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RCBC Newsletter

Be An Advocate For Richmond County Baseball

To RCBC Players and Parents - As you participate in off-site games, leagues or tournaments, remember that you represent our organization and the professionalism and sportsmanship that you display puts RCBC in a good light with other teams and facilities. Use this opportunity as well to promote our program, including our tournaments, showcase camps and summer clinics with other players, parents or coaches you may speak to. An easy way is to refer them to our website (www.rcbclub.com) where they will find information and links to all of our events. Wear your RCBC colors proud. Let people know this is the place to be!

Registration Fees

As a reminder, all RCBC fees are due now. This includes your initial registration fee, your tournament/league fees and any apparel that you ordered. You can pay by check made out to RCBC and mailed to 98 Tanglewood Drive, Staten Island, NY 10308 or by credit card. Please use the authorization form on the Home Page of the RCBC website. If you are unsure of your balance, please email krista@rcbclub.com.

Due to our insurance and policy restrictions, all registration fees must be paid before we issue any player his uniform. In addition, no apparel will be distributed until paid for. Please conform to this request to avoid any complications. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.



RCBC Hoodies in 2XL are now back in stock at our Online Store. Go to the link on the Main Menu of the RCBC website to order.



All teams will have the opportunity to become the #1 team in their region and represent that region in the Perfect Game Super25 National Championship. Visit www.perfectgame.org for more information

Tournament Season Underway

The RCBC tournament calendar kicked off on April 5 with the 13U April Fools Follies tournament won by the Oceanside Bulldogs in a tight contest over the RCBC Nationals. The following weekend, we hosted our first Perfect Game Super25 Qualifier tournament with the Middletown Warriors winning the 12U division and the GoWags River Cats taking the 13U crown. This weekend will feature the 13U Lucky 13s wood bat tournament with all 3 RCBC 13 year old teams competing.

Upcoming tournaments at the complex include:

May 3/4—11U/13U Perfect Game Super25 Qualifier

May 10/11 - 10U/13U Mothers Day Showdown

May 24/26 - 11U/12U/14U/15U Memorial Day USA Bash

May 31-June 1 - 14U/16U Perfect Game Super25 Qualifier

For the full tournament calendar, visit our tournament website at www.rctournaments.com.

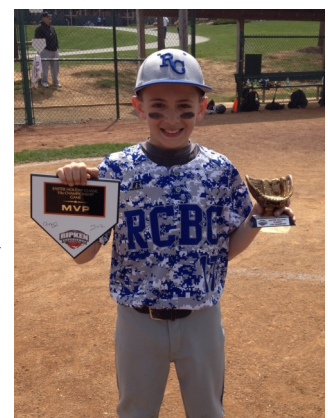
RCBC 10U Nationals Take Ripken Crown

The 10U Nationals won the Ripken Easter Holiday Classic tournament in Aberdeen Maryland in convincing fashion. Coach



Quinn's squad posted 6 mercy victories, outscoring their opponents 91-10, including a 19-4 victory in the championship game against the Upper Providence Legends. Vincent Caterina pitched the championship game and went 3 for 3, including an inside-the-park home run, on his way to being named MVP.

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To all RCBC members - a word regarding Perfect Game tournaments.

As we previously communicated, Richmond County Baseball will be the host site for several Perfect Game Super25 Mid Atlantic Qualifier and Regional tournaments this year. These events provide tremendous exposure to our organization, our players and our facility.

While we are responsible for all of the onsite activities during these tournaments, Perfect Game, a nationally recognized and respected organization, controls how these events operate. It is necessary for us to charge our own teams the full tournament registration fee and it is also necessary for all spectators, including RCBC members, to pay the daily gate fee. For qualifier tournaments, the gate fee is \$5 per person per day and for Regional tournaments, it is \$10 per person per day. Children under 13 are not charged. While it is not our general policy to charge these fees at our own events, these types of fees are not uncommon at many other tournament venues.

We believe that being associated with Perfect Game offers many advantages. These events will bring a new and even higher level of competition to RCBC teams, without the added cost of travel or accommodations associated with other tournament destinations. Our players will also have the opportunity to be ranked and showcased by Perfect Game, which will provide them with additional exposure to high school and college recruiters.

Your cooperation, hospitality and sportsmanship at these events is greatly appreciated. So come out and enjoy watching your sons play.

Coach DeFendis
Coach Quinn



Coach Mike Lopiparo
College Placement
Coordinator
Quality Control Coach

This month's baseball quote:

An author visiting the U.S.
once said *"Whoever wants to
know the heart and soul of
America had better learn the
game of baseball!!!"*

If you want to voice a
comment on anything I write,
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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

GO TO A COLLEGE THAT WANTS YOU (PART ONE)

This article ISN'T just for the players entering their junior or senior years of high school baseball. It is for the players who are beginning their sophomore and freshman seasons as well. It is for all parents and for sandlot and high school coaches who are merely trying to win the allegiance of a player or parent, or simply because they don't always know the system. I have written this article over and over again, similar to Seinfeld repeats. But there is always a new audience to read this. This will also be a two-part article.

GO WHERE YOU ARE WANTED!!!!!!

I am not here to destroy a parent's dream of watching their son take field for the University of Texas, or better yet, the San Francisco Giants. I know some players in this area get drafted and even reach the "Show." I realize some players can get to a higher level Division I school. But I was recruiter for a lower lever D-I school and can tell you point blank—most players (I didn't say all) in the New York area are NOT going to get drafted. Most players (I didn't say all) in the New York area are NOT going to high level D-I colleges. The majority of high school players in the five boroughs will play their college baseball at a lower level D-I school (Iona for example) or a Division II program (Adelphi or Molloy perhaps) or to a D-III school which are extremely underrated like a Kean or a Ramapo.

If I have already offended anyone, I apologize. But please cross off your college baseball list that has a North or South Carolina on it...or Oregon State or UCLA

and Texas...or even Miami. If you take a look at a roster of top 25 college baseball program, you will hardly find a New York City player amongst them. Partly because of the weather and partly because of the facilities (not many Richmond County complexes around). But that doesn't mean your son won't play college baseball. There are plenty of good baseball programs to choose from. Plenty of schools with nice fields, good coaching and most of all, a solid education. Since most of the players are not going to the majors, education and career should be front and center when choosing a college.

Being realistic is important. A parent has to be truthful on where their son belongs on the next level. A parent can't be more concerned with bragging rights over other parents. An organization can't be concerned about sending a player to a place they don't belong, just to brag they have a player there. The same with high schools. If you send a player too far over his head, what will happen is the young man will quit baseball. After all, he's played since he was eight years old, so what if he quits. But you don't want your son leaving this great sport with a bad taste in his mouth. You want your son leaving baseball after a good college career, equipped with memories, along with a diploma that shapes his future.

This is Part One. I hope no one is offended because I said your son is not Ken Griffey (either one) or Justin Verlander. You can email me at mikelope19@aol.com with your thoughts. Part Two will talk about specifics on picking a school.

Featured Article – Thanks To The RCBC Team

By Coach Nick DeFendis

In this month's Newsletter, I would like to acknowledge my partner George Quinn and his efforts to continue to make our program one of, if not, the best baseball program overall in the tri-state area. Coach George coaches two teams in the program and tirelessly helps care for the complex. Coach Quinn has two boys—George Jr. who since graduated from the program and Charlie, who still plays with Coach Grippo's team. Coach Quinn can be found each day at the complex, dragging the fields, cutting the grass and working on everything from giving out uniforms to wearing one. This month, Coach Quinn was in a Maryland tournament with both his 10 year old and 13 year old teams. Both played well with the 10U team winning the tournament in their age bracket. On a more personal level, George is my friend and I'm very happy we are both sharing our dream of working with kids and making a positive impact on the youth in the Staten Island community.

Another person who helps us stay organized is Jim Russo. Jim does it all. He helps our program stay ahead of the curve with his knowledge of the computer and his organizational skills. We are very happy Jim is involved with RCBC. He is a valuable asset to our program and we look forward to a long working relationship over the coming years.

The Richmond County Baseball Club has come a long way over the past ten years and none of it would have happened without the help and hard work of our coaches. Our coaching staff is by far the best of the best. Please see a list of them on our website (www.rcbclub.com) under Coaching Staff on the Main Menu.

Coach DeFendis

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