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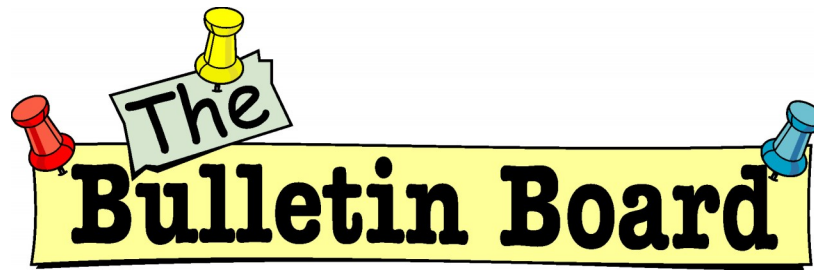
RCBC Newsletter

2019 College Showcase Camp



Due to a conflict of events, this year's College Showcase Camp has been rescheduled for August 6-7, 2019. For those RCBC teams whose registration fee includes participation in the camp, please mark your calendars for this date change.





New, starting this month, we will be including a Bulletin Board page in the Newsletter to highlight important announcements, due dates and upcoming events.

- Registration Fees - All registration/tournament fees must be paid in full by May 1.
- The next Marucci online store close date is May 6. Get your Fathers' Day and summer apparel orders in now.
- Atlanta/Baton Rouge trips - For those teams traveling, your trip costs must be paid in full by June 1. Final amounts will be provided shortly.
- Interested in part-time work at any of our weekend tournaments, submit the Employment form on the RCBC website.
- Interested in being a tournament game scorer, contact Charlie Quinn at 718-702-8417.

Tournament Update



Our 2019 tournament schedule kicked off in April with the PG Super25 Staten Island Spring Super Qualifier, with the winners earning a paid berth to the Perfect Game National Championships this summer in Florida:

10U - The NJ Axemen defeated the Brooklyn Falcons 6-4

11U - Zoned Redhawks Elite topped Mid Atlantic Show 6-2

12U - Warstic Citius won out over Elite Squad 7-3

13U - Baseball U Ct edged the RCBC Nationals 5-4

Upcoming tournaments in May:

May 10-12 - PG Super25 NY Spring Super Qualifier (10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)

May 17-19 - RCBC Northeast Spring Classic (11U, 12U, 13U, 14U)

May 24-26 - PG Super25 Staten Island Spring Super Qualifier (15U, 16U)

May 31-June 2 - PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier (10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)

