



California District 4

Little League – Intermediate League - Junior League –
Senior League – Challenger
September 15, 2026, District 4 Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 8:05 pm, at UCCE 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord, CA 94520

Staff Attendance: Ted Boet, Liz Berg, Candido Anicete, Michele Vierra, Don Waddell, Phil Raines, Carla Moore, Stephen Mohammed, Geoff Shiu

League Attendance: Alameda, Berkeley Albany, Clayton Valley, Concord American, East County, Martinez, Pinole Hercules, Pittsburg National, Richmond, Richmond, Walnut Creek

Concord American: Kelly Smith – Snack Bar Representative

Richmond: Martell Bates – Player Agent

DA Ted Boet:

- **Welcome** to the 2027 season.
- **D4 Staff** met Saturday, September 12th, to discuss the New Season
- **District 4** has more players than any other district in California.
- **2026** had the largest participation of Softball players – 90 teams
- **All Stars** – envelopes of Player Affidavits, presidents pick up tonight. 260 new players were certified. I recommend you give the paperwork to the parents.
- **Thank you** for the leagues that provided Post Season fields and Umpires
- **Congratulations** Walnut Creek for your Softball team making it to the Nor Cal tournament
- **East County Little League Challenger** team went to Williamsport to participate in the Challenger Exhibition Game. Thank you, Pinole Hercules LL, for the donation to help them attend.
- **Congratulations** North Oakland / South Oakland LL for your 50/70 team making it to Nor Cal tournament.
- **Thank you**, North Oakland / South Oakland LL, for hosting the West Region Senior Baseball Tournament. First time for Alaska to attend. 20 games played in 7 days.
- **Congratulations** Walnut Creek LL had 1000 kids this year, more than any of the previous seasons.
- **Communications:** there will be more this year. Newsletter and Minutes will continue to be mailed to the Board Members of every league. They are also available on the District 4 website, Californiadistrict4littleleague.org
- **Numbers/Statistics of Retention;** age of largest group in your league; turn over of players – loss vs gain, Ted will send the information to the league presidents.
- **Emails** – make use of emails to send a notice to families when enrollment/registration will start for the new season.
- **General Membership Meeting** – Information according to each league's Constitution must be followed. The information was handed out to league presidents.
 - a. How to vote for Board of Directors
 - b. Constitution can be changed at the General Membership meeting
- **District 4 Budget** – provided to the presidents
- **District 4 2027 Calendar** – will be updated as the year goes on. Will be posted on the D4 website tomorrow
- **District 4 website** - during Post Season 400-600 people visited the website daily
- **Nor Cal Section meeting** – held in November. We will be deciding to realign 31 districts into new Sections for the new year.
- **2027 Tournaments** – Little League President Pat Wilson, within a week of the World series finishing announced the dates for all the 2027 World series Tournaments, and posted the Age Charts for the new year.
- **Theft** – Richmond LL had their storage broken into, \$11,000 loss. They have Crime Insurance through Little League. Look into your league's insurance to make sure you have the Crime Insurance.
- **Little League Fiscal Year ends on September 30th.** Send your completed Financial Report to LL headquarters and into your files in the Data Center. District 4's Financial Report is in the newsletter each month. LL will accept this format from you also.
- **Lewis Cup:** will no longer will be in effect.



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Safety Officer, Michele Vierra:

- Trainings for Volunteers – trainings to be completed are listed in flyers attached to this month's newsletter.
- Volunteers – How to sign into Sports Connect, I will provide a cheat sheet on how to work around so they will only need an ID to upload.
- CPR and AED – All youth sports coaches are required to complete the training, California State Law went into effect January 1st.
- Live Scan – provide your league's Custodian of Records to me. There is a new requirement and a new Form.
- Sport Connect – notification is sent to the volunteer, it will expire if the volunteer did not complete the required info for JDP. Sport Connect needs to unlock for JDP to resend the email. They are working on this.
 - a. Sports Connect does offer a Payment Plan to families
 - b. Leagues are able to document everything in Sports Connect.
- Safe Plan – Due on January 29th. I recommend Field Inspections and update what you have. If the due date changes you will be notified.

