



California 4 Little League



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**From The Ranks Of Youngsters
Who Stand Now On The Morning Side
Of The Hill Will Come The Leaders,
The Future Strength And Character
Of The Nation**

District Staff Appointments

-Anna Fox, District 4 Secretary-

Anna Fox is joining the District 4 Staff as Secretary replacing Janie Franklin who recently retired from District Staff. Anna is a registered nurse for John Muir Hospital in Concord and is married to Martin Fox, Pittsburg National Little League President. Anna and Martin have three children, James, Aaron and Kieli. Anna joined Pittsburg National 11 years ago and has served on their board as fundraiser coordinator, player agent, and currently the league Treasurer. Welcome Anna to the District 4 Family.

-Fred Flint, District 4 Challenger ADA-

Fred Flint has accepted Ted Boet's appointment to join District 4 as the new Challenger ADA. Fred brings many years of Challenger experience since joining Walnut Creek Little League's Challenger Program in 1998 and taking on full Challenger responsibilities in 2000. Fred is passionate about the Challenger Division and has traveled across the United States to spread the word. Fred was also honored by PG&E in 2006 for his dedication and volunteer community service efforts to keep Challenger growing in District 4. Welcome Fred to the District 4 Family.

District Dues

District Dues have been sent out to all league presidents. A local league check may be made payable to "District 4 Little League" and sent to Ted Boet, 3942 Highgate Way, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

From The Mound

District 4 will host the 2010 Little League Baseball Section 1 International Tournament. Submit your request to host.



A's Little League Day

The first of two Little League Days with the Oakland A's for 2010 is scheduled for Sunday, April 25th. Before the game Ernie Lewis will be recognized at a ceremony at home plate for his 40+ years as a District Administrator and 50+ years as a Little League volunteer. Ted Boet will host a suite for Staff and the first four league presidents to have 100+ league members participate in Little League Day. Each qualifying president may bring one guest to the suite. Contact Adam Clar, from the A's, at 510-562-2350 to purchase tickets and additional information.



The Third Team

-Tournament Mechanics Clinic-

Continental Little League has volunteered to host the 2010 District 4 TMC at their main facility in Concord. This District event is scheduled for Sunday, 5-23-10. Their fields are located at Ygnacio Valley Elementary School, 2217 Chalomar Road. The purpose of this clinic is to prepare our volunteer Little League umpires for the upcoming California 4 Tournament of Champions and Little League International Tournaments. Local leagues sending teams to these tournaments must also provide qualified volunteer umpires for each level of participation.

Local leagues are not limited to the number of volunteer umpires they may send to the TMC, but the cost is \$20 per umpire. League presidents are asked to

NOT schedule any local league event on this all day training session to ensure maximum participation.

Agenda item #10 will not go into effect until the 2010 International Tournament.

Challenger World

-Western Region Challenger Jamboree-

Our good neighbors in District 57 will be hosting their 6th Annual Western Region Challenger Jamboree during the Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30 at the Dublin Sports Complex. Fred Flint, District 4 Challenger ADA will be contacting leagues with a Challenger program to participate in this event.

-District 4 Challenger Jamboree-

Pittsburg National Little League will again host the Annual District 4 Challenger Jamboree at City Park on Sunday, April 25th. This will be a 20 team Jamboree with games starting at 10am, Opening Ceremony at 1130am, BBQ, face painting, balloon building, and a lot more games.



Softball Circle

-Senior Softball Special Games-

Antioch Little League will again host the 2nd Annual Senior Softball Tournament at the Antioch Youth Sports Complex off of Wilbur Avenue in Antioch. This will be a 7 team double elimination tournament with 8 games scheduled for Saturday, May 1st and 5 games scheduled for Sunday, May 2nd. Teams in the Championship Game will receive Custom Designed T-Shirts. Contact Ed Newbegin, District 4 Softball ADA for additional information.

-Softball International Tournaments-

Ted Boet has arranged for California 4 to host the 9-10 and 11-12 Division Tournaments. This will be the first year for District Champions to by-pass their respective Section Tournaments and move directly to Division 2 Tournament.

-May Day, May Day-

All Softball, Congress Approved, Rules & Regulations will be in effect on May 1, 2010. The only exception is agenda item #10, which extends the pitching distance to 43 feet for Senior and Big League.

League Operations

-Waivers-

It is very important to know that a local league board of directors **MAY NOT** authorize modifying Little League rules and regulations without clear expressed permission from the Charter Committee. Special circumstances may require a league to request a waiver of a rule or regulation. A league wishing to apply for a waiver of a rule or regulation must do so via the following method;

- The local league Board of Directors votes whether or not to request the waiver.
- If the local league Board of Directors votes to request the waiver, the President writes a letter, detailing the request. Supporting documents should be attached, and forwarded to Ted Boet.
- Ted Boet will include his written opinion, and forward all documents to the West Region Director, Jim Gerstenslager, by June 8 of the current year.
- Mr. Gerstenslager will present the situation to the Charter Committee for consideration.
- The Charter Committee will inform Mr. Gerstenslager of its decision and Mr. Gerstenslager will inform Ted Boet.

-Local League Rules-

Local rules establish the league's policies in certain areas where Little League Baseball Rules, Regulations allows leeway and policies. Local League Rules cannot conflict with published Rules, Regulations, Policies or Principles of Little League Baseball without expressed written permission from the Charter Committee in Williamsport.

Local Rules are not considered part of the Constitution. They are two separate documents. Local Rules are reviewed, revised (if necessary) and adopted annually by the Board of Directors. League Constitution governs the Local League operation from year to year and can only be amended by the General Membership at a duly organized meeting as provided in the Constitution.



International Tournament Eligibility

-Proof Of Age-

An **Original** document issued by federal, state or provincial registrars of vital statistics, or local offices thereof, listing the date of birth, with reference to the location and issue date of the original birth certificate, is acceptable. (The original birth certificate referenced must have been filed, recorded, registered or issued within one (1) year of the birth of the child.) Also issued by these agencies are photocopies of the certificate of live birth with the certification also photocopied, including the signature, and include the seal impressed thereon. Such documents are acceptable without "live" signatures, provided the original filed, recorded, registered or issued date of the birth certificate was within one (1) year of the date of birth.

-Residency Requirements-

A player will be deemed to reside within the league boundaries if.....

- His/Her parents are living together and are residing within such league boundaries, OR
- Either of the player's parents (or his/her court-appointed legal guardian) resides within such boundaries.

Residence shall be established and supported by documents from at least three (3) of seventeen (17) approved categories. Unless there are special circumstances, District 4 recommend all leagues to keep the process simple by asking parents to provide the following proof of residency.....

- valid government driver's license,
- valid vehicle registration, and
- valid vehicle insurance documents.