



Richmond County Baseball Club – 2019: The Year In Review

As year-end nears, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for a very successful 2019. The Richmond County Baseball Club continues to reach new heights, and thanks go to all of our coaches, staff members, parents, players and supporters.

Celebrating completion of our 16th year, the RCBC baseball program continues to thrive. This year, we had over 225 players on 15 teams ranging in age from 7 through 17. And we continued to sponsor a highly competitive team based in New Jersey. Look for further expansion in New Jersey in 2020 as Coach Justin Doyle joins Coach Dan Rivera to help spearhead the effort.

Outstanding play was the order of the day again as we brought home a record 38 tournament championships and reached the championship game in an all-time high 65 events. Kudos to our 10U Nationals (7 wins), 11U Nationals (6 wins) and 7U Nationals (5 wins) who led the way. Since 2014, RCBC teams have won 162 championships and reached the championship game in 286 events. No one gets to more championship games than RCBC. Additionally, our 16U NJ team and our 17U Nationals team were both highly ranked in the Mid Atlantic Region by Perfect Game, the nation's largest tournament venue, based upon their performance at the BCS National Championships. Congratulations go out to all of our teams for their excellent play.

We had another outstanding class of "graduating seniors," and the number of players who have gone on to play at the collegiate level continues to grow, having earned millions of dollars in scholarship money. This year, we had college commits to St Johns, Wagner, Bryant, Rhode Island, Fairleigh Dickinson, Molloy, Pace, Sacred Heart, SUNY New Paltz, CSI, Skidmore, St Thomas Aquinas and Sussex County. Four former players were selected in the MLB Draft (Prato – Twins, DeVito – Braves, DeMarco – Yankees, Sosa – Blue Jays), bringing our total to 14. And RCBC alum Zack Granite was named MVP of the Nashville Sounds (Texas Rangers' AAA Affiliate), and was most recently signed by the NY Yankees for 2020.

We continued to host tournaments at the complex, with 35 this year. Our tournaments continue to provide convenient and economical play for our teams, against some of the best competition from NYC, Long Island, New Jersey and beyond (over 150 organizations from 8 states). This year's participants included teams from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Washington DC and as far as Ohio. We continued our partnership with Perfect Game, hosting a large number of sanctioned events for them along with the prestigious Northeast Super Qualifier tournament for the 6th year in a row. We were also the host site for many qualifying events run by the Perfect Game National Office. And we have been designated as a regional host site for future Marucci World Series qualifying tournaments. With the number of teams traveling to Staten Island for our events, we continue to provide significant economic benefit to local stores, restaurants and hotels.

We extended our partnership with Marucci Sports and continue as a valued member of their Founders Club which includes such nationally recognized programs as the East Coast Sox, Orlando Scorpions and Marucci Elite Texas. In addition to supplying us with outstanding uniforms, this partnership affords our members great discounts on Marucci gear and apparel. We launched the new Marucci Locker Room online store which will provide our members with more products and an enhanced user experience. RCBC Management attended the 2nd annual Founders Club Summit where we provided input on future Marucci products and apparel. Our 16U Nationals, 16U New Jersey and 17U Nationals also participated in the invite-only Marucci World Series in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where they competed against other Founders Club teams from around the country.

We hosted our 7th annual College Showcase Camp, giving our players direct access to some of the best colleges in the area. This year, we had 50+ players and 20 outstanding schools in attendance. We also coordinated several mini-camps with Rutgers and Seton Hall. In collaboration with 5 Tool Baseball and LT Media, we continued to offer our players the opportunity to create recruitment and highlight videos to help them market themselves to schools. And we announced the launch of the College Advising Program which will help prepare our student/athletes for high school and college.

We continued to provide opportunities for players to advance their development year round, hosting Winter Workouts in both NY and NJ and providing access to summer youth baseball camps and winter hitting classes in collaboration with 5 Tool Baseball.

Our elite coaching staff is second to none. With player presence at Moore, Farrell, St. Joseph By The Sea, Xaverian, Tottenville and Wagner high schools, as well as top schools in New Jersey, we provide continuity in the development of our players across high school and summer travel baseball.

We continued to make on-field improvements to the Richmond County Youth Complex, and the quality and condition of our fields makes it one of the premier baseball facilities in the area. Look for additional enhancements in 2020.

The RCBC website has now recorded over 403,000 visits and our social media reach includes Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and an RCBC You Tube channel. RCBC's Instagram now has over 2,200 followers. We also started an Instagram page for our tournaments where we post announcements and tournament winners. We continued to publish our monthly Newsletter, providing another vehicle to showcase our accomplishments.

And, we continued our support for the community with our involvement with a number of local programs, fundraisers and businesses.

We have a number of exciting activities planned for next year so stay tuned. 2020 registration is right around the corner!

We want to wish you all a very happy holiday season and best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Here's looking forward to another great season in 2020!

Nick and George

