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California D4 Finances

Corrected May - August Balance

Beginning Balance	**$73,538.57**
Umpire Domain Renewal	215.76
Challenger Jamboree – Truck	357.33
Jamboree – Supplies & Prizes	396.01
Jamboree Food	1,941.02
Line Up Cards	524.40
Storage – thru Oct. 2027	3,360.00
Post Season Awards	2,966.99
Umpire Attire: WRBBT	61.44
Hotel for Challenger Team	29,205.10
East County LL to reimburse	
WRBBT Donations	1,100.00
D6,D12,D57,D53	
WRBBT Expense	65.76
Mud and Ball holders	
WRBBT: stipend from LL	5,000.00
Pin Sales	2,139.39
May Dinner	1,081.68
Printer Ink – May Handouts	164.38
Webstarts Certificate	48.00
Award for Ron Matthews	111.85
All Star & TOC Pins	4,848.08
Section & Nor Cal Pins	2,136.94
WRBBT Pins	3,540.63
TOC Rings	2,968.88
Jamboree Shirts & Medals	6,322.07
Claude McFee Award	92.44
ECLL Challenger Donation	3,500.00
WRBBT: Umpire Luncheon	338.62
Verification Supplies	184.14
Verification Day: Lunch/Dinner	590.21
CA D4 Gmail Account	19.99
WRBBT Supplies	92.30
Section & WRBBT	28.00
Enlarged Brackets	
Challenger Donation	1,500.00
Challenger Jamboree Donation	180.00
WRBBT Donations	1,850.00
District Expenses	230.46
WRBBT Square Admissions	1,766.83
WRBBT Venmo Admissions	3,680.00
WRBBT Hospitality Expenses	9,798.64
WRBBT Hospitality Shirts	460.00
WRBBT Hospitality Food/Drinks	3372.66
USPS Pins to Mill Valley	13.65
Verification Day Breakfast	52.25
WRBBT Cash Receipts	4,442.00
Ending Balance	**$16,107.11**

California D4 Finances

September Balance

Beginning Balance	**16,107.11**
Challenger Dinner: Williamsport	417.00
ECLL Challenger Donation	2,575.36
Challenger ADA Travel	1,843.82
S. Mohammed, Sr. to Williamsport	
ECLL Hotel Reimbursement	29,205.10
ECLL Dinner portion: Williamsport	200.00
Pop Up for WRBBT	259.00
USPS: package to SLWS	24.80
WRBBT Umpire Breakfast	533.45
WRBBT: Miscellaneous Sales	50.00
League Dues: PNLL	1,370.00
DA Travel: San Bernardino	700.86
WRBBT Umpire Giveaways	842.33
Zoom Meeting Renewal	339.80
DA Travel: Williamsport	469.78
Post Season Awards	1,545.91
WRBBT Lanyards/Badges	827.49
Ending Balance	**$36,552.61**



From the District Administrator

Important Reminders for the New Fiscal Year (Starting October 1st)

October 1st marks the beginning of the new fiscal year for your local Little League! Over the next month, local league boards must handle several critical administrative tasks:

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1. Charter Your League Early

Please charter your league with Headquarters as soon as possible—do not wait until after the new calendar year begins.

- **Insurance Coverage:** Your current insurance policy expires at midnight on **December 31st**. Chartering for the 2027 season prior to that date ensures continuous coverage without a lapse.
- **Liability Warning:** If your insurance lapses, **DO NOT host or hold any Little League activities**. Operating without active insurance places both you and your board members personally liable for any injuries or incidents that may occur.

2. Volunteer Background Checks & Required Training

All volunteers: both new and returning—must complete background checks and training each year before participating:

- **Background Checks (JDP):** Every volunteer must pass a background check for the new year. JDP provides each local league with 125 free checks, with additional checks available at a nominal rate.
- **Abuse Awareness Training:** All volunteers are required to complete the Abuse Awareness course online at Little League University. Ensure volunteers log in and associate their profile with your local league so both the volunteer and league receive proper credit.
- **New Volunteer Courses:** In addition to Abuse Awareness, all **new** volunteers must also complete the **First Aid Awareness** and **Safety Awareness** courses.



