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Welcome to the home of the  
**RC RICHMOND COUNTY BASEBALL CLUB**  
We play the game, we teach the game

# RCBC Newsletter

## RCBC Tournament Victories Continue To Mount

Continuing their winning ways, the 11U Nationals won both the PG Super25 Staten Island Mayhem tournament and the Mothers Day Classic tournament at the complex, going 5-0 in each event. This was the team's 3rd tournament championship this year. Congrats to Coach Quinn's squad for an outstanding start to the season.



## PAYMENT DUE

Remember that all tournament fee balances should now be paid in full.

If you still have an outstanding balance, 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)).

15U-18U team meetings will be held shortly. 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 immediate attention and cooperation.

## Tournament Update



May kicked off with the PG Super25 Staten Island Mayhem tournament with the RCBC Nationals taking the 11U division and the D1 Renegades capturing the 14U bracket.

In the Mothers Day Classic, the RCBC Nationals took home the 11U crown again with Tri State Arsenal winning the 10U and 13U divisions. In the Verrazano Classic, Tri State Arsenal won out again in the 9U division with South Jersey Elite taking the 12U championship. And in the 14U Memorial Day Classic, the GoWags RiverCats took top honors.

Our Perfect Game Super25 spring schedule concludes with:

- 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 on June 12-14. 44 elite teams are scheduled to compete. This event always attracts a large number of college and professional scouts.

June also features our 15U and 16U Schools Over Spectacular tournament on June 19-21.

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



## Perfect Game Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier Returns To Richmond County Baseball



For the 2nd year in a row, Richmond County Baseball will be the host site for the Perfect Game Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier tournament, one of only 5 Super Qualifiers in the country. We will be hosting these regional qualifying tournaments for the 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U and 13U age brackets.

Winners of these prestigious events receive an automatic bid to the Perfect Game Super25 National Championships which will be held in either Georgia or Florida (based upon age) this summer.

There will be tremendous excitement on Staten Island as over 100 teams from NY, NJ, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland descend on our borough for some of the most competitive baseball in the Northeast. In addition to the Richmond County Complex, games will be held at South Shore and Mid Island Little Leagues, the College of Staten Island (CSI) and some of the local high school facilities. We are proud to show off our community during this weekend-long event and helping generate a significant amount of business for local hotels, restaurants and stores.

RCBC teams will be participating too so come out to support our boys. Richmond County Baseball and Perfect Game Super25 apparel will also be available for sale during the event.





## Summer Camp Dates Announced

# Johnny D's 5 Tool Baseball

# Summer Camp

□ THROWING & RECEIVING MECHANICS □ INFIELD TECHNIQUES □ OUTFIELD DRILLS □ HITTING MECHANICS & DRILLS □ BUNTING TECHNIQUES □ RUNNING FORM □ DAILY LIVE GAMES & COMPETITIONS □ SITUATIONAL & GAME STRATEGIES

### OUR PROCESS FOR SUCCESS

- Teach the proper mechanics and fundamentals necessary in the game of baseball – Hitting, catching, pitching, defense, & base running.
- Teach the importance of a proper mental approach.
- Develop the ability to apply the aspects of a quality practice to a game setting, leading to a more confident performance.
- Most importantly, **HAVE FUN** and enjoy the great game of baseball



**Richmond County Youth Complex**  
**7/27 to 7/31**

**South Shore Little League 8/3 to 8/7**

**9:00-2:00 Mon-Fri**

**Ages 6-13**

For more info on our Camp, Staff or Programs please call (718) 344-8118 or visit us online at

[www. My5toolbaseball.com](http://www.My5toolbaseball.com)

To register, go to [www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com) or [www.my5toolbaseball.com](http://www.my5toolbaseball.com)



Coach Mike Lopiparo  
College Placement  
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Quality Control Coach

This month's  
baseball quote:

A former manager once said  
*"Baseball is one of the only  
places where a sacrifice is  
truly appreciated."*

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

### ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO GET RECRUITED (GETTING MONEY)

Attending college today for your son or daughter might require robbing a bank. The high college tuition, along with the inflated room-and-board costs, along with the out-of-control text book fees, means your bank account may have to be the size of the U.S. Defense budget!

