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ASAP

All leagues in California 4 have received final approval of their League Safety Plan and will enjoy a 20% discount against their General Liability Insurance premium in 2011. Kudos to all California 4 chartered Little Leagues for putting safety first.



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.



A's Little League Day

The 2nd of two Little League Days with the Oakland A's for 2010 is scheduled for Sunday, June 16th. Around this time in June many leagues will be ending their season. What better way for a closing team party than at a baseball game at the Coliseum with the Oakland A's? Contact Adam Clar, at 510-562-2350 to purchase tickets and additional information.

Tournament Of Champions

Tournament Of Champions are games organized and managed by District 4. The tournament is officiated by volunteer Little League umpires and adheres to regular season Little League Rules & Regulations and District 4 established policies. The District 4 Administrator/Tournament

Director is Ted Boet, but the host Assistant Tournament Director for a **TOC** game has the final decision on any protest.



All-Star Announcement

Tuesday, June 15th is the official date to announce all-star players and when International Tournament teams may start their practices. Practices may only take place against other players in the same league, division, and not in uniform. Tournament insurance does not go into effect until June 15th.



Softball Circle

-Senior SB Invitational Tournament-
The 2nd Annual Senior Softball Tournament was hosted by Antioch Little League on May 1st & 2nd. Eight teams participated in this invitational tournament for a total of 15 games. Semi-Finals had Pool #1, Antioch Reds over the Clayton Valley Blues and in Pool #2 Antioch Blues beat Clayton Valley Reds. Winner of each pool met in the Championship game where Antioch Reds won over Antioch Blues. Thank you Antioch Little League for hosting this event, Ed Newbegin, District 4 Softball ADA, for administrating the tournament, and all the volunteer Little League umpires for officiating all games.

-Softball Division 2 Tournaments-
Continental Little League will host the 2010, 9-10 Little League Softball, Division 2, International Tournament and Clayton Valley Little League will be the home for the 2010, 11-12 Little League Softball Division 2, International Tournament. Both division tournaments will expect 15 to 20 teams with district champions participating instead of traditional section champions. Ted Boet is looking into a pool play format so teams will play more

than the traditional 2 games under a double elimination format.



From The Mound

-11-12 BB Section 1 Tournament-

Lafayette Little League is pleased to have been given the honor and privilege to host the upcoming 2010 Little League Baseball Section 1 International Tournament. Lafayette Little League is very excited about hosting this tournament as volunteers are already stepping up to the plate to make this a memorable event for all participants.



The Third Team

-New League Chief Umpire Meeting-

Thursday, May 20th, 7pm, Sports Basement, 1881 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek. This meeting is specially set up for the ten (10) new League Chief Umpires in District 4 so they will have all the information they need to make good and fair game selections for Tournament of Champions and International All-Star Tournaments at the Tournament Assignment Meeting. Veteran League Chief Umpires are expected to attend and share their years of experience with all.

-Tournament Assignment Meeting-

Thursday, June 3rd, 7pm, Walnut Creek Intermediate School, 2425 Walnut Blvd., Walnut Creek. Meeting will be in the Multipurpose Room. Larry Anderson will monitor this meeting of League Chief Umpires or league representatives to make sure all tournament games are assigned umpires.

-Tournament Umpire Meeting-

Friday, June 11th, 7pm, Walnut Creek Intermediate School, 2425 Walnut Blvd., Walnut Creek. Meeting will be in the Multipurpose Room. The purpose of this meeting is for ALL umpires officiating Little League tournament games in District 4. Larry Anderson will cover Dress Code, Protocol, TOC & International All-Star Tournament Rules.

-Tournament Mechanics Clinic-

Continental Little League will host the 2010 District 4 TMC at their main facility in Concord. This District event is scheduled for Sunday, 5-23-10. Continental fields are located at Ygnacio Valley Elementary School, 2217 Chalamar Road. This clinic is not for training new umpires, but to prepare experienced volunteer Little League umpires for the upcoming California 4 Tournament of Champions and Little League International Tournaments. Local leagues are reminded that sending teams to these tournaments is only a small part of their obligation. **Leagues must also provide qualified volunteer umpires and host games 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 to cover clinic expenses. Continental Little League volunteers will provide a surprise lunch for students. League presidents are asked to **NOT** schedule any local league event during this **All Day** training session to ensure maximum participation.



International Tournament Information

-Eligibility Waiver Deadline-

All waiver requests involving player eligibility must be processed by the district and respective regional offices, and acted upon by the Little League International Charter Committee in Williamsport, **no later than June 8, 2010** and prior to said player or league participating in the Little League tournament games. All waivers requests (for the league, team, player, manager, and/or coach) of any kind must be submitted and approved not later than **June 8, 2010**. All regular season team rosters must be submitted to Little League International in accordance with the requirements outlined in Regulation IV (g), not later than **June 8, 2010**.

-Adult Coaches In The Game-

In the Tournament Rules and Guidelines (Page T-3, Managers and Coaches), the number of adults in the dugout is limited to two if a team has 12 or fewer players at the start of the game. Here are several questions that have arisen regarding the interpretation of this rule:

1. **At the start of the game**, a team has only 12 players available in uniform. Is this team allowed to have three adults in the dugout?

A. No. The new rule for managers and coaches in the dugout would require this team to select two out of the three adult manager/coaches to be allowed in the dugout. The one manager or coach not selected can not be in the dugout and can not participate in the game.

