



# California 4 Little League

Little League - Junior League - Senior League - Big League – Challenger Division



## January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 District 4 Meeting

**Meeting Called To Order:** 7:34 pm, Farm Bureau Bldg.

**Staff Attendance:** Ted Boet, Geoffrey Shiu, Don Mayjoffo, Ralph Garrow, Carla Moore, Don Waddell, Fred Flint, Cary Dyer, Lysa Hale and David Preuss.

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

### **District 4 Administrator, Ted Boet:**

- Charters – 3 leagues have not submitted theirs; without a Charter you do not have INSURANCE for tryouts and other events as well as Adult Volunteers
- Dues – the bills will be handed out at next month's meeting, payment will be due at April's meeting
- TOC Entrants – These will be due the night of the DRAW at May's meeting

### **District 4 Umpire-In-Chief ADA, Don Waddell:**

- Clinics and Other Items are listed in DETAIL in this month's Newsletter – PLEASE Read
- Rule Instruction Clinics are OPEN to ANYONE not just umpires – February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>
- The District 4 Umpire Training Staff has scheduled 4 Outreach clinics, they can do 2 more
- Please let me know if your league has other training needs
- Rule Changes:
  - LittleLeague.org – In December the New changes for 2013 were posted, they are also posted on the D4 website
  - \*Challengers also have rule changes\*
  - Pitch Count – the pitcher can finish IF in the middle of pitching to a batter or an Inning
  - Softball – Bats must have a BPF, size and taping; there will be a posting of legal bats like they did for baseball
- **DA – Tournament Rule: New: if there are 13 or more players on a team Mandatory Playing Rule is 1 at Bat, NO Defense is required**

- 50/70 Rules are in the Rule Book
- April 1<sup>st</sup> – Player Info is Due to Headquarters
- Inaugural 50/70 Regional Tournament – our very own Ken Avery has been named to Umpire

### **Assistant District Administrator, Geoffrey Shiu:**

- Newsletter – Please Read – Information is VERY Important
  - Submit League Taxes by February 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Little League Insurance – Your league is covered January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>; IF you have other insurance make sure about the dates it is effective so that you are covered for Tryouts through POST Season
  - Road Show – Points of Interest; Concerns listed here by Western Region
  - Little League Days – Giants and A's: Participate, it is GOOD PR for your league, Kids have a lot of fun
  - Pitching for Baseball – Hurricane Sandy: Little Leagues were really hurt. Gently used items can be shipped to the address listed in the newsletter, Checks Also
  - Please leagues go to the Data Center at the Little League website and make sure your Board of Directors list is up to date

### **Safety Office, Cary Dyer:**

- 4 ASAP have been turned in; NEED by February 1<sup>st</sup> so that I can review
- Leagues MUST submit a Hard Copy and in Electronic Copy

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- On-line Field Survey is on the Musco website, I will send out tonight
- Team Rosters are due April 1<sup>st</sup> to Headquarters – NEXT year they will be REQUIRED

**\*DA – Williamsport can see kids were on a team and Waivers  
Williamsport also wants E-mail addresses so they can info straight to families**

### Softball ADA, Carla Moore:

- **NO** 6 year olds in mini minors – 1<sup>st</sup> half adult pitch 2<sup>nd</sup> half player pitch
- Minors – all player pitch
- I still need Softball Rep Information from 3 leagues
- February 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 – Softball Reps – Player Agents, VP's and Presidents
- February 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 – Scheduling Meeting – All leagues **WILL** have field availability and times at this meeting

### Little League Baseball ADA, Don Mayjoffo:

- Hope we can keep our #s same as last year or increase
- All Board members should have the Little League Operations Manual
- I suggest leagues look at using the 10 Run slaughter rule for Regular Season to avoid large lopsided scores (Example: 25-0) this demoralizing for the Players
- Beware – Break-ins are happening to Leagues storage units and Snack Bars; Police think it is a group that is using sophisticated tools. Clayton Valley was hit but nothing was taken, Antioch was also hit

**\*DA – Leagues SHOULD have an Inventory of ALL equipment in each storage area and Snack Bar so that if you do have a Break-in you will have PROOF of what you have. Take Photos – place on a SD card then put it in a Safe. Have Serial Numbers for the Equipment in the Snack Bar and Storage areas.**

### 50/70 ADA, Ralph Garrow:

- I need to know who is Chartered for 50/70
  - Albany (12-13 year olds); N/S Oakland (13 year olds); Pittsburg (12-13 year olds); Walnut Creek (12-13 year olds); Pinole Hercules (12-13 year olds)
  - Clayton Valley plans on participating next year
- I will contact leagues to get together
- Go to the Little League website for the New Rules, who can play where, and Bat restrictions

### Jr/Sr/Big League ADA, David Preuss

- February 15<sup>th</sup> – meeting for Junior and Senior leagues
- Bring a Template of your league's schedules to the meeting to get things started
- Let me know if you will have Big League
- Let me know your League's Coordinators and # of teams
- By January 31<sup>st</sup> – District 57 needs to know if District 4 is Interleaguering

### Challenger ADA, Fred Flint:

- I met last week with Challenger VPs – 4 people showed

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- Will hold meetings monthly – NEXT meeting is February 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at Rocco's (Walnut Creek – corner of Ygnacio and Oak Grove)
- Albany is having a Challenger team this year
- Jamboree – April 28<sup>th</sup> at Heather Farms, have the permit, we have 4 fields trying for a 5<sup>th</sup>
- SF Giants Special Events Coordinator wants to have a Challenger Day in 2014, they will allocate tickets, they are planning on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, PLEASE let me know how many your league may need as well as Handicap Seating

### Special Projects, Lysa Hale:

- Nothing now

### Ted's Final Thoughts:

- Thank you to the 8 leagues who sent people to the Big Al Clinic; there were 100 people in the morning; don't know the number for the afternoon
- I have been working to make sure ALL addresses in the county are covered by leagues, unfortunately missed some in East County; Please let me know if any streets are missed so that I can correct it (the maps)
- Board Members that are being a Pain – look to your Constitution for an out, or look to see if they are participating in another similar program (they can only be in one program)
- I recommend Re-Drafting every year so there will be parity; this will help to get away from 0-20, 20-0 seasons for teams
- I will be attending the Division 2 (all Northern California Districts) meeting on Saturday, I would like to place the following on the ballot next year:

Any player can play in any league they want, but can only be an All Star in the league where they live

Reason: Commute on Contra Costa is the worst in the state; Parents that work out of league area cannot get their child to practice or games; Parents job may prevent them from exposing themselves and child to people in the league (law enforcement)

### Downsides:

- A failing league may have a mass exodus
- Might not have the volunteers you need because they leave or the ones that come from out of area won't volunteer

Suggestion: have a form that Parent(s) would sign listing what the player may participate in and what they will miss out on (example: All Stars); also the Presidents from the leagues would sign

- **Rule Change: 60% of games has changed to allow for Illness/Injury with note from doctor; MUST be brought to Affidavit Day**
- **Tournament Play – Section 1 Baseball: we will be hosting 9-10 Baseball**
- **Tournament Play – Softball: I will know after the Division 1 meeting**

**Adjournment: 9:02 pm**

**Next meeting: February 19<sup>th</sup>**

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