



# California 4 Little League



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



## California 4 Finances

### -February Statement-

Opening Balance	20,083.32
Banquet Awards	289.98
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	19,790.34



## DA's Desk

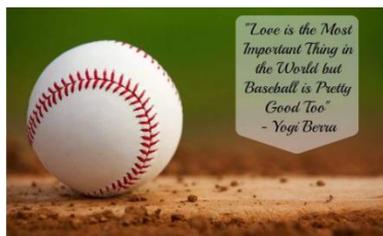
### Western Region Headquarters

#### -Challenger Jamboree-

Ted Boet invited April Meehleder, Western Region Assistant Director, to attend our annual Challenger Jamboree on Sunday, April 30, 2017. April is excited about the invitation and looking forward to meeting all the California 4 volunteers and community service groups who spend the entire day to make the Challenger Jamboree a memorable event for all.

#### -Little League Umpire Academy-

Little League Western Region Training Center has just completed another Umpire Academy. Marco Rosen, C4UA Training Staff member, is a 2017 graduate from The Academy. Marco completed an intense one week of Little League Rules & Regulations, on Field Mechanics, and very detailed Plate (Cage) Mechanics sessions. Marco is ready to "Play Ball".



## Lewis Memorial Cup

### -2017 Standings-

Alameda	740
Albany	1438
Antioch	894
Clayton Valley	1274
Concord American	1400
Continental	865
East County	1183
Lafayette	428
Martinez	1025
North Oakland	940
Pinole Hercules	1036
Pittsburg	610
Richmond	975
South Oakland	1031
Walnut Creek	1012



## ADA Reports

### -Don Waddell, DUIC- -District 4 Rules Clinics-

Don Waddell reached out to Pinole Hercules (west) and Clayton Valley (east) to host 2017 Rules Clinics. The two clinics were attended by over 60 volunteers learning the Playing Rules & Regulations using an interactive round table discussion format. Attendance were...

Rules 1, Pinole Hercules, 38 students.  
Rules 2, Clayton Valley, 26 students.

Albany - 6  
Alameda - 1  
Antioch - 1  
Clayton Valley - 19  
Continental - 3  
Concord American - 1  
East County - 1  
Pinole Hercules - 18  
Richmond - 13  
Walnut Creek - 1

### **-Liz Berg, Safety Officer ADA-**

Safety is always paramount and takes precedent over any budget concerns. Little ASAP reinforces the importance of being prepared to deal with crisis by educating leagues on how to make their program safer. The league Safety Officer can assist in completing and submitting an ASAP plan, which includes a *facility survey*. When a league completes its *facility survey*, the results are expected to drive planning, and, if applicable, provide direction on how to allocate funds for maintenance of their facilities. When your league discovers anything that can put a member of your league, or visitors to your facility, at risk, then it must be assigned the highest priority. Accidents will happen, but if your league is diligent to gather the information and expertise needed to address the issue, then you have taken the level of responsibility needed to make proper repairs, in order to limit the risk and exposure of future injury.

### **-Don Mayjoffo, LLB ADA-**

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 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 2-1/4 inch barrel baseball bats constructed with composite material in the barrel, unless approved. Little League looks forward to working with USA Baseball, and will begin educating local leagues, and the parents of our 2.1 million baseball players, preparing them for the important change coming in 2018

### **-Valerie Potts, Secretary ADA-**

A strong volunteer base is at the center of every successful Little League program. From coaches to board members to umpires, every volunteer plays a part in providing a great Little League experience. With today's busy schedules, recruiting volunteers can be a challenge, but when done successfully will help take your program to the next level.

#### **Identify Volunteer Position --**

The Board determines how many positions need to be filled in advance of the season. When identifying positions, be sure to define the role and responsibilities of that position. This will help potential volunteers know what to expect and help the league measure the success of the individual filling that position.

#### **Identify Volunteer Sources --**

Most volunteers within your league will be parents of participants; however, there are other areas to which your league can turn to look for volunteers.

- Service Organizations
- Local Businesses
- Leadership Programs
- High Schools and Colleges

#### **Prepare To Reach Out --**

When asking someone to volunteer their time, there are several factors you will want to keep in mind. This includes clearly defining volunteer roles and positions plus what motivates individuals to volunteer. Be prepared to promote to individuals why they should volunteer, which is different from player registration promotion.

