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RCBC Newsletter

College Showcase Camp

Richmond County Baseball held its 5th annual College Showcase Camp with over 60 players and 20 schools participating in the two days of drills and scrimmages. Wagner College Head Coach Jim Carone called the camp “outstanding,” identifying a number of future recruiting prospects. “It was one of our best camps yet” exclaimed Coach DeFendis. “It’s a great opportunity for players in our program, as well as those from outside, to be seen and evaluated by many of the top schools in our area right here in our own backyard.”





For players
ages 7U-12U

RCBC Members
spread the word

Tuesday, August 28

11U-12U
1:30-3:00 pm

9U-10U
3:15-4:45 pm

7U-8U
5:00-6:30 pm

Fall 2018/spring 2019
age guidelines apply.

Richmond County
Youth Complex
1400 Travis Ave.
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New players must
complete the
registration interest
form on the RCBC
website prior to the
tryout.

RCBC players must
attend as well.

Dates for 13U-17U
will be announced
shortly.

Tournament Update

The RC Battle Of The Island was canceled due to weather.

Here's our upcoming September schedule:

September 8-9 - PGBA Mid Atlantic Fall Invitational
(11U, 13U, 15U)

September 15-16 - PG Super25 Fall Mid Atlantic Super
Qualifier (10U, 12U, 14U)

September 22-23 - PGBA Northeast Fall Invitational
(11U, 17U)

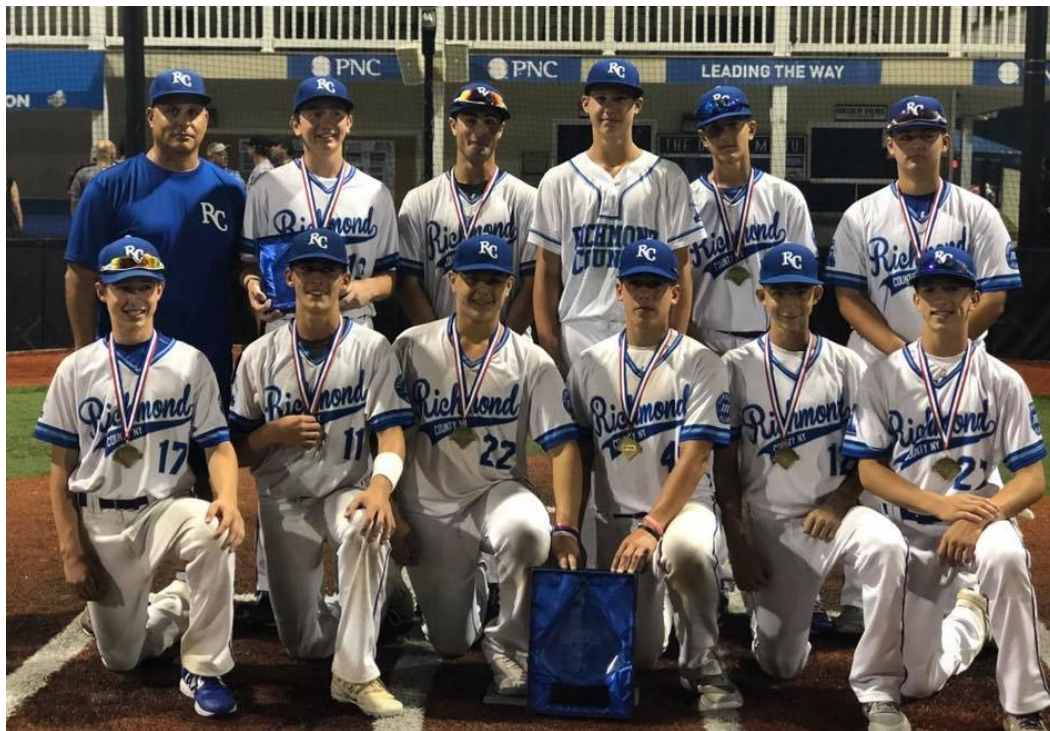
September 29-30 - PG Super25 Fall Mid Atlantic Super
Qualifier (11U, 15U)

For our fall tournament schedule, visit
www.rctournaments.com.



**10U Nationals
USABL
Summer Slam
Champs**

August Champs



**14U Nationals
Diamond Nation
Boys Of Summer**

**10U Nationals
Diamond Nation
Boys Of Summer**



August Champs



**14U Nationals
Diamond Nation
Summer Bash**



**16U Nationals
Diamond Nation Summer Bash**

RCBC Player Update

Congratulations to RCBC players Greg Bruno, Chris Cancel and Robert Cavalieri who, along with teammates from Mid Island Little League, made it to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.



RC College Showcase Camp

Congratulations to the two Showcase participants who won custom Marucci gear via a special drawing.



Joseph Ciancimino
Custom Marucci HTG Glove



Daniel Frontera
Marucci Custom Pro Wood Bat



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Featured Article - By Coach Nick DeFendis

The Dreaded Line-Up Card

Players, you all know that feeling when you're walking up to the line-up card...unsure whether or not you're playing...

Parents, I'm sure you are experiencing a similar feeling before the game...looking to pick up any signs to help you determine whether or not your son is playing...

Either way, I know that walking up to the line-up card and not seeing your name (or not seeing your son running out on the field) really stinks! We've all been there at one time or another so I'm certainly not going to try and convince you that it feels great by any means...

HOWEVER, I am going to challenge you to look at this tragedy differently. You ready? Imagine thirteen of your best friends are all in one room. Now imagine you need to RANK them from one to nine, so everyone will know you feel about them! But worse yet, some of them won't even get a ranking! How tough is that? How awkward is that? Is that a good feeling? No it's not! But that's what coaches have to go through EVERY time they fill out a line-up card (which is often!). It's certainly not easy to rank people, especially ones that you have a relationship with and care about.

Here's the tough reality...this is LIFE. Not everyone gets to play shortstop. Not everyone gets to hit in the 3 hole. Just like everyone doesn't get to be the boss at work. There are a limited amount of spots at the top in all aspects of life.

So instead of worrying or complaining about it, do something about it! Ask your coach what you need to do to get on that line-up card...then do it!

Coaches aren't out to get you, they just have an unpopular job! Think about ranking your BFFs next time you're ticked about your spot or lack there of on the line-up card.

It's normal to be upset about not playing, I'm not saying don't be a little upset about it in the moment. However, I am challenging you to DO something about it!

Complaining doesn't solve problems. Neither does pointing the finger. Take action. Be accountable for yourself. Change the line-up card. Be obsessed.



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - The 10 Commandments of Sports Parenting

Quote of the Month - Michael Jordan, who played a year of minor league baseball, once said *"Some people want it to happen; some wish it would happen; but others MAKE it happen."*

Like *Honeymooners* reruns on New Year's Day, we once again address the issue of parents and sports. At RCBC, just about every parent acts the proper way. The report card grade overall is an A-. However, the minus (-) is for the very few that get "careless" with their behavior at times. Of course, there will be issues that cause disagreement between coach and player, coach and parent, and parent and their son!

At RCBC, we are always trying to solve the differences of opinion that can pop up at times. But this takes cooperation from everyone in the spirit of solution and compromise. It is vital for parents to adhere to certain behavior. So therefore, I have found something called *The 10 Commandments of Sports Parenting*. I DID NOT write the list, and it isn't etched in stone and brought down by Moses. However....look at it and see how you score. In a few months, I will also post a *Coaches Checklist for Youth Coaching*.

Coaches vs. Parents have a long tradition, perhaps longer than the disputes in the Middle East. LOL. Anyway, following are the *Commandments*.



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(Continued)

The 10 Commandments of Sports Parenting

1. Thou shall love your child no matter what.
2. Thou shall let the coach do his job.
3. Thou shall be realistic about your child's abilities.
4. Thou shall let your child have fun.
5. Thou shall volunteer.
6. Thou shall not relive your athletic life through your child.
7. Thou shall not compare your child's abilities or attitudes with anyone else's.
8. Thou shall be grateful.
9. Thou shall support the whole team.
10. Thou shall see the big picture.

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