowledge to improve by regularly attend coaching clinics and seminars; so, if they need continued education, so do your coaches. Fear not, the Little League University website has a host of training videos, articles, and instructions to help your coaches build their knowledge and skills, ultimately making them better coaches for your league, and more importantly, for the players.

Here's a brief summary of the article:

### Continued education keeps the coaching experience fresh.

The game is rich with nuance and attending a clinic or getting a pointer will reinvigorate you and remind you why you got into coaching in the first place.

**Education can re-shape your view of your role as a coach.** A good coaching course/clinic not only shares the fundamental skills and tactics of coaching, but really teaches you how to pass this knowledge along to your players.

**You gain confidence.** This might be the strongest reason to have your coaches and managers continue their education. As a 100% volunteer organization, the biggest hurdle to finding coaches is that

they AREN'T COACHES. Assuring these volunteers that LLI has classes and instruction videos will build their confidence and make them feel at ease.

**You improve.** This goes without saying, but the better your coaches are, the better your players will be, and the more fun the game is for them.

**You demonstrate to players and their parents your commitment to improving.** When you show a commitment to your coaching, you send a message to the players and their parents that you take this role seriously and it rubs off on the players and gains allies with the parents.

I encourage your coaches and managers to read this article and take advantage of all of the resources made available to them on the Little League University website to support their growth this season.



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

Welcome to the 2020 Baseball Season for Intermediate, Junior and Senior Baseball. Important dates will be determined for our following scheduling meeting as well as other key dates for the upcoming season. If you have not heard yet D4 is to be the Host for the Western Region for Senior Baseball for the next 3 years. What does this mean to you as a league? Well you will not have to travel far if your Senior team wins the District 4 All Start tournament. It is a guaranteed birth into the WR tournament. So now is the time to start planning. Meet with your local High Schools. Age for seniors is 14-16. Freshmen &

Sophomores. You can get a team together from multiple high schools in your boundary.

Items planned but dates not yet set are:

- February Scheduling meeting – Interleague Intermediate & Juniors TBD
- April Mid-Season Weekend Tournament: Intermediate April 17-19.
- In order to qualify for TOC each team **MUST PLAY MINIMUM of 6 games in district** during the 2020 season. AS well as play against any other district.

Please have your league teenage coordinators contact me so we can complete our contact sheets.



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From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

## League Local Rules

Each league must develop "Local Rules" that define how that league is applying the Official Rules and Regulations of Little League to their conditions. Local Rules should define items such as which divisions are Tee Ball or Coach Pitch, which Minor divisions are Non-Competitive or Competitive, and how that league is applying the 12 specific rules that contain "options" in definition. Local Rules must not modify or conflict with the Little League official rules in any way unless that league has received formal approval from the Charter Committee in Williamsport. The process for requesting a rule waiver starts with the Board of Directors voting to request the change, and the President then submits a written request to the District Administrator that describes the change and the reasoning behind the request. The DA will then submit the waiver request to the Regional Director for submission to Williamsport. Each league must submit their local League Rules for the 2019 season to Ted Boet, District Administrator no later than the January District 4 Meeting on January 14th. District Staff will review your Rules for consistency with the Little League Rules and engage the League Board if issues are identified and assist you in preparing a Waiver Request if needed. Please submit these as early as possible as Waivers may take some time to obtain and rules must be finalized prior to the start of play in your league

## Does Your League Have a Volunteer Umpire Program?

Little League is run by volunteers at the local league level - the Board of Directors, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, snack shack workers are usually all volunteers who give their time and talents to ensure our players and their families have the best possible experience. Using anything other than volunteer umpires is inconsistent with the mission of Little League and how the other league roles are filled. The use of a paid umpire does not ensure that the league will receive "better umpires" than the "league volunteers." Generally, the paid umpire will not know the Little League rules and will not enforce our unique safety and playing conditions, will not have an interest in bettering the experience of the players, and may not be a very experienced umpire. Leagues can grow their overall numbers of volunteers by including umpires, as they can go on to other leadership positions. Start now by asking adults to umpire - encourage or require each team to provide two adults who will be trained to umpire. Ask members of your community service organizations and civic groups if any of them would like to give back by volunteering as an umpire. Find past members of the league and ask them to come back. Volunteer umpires are out there, we just need to ask for their help!

