



# California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –  
Senior League – Challenger  
September 19, 2018 District 4 Meeting



**Meeting Called To Order:** 7:10 pm, UCCE – Contra Costa, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

**Staff Attendance:** Ted Boet, Geoff Shiu, Liz Berg, Marco Rosen, Steve Harris, Phil Raines, Stephen Mohammed, Carla Moore

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

**District 4 Administrator: Ted Boet:**

**Introduced** the District Staff and new board member – Steve Harris: Little League Baseball; Marco Rosen: now ADA of Intermediate/Jr/Sr. BB

Had league president's introduce themselves since there were many changes this year.

**Western Region Travel Funds** – all leagues contribute thru the League Dues, the fund helps the teams to defray their expenses traveling to Western Region Tournaments

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**  
**No/So Oakland Junior Baseball**

**Martinez Little League Softball**  
**No/So Oakland Senior Baseball**

A listing of all TOC and All Star Champions for District 4 are on the back page of the September Newsletter (posted on the D4 website)

**District 4 Budget** – was handed out to the league presidents; Dues are now \$35 per team; Intermediate LL World Series held in CA D57, Livermore – D4 pays for an ad on the inside back cover of the program. D4 is the only district other than 57 that has an ad in the program. D4 also paid for an ad in the Junior Baseball Western Region program, hosted in San Jose.

**2018-2019 District 4 Calendar** - was handed out to the presidents. It will be posted on the D4 website (LLCAD4.org) in approximately two weeks once all dates have been finalized.

**Participation Requirements for TOC** – handed out to presidents. TOC is a District run Special Tournament. Anyone can host a Special Tournament with the approval of Little League headquarters.

A. **Scorecards for leagues** will be handed out monthly, e-mailed if you don't attend.

Little League mandates districts hold 5 meetings per year. **D4 holds 8 meetings per Year:** Leagues are required to be represented at 5 of the 8 meetings. The first meeting is held in September; October – Place TBD – Vendors Night: bring your Board Members and Tax Returns for 2017 are DUE not 2018; November at UCCE – Contra Costa, Concord; – Round Table for Presidents and Vice Presidents to discuss an share how their league operates; and for the Chief Umpires; **NO** meeting in December; start up again in January; February; March; April; May – TOC and All Star Brackets presented; No meetings in June – Affidavits Checked, July or August.

B. **By-Laws:** leagues must/should have. Anything not covered by the Little League rules should be in the league By-Laws. Example: how the league selects All Star teams

C. **Background Checks** – Little League requires 6 background checks per team (manager, two coaches, team parent, two3 more volunteers). District4 requires 3 per team. JDP is the only company allowed to process background checks. The first 125 are free, after that it is \$0.90 each background check. The Help Desk is great is you have any problems.



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**Lewis Cup Requirements** – handed out to the presidents

Explains how your league can earn points. Ernie Lewis, the previous DA for 40 years. The Lewis Cup is how D4 honors him. The items listed in the requirements contribute to the betterment of the district.

**Fall Ball** – Players who participated in the regular season are still covered by Little League insurance. New Players must be entered into the Data Center to be covered by Little League insurance. Managers and Coaches from the regular season are still covered by insurance, new managers, coaches and volunteers must be entered into the Data Center to be covered.

## Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

- Thank you for a great 2018
- **Affidavits** were much cleaner than in previous years, there were a few bumps. I suggest each league have a dedicated person (need not be a voting member of the board of directors) to organize the binders for All Stars
- **Post Season Umpires** – only one game (TOC) where umpires did not show. The league president got volunteers to cover the game. Game went smoothly.
- **Volunteers** –
  - A. Let your parents know the season goes into July for TOC and All Stars. Let them know now you will need their help after the regular season ends.
  - B. Encourage parents to volunteer and recognize them, thank them throughout the season.
- **Managers and coaches** -The president's biggest job is appointing the manager and coaches. Only the president can make the appointments. The Board of Directors approves or denies the appointments. There is no automatic return for the new season for managers and coaches from the previous season. Appointments expire December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**North/South Oakland Little League will be hosting a Big AI Clinic.** Leagues are welcome to send their manager s and coaches. NOLL/SOLL requires their first year managers and coaches to attend the clinic.

- **Data Center** –
  - A. League Presidents, update the center with the Board of Directors contact information (voting and non-voting members), this will ensure that they are covered by Little League Insurance.
  - B. Charter – complete the 2019 application before the end of December
  - C. Insurance – expires December 31<sup>st</sup>, make sure to enter all volunteers into the Data Center so they are covered by Little League insurance.
  - D. Resource Guide for operating your league
- **Board member balance** – no more than 50% of the voting board members may be managers/coaches.
- **Board of Directors Contact Information** – please send to Carla Moore, D4 Secretary to disburse to the DA and ADAs
- **Audit** – have your league's books reviewed, it does not have to be done by an outside source.
- **Budget** – Post on your website, Post at Registration. Show your parents where the money goes.
- **District Meetings** – bring a board member with you to each of the meetings. Let them see how D4 operates.

## Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball ADA, Marco Rosen:

- I will need the contact information for your league's Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball representatives.
- I will be holding a Mandatory Meeting for all Division Coordinators for Intermediate and Juniors to discuss the new season, I will send them the information about the meeting as soon as the day, time and place have been set.
- I would like to build the Intermediate/JR/SR Baseball program. There was only one senior team last year. NOLL/SOLL has three teams so far for this next season.
- I would like to create a Pre-Season Sandlot Training program for managers/coaches/players/umpires



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- Host Mid-Season tournament for 50/70 and Juniors over a weekend (Friday-Sunday) not a week long, possible to have teams from other districts

## Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell: as reported by Marco Rosen

- In addition to the Rules and Field Mechanics Clinics we hosted we helped four leagues with their Field Mechanics Clinics
- Post Season – there were 213 games, covered by 114 umpires
- 2019 Clinics hosted by the CAD4 Umpire Association are listed in the newsletter.
- We are looking to build umpires – by evaluating them during the season for your league and during the Post Season. Letting them know where they need to improve.
- Please send your league's UIC information to Don Waddell
- League Rules Clinics that leagues want us to conduct are on a first come first served basis. We have a projector, we will need a screen.

## Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- 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.
- I would like to offer my experience of operating a successful program in Martinez.
- I would like to help you build your program.
- I have contacts from the Little League International Congress and Western Region – I would like to pass on their words, many of them have the same problems in their districts as we have here
- **Leagues who Do Not have a Softball program – PLEASE send an e-mail telling me why. Is softball offered by another organization within your league's boundaries?**

Mark Torres, President of Richmond Little League has offered to host a Senior Mid-Season Classic Tournament

## Safety Officer ADA, Liz Berg:

- As soon as the ASAP is released I will update pages and then let you know it is ready for your Safety Office to complete
- All documents from previous years are stored in the Data Center, nothing is lost when the previous ASAP officer leaves
- Partnerships – for Post Season help. CALL and Continental worked together to cover games with scorekeeping, announcing and Tournament Directors. Even had help from District Staff.
- Coaches Clinic – is a requirement of ASAP. NOLL/SOLL have offered your leagues to send your managers and coaches to the Big AI Clinic. A PCA clinic can be offered by several leagues together, share the expense.

NOLL/SOLL – President Paul Rosky: PCA is paid by the Oakland A's. If there are any openings I will let the leagues know.

- **30 days** – after the ASAP has been released from headquarters your league needs to upload their completed ASAP into the Data Center
- **ASAP Plans** – are to be uploaded and **APPROVED** prior to Try-Outs
- **Blue Sombrero (free website, paid by Dick's Sporting Goods)** - as you enter the registration for players the info goes straight to Little League headquarters; Help Desk is great; it is more than just online registration; websites, Fan Wear, Game scheduling, Payments & Order Tracking, Communication Tools, Team & Volunteer Management, Reporting, Team Manager Mobile App, Premium Support.



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## Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed:

- The Jamboree was Great!
- First meeting will be in November to get started on the planning for the Jamboree as well as game schedules
- Jim Gann, formerly from D4 brought a team from Reno to the Jamboree. Reno did not have a Challenger team until Jim moved there. Jim has invited D4 to their Jamboree in October.
- Please send me your leagues contact information

## Little League Baseball ADA, Steve Harris

- I would like to work those leagues that need to interleague. Six leagues participated last year.
- Add a few games – even if your league does not need to interleague add a few games by playing some other leagues
- Do you have an odd number of teams? Have your Bye team for the week play a team from another league

## District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:

- DAs are elected every 4 years; this my 4<sup>th</sup> year, election will be held in May; I would like to serve again. However, others are welcome to run
- TOC – How it is run and where the games will be held will be changing

Ron Matthews – Future Stars was a good change for All Stars

## Information Due at next month's meeting -

A. **2017 Taxes**; September 30<sup>th</sup> is the end of the Fiscal Year, File your non-profit taxes – this is a requirement of Little League

## B. League Calendar –

1. Sign-ups, when they are held and how do you do it
2. Tryouts
3. Opening Day
4. Etc.

DA Ted Boet will post these items on the District Facebook page when appropriate.

- **October meeting** – Vendors Night will be held in Martinez at Alhambra High School
- **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

**Adjournment: 8:39 pm**

**Next meeting:** October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Alhambra High School: Vendors Night – Bring Your Board Members – earn Lewis Cup Points

**November Meeting** – UCCE – Contra Costa, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord: Round Table Discussions for Presidents, Vice Presidents and Chief Umpires