



California 4 Little League



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-California 4 Finances-

Balance Forward -- **\$2193.48**
January Dinner -- **\$267.82**
District Staff Shirts & Jackets -- **\$891**
District Pins -- **\$888**
Antioch's Challenger Donation -- \$500
Ending Balance -- **\$646.66**



A Safety Awareness Plan

League Safety Plans are due tonight at the March District 4 Meeting, 3-15-11. Leagues will be informed if they need to make corrections, but all corrections must be turned in to Alan Hatcher by Monday, 3-21-11.



Little League Days

-Oakland A's-

The Oakland A's scheduled two 2011 Little League dates, 4-17-11 and 5-15-11. A league or district purchasing 300+ tickets will be rewarded with a free sky box and 18 tickets for a future A's game. Leagues are encouraged to purchase tickets early for better seating. Only 10% deposit due in advance to reserve tickets.

-San Francisco Giants-

The San Francisco Giants also scheduled two 2011 Little League dates, 5-22 and 6-5. The 5-22 game has already sold out, but there is still View Reserve Outfield seating available for the 6-5 game with Colorado. Order your tickets today....especially if ordering group seating.



Softball

-Softball Division Tournaments-

The official word is out. Pinole Hercules Little League will host the 2011 9-10 Softball All-Star Tournament at their complex (Ellerhorst Elementary) in Pinole. Martinez Little League will host the 2011 Senior Softball All-Star Tournament at the Hidden Lake Sports Complex in Martinez. Both leagues are veterans at hosting post season tournaments and are looking forward to this prestigious assignment. Put this event down on your calendar so you won't miss this high level competitive tournament. Winners will advance to their respective West Region Tournament in August.

-Little League Softball Day-

Stanford University has declared Sunday, 4-3-11, Little League Softball Day. SU will host this day to provide a chance for youth players to interact with collegiate players through special activities and promotions conducted throughout the game. More information on how a local league may organize this day is available at:

<http://www.littleleague.org/media/softball/softballdays.htm>





The Third Team

-Basic Umpire Clinic-

Thank you **Alameda Little League** for hosting the 2011 California 4 Basic Umpire Clinic on Saturday, 3-5-11. Alameda provided outstandingly manicured fields and lunch for 55 students. Past clinics averaged around 75 students and while this clinic attendance was less than in the past, enthusiasm of the students were the highest ever. Thank you to all the leagues that thought enough of their volunteers to have them trained and take advantage of this invaluable clinic.

-Tournament Mechanics Clinic-
Continental Little League will once again host the Annual C4UA Tournament Mechanics Clinic, Sunday, 5-22-11, at their complex in Concord.

All leagues sending teams to post season tournaments (TOC & All-Stars) are required to provide qualified umpires for every level of participation. This clinic has proven to be a very valuable training aid for tournament umpires. Players from Continental and neighboring leagues will participate in live play situations to ensure the best possible training for the umpires. Please contact Larry Anderson (CA4 Chief Umpire) if your league can provide players for this training session. The cost for this clinic is \$10 per student.



Challenger Division

-Interleague Teams-

California 4 Challenger Division has their 2011 regular season schedule established with Antioch, East County, and Pittsburg representing the East and Concord American, Clayton Valley, Lafayette, Oakland, Pinole Hercules and Walnut Creek representing the West. Anyone wishing to learn more about the Challenger Division is invited to attend a game, which are primarily played on Sundays.

California 4 Jamboree-

Concord American is the host league for the 2011 California 4 Challenger Jamboree on Sunday, 4-10-11 at their main Little League complex. Mark this Sunday on your calendar and stay tuned for more information.



Western Region Center

-Western Region Jamboree-

The 7th Annual Western Region Challenger Division Jamboree is once again hosted by California 57 and scheduled for Saturday, 5-28-11, Dublin Sports Park, Dublin.

All teams who register for this event must be chartered and approved by Little League Baseball, Inc. Registration fee is \$250 per team and must be received by 4-30-11. Visit www.ca57.org for more information or email Mike Muranaka, muranakamy@hotmail.com

-Non-Wood Bats-

There have been a lot of questions about what a local league can do to ensure only legal bats are used in practices and games. The West Region Headquarters has offered the following recommendations for local leagues;

- Provide league officials, managers, coaches, umpires, etc., with current

listings of acceptable non-wood bats.

- Require managers check all playing equipment before each practice and game.
- Require umpires check all playing equipment before every game.
- Remove unsafe equipment.
- Questionable equipment must be removed.
- Require managers carry supporting documents for all non-wood bats.

