

# California 4 Little League



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 Little League - Intermediate League - Junior League - Senior League - Big League - Challenger Division



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## California 4 Finances

### -April Statement-

<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$50,801.53</b>
DA Travel	447.96
Challenger Donation	1,000.00
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Tournament Fee	300.00
World Series Ad	700.00
Jamboree Expense	300.00
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Jamboree Expense	215.38
League Dues	3,297.00
Website Fee	125.82
Jamboree Expense	709.75
2016 Pennants	1,984.85
Jamboree Expense	575.05
April Dinner	551.18
2016 Awards	6,235.58
Jamboree Expense	217.36
League Dues	3,297.00
League Dues	3,430.00
League Dues	2,185.00
League Dues	4,984.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>59,731.60</b>



## Lewis Cup

### -2016 Standings-

Alameda	893
Albany	1779
Antioch	1912
Clayton Valley	1406
<b>Concord American</b>	<b>2000</b>
Concord Continental	1696
East County	1886
Lafayette	745
Martinez	1769
<b>North Oakland</b>	<b>1941</b>
Pinole Hercules	1880
Pittsburg	1173
<b>South Oakland</b>	<b>1919</b>
Richmond	1182
Walnut Creek	1578



## DA's Desk

### -Tournament Dates-

Important Tournament Meetings/Events

- 6-1...50/70 All Star Announcement
- 6-2...LCU Assignment Meeting
- 6-2...Tournament Umpire Meeting
- 6-4...50/70 TOC Starts
- 6-5...Tournament Mechanics Clinic
- 6-6...Tournament Directors Meeting
- 6-7...All Star Announcement
- 6-7...Softball Tournament Meeting
- 6-8...TOC Baseball Meeting
- 6-9...All Star Baseball Meeting
- 6-10...50/70 Championship
- 6-11...TOC Starts
- 6-11...50/70 & SBB Affidavits
- 6-13...50/70 All Stars Starts
- 6-18...TOC Championships
- 6-18...All Star Affidavits
- 6-20...All Star Affidavits Make-Up
- 6-21...All Star Starts

### -Multiple Participation-

Players may participate in more than one program, including during the International All Star Tournament. However, the provisions of Regulation IV (a) Note2: "If a player repeatedly misses practices and/or games because of participation in another program, the manager may remove the player from the team, subject to the board of directors' approval, for the current season or tournament play."

### -Local Little League Charter-

"Little League is a program of service to youth. It is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation. The movement is dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens. It inspires them with a goal and enriches their lives toward the day when they must take their places in the world. It established the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play."

"Win With Dignity, Lose With Class"  
 Ted Boet - 2010



## ADA Reports

### -Liz Berg, Safety ADA-

Reminder to all leagues (even as the regular season is winding down) that volunteers who have repetitive contact with players must complete a Little League Volunteer Application and background check.

### -David Preuss, Big Diamond ADA-Senior/Big League Baseball:

With the high school baseball season in the books players may freely participate in the Senior or Big League Baseball program. East County currently has a Big League Baseball team inter-districting with D57. If any other leagues plan to field a Senior or Big League baseball team please immediately contact Dave Preuss.

### -Don Mayjoffo, LLBB ADA-

July 9-16

9-10 Summer Baseball Classic

11-12 Summer Baseball Classic

Host Leagues (TBA)

Don Mayjoffo has completed his visits to leagues in District 4 and very happy to report leagues are conforming to safety rules during practices and games.

### -Fred Flint, Challenger ADA-

California 4 and Fred Flint would like to thank all the District 4 leagues who donated funds and/or participated in the Challenger Jamboree in April. Some highlights were real umpires for all games, yummy popcorn and cotton candy, all you can eat hot dogs and hamburgers, play-by-play announcers for all games, 50/50 raffle, karaoke, etc..

