



# California District 4

Little League – Junior League – Intermediate –

Senior League – Challenger

January 15, 2019 District 4 Meeting



**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:06 pm, UCCE 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

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

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

**Vendor Presentation:** Kelly Scott of Wilson Trophy

Offered to the leagues special pricing (or waived fee) on die charges and the possibility of free pins with orders placed. Stressed the importance of having pins available for post season play. One never knows when a team might advance to Section, Nor Cal or Regional play.

**Held a raffle:** for two sets of the 2018 LL World Series pins – CA Rick Munoz, P-H Arnold Lum

**Geoff Shiu:**

**Pin Sets/Trading** – League pins can be used as a Thank you for Volunteers, Umpires, and Board of Directors; when your team(s) are in Post Season tournament they can trade them with the Opposing team when they meet at the Home Plate, these pins are something to remember their time in Little League. You presidents can exchange with each other to remember your time as a D4 League President.

**DA Ted:** Presidents please go back to your board and discuss creating/buying league pins as a district. Come back next month to discuss more. 15 leagues & D4 Board pin = 16 pins

**District 4 Administrator:** Ted Boet

**League Checklists:** The list was updated as of 5pm Monday night. **Red** = Past Due, **Green** = Good. **ASAP** – the league with a completed ASAP is Concord American. By the end of April everything is to be completed. Meeting s must be **Green** to be eligible for your league to participate in TOC.

**LL Insurance** - If your league owes more than \$1000 to LL headquarters your league does not have insurance.

**Paradise Little League:** East County, Concord American and D4 donated funds; they are within \$1000 of their \$10,000 goal. They do not need any more equipment, they have received plenty.

**Safety Officer ADA,** Liz Berg

**JDP:** questions have been coming in. Many have been the same. I have been responding as they come in.

**Past Reports:** those that are more than 30 days old. JDP has to unlock the switch, they are working on it.

**Safety Plans:** not all have been submitted, three leagues haven't started. The ASAP was to have been in the system prior to Try-outs, no insurance coverage. Leagues can keep updating the plan till the due date.

**Background Checks:** these are to be completed **BEFORE** volunteers are with the kids. There have not been enough completed for the majority of the leagues to cover all of their managers and coaches.



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Questions???? – send or call Liz. She talks to JDP at least once a week.

## Chief Umpire ADA, Don Waddell

**New Rules for the Season:** handed out to those present tonight. Rule Books are now available. Leagues should receive soon if they have not already.

**Background Checks:** an email was sent from LL headquarters, Ted forwarded it today. It is not enough for you to submit the background checks, you need to read the reports sent to you. If there is a flag (sex offender, pedophile, etc.) you need to contact Samantha.

**Regulation VI:** Baseball and Challengers. Ted thanked LL headquarters for listening to the Das about the problems created prior to this rule. Time wasted will now be eliminated.

**Umpires:** Flyer will be emailed out to the leagues tomorrow.

February 10<sup>th</sup> at Lafayette LL – Basic Mechanics

**Registration is required for all of the Clinics** – needed to have enough space, instructors as well as supplies.

The umpires who attend will be mentored and evaluated through the season to help them improve their skills.

**Special Waivers:** are looked at by the Charter Committee on Wednesdays. Some are also being looked at by headquarters. If you have a need for a waiver submit it to Ted, he sends it to Western Region headquarters who then sends it to the Charter Committee if they deem it worthwhile. Procedures for submitting a waiver is listed in the January newsletter. A waiver is needed for something that is not in the rule book or is to circumvent a rule/regulation in the book.

Three leagues have used a Courtesy Runner – example: when catcher is on base have a runner in for him so he can get his equipment on. This requires a Special Waiver. One league in Northern California has been granted this waiver.

**Chief Umpires:** some leagues do not have their UIC listed in the Data Center. Please get this done.

**Umpires selected for Post Season tournaments:** Ken Avery – Intermediate World Series hosted D 57 in Livermore and Corey Dolph – Senior Softball in Delaware

## Assistant District Administrator, Geoff Shiu:

### Reminders:

1. For your league to host any event your Safety Plan must be submitted in the Data Center
2. League board members – cannot a majority of managers/coaches
3. Presidents – try your best to delegate. It is a good way to get more volunteers. Teach them how Little League works.
4. Keep your board member contact information current in the Data Center so that the line of communication with headquarters is kept open.
5. Registration – have your budget prepared so that parents can have their questions answered. Make a Pie chart to show where the funds are spent without having to list a lot of details.
6. LL Insurance – Charter needs to be paid in order to have coverage. If you have insurance from another company make sure you know what you getting.
7. Non-LL games – with other organizations, do not wear LL Patches, no league equipment or uniforms, etc.



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8. 2018 Taxes – filing deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Your league will lose non-profit status if the taxes are not filed 3 years in a row.
9. It is recommended that leagues have one person oversee their tournament binders.
10. Oakland A's and Giants: A's have a wonderful uniform plan for leagues; LL days –info in an email to you today.  
A's games: Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> v Angels; Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> v Indians; Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> v Mariners  
Giants games: Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> v Rays, Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> v Rockies, Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> v Reds
11. Appointments – as President you have the right to not appoint someone as manager, coach or umpire. Board cannot approve someone not appointed. You do not need to give a reason for not appointing. It is recommended to not give a reason, you can get yourself in trouble. Tenure – Managers, coaches and umpires do not have tenure in the league. Must be appointed/approved every year.

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

- **50/70 and Junior BB Scheduling Meeting** – Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at UCCE office. Have your league scheduler attend. District **53** has three teams who want to play.
- **Combined Teams:** Data Center – enter your league's info and those league's names on the form that you will be playing with. Link for the form is also on the D4 website.

## Little League Baseball ADA, Steve Harris

- **Interleague Play** – I have not heard from all of you that want to participate. Please get back to me this week.
- **Scheduling meeting** – Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the UCCE office

## Challenger ADA, Stephen Mohammed

- **Scheduling meeting** info is in the January newsletter
- **Richmond LL** – Welcome to the group. Please get your rep's contact info to me.
- **Jamboree** – Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Heather Farm
- **Donations** – are very welcome! Please send to Ted Boet

## Softball ADA, Phil Raines

- **Game Scheduling Meeting** – Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, UCCE office; information to be brought to the meeting is listed in the January newsletter

## District Administrator, Ted Boet

- **May meeting** – Election for District Administrator. You are welcome to throw your hat in with me.
- **TOC** – I and D4 Staff would like to change how it is run. Where it is held, staffing and the number of days. A league will host all games for one Division. 2 games per field, 2 fields used at each league complex.

**Voted on by those Presidents in attendance:     Aye: 9     Nay: 4     Absent     2**

- **Forms to host these games will be handed out at next month's meeting**
- **The Future Stars** games will be played at the same time as the All Star games.
- **Western Region Meeting** - D4 Staff will be attending next week

**Next District Meeting:** Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at UCCE, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord