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Baseball Club**

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RCBC Newsletter

Marucci Founders Club Summit

The 2nd annual Marucci Founders Club Summit was held this month in New Orleans, Louisiana. Marucci staff and representatives from the 27 Founders Club organizations from around the nation met to discuss new Marucci products and upcoming events, including the 4th annual Marucci World Series in July.



Payment Schedule For 2019 Fees



For teams 12U-17U, your tournament fees
are due in full by the following dates:

12U-13U

April 1

14U-17U

May 1

Check with your coach for your team's exact fees. These fees do not
include the cost of tournament travel (airfare, hotel, etc.).

If you want payment to be automatically collected on the dates due,
please submit the Credit Card Payment Plan form under Online
Forms on the RCBC website (www.rcbclub.com).

Playing time may be suspended if payments are not current.

Any issues, contact Coach DeFendis at 917-299-9211.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tournament Update



Our 2019 tournament schedule kicks off next month, featuring both RCBC and Perfect Game events.

April 12-14 - RCBC Spring Kickoff (10U, 12U, 13U)

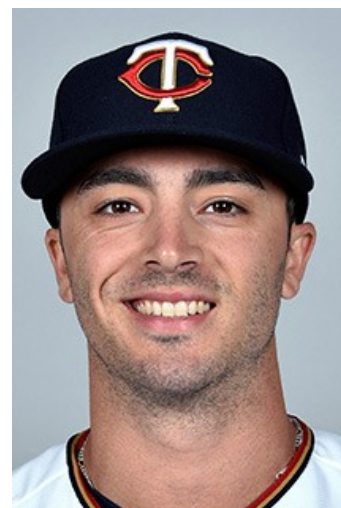
April 26-28 - PG Super25 Staten Island Spring Super Qualifier (10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)

For our full schedule, visit www.rctournaments.com.

If interested in any of our part-time tournament positions, submit the Employment Form under Online Forms on the RCBC website (www.rcbclub.com). Positions include Tournament Directors, tournament administration support, game scorers, apparel sales and gate security.

RCBC Alumni Member Update

**Congratulations and good luck to Zack Granite,
the newest member of the Texas Rangers**



**Seton Hall's Ricky DeVito was ranked the
#43 MLB draft prospect by Perfect Game***

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RHP RICKY DEVITO
Seton Hall

The 6-2, 166-pound DeVito will still be 20 years old at draft time and is a rare, projectable college pitcher. He went 6-3 with a 1.88 ERA for the Pirates as a sophomore.

**University of Connecticut Baseball,
featuring Anthony Prato, is ranked
#20 in the nation by Perfect Game***

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CONNECTICUT (37-22-1)

UConn fell just short of hosting a Regional last season, and also battled East Carolina to the end of the American Athletic Conference Tournament championship game. The Huskies' middle-infield tandem of shortstop Anthony Prato and second baseman Michael Woodworth is one of the best in the nation. Staff ace Mason Feole should



* Source: Street & Smith's 2019 Baseball Magazine

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2019 College Showcase Camp



August 13-14, 2019

Richmond County Youth Complex





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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Baseball Advice To Parents

Quote of the Month - *"Let the Players Play; let the Coaches Coach; Let the Parents Cheer"* said by many baseball people.

Of course Parents are important. Before the teenage years, many have nurtured their sons in baseball and in life, providing the needs for success. It's tough to let go, but once he reaches his teenage years, parental adjustments must be made for future success in baseball. What worked up to the pre-teen years may have been great. But here is some valuable advice once they reach 13 and baseball is still a big part of their life.

The key change (in my opinion) is to avoid (what I call) the Going Home Argument! Understand: As your son gets older, success in baseball gets tougher. Many times, those that are not doing well have quit. Hitting is tough...fielding isn't easy...pitching is challenging. It's not easy to get out hitters, especially against teams with multiple solid hitters in a lineup. Hitting is tough vs. a star pitcher. And in the teen years, fielders take away the cheap hits.

So, you CAN'T expect your son to be the star in every game. You should NOT spend the ride home totally criticizing your boy. And...if your son goes 3-for-4, PRAISE him...don't only focus on the one bad at bat. If your son allows one run in 5 innings, don't just criticize the one poor inning. PRAISE him. A mediocre game in the field doesn't deserve a 20 minute critique from the game to the driveway. I'm sure plenty of moms have my back on this one!



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Baseball is a difficult sport. Don't make it tougher. Coaches at RCBC are Experienced and Excellent. You can trust our coaches to help make the needed adjustments. Yes...even your outside hitting or pitching coaches. DO NOT make your son get sick of baseball and lose interest. Your son becomes more mobile when he becomes a teen. Baseball in the teenage years is a tough division with a) video games, b) partying, c) girlfriends, d) weekends at the Jersey Shore, e) grades excuse, f) late night pool parties, g) beach, h) sleeping late in the air conditioning and i) making money at a summer job. Therefore, early or late games at Diamond Nation, etc. and morning practices at RCBC or anything in 90 degree heat can make baseball lose out to the divisional opponents I just mentioned. Teen baseball in the summer has tough competition.

Also, getting recruited to play college baseball is difficult for many teens. Don't constantly criticize your son and then throw in the "You'll never get recruited" remark. You are not looking for an answer "Good Dad, I won't play baseball in college; I'll just go there for school." Understand that getting recruited can be tough.



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Next: Parents - Please AVOID the following. Don't be a reason college recruiters cross your name off the list:

1. Don't yell at umpires or your coach.
2. Don't start a fight with the opposition.
3. Don't stick your head in the dugout to question the coach on a lineup or something with your son.
4. In fact...don't let a recruiter see you arguing with your coach after a game. RCBC has an effective 24 hour rule for inquiries or complaints.
5. Do not coach from the stands and loudly play the "second guess" game (ex-daddy coaches are famous for this).
6. Do not give your son or his teammates baseball tips during the game. Stay away from the dugout.
7. Root for the whole team, not just your son.
8. Don't show recruiters Little League pictures (it means nothing to them). Recruiters and scouts look AHEAD.
9. Don't tell other parents and players that your son will definitely be a pro. It's not easy and you don't need players and parents quietly rooting against him. At RCBC, our track record in helping your son advance is First Rate. It's why it's important that we are Direct in the advice given to both players and parents.

Marucci Featured Item

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BBCOR (-3)



Senior (-5, -8, -10), Junior Big Barrel (-10)



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