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### Richmond County Baseball Club

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## RCBC Newsletter

#### **Automated External Defibrillators Now On Site**

Richmond County baseball received their new Automated External
Defibrillators (AEDs) from the NYC Department of Citywide
Administrative Services (DCAS) as a result of the law authored by District 50
Councilman Steven Matteo. All RCBC staff and coaches are being trained in
CPR and use of the defibrillators.

"At RCBC, we are taking every measure to maintain the safety of our children and their families" said Coach DeFendis. "We are thankful to Councilman Matteo for creating this law and for all his efforts towards making Staten Island a great place to live. Let's pray we never have to use them."



Coach Quinn, Councilman Matteo, Coach DeFendis and Jim Russo



For those teams with a payment schedule for your 2017 registration and tournament fees, the next installment is due by March 31.

For teams ages 14U, 16U and 17U, full payment must be received by April 30.

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.

Even if you received your uniform, no one will be allowed to attend or play in any games until all fees are paid.

If unsure of your balance, contact
Christina at christina@rcbclub.com

#### **2017 Tournament Schedule**







Tournament season kicks off next month with several PGBA events.

- April 14-15 Staten Island Holiday Classic (11U, 14U)
- April 22-23 Northeast Elite Invitational (12U, 13U)
- April 29-30 Staten Island Spring Shootout (10U, 11U, 14U)

Check out our schedule on www.rcbclub.com or on our dedicated tournament website www.rctournaments.com.

We also welcome Bobby Aanonsen and Ray Doyle to our tournament staff for 2017.

Other positions for weekend tournament help are still available. If interested, email info@rcbclub.com.

#### **Text Message Alerts**



Many members have still not signed up for text message alerts. It's easy to do and will ensure that you are aware of any important announcements from RCBC. To subscribe, text 84483 and enter RCBC2017 in the message field.

#### **Meet Our Partner Marucci Sports**

As you know, RCBC is proud to now be part of the Marucci Founders Club, a partnership that Marucci has forged with some of the nation's premier amateur baseball organizations. With core values that align with those of the Marucci Founders, organizations such as RCBC were selected for their dedication to excellence on and off the field, reputation as a positive influence in their community, and commitment to growing their organization and, in turn, the Marucci mission. Here's the Marucci story.

Marucci Sports was originally called the Marucci Bat Company. It was founded in 2002 by Louisiana State University (LSU) athletic training director Jack Marucci and is based in Baton Rouge, La. The company is co-owned by former major league baseball players Kurt Ainsworth and Joe Lawrence.

The company began when Jack's 8 year old son Gino wanted a wooden bat to emulate his idols in the Major Leagues. After struggling to find a wooden bat for his son, he decided to make his own. He crafted a bat in his shed using Amish wood and an \$80 lathe and Gino began using the bat is his games. After receiving many requests from Gino's friends, Jack made a few bats for his friend Eduardo Perez who was a Major League first baseman at the time, and from there word of Marucci spread throughout Major League Baseball. Marucci continued to craft bats in his backyard shed until 2005, the year the company's bats were approved for MLB use. The company has since expanded its product line to include aluminum bats, batting gloves, fielding gloves and apparel.

In a relatively short period of time, Marucci has taken a large share of the baseball bat market from longtime industry leader Louisville Slugger, with Marucci now the # 1 bat in the majors. Unlike other equipment manufacturers, instead of sponsoring athletes, Marucci has brought in players as company owners and advisors to product development. Notable members of the Advisory Board include Albert Pujols, David Ortiz and Andrew McCutchen and one player, Jose Bautista is a member of the company's board of directors.





Marucci bats are now used by over 40% of MLB players including Jose Bautista, Carlos Beltran, Adrian Beltre, Kris Bryant, Carlos Correa, Josh Donaldson, Edwin Encarnacion, Carlos Gonzalez, Bryce Harper, Chase Headley, Ryan Howard, Manny Machado, Andrew McCutchen, Mike Napoli, Dustin Pedroia, Kevin Pillar, Buster Posey, Albert Pujols, Jose Reyes, Anthony Rizzo, Chase Utley and David Wright to name a few.

Watch the "Marucci Story" on www.rcbclub.com.

#### **RCBC Introduces GAMECHANGER For Perfect Game Tournaments**

This season, RCBC will be providing live game scoring using the *GameChanger* application for Perfect Game tournaments we host. Fans can now follow the action, even if they're not able to come to the ballpark.

GameChanger provides live updates, stats and recap stories and is now available on both Apple and Android devices. GameChanger stats will also be available on each tournament event page on the Perfect Game website (www.perfectgame.org).

"We are happy to provide this service as part of the Perfect Game experience" said Nick DeFendis (who also serves as NY Regional Director for Perfect Game). "The information we derive will be a great tool for our players and coaches, and it will provide families and fans with another great way to enjoy the games."



# Featured Article - By Coach DeFendis Defeat, Struggle and Fail

Throughout my years of coaching, I have seen many changes in the game of baseball pertaining to the kids I coach. But before I get started, let me add this little comment. If you coach and don't have thick skin, do yourself a favor and go do something else.

The amount of selfishness and entitlement that surrounds the game today is nuts. Unlike the kids from yesteryear, kids playing sports today don't have the toughness needed to grind out the game on a day by day basis. Not all, but most, and it bothers me to have the need to address it.

Sports is a place to win and lose, but importantly, to learn and develop not just as an athlete, but as a human being. And whenever we give out trophies simply for showing up, we make every trophy less meaningful. In other words, if everyone is awesome, then no one is awesome.

Sports has winners and losers, and usually the kids get over the result long before the adults do. Think about your own life. If you enjoy running, you will run more. If you have fun lifting weights, you will work out more. So why do we think that if we make sports less fun, that kids will play them more? They won't. They don't. They quit. They play video games.

Today, trophies are handed out like bottles of water. A 2nd place trophy does one thing. It reminds you that you lost and it should motivate you to come back the next time to try harder. As we get ready for the upcoming season, I ask you this one question: What are you doing to improve yourself, not just

your game?

### Marucci Online Store



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