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# RCBC Newsletter

## RCBC Captures Diamond Nation Dome Tournament

The 10U Nationals and 13U Raiders took home the first tournament championships of the year in winning their age divisions of the March Dome Tournament at Diamond Nation.



The 10U Nationals went 5-0, scoring an incredible 85 runs while yielding only 12 on their championship run. James Nichilo was named tournament MVP with 4 HRs and 9 RBIs. Jordan Savinon (7 Ks in the final game), Sal Lawrik (11 RBIs), Chris Polemeni (7 RBIs) and

Thomas Panattieri (2 games pitched) also stood out.

The 13U Raiders bounced back after losing a tough 2-1 decision to the Youth Service Cobras in pool play to defeat them 7-2 in the championship game. Vin Nichilo was named tournament MVP, making it an MVP sweep for the Nichilo boys. Vin got the winning hit in the semi finals and collected 3 more in the championship game. Vin Wagner and Anthony Oliva also stood out offensively.



Last year, RCBC recorded 24 tournament championships. With this great start, this year looks to be just as promising.

## Fee Balances



Remember that all tournament fee balances must be paid in full in April.

Payment can be made via check made out to RCBC and mailed to 98 Tanglewood Drive, Staten Island, NY 10308 or via credit card (MasterCard, Visa or Discover). If paying by credit card, please use the authorization form on the RCBC website ([www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com)). Uniforms will not be distributed until fees are paid in full.

If you have a balance on your apparel order, that must also be paid in full before any items are distributed.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

## Tournament Update

Our 2015 tournament calendar kicks off with the 13U Perfect Game Super25 Staten Island Holiday Classic on April 3-4.

Our Perfect Game Super25 spring schedule is as follows:

- April 11-12 - PG Super25 Staten Island Rally
- April 18-19 - PG Super25 Staten Island Challenge
- April 25-26 - PG Super25 Staten Island Big Apple Classic
- May 2-3 - PG Super25 Staten Island Mayhem
- May 9-10 - PG Super25 Staten Island Mothers Day Classic
- May 16-17 - PG Super25 Staten Island Verrazano Classic
- May 23-25 - PG Super25 Staten Island Memorial Day Classic
- May 30-31 - PG Super25 Staten Island Showdown
- June 5-7 - PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier

Our summer schedule kicks off with the 18U Invitational Shoot For The Stars tournament for the 5th year running. Over 30 elite teams have signed on so far. This event always attracts a large number of college and professional scouts.

For the full tournament calendar, visit our tournament website at [www.rctournaments.com](http://www.rctournaments.com).

## Pick Up Your RCBC Batting Helmet

If you still haven't picked up your RCBC batting helmet, you can do so at the complex on Friday, April 3 or Saturday, April 4 during the Easter Holiday Classic tournament. Just come to the press box in front of field 1. Please bring payment if you still owe. A small number of helmets will also be available for sale at \$20.





## RCBC Community Day At The Commons Café

RCBC celebrated its 3rd annual Community Day at the Commons Café at the Teleport on March 7 with all net profits being donated back to our organization. Thanks again to the Nicotra Group for supporting RCBC.



## **Featured Article - What Makes An Ideal Sports Parent**

### **By Coach Nick DeFendis**

In last month's Newsletter, I talked about what makes a nightmare sports parent. So now let's hear it for the parents that do it right. It takes less effort to be an ideal sports parent than a nightmare one, so sit back and enjoy. Here's what to do:

- > Cheer everyone on the team, not just your son. Parents should attend as many games as possible and be supportive, yet allow young athletes to find their own solutions. Don't feel the need to come to their rescue at every crisis. Continue to make positive comments even when the team is struggling.
- > Model appropriate behavior. Contrary to the old saying, children do as you do, not as you say. When a parent projects poise, control and confidence, the young player is likely to do the same. And when a parent doesn't dwell on a tough loss, the young athlete will be enormously appreciative.
- > Know what is suitable to discuss with the coach. The mental and physical treatment of your child is absolutely appropriate. So is seeking advice on ways to help your child improve. And if you are concerned about your child's behavior in the team setting, bring that up with the coach. Taboo topics: playing time, team strategy and discussing team members other than your child. Remember the 24 hour rule if you do want to speak.
- > Know your role. Everyone at a game is either a player, a coach, an official or a spectator. Choose only one of those roles at a time. Some parents have the false impression that by being in a crowd, they become anonymous. People behaving poorly cannot hide. Here's a clue - if your child seems embarrassed by you, clean up your act.
- > Be a good listener and a great encourager. When your child is ready to talk about a game or has a question about the sport, be all ears. Then provide answers while being mindful of avoiding becoming a nightmare parent. Above all, be positive. Be your child's biggest fan. Good athletes learn better when they seek their own answers.

These are good rules to follow. I hope to see this type of parent at the complex this season.



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