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# RCBC Newsletter

## RCBC'S COMMUNITY DAY

Thanks to those that joined us for our annual Community Day  
at the Commons Café at the Teleport.

For those that didn't pick up their batting helmet,  
they will be distributed with uniforms in the coming weeks.



## Payment Reminder

If you still have a balance on your 2016 registration fee, it is due now. If paying by check, make out to RCBC and mail to 98 Tanglewood Drive, Staten Island, NY 10308. If paying by credit card, use the authorization form on the RCBC website.

Also, for those teams with additional tournament fees, the next installment is due by April 1. Please remit by check or credit card. Final payment is due by May 1. If unsure of your balance, please contact [jim@rcbclub.com](mailto:jim@rcbclub.com).

No uniforms or apparel will be distributed until all fees are paid.

## Tournament Update



PERFECT GAME

Our 2016 tournament schedule kicked off with the 14U PGBA Holiday Classic with the 9ers Prime defeating the New Milford Mustangs in the championship game.

Here's our April lineup:

PGBA April Fools Follies (4/2-4/3) - 13U

PGBA Staten Island Rally (4/9-4/10) - 9U, 11U, 13U

PGBA Staten Island Challenge (4/16-4/17) - 10U, 14U

PGBA Big Apple Classic (4/23-4/24) - 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U

PGBA Staten Island Mayhem (4/30-5/1) - 12U, 13U

We will also be announcing our fall schedule soon, featuring PGBA and PG Super25 events, including Super Qualifiers for the 2017 National Championships.

A reminder that RCBC members are required to pay the daily gate fee for all Perfect Game tournaments hosted by Richmond County Baseball. Please don't give the boys and girls who collect the fee a hard time; they are only doing their job. Once our summer season begins, each player will receive 2 wristbands entitling the wearer to free daily admission to each event. Children under 18 are always free. Thanks for your cooperation.

## March Tournament Champions

Congratulations to our first tournament champions of the year!



11U Nationals

Diamond  
Nation  
Spring  
Fling

10U Nationals

Diamond  
Nation  
Easter  
Extravaganza



12U Americans

USABL  
Spring  
Blast





Coach Mike Lopiparo  
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This month's  
baseball quote:

Former Dodgers Executive  
Branch Rickey once said:

*"Baseball gives a growing  
boy self-poise and self-  
confidence. Baseball is a  
man-maker."*

If you want to voice a  
comment on anything I  
write, email me at  
mikelope19@aol.com



## Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

### SENDING AN EMAIL TO A COLLEGE BASEBALL COACH

If your son is interested in playing college baseball, as are most players that are with RCBC, then by the time they reach sophomore year, letters should be going to college coaches. Each year, I put out an article about what a letter should include. Having been a recruiter, I've read many a letter. Now many students like to email the coach.

First, it's important to communicate with the colleges you are interested in. Writing an email is the best way to do this. Emails are a modern way of communicating. You don't write a life story in the email. They don't need to hear about your t-ball career or your MVP as a ten year old Little Leaguer. The coaches want to know your current situation in high school and summer ball.

Following is information that should be included in the email:

1. Opening paragraph - state your NAME, the GRADE you're in, the SCHOOL you attend and the PRIMARY position you play.
2. Then mention you've heard positive things about the Baseball Program, the Coaches and the Academics.
3. Quickly mention (if you're sure) that you would get Academic and/or Financial Aid. This alerts the coach, who love to hear that. LOL
4. End the opening paragraph by always saying you are interested in attending the school and being part of the Baseball Program.
5. In the second paragraph, in power

point format, give the coach the vital information about yourself. This is so the coach knows where to find what he needs to know.

6. Include the following:

- Name-Grade-Birth Date
  - Home address-email address-cell phone-home phone
  - Parents' names and cell numbers
  - Primary and secondary positions-Throws (R or L)-Bats (R or L)
  - Height-Weight-Strongest Skill or Skills (e.g., 88 mph fastball, 6.7 in the 60, gold glove fielder, excellent power hitter)
  - High School-Address-Coach's work and/or cell phone
  - Grade Point Average-SAT and/or ACT scores-Class Rank (can be vital)
  - Summer Team-Coach's name and cell phone
  - Showcase Ratings-High School Awards in baseball and/or academics
  - Mention if you play another sport (shows athleticism)
  - Mention that you have registered for the Clearing House which sanctions your eligibility to play freshman year
7. Then say you look forward to hearing back from the coach and would like to visit the college in the near future.
8. You can follow up the letter or email with phone calls or more emails to the coach. You should ALWAYS let your high school and summer coaches know who you write to.
9. Start writing in your sophomore year. Recruiting begins earlier.
- Be realistic. Write to schools you think you can play at. I have said this in previous articles. Go back and read this.

**Featured Article - RCBC Player Development Role****By Coach Joe Stauffer**

The 2016 season is upon us, and our program is ready to continue our growth on the field and off the field. I have taken on a role this year of Player Development in an effort to use my experience and to try to remove some items away from Coach Nick and Coach George. I think we all tend to forget the running of the program, from gates being open at 5:30 in the morning, to work on a field, to making sure the right uniform is given out, is only part of it. They coach their own teams and travel over the course of the season. Every family always has the right to contact them, but we are putting an additional structure in place to try to solve any potential issue before a family feels the need to take that step.

The potential frustration of a parent or player at a game tends to lessen in 24 hours. The “24 hour rule” works and after 24 hours, if a family has a problem, then please contact your manager to discuss over the phone or at the complex. If we are making the call to discuss a batting order or innings played from a particular game, I don’t think the call needs to be made. The call should never be made to discuss the performance of another player. If a pattern develops over time, then feel free to reach out to the manager. The goal is to solve all issues; we are a program that clearly is successful, but our success on a year-to-year basis depends upon the development of players in the program.

This role is not intended to be the complaint hotline; we are a travel baseball program and I will have no problem if there is a need to discuss something and sit and talk but within our structure.

If you need to contact me after meeting with your manager, then go to the RCBC website, find my name under Coaching Staff, select Contact and fill out the information; the email will come to me. Everything starts with an email and only an email. We all care about the program and look forward to another great year of baseball.

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