### -Carla Moore, Softball ADA-

**June 7th** - TOC & All-Star tournament managers meeting, UCCE Office, 75 Santa Barbara Rd, 2nd Fl, Pleasant Hill.

**Big League Softball** - Leagues with players (league age 14-18) interested in playing BLSB should contact Carla Moore. Players must register with their local league and their information forwarded to Carla to determine teams. The BLSB season will take place upon completion of the high school season in mid May



### -Don Waddell, CA4 UIC-

**League Chief Umpire Tournament Games Assignment Meeting – Thursday, June 2, 2016 6pm SHARP! U.C. Cooperative Extension Office, 75 Santa Barbara, Pleasant Hill.**

As in recent years, games will be pre-assigned to leagues by the District Umpire staff. The initial assignments will be made based upon the location of the game, the level of play, and our knowledge of the number and capabilities of your umpires. We will do our best to balance the number of games at all levels. League Chief Umpires should be confirming their tournament ready umpires availability NOW so they will be ready to make assignments.

Preliminary game assignments will be distributed to the League Chief Umpires by May 10<sup>th</sup>. These are subject to change as final tournament brackets are set.

On Thursday, June 2nd, League Chiefs will be expected to meet to confirm game assignments and resolve conflicts. This will be the only time to fix the schedules or trade out games, etc. Please plan to have a League representative and assistant attend starting at 6pm sharp.

**Tournament Umpires Rules and Procedures Clinic – Thursday, June 2, 2016 7pm – 9pm. U.C. Cooperative Extension Office, 75 Santa Barbara, Pleasant Hill.**

This clinic is intended for all umpires, new and experienced, who intend to umpire 2016 post season games in the Tournament of Champions or International All Star Tournaments. Content of the clinic will include game scheduling, uniform requirements, Tournament of Champions rules, International All Star Tournament rules, Protest procedures, and game management points of emphasis. This is the only session where Tournament rules will be covered from the umpire perspective, and should not be missed.



**Tournament Umpire Mechanics Clinic – Sunday, June 4, 2016 830am – 330pm.**

The Tournament Umpire Field Mechanics Clinic is Sunday, June 5 at the fields of Pinole Hercules Little League, Ellerhorst Elementary School, in Pinole. Clinic will start at 830am and last until 330pm.

All umpires who expect to umpire games in the Tournament season should attend. Preregistration is required at the following web-link:

<https://c4uatournamentmechanicsclinic.ventbrite.com>

This is an advanced instructional clinic designed to provide the Little League umpire with training on the field mechanics used on a 60 foot diamond during the All Star tournament season. Instruction will cover positioning, making calls and proper signals for both 2 umpire and 3 umpire crews Both plate umpire and base umpire positions will be covered.

Agenda will include:

- Review of 2-Umpire Mechanics, focusing on plays with the ball in the infield and plays with balls hit to the outfield.

- Instruction on 3-Umpire Mechanics for the 60 foot diamond covering positioning, umpire responsibilities, and coverage rotations.

- Live action play with Little League players and student umpires performing proper mechanics and calls.

Umpires who intend to umpire during the Tournament of Champions and All Star tournaments at all levels should attend. Instructors will be from the California District 4 Umpire Training Staff and other Western Region Little League instructors. Each student will receive a District 4 "3-Umpire Manual" with complete information on all the skills practiced during the clinic.

# 2016 Rules & Regulation Implementation

## Tournament Expands at the Youngest Levels

Starting this year, the first three levels of the Little League International Tournament will be:

- 8- to 10-Year-Old
- 9- to 11-Year-Old
- 10- to 12-Year-Old, which is the Little League

## Baseball/Little League Softball Division

Previously, these divisions only allowed a 2-year age range, starting with 9-year-olds. Expanding the structure to allow 8-year-olds to participate in the Little League International Tournament, and giving local leagues the flexibility to use children over a 3-year age range will provide more children the opportunity to have a tournament experience.

## Team Announcement and Practice Dates Move Up

Local leagues will be able to announce their tournament teams on June 1, which is the same date the teams can begin to practice.

Previously, local league were able to announce their teams and begin practice on June 15 or two weeks prior to the start of their tournament. This change still provides structure to the beginning of the Tournament Season, while giving leagues additional flexibility and time to prepare for their tournament games. Leagues are encouraged to continue their Regular Season games and [Little League's Special Games](#) opportunities after the June 1 date.