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

Tournament Champs

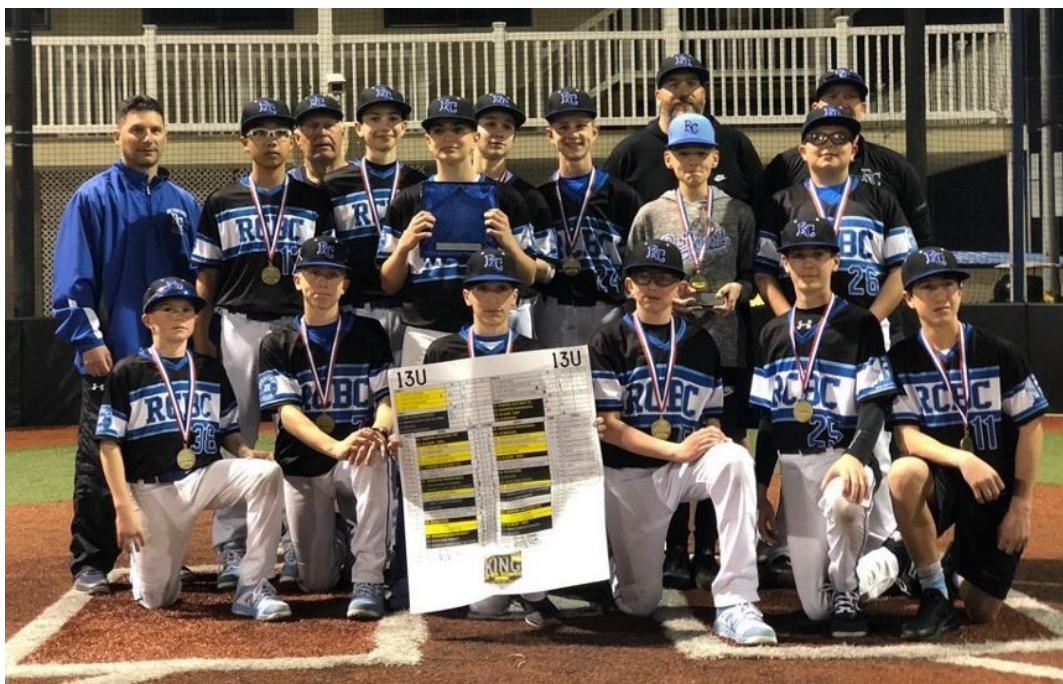


10U Nationals
USABL Spring
Fling

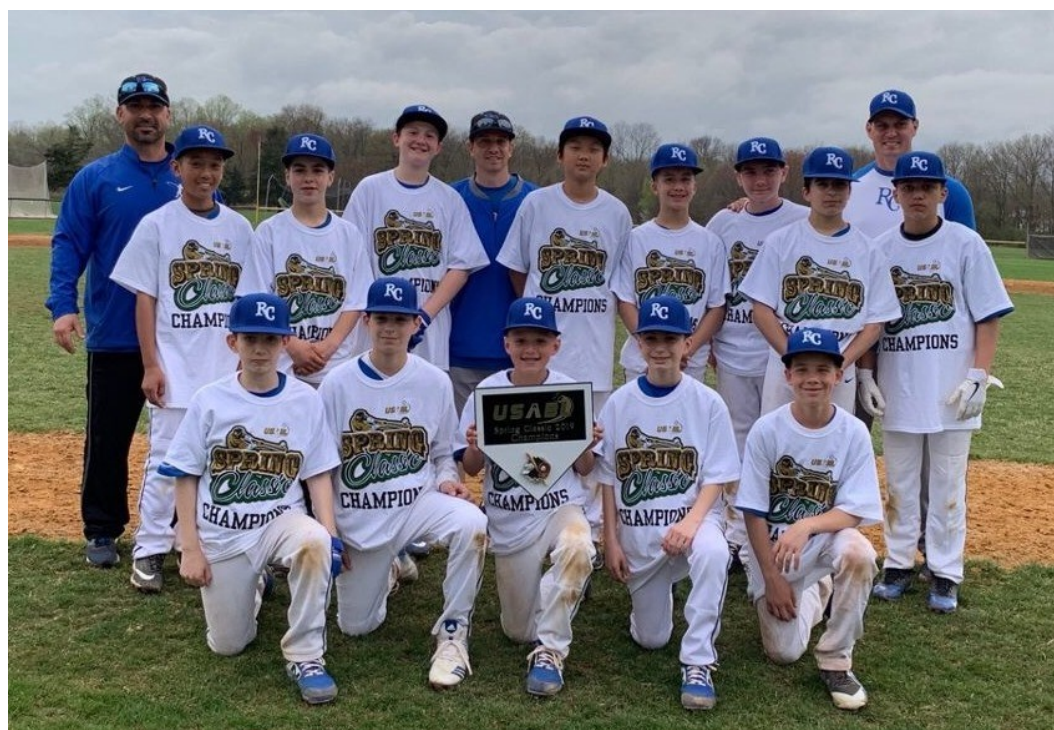
12U Nationals
USABL
Central Jersey
Showdown



Tournament Champs



13U Nationals - Diamond Nation King Of The Diamond



13U Americans - USABL Spring Classic

RCBC Member Update



Perfect Game and Rawlings announced their 2019 pre-season All American Team to recognize the top senior and underclass high school baseball players in the U.S. Congratulations to the following RCBC players:

Seniors (2019 grads)

Gus Sosa - 1st Team Northeast

Underclass (2020, 2021, 2022 grads)

Honorable Mention:

Jake Babuschak

Patrick Burns

Chris Corchado

Christopher Ho

Gavin Martin

Danilo Perdomo

Lukas Torres

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DATES:

Great Kills LL

7/22-7/26

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8/5- 8/9

COST:

**\$225.00
PER PLAYER**

Team Discounts & Sibling Discounts

**9:00-2:00
MONDAY-FRIDAY**



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Pre-Teen Player Development

Quote of the Month - Hall of Fame Manager Leo Durocher once said about Umpires: *"I've never questioned an umpire's integrity. Yes, I've questioned their eyesight, but not their integrity."*

Baseball is a difficult sport. The offensive team doesn't have the ball. In football, Tom Brady has the ball and knows who he's throwing to. In hoops, James Harden has the ball and knows what he wants to do (usually shoot a three). In hockey, John Tavares has the puck (sorry Islander fans) and can decide whether to shoot or not. But in the MLB, Bryce Harper has to guess what Jacob deGrom will throw.

Baseball has a high degree of failure. And a large number of players give up the game after the age of 12. So it's important that Player Development is emphasized at the younger ages (7-12 mostly). AT RCBC, WE SALUTE THE COACHES OF OUR PRE-TEEN AGE GROUP.

I know I usually give loads of attention in my articles to the high school age group. Shame on me. Time to focus on the pre-teen player.

Coaches: boy do you have a tough job. Talk about walking the tight rope.

1. The Coach in this age group has to know baseball. Especially in the area of stressing fundamentals.
2. The Coach must also know how to teach and get players to implement what they want them to learn.
3. The Coach must talk in a simple, clear and understandable language. The player must be able to grasp what the Coach is teaching.



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4. If the Coach can use video examples to make the point, then do it. If the Coach can videotape his players in practice and/or a game....heck yes. Anything the Coach can do to better explain what he is teaching and what the player needs to do to implement....fine.

5. Reps...Reps...Reps. Players improve with reps and practice. Games are fun, but practice makes perfect.

Here is the tight rope the Coach is walking on:

1. Patience...Patience...Patience. Young players are sensitive. It's important to realize that teaching will not always be picked up quickly by everyone. The combo of talent and comprehension are different in each players.

2. Don't holler or put down a player. It's frustrating when mistakes are repeated. But Coaches need to count to ten and keep from yelling. Big reason why players will leave the program or even quit the game.

3. Coaching this age group also means high Parental involvement. That can be positive or negative. At RCBC, we ask parents to have trust in our Coaches' ability to teach their boys. We ask that you don't confront a Coach in front of players. If you have a disagreement, set up a meeting. We ask Coaches to be patient with parents. This is a major part of the tight rope.



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4. And Parents....please do your part to help make the Coach's job easier. Don't talk to, coach or distract your son during the game. Don't come into the dugout during games or practices, and certainly don't bring food into the dugout. Your sons should also stay in the dugout during games and not come out to talk to you or get food.

5. Coaches: If your son, or your best friend's boy is on the team, you **MUST** be fair. Being a Daddy Coach is rough, but it's vital to do what is right. Avoid confrontation. See Nick DeFendis or George Quinn if the situation develops.

Finally....I've always had the young groups at the various summer camps I've worked at for over 30 years. There is great satisfaction and a feeling of accomplishment when the players show improvement. Coaches have a tough job with this age group. Good Luck!!!!!!

3rd Jersey Option

Still time to order the alternate white jersey.
Great for teams traveling for tournament play.
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