Post Season Director, Don Waddell:

- Thank you to all the leagues who supported the Post Season
- Congratulations to all who had teams in the tournaments
- Section Tournaments – due to the re-aligning of the Sections the dates of the tournaments will change.
- Commitments by leagues for hosting Section tournaments are needed by the November district meeting.
- Post Season Survey: sent 325 emails (14 bounced back) to those that attended the Post Season Meetings (Managers, Coaches, and Tournament Directors)
 - a. 22% responded; numerical ratings were given; Comments were asked for
 - b. A separate Survey was sent to 99 Post Season Umpires; 60% responded
 - c. Areas for Improvements
 - 1. Communication – improve how we communicate during tournaments
 - 2. Timing of Tournament Play – we discussed last year at district meetings. Baseball had 1 ½ weeks between District and Section tournaments
 - 3. Fields / Facilities – Cleanliness, Safety, Prepared
 - 4. Local Tournament Staff – Great support

UIC and Training Coordinator, Jim Rose, reported by Candido Anicete:

- **League UIC** – we will contact the presidents for your current UIC and umpiring needs
- **Trainings** – start next month with "Fall Ball for Blues", by Zoom, registration is on the D4 website
- **Rules Clinics** – Softball and Baseball, dates will be announced once determined.
- **Rules Clinics** – leagues wanting to host a clinic, please contact Jim Rose
- **Post Season Games:** 200
- **Umpires at Post Season Games:** we had two, three, and four umpire crews. Three leagues provided the most umpires.
- **Newsletter:** please Read

Assistant District Administrator and LL Baseball ADA, Liz Berg:

- **Play Metrics** – start has been postponed, 2027 will stay with Sports Connect
- **Interleague** – please let me know you are interested. Last season went great.

Softball ADA, Phil Raines:

- **League Contact Info:** please send your Softball Rep's email and cell phone info to me. I will contact them with upcoming dates.

Challengers ADA, Stephen Mohammed, Sr.:

- **Challenger Exhibition game** in Williamsport during the Little League World Series



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- a. **East County Little League** – Thank you for your help in making it possible for your Challenger team to go play in the Little League Challenger Exhibition game.
- b. **Great Time!** The kids had a great time.
- c. **Pinole Hercules** – Thank you for your \$500 donation to help the team get to Williamsport.
- **Jamboree** – we could use more help from the leagues of the district.
- **Challenger Team** – to make a team all you need is 7 – 9 kids.

Social Media, Geoff Shiu:

- **Thank you**
 - a. Leagues for your Volunteers for making last season and the Post Season possible.
 - b. For letting me on the ball field to take photos.
 - c. Tournament Directors – I checked in at each site so they would know what I was doing.
 - d. Checklists – I saw Tournament Directors with checklists and they were using it to make sure everything was done. Presidents – thank them please.
- **Communication –**
 - a. **End of the season** is not the last game for the league or District. We (District 4) host a tournament in July that needs Volunteers as well as tournaments in June and the beginning of July.
 - b. **District 4 monthly meetings** – Bring a Board Member with you to the meetings. Have them share what they learned at the next league's meeting. They can be your backup when you can't attend.
 - c. **UIC** – for some leagues this position can be difficult to fill. It can be filled by more than one person.
 - 1. Have an Assistant UIC
 - 2. Have a Trainer
 - 3. Have a team of people be the UIC.
- **October District Meeting – Vendors Night**
 - a. Bring 6 people – Field Director, Auxiliary, Fund Raising Chair, Vice President, Equipment Manager. They can all network with the vendors.

DA Ted Boet:

- a. **Transparency** – District Expenses and Income are listed in the Newsletter so that you know where your League's Dues are spent.
- b. **Volunteer Dinner:** Saturday, October 24th, at Martinez Yacht Club, Back Forty Texas BBQ catering; Social Hour 6-7pm, Dinner at 7pm
 - 1. **Volunteer of the Year:** We recognize the league's Volunteer of the Year. Please, send me your league's Volunteer's name by October 1st. Your Volunteer of the Year can be a couple.
 - a. Your Volunteer of the Year will be invited to dinner and receive an award. They can bring a Plus One.
 - b. **Additional Invitees:** Presidents – recognize your efforts, recognize Dedicated Umpires
- c. **Vendor Night:** Tuesday, October 20th, at John Muir Elementary, 205 Vista Way, Martinez
 - 1. Send me an email of a business you work with. I will send them an invite.
 - 2. Dinner and Vendors: 7:30pm – 8:30pm; Dinner: New Mecca Café of Pittsburg.
 - 3. 8:30-9pm: short meeting.
 - 4. Please invite others from your league to come meet the Vendors, meet other league's board members.
- d. **Sad Loss** – Laura McMahon had been the Softball Representative for Walnut Creek when I was ADA Softball and then District Administrator. She died within the past month..
- e. **Volunteer Fee** – half of the leagues charge it.

Adjourned: 10:00pm

Next meeting: October 20, 2026 - Vendors Night at John Muir Elementary School, 205 Vista Way, Martinez, in the Cafeteria;
Dinner and Vendors: 7:30pm – 8:30pm; Dinner: New Mecca Café of Pittsburg
8:30-9pm: short meeting
Invite your Board Members to come with you to meet the Vendors and the other league's Board Members