## League Presidents Can Coach/ Manage a Tournament Team

League Presidents are now eligible for selection and able to serve as coaches or managers for tournament teams as long as their local Board of Directors selects them, and their District Administrator approves.

Previously, this was only allowed with a waiver that had to be submitted to the Little League International Tournament/Charter Committee, who would review the request from a local league and the District Administrator's recommendation. This provides more flexibility to make the best decision for the league at the local level.

## Softball Pitchers Can Return to the Pitcher's Plate at the Teenage Divisions

This allows players within the Junior, Senior, and Big League Softball divisions to be replaced on the pitcher's plate and return to pitch, even if removed from the game, providing they meet the substitution, charged conference, and mandatory play rule(s).

Previously, it was prohibited for a pitcher to be removed from the game and return to pitch. The change brings Little League Softball rules in line with what is allowed at the high school level.

# Little League® to Adopt New USA Baseball Bat Standard Starting with 2018 Season

August 7, 2015



With the Little League® International Board of Directors formally adopting USA Baseball's new standard for bat performance testing, Little League International fully supports this program.

For more than seventy-five years, Little League has used improvements in science, engineering, and technology to take the sport of baseball to higher levels. By utilizing the most current advancements available, manufacturers can now develop bats with a wood-like performance, which is important for the long-term success of the game. Developed by a USA Baseball committee of scientific experts, Little League Baseball® has decided to adopt the new bat standard for mandated use effective **January 1, 2018**. All national members of USA Baseball, including Little League, are encouraged to adopt this new standard. Little League-approved bats can be used through December 31, 2017, and our current bat regulations will be in effect until then. That includes the moratorium prohibiting the use of all 2 ¼ inch barrel baseball bats constructed with composite material in the barrel, unless approved. [Visit LittleLeague.org for detailed information.](#) Little League looks forward to working with USA Baseball, and will begin educating our local leagues, and the parents of our 2.1 million baseball players, preparing them for the important change coming.

## Baseball Bat Types

**Alloy/Metal Bat** – A type of bat in which the handle and barrel of the bat are entirely comprised of an alloy/metal material, exclusive of the end cap.

**Composite Bat** – A type of bat in which the handle and barrel of the bat are comprised of a composite or Fiberglas-like material. **Note:** A bat with any composite material in the barrel, exclusive of the end cap, is considered a composite bat.

**Wood Bat** – A type of bat in which the handle and barrel are comprised from a single piece of wood or the handle and barrel are made of multiple pieces of wood through a “laminating or compressed” process.

**Hybrid or Half-and-Half Bat** – A type of bat where the handle and barrel differ in composition material. **Note:** These types of bats are defined only by the composition of the barrel with respect to the moratorium.

# 2016 CHALLENGER JAMBOREE



Pinole Hercules Cotton Candy



Penny Toss



Antioch BBQ Crew



Stealing 2B



Dynamite Third Baseman



Supervising Popcorn



Designated Hitter



No Smoking Allowed



Coach Giving Signs



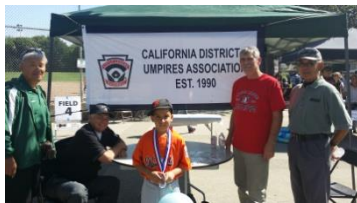
Run Score, Score That Run



The Big Heist



Free Baseball Cards



Volunteer Umpires Recruiting



2016 Jamboree Shirts



Put Me In Coach



The Big 50/50 Winner



Carla Takes Cash Or Credit



Volunteers From The Elks



Challenger Team Packages



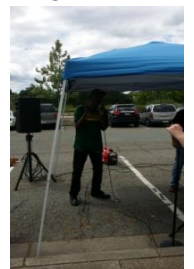
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Close Play At The Plate

## "LITTLE LEAGUE PLEDGE"

**I Trust In God. I Love My Country  
And Will Respect Its Laws  
I Will Play Fair And Strive To Win  
But win or lose, I Will Always Do My Best**



Baseball Karaoke