



# California 4 Little League



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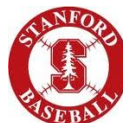
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## -California 4 Finances-

Balance Forward	\$8381.58
DA Conference	\$465.75
DA Conference	\$277.20
DA Conference	\$247.47
DA Conference	\$1560.95
DA Conference	\$455.05
DA Conference	\$20.00
Books	\$69.54
DA Conference	\$17.85
January Dinner	\$357.82
DA Conference	\$105.00
DA Conference	\$105.00
Balance Ending	\$4694.95



## Stanford Baseball

### -Little League Day-

Stanford University has invited Little Leaguers to attend Little League Day, Sunday, 3-25-12, 1pm, Klein Field, Sunken Diamond, 151 Sam McDonald Mall, Stanford.

Visit [www.GoStanford.com/promo-code](http://www.GoStanford.com/promo-code) and enter code: LLDay for special rates. For more information contact: Drew Flanagan, [aflan@stanford.edu](mailto:aflan@stanford.edu)



## IRS Extension

The IRS has granted an automatic extension to file Form 990 or 990-EZ from 2-15-12 to 3-30-12. The date change is due to the IRS's modernized e-file system being temporarily suspended during January and February. This extension does not affect Form 990-N. Visit IRS website for more information; <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=251322,00.html>



## A Safety Awareness Plan

2012 League Safety Plans must be received and approved by Headquarters before **March 13, 2012**. To meet this "NEW" due date requirement local leagues must submit their LSPs to Alan Hatcher, D4SO, no later than the **February D4 Meeting, 2-21-12**. League Safety Officers should diligently follow the "template" created by Alan Hatcher and available on the D4 Website. Double check to make sure all minimum requirements are met since there is only a very small window of opportunity to correct or add information. This year a "Qualified Safety Plan Registration Form" **MUST** be included with a League Safety Plan.



## Baseball

### -Big Diamond Interleague Meeting-

David Preuss conducted a Junior League Baseball organizational meeting on Monday, 2-6-12. Every league in District 4 has chartered for a Junior League program. The following pods were created for interleague teams:

- Pod A - East County, Antioch & Pittsburg
- Pod B - Clayton Valley, Concord American, Continental & Walnut Creek
- Pod C - Richmond & Hercules

Alameda, Albany, Martinez, North Oakland, and South Oakland have enough teams to operate their own individual programs. Lafayette will interleague with D57.

Senior League Baseball include teams from North Oakland, South Oakland, Concord American, Richmond, Walnut Creek.



## West Region Meeting

Ted Boet and members of his staff attended a weekend of training and Round Table discussions in San Bernardino on January 26-29. All nine proposed items for consideration were reviewed and suggestions were compiled for Headquarters consideration. Upon completion of all five region round table conferences Headquarters will arrange for District Administrators to vote on the nine items.



## Concussions In Youth Athletes

### -California Code-

Governor Brown signed AB25 into law on October 4, 2011, which can be found at sections 38131(6) and 49475 of the Education Code. (Cal. Educ. Code § 38131(6)).

This law provides that if a school district offers an athletic program, any athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion must be removed from the activity for the rest of the day. The student is not permitted to return to activity until cleared in writing by a health care professional. Parents/Guardians of any student wishing to participate in an athletic activity are required to annually sign a concussion information sheet before the student can participate. This law also applies to recreational activities taking place on school owned grounds which are not sponsored or part of school run activities.

The official versions of sections 38131(6) and 49475 are currently available online at:

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=edc&group=38001-39000&file=38130-38139>

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=edc&group=49001-50000&file=49470-49475>

The text of the bill can be viewed online at:

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill\\_asm\\_ab\\_0001-0050/ab\\_25\\_bill\\_20110325\\_amended\\_asm\\_v97.html](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill_asm_ab_0001-0050/ab_25_bill_20110325_amended_asm_v97.html)



## The Third Team

### -Open Umpire Meetings-

The first General Membership Meeting of the C4UA for 2012 was held on Wednesday, 1-18-12. More than 25 umpires from across the District attended and shared in a discussion on how to improve the quality of umpires through better training and mentoring. We also had a great presentation from Mark Oda on the "How to prepare equipment for the coming season". Thanks to all who came out. Hope to see more at the February meeting, Wednesday, 2-15-12, Legends Restaurant, Diablo Creek Golf Course, Concord. Meeting is opened to anyone interested in learning more about umpiring Little League Baseball & Softball.

### Basic Umpire Clinic-

Alameda Little League will host the Annual 2012 California 4 Basic Umpire Clinic on the first Saturday in March (3-3-12). This clinic will allow leagues in District 4 to have their volunteer umpires trained by highly experienced volunteers from the C4UA Training Staff.

Local leagues have been assessed \$100 each, which entitles a league to 6 billets. Additional billets may become available at \$20 per billet. This will be an all day clinic so leagues are asked to **NOT** schedule any league activities on this day which may interfere with an umpire to attend the entire clinic. Lunch will be provided by Alameda Little League. Individuals with special meal needs are asked to bring their own lunch.

### Outreach Rule Clinics-

The District 4 Outreach Rules Clinics were held on two successive Wednesday evenings. Over 120 umpires, managers, coaches and other volunteers representing leagues across the District attended. These sessions are a key part of the C4UA training to improve the consistency of rules across the District. Thanks to Martinez Little League and North/South Oakland Little League for hosting these clinics. To grow and improve we need feedback. The C4UA Outreach Rules Clinic Coordinator is Dennis Eagan and may be reached at [dandjeagan@gmail.com](mailto:dandjeagan@gmail.com) if you have any questions or comments.

### -Tournament Mechanics Clinic-

The Annual Tournament Mechanics Clinic has proven to be a very valuable training aid in preparing volunteer umpires for post season tournaments. The TMC is scheduled for the Sunday (5-20-12) before the Memorial Day Weekend. We anticipate no cost for this event.

### -Outreach Field Clinics-

C4UA Outreach Field Clinic Coordinator is Mark Oda and may be reached at [MOdasan@comcast.net](mailto:MOdasan@comcast.net)

Outreach Field Clinics are designed for specific needs of a local league. Reservations on a first come, first served, basis. The following dates are scheduled/available.

Saturday, 2-25	Lafayette
Sunday, 2-26	East County
Saturday, 3-10	Continental
Sunday, 3-11	Walnut Creek
Saturday, 3-17	Clayton Valley
Sunday, 3-18	Open

### Key Points.....

- One (1) clinic per day. RSVP early.
- 25 students minimum.
- 4 hours minimum (provide H2O).
- Over 4 hours...provide lunch.
- Host Chief Umpire leads the clinic.
- Plan B (indoor facilities).
- Combine host leagues to help meet minimum attendance requirement.
- Host league(s) must attend the BUC.



## It's The Law

### -Employee Or Contractor-

If a league decides to hire an individual to perform regular service for the league, that person is either an employee or an independent contractor. The law requires employees to receive worker's compensation, W-2s, etc. The law also requires a league to provide an independent contractor an IRS 1099 for wages in excess of \$600 and the contractor must provide their own liability insurance, tools, etc. The league must perform a background check for any person with repetitive contact amongst player members in the league.