Reminder: CA District 4 November Meeting & Board Officer Training

Please join us for our November meeting, where the California District 4 staff will host individual break-out training sessions for key local league board officers.

Date & Location:

- **Date:** Tuesday, November 17th
- **Time:** Dinner at 7:30 PM, Sessions begin at 8:00 PM
- **Location:** (UC) Office, **2380** Bisso Lane, Concord

Break-Out Training Sessions:
Training will be offered for the following board positions:

- President & Vice President
- Safety Officer
- Umpire-in-Chief
- Player Agent
- Secretary & Treasurer

These interactive sessions are led by CA D4 staff members and offer a great opportunity for officers to share experiences, ask questions, and learn from seasoned volunteers. Please make sure to invite all applicable board members!

2026 Year-End Fiscal Report Due

As a reminder, each local league is required to file a year-end financial report with Headquarters at the close of the fiscal year.

Submission Instructions:

- **Data Center:** Upload a copy of your report directly into your league's File Cabinet in the Data Center.
- **Email Copy:** Send a copy via email to Becky Bassett at bbassett@littleleague.org.

Report Format:

Your report can follow a format similar to the monthly financial statements CA District 4 provides to member leagues, expanded to cover the entire fiscal year.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this required annual task!

From D4 Secretary, Carla Moore

Presidents, please e-mail your league's **2027 Board of Directors roster** to me at: Sewcarla2@gmail.com.

I will forward them to the District 4 Staff.

I will be sending the Newsletter & Minutes to you and your Board Members each month.

From ADA Challengers, Stephen Mohammed

Next meeting: November 4th, 7pm, by Zoom

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From ADA Big Diamond Baseball, Grayson Lawrence

Here are some key pre-season meetings for Teenage Baseball:

50/70 and Juniors Scheduling Meeting

- Date: 2/17/27 (Wed) at 7:00pm
- Location: 1380 Galaxy Way
- Attendees: Managers for each team, or a rep who can schedule games on behalf

Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic

- Date: 2/23/27 (Tue) at 7:00pm
- Location: Zoom meeting
- Attendees: At least 1 manager/coach from each teenage baseball team in the District





Future Dates for D4 Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of the Month

November 17th

Break Out Rooms for: Presidents/VPs; Player Agents; Secretaries & Treasurers; Safety Officers; Umpires

UC Extension, 7:30-Dinner
8:00pm – Break Out Rooms
2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

No meeting in December

January – May Meetings
UC Cooperative Extension
7:30-Dinner - 8:00pm Meeting
2380 Bisso Lane, Concord

January 19th

February 16th

March 16th

April 20th

May 18th

From ADA D4 UIC, Jim Rose

Please read the following page for information about the following:

1. Fall Ball for Blues
2. 2027 League Umpire Mechanics Clinics
3. 2027 Rules Clinics
4. Fall Ball, Umpire Registry, Background Checks, Abuse Awareness Training





From Post Season Director, Don Waddell

Please see the second attachment for Important Post Season information:

1. Post Season Tournament Schedule Date Adjustment
2. Hosts for TOC and District All Star Championship Rounds

From ADA D4 UIC, Jim Rose

Fall Ball for Blues

We have started our Fall Ball for Blues sessions, which are aimed at umpires, and I encourage UICs to heavily advertise this with all your League umpires. The last session is run on Zoom and will be held on Wednesday, November 18 from 7-8:30pm. Pre-registration is required and the link to register is found at: https://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org/about. We show many video clips of plays from Regionals and World Series and discuss rules and umpire positioning and mechanics from those videos. It's a great way to talk about the post-season that just ended and begin thinking ahead to our umpiring for the 2027 season. For League UICs it is a great way to begin engaging with your League umpires.

2027 League Umpire Mechanics Clinics

We highly encourage Leagues to hold their own umpire mechanics clinics, which can emphasize that League's needs. District 4 can help your League UIC in that process. We can provide umpires from the Umpire Training Staff, help structure your clinic, and provide the training tools. We encourage Leagues to organize with other Leagues to hold clinics together to best utilize our resources. Please encourage your League UICs to reach out to me, Jim Rose, to start planning your umpire mechanics clinic. We already have Leagues requesting dates, so please try to secure one early.