Unfortunately college baseball is not the money-making sport like football or basketball. No collegiate baseball game will have 110,000 fans that Michigan squeezes into the "Big House" in Ann Arbor. So let's examine the different ways your baseball son or softball daughter can get money to earn the future bachelor's degree.

1. Athletic Money - Division I and II schools have scholarship money to give out. BUT...in baseball, the amount of scholarships is 11.7 for D-I and 9 for D-II. That is Total not Yearly. What that means is that rarely is a FULL athletic scholarship given out. What colleges do is divide up the money into 3/4, 2/3, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4. This ensures that more players get a piece of the pie. Remember that while D-I schools can give out 11.7 scholarships, many have only 6 to 9. The same with D-II. Not all the programs have 9; some might have 5 to 8. Division III cannot give out athletic dough.

2. Academic Aid - The next time you're playing a video game on your iPad during the geometry or global studies class and

wind up with a 75 instead of a 90, may I remind you that you're costing yourself thousands of dollars. Academic aid is a great way to pay a hefty part of the college bill and it can help add to what you're getting in athletic money. College coaches love academic candidates since it saves athletic money. The starting point is getting for athletic money is an 85 average with about 1500 on the three-part SATs. Plain and simple - Good Grades Equals Good Money! Treat high school like a job.

3. Financial Aid - Fill out financial aid papers in your senior year when the new year begins. Low income, single parent, and no home ownership are the most common ways to get financial aid, which can come from the government (federal or local) or from the college itself.

4. Low Interest Loans - These loans can help defray the cost of the huge college bill. Besides being low interest, you don't have to start paying it back until after graduation.

5. Grants = Sometimes alumni sponsor a grant that becomes available. Always inquire to check out grants.

6. Employee Scholarships - Attention Parents!!! Your job may have scholarships available for your children. Sometimes through the company or possibly through a labor union. Do your investigative reporting.

As always, any questions please contact me, Coach Nick or Coach George.

## **Featured Article - The 5 Essentials Of Infield Play**

### **By Coach Nick DeFendis**

Every infielder must strive to achieve the following:

1. The correct attitude
2. Excellent sensory perception
3. Good rhythm with all ground balls
4. Proper mechanics
5. The ability to make the plays

Once he has developed these 5 areas, he must never settle for anything short of perfection.

Every infielder must desire to be involved in all 21 outs. His ATTITUDE should be to demand that every ground ball be hit to him. His confident attitude forces him to believe that there is no ground ball which can get by him; that he will get to the ball and throw the runner out.

The jump an infielder gets on a batted ball is directly proportional to his level of SENSORY PERCEPTION. A good infielder will read a batted ball with both sight and sound. This ability enables the infielder to gauge the speed and direction of the batted ball.

Developing a GOOD RHYTHM WITH GROUND BALLS is essential. Arriving in the proper position to field a ground ball requires a sense of timing. Agility and timing allow the infielder to get to and field the more desirable hops.

Proper FIELDING MECHANICS must take place throughout the entire fielding process. Infielders must have good hands and good feet or his fielding will be based on luck. A good infielder always finds a way to get into a good athletic position to field the ball.

The bottom line for any infielder is to get to the ball and MAKE THE PLAY. He must relax, feel confident and explode. All the thinking, repetition and focus should take over. The infielder should react only to the situation and conquer it!

Baseball is a repetition sport, and a good work ethic and practice regiment are the only ways to become truly proficient in these 5 areas. Every infielder must take pride in his craft. Becoming proficient in these 5 areas will allow him to further his mental and physical abilities.

### Sponsor Of The Month

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