



# California 4 Little League

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## September 19, 2017 District 4 Meeting

**Meeting Called To Order:** 7:03 pm, UCCE – Contra Costa, 75 Santa Barbara Rd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl, Pleasant Hill.

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

**League Attendance:** Albany, Antioch, Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental, East County, Martinez, North/South Oakland, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg, Walnut Creek

### District 4 Administrator: Ted Boet:

**Introduced** three new board members – Marco Rosen: Special Projects/LL Baseball, Phil Raines: Softball, Stephen Mohammed: Challengers, new Secretary – Carla Moore

**Introduced** three new presidents Antioch - Scott Pearson, Clayton Valley - Joe Knapp and Walnut Creek – Phil Parker

**7 meetings per Year**, October – Place TBD – Vendors Night: bring your Board Members; November at UCCE – Contra Costa, Pleasant Hill – Round Table for Presidents, Vice Presidents and Chief Umpires; **NO** meetings in December, July or August; June – Affidavits Checked

**Post Season Play** – District 4 was lucky enough to have four teams make it to Western Regionals, most districts are lucky if they have one make it.

**Antioch LL Senior Softball**      **East County Little League Softball**  
**No/So Oakland Junior Baseball**      **No/So Oakland/Albany Senior Baseball**

The District 4 Travel Fund helped the teams to defray their expenses or debts owed

**District 4 Hosted** the Northern California Little League Baseball Tournament winner went to Western Regional  
Thank you Ron Matthews and Alameda Little League for a great field for the games, a field for the teams to meet and NO

Parents were allowed and your volunteer staff

Thank you No/So Oakland for providing the BBQ

Thank you Antioch Little League providing the Cooks

**Pittsburg LL** did not file their paperwork for Post Season teams with Headquarters

**Background Checks** – Presidents **MUST** complete this section in the Data Center

**Leagues** either owe money or have credits with Headquarters

**D4 Calendar** – October 17<sup>th</sup> Tax Returns for 2016 are DUE not 2015

Some dates on the calendar may change

October meeting will not be at the Boys & Girls Club – Phil Raines will locate a site, info to be passed on by the DA

Vendor's night – 6:30pm doors open, 7pm dinner & continue to meet with the Vendors; short meeting and raffles

Dinner catered by New Mecca

District 4 reaches from Discovery Bay to Alameda/Pinole, Martinez to Walnut Creek; 15 leagues; founded in 1958

### Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

- Thank you for a great 2017 - I enjoyed the Post Season games I attended and their staff as well
- One area that needs work – Building your league's Volunteer Base
- November Meeting – Presidents will share ideas, what works and what doesn't

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- Little League Data Center - Please enter your league's info so that headquarters can send info to you and your staff.
- Little League Resource – make use of it, good ideas and help
- League Board is not to be more than 50% of managers/coaches, to have more is against Little League Rules
- There is no Tenure for Managers or Coaches – end of the season **terminates** their position
- Appointment of Managers and Coaches is the President's job – the Board will approve or deny. Think hard about who you appoint, if you had problems during the previous season
- League Audit/Budget: you do not need an outside firm to do this. The treasurer and one other person can go over the book.
- LL Insurance – No leagues used another insurer this year
- Training & Development: Fall Ball – Managers and Coaches must have been approved and had background checks for regular season to be in Fall Ball, Insurance covers thru December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Insurance coverage is Jan 1 – Dec 31
- IMPORTANT: pay your 2018 insurance before December 31, 2017 or your league will not have coverage for Tryouts, workers prepping the fields for the new season, etc.
- Work on getting more of the membership involved in the league – Little League is a VOLUNTEER organization, no one is paid
- RECOGNIZE your volunteers - Examples: picnic, pin, say THANK YOU, make them feel special/necessary

### Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell:

- Thank you to all of the leagues for Post Season umpires, league Chief Umpires helped with organizing, Marco Rosen covered for me while I took some time off.
- 2018 Season – confirmed changes to league Chief Umpires are Alameda, Concord American, East County, Lafayette and Richmond, others have not responded, Please send me the name and contact info for your Chief Umpire
- I want to meet with all league Chief Umpires prior to the season
- I need league Hosts for Training Dates, please contact me
  
- Youth Bat Standards HAVE changed from last year
- January 1, 2018 NEW Bat rules take effect - USSSA has declined to join all other youth baseball organizations in using the new standards
- Metal bats will be Wood Equivalent standard
- These bats can now be purchased: Priced \$40 - \$500; warn your parents there are still bats on the market that do not meet the NEW standards
- The USA logo is required to be on the bat
- USABats.com
- Little League Bats – Little League Resource page; also on D4 website Home Page
- New Standards for 2 5/8" and 2 1/4"
- A Wood bat that is of one piece does not require a USA logo, all others do require one
- Tee Ball – need to use USA approved Tee Ball bats, use the ball on the approved Ball list
- Players under 7 playing Coach Pitch or Hit from the Tee use Tee Ball bats
- Players using Machine Pitch use Baseball Bats
- OLD BATS – damage them so they cannot be used then throw away OR sell to a USSSA team.
- Tee Ball bats – you can order stickers from USA Bats
- Make sure Parents KNOW what to LOOK for when purchasing a new bat
- USA standard is global for Little League
- Fall Ball can use old or new bats
- Illegal Bats – insurance probably won't cover injuries

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- **Suggestion by Liz Berg** – those leagues using On-Line Registration: Add to the message that goes to parents upon completion of registering “NEW Bat RULES”
- **DA Ted Boet** – Buy the Liability Insurance for the League Board of Directors – it covers your mistakes

### Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball ADA, David Preuss:

- This will be my last season with District 4, I will be moving to Tennessee
- There will be an organizational meeting this year
- Scheduling meeting last year one league did not show then complained about their schedule; this year a representative from each league participating is REQUIRED to attend or don't complain when you get the schedule
- November – I would like to have an estimate of how many teams per 50/70, Jrs., Sr., and their Age breakdown
- If your league plays internal for any of these groups you may be asked to play a few games to help the other leagues
- This past year there were 9 teams from 6 leagues for 50/70 Interleague Play
- Albany and No/So Oakland 50/70 do not participate due to their players being 11 and 12 year olds
- Field Dimensions – 50/70 minimum distance is 201 feet, 275 feet maximum
- District 53 interleague with us, you can choose not to play them, please let me know
- There is no Championship game at the end of the season for Interleague
- Combined Teams: 2 - 3 leagues can form a team for All Stars; this is a good idea for those leagues that have only 1 team
- **Jrs/Srs: a lot of teams dropped from Post Season play due to not having enough players – this is where Combined Teams would be good**
- Beware of the AGE Change this year, this will be the last year for transition
- No more than eight 12 year olds per team, Little League headquarters may allow more, we won't know until January
- All Girl Baseball Summer League – went well this past year. I will send out info in February
- Western Region Tournament to be held in June 2018, Albany Little League will be hosting

### Special Projects/Little League Baseball ADA, Marco Rosen

- Please send me the contact information for your LL Baseball Representative ASAP
- If your league is interested in Interleague Play let me know how many teams

### Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- Replaces Carla Moore
- E-mail address: [PRaines22@yahoo.com](mailto:PRaines22@yahoo.com)
- February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is changed to February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Please send me the contact information for your Softball Representative, I would like to meet as soon as possible to talk and share what each league would like for the new season

### Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- ASAP - Walnut Creek LL is the only one who contacted her for help last season
- You must be listed in the Data Center in order to upload the ASAP program
- Your ASAP MUST be in place prior to Try-outs, otherwise you won't be covered by insurance
- ASAP due to District by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- I will let you know as soon as I know the ASAP program is on the Data Center

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- **Concussion Information – Little League has made it mandatory for Managers and Coaches to complete**
- You can add the information to your On-Line Registration
- Add it to your Manager Binders
- CDC will ship Parent & Coach Information for FREE (English & Spanish)
- CDC.org – has training for Managers/Coaches, Snack Bar workers
- The Concussion test takes approximately 20-40 minutes to complete, then print the certificate of completion; Required for Regular Season and Post Season Managers/Coaches; certificate **MUST** be in their binder
- California’s Law went into effect January 2017 – anywhere there are youth playing sports must have Concussion Training
- School District went into effect 3 years ago

### Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- Replaces Fred Flint who has moved to Santa Cruz with his son Dylan
- E-mail address: [pginstall@sbccglobal.net](mailto:pginstall@sbccglobal.net)
- **My goal is for all leagues to have a team**

### District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:

- **Little League Data Center** has changed as of September 5<sup>th</sup>, presidents and everyone else in the league now has access; New presidents – your old presidents are still listed in the center, send a message or call (570) 326-1921 ext 2800 to get this changed (remember the 3 hour time difference); You will get all new info from Headquarters this way
- **Distributed** Time magazine article about Youth Sports Industry
- **DUES for this year are based on the number of teams in your program LAST season**
- **Forms** – Dues were handed out tonight, due at the March meeting
- California is unique in that we play Fall Ball where Williamsport is in snow and in the spring when our leagues start

**Lewis Cup** – attending these district meetings helps make a difference in the points earned; it cost the 5<sup>th</sup> place league 2nd place by missing two meetings

### Not having Softball costs your league 40 points

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> Place – 2734 points     | Walnut Creek                      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Place – 2767 1/2 points | North Oakland                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – 2818 1/2 points | South Oakland received \$250      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – 3023 1/2 points | Concord American received \$500   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place – 3062 1/2 points | Albany received \$1000 and banner |

1/2 points are earned by leagues that have combined teams in Post Season play

Standings will be posted on the D4 website every couple months

October meeting – 100 points for attendance and 10 points for every person from your league up to 100 points

Next District Meeting – Vendors Night, BRING more Board members – earn more Lewis Cup points

**Adjournment: 8:34 pm**

**Next meeting: October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – TBD: Vendors Night – Bring Your Board Members**

**November Meeting – UCCE – Contra Costa, 75 Santa Barbara Rd., 2<sup>nd</sup> FL, Pleasant Hill: Round Table Discussions for Presidents, Vice Presidents and Chief Umpires**

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