



California District 4

Little League – Junior League – Senior League – Challenger

January 9, 2018 District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:02 pm, UCCE 75 Santa Barbara Road, 2nd 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, Richmond, Walnut Creek

Vendor Presentation: Kelly Scott of Wilson Trophy

I can help your league with Awards (trophies) and fund raiser. Wilson Trophy will give the League \$1 for each trophy purchased. Even if you have a vendor already – Use Me. I can give you a quote that you can take to your vendor if it is less to get them to come down in cost. Wilson Trophy has a Meet or Beat policy. I am available to come to your meetings. Call or email me. Handed out catalogs to leagues in attendance and then held a raffle for pins.

District 4 Administrator: Ted Boet

From LL Headquarters: This SEASON you may have more than 8 12 year olds on a team and more than 10 Major teams. **ONLY THIS SEASON 2017-2018.**

To the leagues: THANK YOU!!!! ALL 15 leagues have Chartered!

Sign-ups/Registrations: Check Ids! For where they live. If they **DO NOT** live within your League. **DO NOT** sign them up to play.

Combined team(s): Leagues that do not have enough players to form one team can combine with up to two leagues whose boundaries abut each other to form a team or teams.

Waivers: Include in the letters for a waiver the player's birthdate.

Submit a letter if you have 15 year olds that want to play Juniors for their last year. Do not ask for a waiver for a 10 year old or 14 year old to play Intermediate if your teams are made up of 11-13 year olds. You will be turned down. The only exception for a 14 year old to play would be if your team(s) are strictly 13 year olds.

Birth Certificates: **ARE REQUIRED** for All Stars. Let your parents know this NOW!!!

Old Bats: **DESTROY** them. If someone gets hurt you (Board of Directors) can be held liable. **DO NOT donate them!** Use a hacksaw to destroy the bats. **Cannot** be used for Try-outs!!!!

Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell

- **NEW Rules for 2018 Season** are in the Rule Books. Most of the new rules are for tournaments.
- **Tee Ball Bats: Tee Ball bats can ONLY be used in the Tee Ball Division!!!!** The NEW bats will have a USA sticker stating Tee Ball on it.

An Easton Rep will come out to League Sign-Ups and Try-Outs. A \$500 minimum in sales is required for discounts.



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- At a later meeting I have a video to show how Bats now will hit like a wood bat.
- A USA Logo sticker measures 2"x3" – these are on Tee Ball bats. All other bats have a Silk Screened Logo.
- Post signs at your Fields to remind the parents about the NEW Bat Rules.
- **Umpires** – Please see the Newsletter
 - Rules Clinics** – February 21st and 28th at Pinole Hercules and Walnut Creek
Please send as many umpires, managers and coaches as you can, more the merrier
 - Basic Clinics** – at Oakland, Big Diamond mechanics
 - Jr. Umpire Mechanics** – Sunday, March 4th, Martinez, send your youth
 - Chief Umpire Meeting** – Good meeting!
There was a Train-the-Trainer meeting in December, was successful!
Thursday, January 25th – meeting "How to Teach Umpire Mechanics", attendees will receive Instructional manuals and a Rule Book (possible may need to pay \$2)
- **NEW Rule Books** – are out, can order ore from San Bernardino (Western Region Headquarters)
- **Local Rules** – please send to me so that I can review. Some leagues have submitted thiers.
- **Umpire for Western Region Senior Baseball Tournament in Sacramento:**
Wayne Bonnington of Concord American Little League

Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg

ASAP: Four leagues have submitted, Antioch is working on theirs.

- Your **ASAP MUST** be submitted to LL Headquarters prior to Try-Outs.
- Check your facilities information – Update
- Submit your player Roster by April 1st – Cash Awards
Players do not have to be listed on the Roster by team – Roster can be created from the first day of sign-ups/registrations; Start the roster with the first signed up player and continue adding to it.
Managers and Coaches are to be listed also
This information is for LL Headquarters to confirm active players/managers/coaches when an insurance claim is filed
- End of January – ASAP is to be filed
- End of February – Roster is to be filed
- **New item** for the ASAP – at the end of the plan you will be asked to provide a new idea that your league has implemented or an idea to be implemented

District 4 has a long history of 100% ASAP submission – Greatly appreciated!!