-WR Conference Highlights-

Tournament Umpires – Volunteer umpires assigned to a region or a world series international tournament will be provided housing.

Paid Umpire – A paid umpire is not covered by Little League insurance. A paid umpire basically falls under two categories...an independent contractor (provides their own insurance) or an employee of the league (employer provides workman's compensation).

Out-of-Boundary Player – No league may take upon itself to register a player who resides outside of its established boundaries. A special waiver request must be approved by the Region Center for the out-of-bounds player to legally register with the league.

Proof Of Residency – Documents must have a date between October 1st and February 1st of the fiscal year. Any other date must have an approved special waiver.

No Special Waivers Considered –

- 13 year olds may only qualify for Junior Baseball.
- Minor League using player pitch may not include any 6 year olds.
- 4 and 5 year olds may only play Tee Ball.





Composite Bat Moratorium

Headquarters (3-14-11)

Approved Composite Bats - (2 1/4 inch barrels)

Composite-barreled bats (2 1/4 inch barrels) that meet the bat performance factor (BPF) standard, and the accelerated break in (ABI) procedure, are listed below. This list may have more models added to it as more bats are tested. These bats are the only composite-barreled baseball bats that are permitted to be used in the little league (majors) division and below, as of the latest revision date shown at the bottom of this page, when this list was last updated.

Approved BPF-ABI Composite (2-1/4in) Baseball Bats - Visual Guide

Product Name	Model Number	Photo
Mattingly Balistk	BTKYB	
DeMarini CF4	CFL10	
DeMarini CF4	CFL11	
Easton Omen XL	LNC1XL	
Easton Omen XL	LNC2XL	
Easton Stealth Speed -12	LSS6XL	
Easton Stealth Speed -11	LSS1	
Easton Stealth Speed -9	LSS2	

Easton Stealth Speed -13

LSS3



Easton Stealth IMX - 11

LCN9



Easton Stealth IMX -13

LCN11



Easton Synergy IMX -12

LZN1



Louisville Slugger TPX Maverick

AYB11M



Nike Aero Cx2

BT0573



Nike Aero Cx2

BT0598



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Approved Composite Bats - (2 5/8 inch barrels)

Composite-barreled bats (2 5/8 inch barrels) that meet the ball exit speed ratio (BESR) standard, and the accelerated break in (ABI) procedure are listed below. This list may have more models added to it as more bats are tested. These bats are the only composite-barreled baseball bats that are currently permitted to be used in the junior league, senior league, and big league divisions.

Approved BESR-ABI Composite (2-5/8in) Baseball Bats - Visual Guide

Product Name	Model Number	Length(s)	Photo
DeMarini CF4 (-3)	CFB10	31", 32", 33", 34"	
DeMarini CF4 (-3)	CFB11	31", 32", 33", 34"	
DeMarini Vendetta C6 (-3)	VCB10	31", 32", 33", 34"	
DeMarini Vendetta C6 (-3)	VCB11	31", 32", 33", 34"	
Combat	BACK AB1	31", 32", 33", 34"	
Combat	B2AB1	31", 32", 33", 34"	
Combat	B1AB2	31", 32", 33", 34"	
Combat	B1AB2-R	31", 32", 33", 34"	
Louisville Slugger TPX Dynasty 7C (-3)	CBXD	31", 32", 33", 34"	

Louisville Slugger TPX Triton (-3) CBXT

31", 32", 33",
34"



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By Communications Division
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Little League International has received several inquiries from local leagues and volunteers about ways to help those coordinating relief efforts in Japan, following Friday's devastating earthquake and tsunami. Little League encourages leagues and volunteers to assist by contacting their local chapter of the American Red Cross.

"Little League volunteers, by their nature, are interested in helping out whenever it is needed," Stephen D. Keener, Little League President and Chief Executive Officer, said. "We encourage our leagues and volunteers to do anything they can to help. We have worked with our local chapter of the American Red Cross here in the Williamsport area on local disasters, and it is one of the agencies with people on the ground in Japan right now. Whether it is to donate money, host a blood drive, or give blood personally, there is something everyone can do."

To get information on the local Red Cross chapter in your area, or to donate directly, go to <http://www.redcross.org/>.

"We have heard from some of our friends in Japan, letting us know they are alright," Mr. Keener said. "But we do have local leagues in those areas most affected by the disaster. Our hopes and prayers are with them, and all of the Japanese people, at this difficult time. As Japan recovers, we may hear about specific ways we can assist our leagues in getting back on their feet. But for now, we want to focus on helping with the overall recovery efforts."

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID, at <http://www.usaid.gov/>) has more information on other agencies that are assisting in disaster relief.