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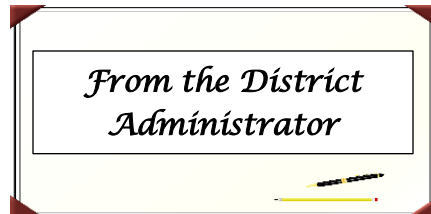
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California D4 Finances

-December Statement-

Opening Balance	23,441.11
October Dinner	1000.00
Volunteer Awards	913.57
November Dinner	208.41
Bank Fee	3.00
Bank Refund	3.00
Western Region Training	560.00
Bank Fee	3.00
Ending Balance	20,756.13



Waivers

- A waiver cannot be applied for by a parent or player. It must be applied for by the local league.
- When a request is first brought up, the local league Board of Directors votes on whether or not to request the waiver.
- If the local league Board of Directors votes to request the waiver, the League President writes a letter, detailing the request. Supporting documents should be attached, and forwarded to the local District Administrator.
- The District Administrator includes his/her written opinion, and forwards all documents to the appropriate Regional office.
- The Regional staff will then present the situation to the Little League

International Charter Committee for action.

- The Charter Committee will alert the Regional Office of its decision, and the Regional Staff will inform the District Administrator and local league of the decision.

Clarification on Regulation III (C)

This was implemented and approved for 2018 and subsequent years.

Synopsis: This eliminates the maximum of eight (8) – 12-year-olds on a Major Division team.

So what changed? This is no longer a requirement but a recommendation.

ITEM 2 Affects: Regulation III(c) – THE TEAMS and Operating Policies Local League Draft Methods – Major Divisions of Baseball and Softball

(c) Little League (Major) Division: Local league must establish the age structure for the Little League (Major) Division. It is recommended that the local Little League set a maximum and/or minimum number of participants of a particular league age. For Intermediate (50-70) Division/Junior/Senior League, it is recommended that the local Little League set a maximum and/or minimum number of participants of a particular league age. (Example: If the league has all 15- and 16-year-olds in its Senior League Division, it may have a local rule that states that each team must carry between four and eight players of league age 16.)

METHODS FOR EXISTING LEAGUES It is **recommended** that



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managers not select more than eight players in a given age group. The team roster may be comprised of players of league age 9, 10, 11, and 12 unless modified by the local league according to options established by Little League. The local league may opt to allow only 10, 11, and 12, or 11- and 12-year-olds, to try out for the Major Division.

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

This month we feature Ken Avery from Lafayette Little League.

Ken joined Lafayette Little League in 1999 as a coach.

In 2005 he joined the board of directors as the equipment manager and served in that role until 2007.

In 2007 Ken became the leagues UIC and served in that capacity until 2010.

In 2010 Ken took the big leap and served 1 year as the league President. In the following year Ken stayed on as the Vice President until 2015. In 2016 Ken was appointed to the board as President Emeritus and in 2018 became the league UIC once again.

In addition to working on the board of directors in 2008 Ken began his umpiring career with the league and subsequently joined the District 4 umpires association.

He has served on the District umpiring staff helping train countless new blues and attended the week-long umpire school in San Bernardino. For all his efforts along the way Ken was

nominated and selected to umpire the Intermediate Western Region tournament in 2014.

It is with great joy I can announce that Ken has been selected to work the 2019 Intermediate Little League World Series this summer in Livermore.

Congratulations on being a great Little League volunteer and giving back to the community for the past 20 years.



From ADA Challengers,
Stephen Mohammed

Welcome to the 2019 season!

We're going to have a meeting on Monday, January 21st, 6:00pm at the Walnut Creek Elk's Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek. This meeting will be going over the number of teams your league is tentatively planning on having this season.

Thank you, Stephen Mohammed, Sr.



From ADA D4 UIC, Don Waddell

Rules Clinics

District 4 umpire staff will run your League Rules Clinic for you! We have 4 leagues that have signed up, your league can be included if you act soon to confirm a date. Please contact Don Waddell if interested.

Rule Changes

Little League Headquarters has released an update with Rule Changes for 2019. More information on Rule Changes can be found on the Little League website.

Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that District 4 has two volunteer umpires who have been chosen to be part of the umpire crews for two Little League World Series this summer.

- Cory Dolph of Continental LL will be an umpire at the Senior Softball World Series in Lower Sussex, Delaware.
- Ken Avery of Lafayette LL will be an umpire at the Intermediate (50/70) Baseball World Series in Livermore, California.

Use of Portable Mounds

Many leagues will use a portable mound due to fields being multiuse between softball and baseball or with different divisions of play. Leagues should remember that the pitcher's mound must meet the height and size dimensions as covered in Rule 1.04 and Rule 1.07. The height of the pitcher's plate above home plate is different in Little League Majors and Minors, Intermediate, and Junior/Senior Divisions. The use of a "game ready" pitcher's mound is the right way to meet these size requirements. Smaller practice mounds that are not the correct size should not be used for games. There is one approved Little League portable mound made by True Pitch, and information can be found on the Little League website.



From ADA Little League Baseball,
Steve Harris

Now that registration has finalized and tryouts have likely taken place, I'd like to solidify our plan to conduct inter-league play for baseball (minor and major



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divisions). I've heard from a number of leagues that either need to participate in inter-league play, or would be willing to do so, but I haven't heard from more than half of the leagues... please let me know ASAP so we can plan accordingly. I'll help with coordinating schedules and logistics (e.g. governing rules), but I'd like to get this ironed out by mid-February so the leagues can finalize their schedules.



From Liz Berg, ADA Safety

ASAP updates/submission are due prior to any field activities. This includes evaluations, tryouts, practices, field work, etc. This allows your insurance to cover any pre-season injuries. Additionally, any volunteers on the field with the players should have an approved background check on file. If you have questions about background checks or the JDP service, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Lewis Cup Standings

Alameda	1281
Albany	454
Antioch	509
Clayton Valley	982
Concord American	760
Concord Continental	612
East County	1177
Lafayette	512
Martinez	973
North Oakland	869
Pinole Hercules	908
Pittsburg	813
Richmond	576
South Oakland	878
Walnut Creek	1279



From ADA 50/70/Junior/Senior Baseball, Marco Rosen

Baseball News:

Happy New Year to all. I hope that you all had a joyous holiday season. Now as we turn into the 2019 baseball season I want to inform all of the scheduling meeting that will take place on Thursday, February 7th, 2019. Meeting to be held here at the UC Extension, 2380 Bisso Lane, Suite B, Concord, @ 7:00 PM.

All leagues that wish to participate in inter-league play **MUST** be **PRESENT!!**

Intermediate baseball will be first & then Junior baseball will follow.

Also needed prior to meeting are your leagues local rules for games that are played on your fields if there is anything that does **NOT FOLLOW** the **GREEN BOOK!!!**

Should you have any questions or concerns please email them to me.



From ADA Little League & Senior League Softball, Phil Raines

Interleague scheduling meeting will be Sunday, February 17th, 9am till finished, at UCCE, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord.

Bring the following information:

1. Dates your league does NOT hold games (Easter Break, Memorial Weekend, etc.)
2. Holidays
3. Dates for Prom/School Events
4. Field(s) Availability – day, date, times
5. Opening Day, Closing Day dates
6. Dates school is closed/your league does not play

