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# RCBC Newsletter

## RCBC 10 Year Anniversary Dinner Dance



2014 marks the 10 year anniversary of the Richmond County Baseball Club. To celebrate this milestone, we are planning a celebration on Friday, October 24 at the Vanderbilt at South Beach.

Tickets are \$100 per person and include dinner, open bar and entertainment. Raffles for great prizes will also be available. To reserve your seats, please R.S.V.P. to either Monica (646-643-134), Theresa (917-613-8907) or Toni (347-937-4904) by October 1. This is an adult-only evening out.

We are also seeking corporate table sponsors for \$250 each. Contributing businesses will get signage on their table and inclusion in event promotional material. If you know of a merchant who is interested, please contact one of the ladies listed above.

Thank you in advance for your participation. We hope that you can join us. It promises to be a terrific evening of fun and camaraderie, and celebration of all that RCBC has accomplished over the past 10 years.

Nick DeFendis  
George Quinn

## Fall RCBC Apparel

Fall is here.  
Now's the time to  
order your RCBC  
cold weather apparel



Visit our Online Store  
at [www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com)

**Welcome Our  
Newest Team  
10U Royals  
Coach Al Bedford**

## Tournament Update

In the Perfect Game Super25 Mid Atlantic Qualifier on Labor Day weekend, the RCBC Nationals took the 15U division while the NY Steelheads captured the 16U crown. The Jersey Storm won the 14U Back To School Spectacular and in the Transition Tournament, the RCBC Nationals won the 11U division while the Diamond Jacks Super 13s won the 13U. And in the September 20 Perfect Game Super25 Mid Atlantic Qualifier, the following teams won their respective age divisions: 10U RCBC Nationals, 12U Molina Baseball, 13U Tri State Arsenal and 17U Farrah Scout.

Upcoming tournaments at the complex include:

- October 3-5 - 3rd Annual Johnny Ray Memorial Fall Classic for High School Baseball Programs
- October 4 - 11U Fall Brawl
- October 11-13 - 12U/18U Columbus Day Classic
- October 18-19 - 10U/11U/15U Spooktacular

## Johnny Ray Memorial Tournament October 3-5

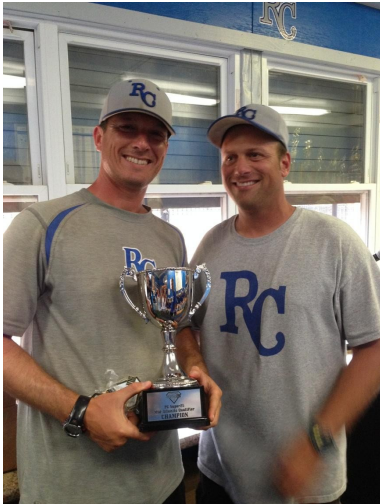


The 3rd annual Johnny Ray Memorial Fall Classic takes place at the complex October 3-4-5 with 16 elite high school baseball programs participating. This year's tournament will be presented by Dick's Sporting Goods. RCBC staff and umpires volunteer their time and baseballs and trophies are donated so that all tournament proceeds can directly benefit the Johnny Ray Foundation.

Special commemorative tee shirts will also be available for purchase for the event. So come out to watch some great high school baseball and support a terrific cause. Look for the schedule soon at [www.rctournaments.com](http://www.rctournaments.com).



## RCBC Tournament Champlons In September



15U Nationals  
Perfect Game  
Super25

13U Raiders -  
Manalapan  
Labor Day  
Classic



12U Americans - Manalapan  
Labor Day Classic

11U Nationals - Ripken Pennant Fever



11U Nationals - RCBC 50/70 Transition  
Tournament

11U Nationals - Diamond Nation Grand Slam

10U Nationals - Perfect Game Super25



## Featured Article — How Much Do We Love Our Children?

By Coach Nick DeFendis

How much do we love our children? Do we overlove them?

At times, this generation of parents unknowingly smothers their children. For 20 years I have been coaching youth sports. Baseball has always been my sport. Over the years, I have seen a change in the way parents interact with their kids. And let me tell you, its not good.

Today's kids cannot make a basic decision. They cannot wake up on their own. I remember waking up for my games as kid, jumping out of bed like a jack rabbit. My parents supported me but were never around. Mom stood home and cared for the house and dad worked. At the complex the other day we had a team working out and there were 10 parents there. Today's parent is always making sure their child is being treated fair and instead of the child taking care of his or her own business, mom and dad are right there acting as agents.

Playing youth sports has changed over the years. What every happened to go out and play with your friends? Back in the day, we went outside to play at 12 noon and came home when the street lights came on. Today we have to drive our kids everywhere. Too much structure. Today's kids need to feel what we felt. Go out and take care of your own business. Compete for everything they want. Have them feel like they earned their keep and not be handed everything on a silver platter. Parents...let go a little. I know we love our kids. I have two of them that mean the world to me but at some point you need to let them fail to succeed.

So please, find time for yourselves, have trust that your child is strong and can compete in their sports because guess what? They will have to compete in life and baseball teaches life lessons. So the next time you're at a game, bite your tongue and let the coach make the necessary adjustments your child needs to succeed. Believe me, your son or daughter will thank you in the long run for helping them grow up and not crippling their ability to make tough decisions.

Every day is a new way for you to make a difference.

Coach DeFendis



## Sponsor Of The Month

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