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# RCBC Newsletter

#### **Start Your Holiday Shopping Now**

The Marucci Locker Room is a great place for your holiday shopping, not only for players, but for mom, dad, siblings, grandparents and fans of all ages. Check out some of the special apparel packages available as well as Marucci and Victus equipment and fan gear. Get your orders in now to ensure delivery in time for the holidays.

















- Looking for that special gift for your player. Check out the new Victus Vandal Mach2, now available in the RCBC Marucci Locker Room. See page 12 for details.
- Stay tuned for upcoming information on our annual Winter Workouts.
- For any prospective new players interested in joining the program, submit the Registration Interest form on the RCBC website (www.rcbclub.com) and we will contact you with information on future tryouts and workouts.
- Remember to get out to VOTE on November 2 with the NYC Mayor,
   Staten Island Borough President and Staten Island's three City
   Council District seats on the line.
- Daylight savings time ends late this year. Remember to turn your clocks back on the evening of Saturday, November 6.



# **Tournament Update**

In October, we hosted the PG 14U Northeast Select Championship with the NJ Renegades taking home the title. The PG 16U and 17U WWBA Northeast Fall Championship was cut short due to inclement weather with no winners declared. We also hosted the PG Mid Atlantic World Series over two weekends with 4 age groups competing. Winners were Canes New York (14U), NYC Rising Stars (15U), Next Level Boston (17U) and Whitehouse Post 284 (18U). Congratulations to all the tournament champions and finalists at our events in 2021.

Additionally, Coach DeFendis coached Team Northeast in the PG WWBA World Championship in Jupiter, Florida for the 5th year, and for the 3rd year in a row, the team won their bracket and advanced to the playoff round. This team represents some of the best talent in the northeast; elite players whose current teams do not qualify for this prestigious event. Via our partnership with Perfect Game, we are able to offer this select opportunity to our top players as well as others throughout the Northeast region.

This concludes our tournament calendar for this year. Check out the recently released 2022 PG tournament schedule which will again feature a large number of exciting events on Staten Island. Visit our tournament website at www.rctournaments.com.

# **October Tournament Champs**



11U Nationals
USABL
Oktoberfest



10U Nationals

Diamond Nation Fall Brawl





# **October Tournament Champs**



12U Nationals

Future Stars Field Of Screams



10U Americans

USABL MVP Classic





### **October Tournament Champs**



16U Nationals - Diamond Nation Fall Harvest



Congrats too to the following teams who came in runner up in their respective tournaments this month (fall age groups):

10U Nationals - Baseball Heaven Think Pink For The Cure 12U Americans - PG East Coast Fall Super Qualifier

#### **October Tournament Results**

# **2021 RCBC Marucci Tournament Tracker**

61 Championship Game Appearances
35 Tournament Championships
26 Runner Ups



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A terrific year for RCBC teams in tournament play - an all-time high in tournaments won and championship game appearances.

Some of our teams will still be playing Halloween weekend and the first weekend of November. Those results will be published in our November Newsletter.

# **RCBC Players In The News**

Congratulations to the following RCBC players on their college commitments.



Nick Pomponio Rowan University



Jack Ryan
Long Island University (LIU)





#### **RCBC Players In The News**

Congratulations to the following RCBC players on their outstanding performance at the Metro Scout Day workout.



Robert Rispoli SS - 17U Nationals 60 Yard Dash

Jack Ryan
C - 17U Nationals
Catcher's Pop Time





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# Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - So You Think You Know Baseball Rules

Quote of the Month - Hall of Fame Umpire Bill Klem once said: "It's the cowardly player that tries to blame his mistakes *on bad calls by the Umpire.*"

Time for some fun! We all think we can be an Umpire; that we know Major League Rules. So make your Decision!!!!

- 1. How can there be FOUR LEGITIMATE OUTS in an inning?
- 2. Can a pitcher, who has thrown both righty and lefty, switch his throwing arm in the middle of facing a batter?
- 3. A line drive hits the pitcher's mound squarely and sails into the dugout. What is the call?
- 4. True or false? A designated hitter CANNOT sit in the bullpen unless he is serving as a bullpen catcher.
- 5. If the Umpire calls the Infield-Fly-Rule...which means the batter is automatically out...but the pop up hits the baserunner, is the runner also out?
- 6. Two runners are on base. If the next pitch lodges in either the catcher's or pitcher's mask, what is the call?



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- 7. Call this one. Two outs and two strikes on the batter. The baserunner attempts to steal home. The runner is safe but he is hit by the pitch thrown that is not in the strike zone. Is the runner still safe or is he out?
- 8. True or false? A batter and ALL runners on base ADVANCE THREE BASES if a fielder INTENTIONALLY touches a fair batted ball with his mask, his cap or throws his glove at the ball.
- 9. An outfielder deflects a fly ball and it goes over the fence fair. What is the call?
- 10. When can a catcher simply step on home plate when he drops a third strike to record the out?

OK...do your homework. I will publish the answers in next month's Newsletter.

# **Marucci Featured Item**

# The New Victus Vandal Mach2 Is Here (And We've Got It)



- Highest grade one-piece aluminum hybrid
- Ringless barrel design
  - Pro tapered handle
- Micro-perforated touch grip
  - Available in -10, -8, -5, BBCOR -3

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