## District 4 Staff Will Run Your Rules Clinics

This year the District 4 umpire staff is offering to run your League Rules Clinic. We will provide the teaching staff and a 2 1/2-hour Little League rules presentation that is a suitable for managers, coaches, umpires and other volunteers. The host leagues need to arrange for the meeting room which must have a projection screen and power outlets, along with Rule Books, local rule

handouts, and any refreshments. To arrange a date for your Rules Clinic contact Jim Rose.

## Hosts Needed for District 4 Umpire Clinics

Each season District 4 Staff Umpires deliver training to volunteer umpires with on field clinics in February and March. We need local leagues to host these clinics. A host league will provide us with one prepared field along with water and perhaps lunch depending upon the length of the clinic. If your league would like to host, please contact Don Waddell.



## IMPORTANT!!!

Please READ the next Page:

California District 4 Training Clinics-2020



# California District 4 Training Clinics – 2020

## Basic Umpire Mechanics Clinic

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!

Morning Section will cover Base and Plate Umpire Field Mechanics

Afternoon Section will cover Plate Umpire Mechanics, including both static Soft Toss and live pitching with machines in cages.

**Saturday, February 1st,**

**Morning – 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Afternoon – 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Location TBD**

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*No cost to attend these clinics.*

*Registration will open on December 1<sup>st</sup> for these clinics. At that time, to register for one of these Clinics, please go to*

[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

*and using the Search box, enter “District 4 Little League Umpire” for a list of clinics.*

## “Big Diamond” Two Umpire Mechanics Clinic

A half day clinic to prepare umpires for games played on the 70’, 80’, and 90’ foot fields. Instruction will cover proper positioning on the big field, umpire responsibilities, and proper pitching mechanics.

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>,**

**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Location TBD.**

## Junior Umpire Mechanics Clinic

A special One Day clinic just for the teenage umpire! Clinic will cover the same content as the Basic Umpire Mechanics clinic, but tailored for the Junior Umpire! Instruction on both field and plate umpire mechanics is included, concluding with special on field “Camp Games” live action. This is the best opportunity to improve your skills for this season as a youth umpire!

**Saturday, February 8th,**

**9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Location TBD**

## Rules Clinics at Your League

District 4 Staff will assist in your League Rules Clinic. We will provide instructors with packaged training material covering Little League Rules, designed for a classroom setting. Your league arranges for the meeting room, Rule Books, and getting the students to attend!

Contact Jim Rose, District 4 Training Coordinator for more information:

[JRose001@aol.com](mailto:JRose001@aol.com)

## Help at Your League Umpire Clinics

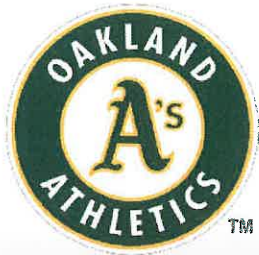
District 4 Staff Umpires are available to provide assistance for your local league Umpire Clinic.

We can provide help in designing your clinic, and by providing the tools needed for a successful clinic. Staff Umpires may also be available to be instructors at your clinic if available, complementing those of your own league.

Each league is expected to run their clinic with Staff Umpires as resources only.

*For more information, contact Don Waddell, District 4 Umpire in Chief at*

[llcad4uic@gmail.com](mailto:llcad4uic@gmail.com) or 925-788-6346



# OAKLAND ATHLETICS YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DAYS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

**vs NEW YORK YANKEES**

POST-GAME FIREWORKS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

**vs SEATTLE MARINERS**

PREGAME FESTIVAL AND PARADE

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

**vs TAMPA BAY RAYS**

PREGAME FESTIVAL AND PARADE

**MVP \$45**

**LOWER BOX \$38**

**FIELD LEVEL \$28**

**PLAZA LEVEL \$23**

**PLAZA OUTFIELD \$19**

# SAVE THE DATE



2020

## Little League Days

AT ORACLE PARK

- SPECIAL PRICING
- GAME DAY EXPERIENCE
- COMMEMORATIVE ITEM

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 vs. LOS ANGELES DODGERS



SUNDAY, APRIL 26 vs. WASHINGTON NATIONALS



SUNDAY, MAY 17 vs. ATLANTA BRAVES



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[www.sfgiants.com/groups](http://www.sfgiants.com/groups)