Concussion Certificates – MUST be in your Manager's Binders

- League Safety Officers MUST complete the Concussion Training
- League President's should complete the Concussion Training
- Concord American LL has been requiring the Concussion Training for 5 years
- American Medical Response conducts Friends & Family CPR Training
- Concord American LL require this training for volunteers
- State of California requires parents to be notified of concussion possibility if your league plays on school or public property. This has been a requirement for approximately 6 years now.
- CDC provides the forms for free and Adult & Youth Training



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- It is better to be safe than sorry to pull a child from a game. Parents will understand this better if you have them sign the form about concussions.

Try-Outs: have First Aid Kits and Ice Packs on hand

Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed

- Working with the Oakland A's to have a Challenger Day on Saturday, June 9th. This day will be for all of Northern California Challenger teams. There will be a parade for the teams – 500 tickets will need to be sold. The tickets will be discounted
- Please submit your Challenger Rep's contact information to me so that I can send them information

Little League Baseball/Special Projects ADA, Marco Rosen

- Interleague Play – Please submit your league's team information so that he can work on it
- Combined Teams – locate the form on the D4 website or the Data Center website. Complete by all leagues and submit to Marco

Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball ADA, David Preuss

- 50/70 and Junior BB Scheduling Meeting – Thursday, February 15th, place to be determined. Teams will be scheduled to play West/West and East/East unless otherwise stated by league, also there are other teams from other Districts, you will only be scheduled games with them IF you want. It is your choice.
- Please send me your Rep's contact information so I can send them information
- Gold Teams – there will be no league play in D4, any Gold teams in D4 will need to play with D57

Softball ADA, Phil Raines

- Game Scheduling Meeting – Monday, February 26th, UCCE 75 Santa Barbara Road, 2nd Floor, Pleasant Hill
- Softball Rules Clinic – Wednesday, March 7th, UCCE 75 Santa Barbara Road, 2nd Floor, Pleasant Hill
- I have spoken with league Softball Reps (except Pittsburg) including D53. Have been given numbers for teams and players.

Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu

Reminders:

- League Information Officer or President should keep the Little League Data Center updated with information for current Board Members, Managers, Coaches, Players and Volunteers
- Budget: Use Pie Chart to show parents how the Registration Fee is used. Leagues can post this on their website and on the first page of on-line Registration
- Sign up for Crime Insurance with Little League, it is worth it.
- Player/Volunteer Insurance: If you play games outside of Little League you will need to get insurance for these games. Little League Insurance will not cover the players/managers/coaches/volunteers in these games.
- Taxes DUE: Thursday, February 15th your league's taxes are DUE



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- Post Season Tournament Teams – recommend your league have a person to complete the binders (could help the managers), attend the meeting hosted by D4 on How to Complete an All Star binder
- Oakland A's have two Little League Days
- Giants will have three Little League Days on Sundays, one versus the Dodgers
- Board of Directors: Make sure there are not more 51% managers/coaches on board
- Tee Ball bats are the only ones to have a sticker, all other bats are silk screened. Some Mom/Pop stores have purchased the stickers and have cut off the Tee Ball portion and have applied them to DISCONTINUED bats so they can sell them.
- Volunteers: work towards being an ALL volunteer organization. It is too easy to pay others to do jobs. They won't necessarily know or understand Little League Rules and Requirements.

David Preuss:

East Bay Girls Baseball – a number of players participate from D4 leagues. They play regular season Little League, then summer with East Bay Girls Baseball. National organization is Baseball 4 All.

East Bay Girls Baseball will be hosting the Western Region for the national organization June 15th–17th.

Any girls in your league that want to play baseball please let them know they can on an all-girl team during the summer.

I will send the information out to the leagues. Pinole Hercules has declined.

LL International Congress, Ted Boet

Held every 4 years – New Orleans this year

Reviewed the Congress Agenda – potential rules to be discussed and implemented this year or next depending if passed by the DAs

Big AI Clinics – hosted by North/South Oakland, mandatory for North/South managers and coaches; leagues are welcome to send their managers and coaches

Next District Meeting: Tuesday, February 20th at UCCE, 75 Santa Barbara Road, 2nd Flr, Pleasant Hill