#### **Recruiting Volunteers --**

There are numerous opportunities to reach out to volunteers, one of the best being registration. When conducting an in-person registration, talk with parents about positions that need to be filled; when conducting an online registration, make sure there is an opportunity for parents to sign up to help out in a volunteer capacity.

### **Volunteer Recognition --**

An important part of keeping volunteers engaged and motivated is recognizing their efforts throughout the year. Whether your league holds a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony or creates special pins and other tokens of appreciation, consider creating opportunities to recognize and thank your volunteers. Showing appreciation for volunteers is crucial to a league's longevity.

### **-David Preuss, Baseball ADA-**

"Inter-League & Inter-District" schedules were formalized during the Teenage Baseball organizational meeting on February 16th at Legends Sports Bar in Concord. The season for both Juniors and 50/70 will start in early-March.

#### **50/70 Intermediate**

##### **CA 4 Teams...**

Clayton Valley  
Concord American  
Pittsburg  
Walnut Creek

##### **CA 53 Teams...**

American Canyon  
Benicia  
Suisun

#### **Junior League Baseball --**

##### **CA 4 Teams...**

Antioch  
Concord American  
Martinez  
Pinole Hercules  
Pittsburg  
Walnut Creek

##### **CA 53 Teams...**

American Canyon  
Benicia  
Calistoga  
Cordelia  
St Helena

All inter-league and inter-district games will play by the 2017 Official Little League Rules and Regulations (Green Book) with the 10-run rule in effect. No local rules other than those pertaining to local fields will be permitted.

All participating leagues **MUST** submit appropriate forms signed by respective league presidents and sent to Ted Boet.

Team contact information for league presidents, teenage baseball director, managers and coaches must be sent to David Preuss by **March 1st**.



# California District 4 Training Clinics

## RULES CLINICS

### Rules Clinics for Umpires, Managers, Coaches and Parents

Clinics designed for all League Volunteers, Managers, Parents, and umpires to learn more about the Little League Softball rules and how the rules are applied. Attendees will get soundtables and discuss specific situations that illustrate the rules of the game. Two Clinics will be held for easy access.

**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
Location: **Ellerhorst Elementary School Multipurpose Room**  
3501 Pinole Valley Road, Pinole,  
**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
Mt. Diablo Elementary School  
5880 Mount Zion Drive, Clayton

### Softball Only Rules Clinic for Umpires, Managers and Coaches

This rules clinic will cover the Little League softball specific rules. The instructor team will use live and video examples to help explain the rules. District 4 umpire softball will also be represented. This clinic is for all those interested in learning more about the rules and attendance by managers and coaches involved in interleague play.

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**  
U.C. Community Center, 75  
Santitas Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pleasanton

*Must attend any of the clinics  
Preregistration required for the Mechanics Clinics – learn more at*

[www.facebook.com/CAD4U](http://www.facebook.com/CAD4U)

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925-788-6346*

## UMPIRE MECHANICS CLINICS

### 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.

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>,**  
**Morning – 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Afternoon – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
Location Concord American Little League fields, end of Galindo St., Concord.

### NEW - "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 19<sup>th</sup>,**  
**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
Location Caldecott Field, 6900 Broadway, Oakland (just off Highway 24)

### NEW – 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! This is the best opportunity to improve your skills for this season as a youth umpire!

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>,**  
**8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
Location Hidden Lakes Park Fields,  
Chilpancingo Pkwy. and Morello Ave.,  
Martinez

*To register for one of the Umpire Mechanics 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.*



# 2017 Little League Day at the A's

SUNDAY, April 23 - Little League Day #1

• A's vs. Seattle Mariners @ 1:05 PM

SUNDAY, May 7 - Little League Day #2

• A's vs. Detroit Tigers @ 1:05 PM

Little League Day includes:

- Pregame festival in B Lot
- Pregame parade for players & coaches
- Special giveaway item (subject to availability)



Little League Discounted

Pricing:

- Lower Box: \$35
- Field Reserved: \$30
- Field Level: \$26
- Plaza Level: \$22
- Plaza Outfield: \$18
- Plaza Reserved: \$14



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