2. How do you define **start of the game** for the purposes of the rule?

A. The start of the game is defined as the point at which the teams provide their lineups to the umpire. (Rule 4.01 [d]) If this is not done, then the start of the game, for the purposes of this rule, is when the defense takes the field and the umpires are in position.

3. A team **starts the game** with 12 players. A manager and coach are in the dugout, and one coach is not in the dugout. A 13th player arrives after the game has started. May the third adult now enter the dugout and participate in the game?

A. No. The team did not have 13 or more players available at the **start of the game**.

4. A team **starts the game** with 13 players. During the game, a player is injured, leaves early, becomes ill, or is ejected. Is the team now required to remove an adult from the dugout?

A. No. The team had 13 or more players available in uniform at the **start of the game**.

5. If a team that had twelve (12) players in uniform at the **start of the game** loses an adult during the game due to ejection, can the third adult now enter the dugout and participate?

A. No. Ejection is not a basis for a replacement of a manager or coach during the game.

6. If a team at the point of affidavit verification only has 12 players, should the team's affidavit be verified with three adults?

A. No. It is not appropriate to verify three adults when a team has not rostered 13 or more players on its affidavit. If the team adds a player or players after verification that brings the total number of players on the affidavit to 13 or more, then the third adult may be verified.

7. Downtown Little League has only 12 players on its affidavit, and is thus limited to one manager and one coach. The manager for Downtown Little League gets ejected during a game against Hometown Little League, leaving only the coach to supervise the team for the balance of that game (acting as manager for that game). Because of the ejection, the manager is suspended from the team's next game against Neartown Little League. Can Downtown Little League name another coach as a temporary replacement for the manager in the game against Neartown Little League?

A. No. If the team only has twelve or fewer players at the game against Neartown, as part of the punishment for the ejection or suspension, the team is limited in the number of adults, and the manager cannot be replaced. In this case, Downtown Little League's team must play the game against Neartown with only one adult, acting as manager. Exception: If the Downtown team arrives at the game with 13 players, and all 13 are named on the affidavit, another coach could be named and could participate. Note: This penalty would apply to violations of mandatory play.

-Temporary Managers and Coaches-

1. If a tournament team needs a temporary replacement for a manager or coach, what is the procedure regarding background checks?

A. If the replacement is only for one day, which may include more than one game, then a background check is not necessary. If the replacement is for two or more days whether those days are consecutive or not, then the person must complete a Little League Volunteer Application and the District Administrator/Tournament Director must conduct a background check in

accordance with the Little League regulations. The Tournament Director will then decide if the person can continue as a temporary replacement beyond the first day.

2. If a person has been approved as a temporary replacement for a manager or coach at one level and now is requested to provide that service again, do they have to repeat the background check process from the previous question?

A. Yes, once the team moves to another level, and the responsibility for this decision falls to a new District Administrator/Tournament Director to authorize the temporary replacement, then the same procedure must be repeated.

-Tournament Game Delay Policy-

In a few instances during tournament play, managers have instructed players to intentionally pitch wildly for the purpose of allowing the opposing team to score runs. In these cases, the intent was: to prolong the game for the purpose of extending it beyond the current half-inning, in order to fulfill the minimum playing requirements of mandatory play, or, to lose the game intentionally for the purpose of influencing the tiebreaker system under the Pool Play Format. In other cases, managers have instructed hitters and runners to intentionally take action that would result in being called out (to shorten the game for any purpose).

When it becomes apparent to the umpire that the level of play in the game has deteriorated (by the actions of either team), the game should be stopped. If, in the umpire's judgment, either team is engaged in the actions above, the umpire should refer the issue to the Tournament Director, who should then contact the appropriate Regional Center for a decision by the Tournament Committee in Williamsport.

The Tournament Committee will not tolerate this type of behavior, as it undermines the values of sportsmanship and fair play that should be foremost on the minds of all adults involved. When such behavior is brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee, the Tournament Committee may impose penalties up to and including suspension

or revocation of tournament privileges for the league, team, manager, coaches and/or players involved and/or forfeiture of the game.

Note: This policy is not to be interpreted as a prohibition against intentional walks when used as a tactic on the part of the defense to set up a force-out, double-play, to avoid pitching to a strong hitter, etc. Such intentional walks should be considered a natural part of the game.

Post Season Tournament Meetings

-Assistant Tournament Director-

Monday, June 14th, 7pm, Highlands Elementary School, 1326 Pennsylvania Boulevard, Concord. An ATD must be readily available at every tournament game.

-Baseball TOC-

Wednesday, June 16th, 7pm, Highlands Elementary School, 1326 Pennsylvania Boulevard, Concord. This meeting is only for BB TOC Managers & Coaches.....not for International All-Star Tournaments.

-Softball TOC & All-Star-

Thursday, June 17th, 7pm, Highlands Elementary School, 1326 Pennsylvania Boulevard, Concord. This meeting is for SB Managers & Coaches for both TOC and International All-Star Tournaments.

-Baseball All-Star-

Friday, June 18th, 7pm, Highlands Elementary School, 1326 Pennsylvania Boulevard, Concord. This meeting is for BB Managers & Coaches for only the International All-Star Tournaments.

-Affidavit Certification-

The 2010 Affidavit Certification Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24th, 6pm. We have a new location this year, which is the Contra Costa County UC Cooperative Extension Building, 2nd Floor, 75 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill. Each league will be scheduled a certain time period to meet with a District 4 Staff member. League presidents or an authorized representative **MUST** be in attendance throughout a league's certification.