2027 Rules Clinics

We have decided on our 2027 rules clinics and the dates are:
Basic Rules Clinic #1 (Zoom): Thursday, February 4, 7-8:30 on Zoom
Basic Rules Clinic #2 (Zoom): Thursday, February 11, 7-8:30 on Zoom
Basic Rules Clinic #3 (Zoom): Thursday, February 18, 7-8:30 on Zoom
Basic Rules Clinic #4 (Zoom): Thursday, February 25, 7-8:30 on Zoom
Softball Rules Clinic (in-person): Monday, February 22, 6:30-8:30, 2380 Bisso Lane, Concord
Teenage Baseball Rules Clinic: Tuesday, February 23, Zoom

The four Basic Rules Clinics each cover different rules from the rule book. Pre-registration is required at: https://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org/about.

Fall Ball, Umpire Registry, Background Checks, and Abuse Awareness Training

Many Leagues are currently conducting Fall Ball and need umpires for those games. This is a perfect time to get new volunteers and newer umpires from last year to umpire those games, which are generally far less intense than regular season games. Get teams to provide a parent umpire and begin training them and hopefully gaining a new umpire.

Now is also the time to encourage all your umpires from last year to register for the Little League Umpire Registry. There they will find many resources, including the rule books, the Little League Umpire's Manual, and training videos. Register at: https://www.littleleagueumpire.org/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F

Now is also the time to begin encouraging your umpires to conduct their Background Checks for the 2027 season. The process is now open and can be done by your League or on the Umpire Registry (at a $5 cost)

And, with Little League's requirement that all volunteers need to pass an Abuse Awareness Training each year after October 1, work on assuring your umpires are up to date on this training. Direct them to the following Little League page: https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/

There are two other trainings that are also required by the State of California: Concussion Awareness and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness. Unlike the Abuse Awareness training, these two trainings only need to be completed once. Find the links to these two on our District 4 website on the Forms page: https://www.californiadistrict4littleleague.org/ll_forms.



From Post Season Director,
Don Waddell

Post Season Tournament Schedule Date Adjustment

While dates are still tentative, we heard from several leagues that because of where Memorial Day falls this year, they will not be finishing their regular season until the following weekend, June 5. We want every league to be able to enter their league champions into the Tournament of Champions, so we have moved the start date for TOC to June 10th. We now plan to start the International Tournament on June 19th for baseball, softball may begin earlier if permitted. We expect to complete District tournaments by July 10th. With the feedback we received from our recently completed tournament survey, we are implementing some changes:

- We will not schedule games on the 4th of July weekend, meaning that July 2-4 will be no games.
- We are holding off on games being played on Sunday unless necessary to meet the overall timeline.
- In softball, we will not be scheduling two games on one day for the 8-10 and 9-11 levels in District tournaments.

Hosts for TOC and District All Star Championship Rounds

We are looking for leagues to volunteer to host the championship rounds for the TOC and All Star Tournaments. Hosts will be assigned most of the last round games leading up to the Final game, as well as the If Needed game.

For hosts the following are the desired conditions for being a host:

- Fully fenced field, with either permanent or temporary fences. If not fully fenced, then at least an outfield fence with the out of play areas along the sideline marked off with a line.
- Fully enclosed dugouts
- For baseball, a permanent mound is desired, but a full size, game regulation portable mound is acceptable. Only full size mounds can be used and will be approved by Ted Boet. Refer to vendors such as Tru Pitch Mounds for specs on full size, game mounds.
- The Safety Base setup is desired for both baseball and softball.
- Grass infield is desired, but a skinned infield is acceptable if in good condition.
- Scoreboard visible to both teams and spectators. Pitch count displayed in some fashion.
- Snack Bar for spectators
- Adequate parking close to the fields.
- Restrooms, close to the playing field

If your league is interested in hosting, please contact Ted Boet or Don Waddell.