

**August 2020**

**Richmond County  
Baseball Club**

1400 Travis Ave.  
Staten Island, NY 10314

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# RCBC Newsletter



## Richmond County Baseball Club

**Richmond County Youth Complex**  
1400 Travis Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314

**Monday, August 31**

**Fall ages 8U, 9U and 10U - 3 - 5 pm**

**Fall ages 11U and 12U - 5 - 7 pm**

**Wednesday, September 2**

**Fall ages 13U and 14U - 12 - 2 pm**

**Check in 1/2 hour before your scheduled time**

**Come join an elite program that offers the following:**

- **A dedicated baseball complex with 5 all natural grass fields**
- **Staffed with local private and public high school coaches**
  - **Marucci uniforms and discounted Marucci products**
  - **Perfect Game's only NY Affiliate**
- **Host to local tournaments at our Staten Island complex**
  - **Over 200 alumni playing college baseball**
  - **14 players drafted by MLB**
- **16+ years of service to the NY/NJ baseball community**

**Register in advance at [www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com)**

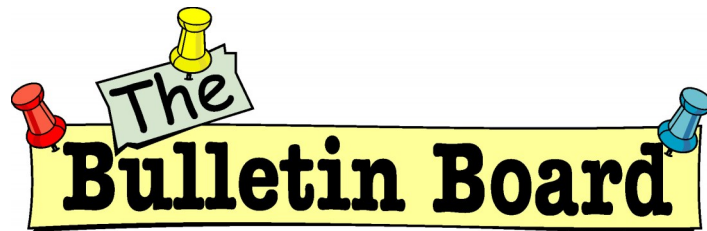


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**Current RCBC players should attend as well**



A graphic of a yellow rectangular bulletin board with a black border. The words "The Bulletin Board" are written on it in a bold, black, serif font. "The" is on a small white tag pinned to the top left with a yellow pushpin. "Bulletin Board" is on the main yellow board, pinned to the top left with a red pushpin and to the top right with a blue pushpin.

## The Bulletin Board

- All players, parents and coaches are to continue to follow the new RC Complex policies and procedures announced to help ensure the safety of all of our members. For additional information, visit [www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com).
- For anyone that still has a balance on their Tournament Fees, all fees must be paid in full ASAP. You can pay by credit card via your LeagueApps account or by check or cash. Checks should be made out to RCBC and mailed to 98 Tanglewood Drive, Staten Island, NY 10308. Do not mail cash.
- Fall baseball means players generally move up to the next age level for tournament play. Your coach will address your fall schedule and associated costs.
- Marucci introduces the CAT9 line of metal bats. See details on page 11.



## **2020 Tournament Update**

This month, we hosted the PG Super25 Northeast Summer Super Qualifier which was rescheduled from its original May date. This was our 7th year running this prestigious PG event. The championship trophies went to the following teams: PRD (13U), Team Francisco Notorious 9 (12U), Tri State Arsenal (11U) and the Richmond Titans (10U). We also hosted our first ever 8U tournament, the Battle Of The Island, with our own 8U Nationals crowned as champs.

Here's the schedule at the RC Complex for September:

August 29 - PG WWBA Northeast Elite Championship (14U)

September 3 - PG BCS Mid Atlantic Elite Championship (13U, 16U)

September 11 - PG Super25 Northeast Fall Super Qualifier (10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)

September 18 - PG WWBA Northeast Qualifier (18U)

September 25 - PG Super25 Staten Island Super Qualifier (13U, 16U)

For more information on our events, including our fall tournament schedule, visit our Tournament Website at [www.rctournaments.com](http://www.rctournaments.com).



## College Showcase Camp

We hosted our 8th annual College Showcase Camp with 75 players and 15 D2/D3 schools. D1 coaches were unable to attend this year due to the extended “dead period” due to Covid-19. It was still a great experience for the participants as they got to work out with the coaches and learn about some great local schools.





## August Tournament Champs



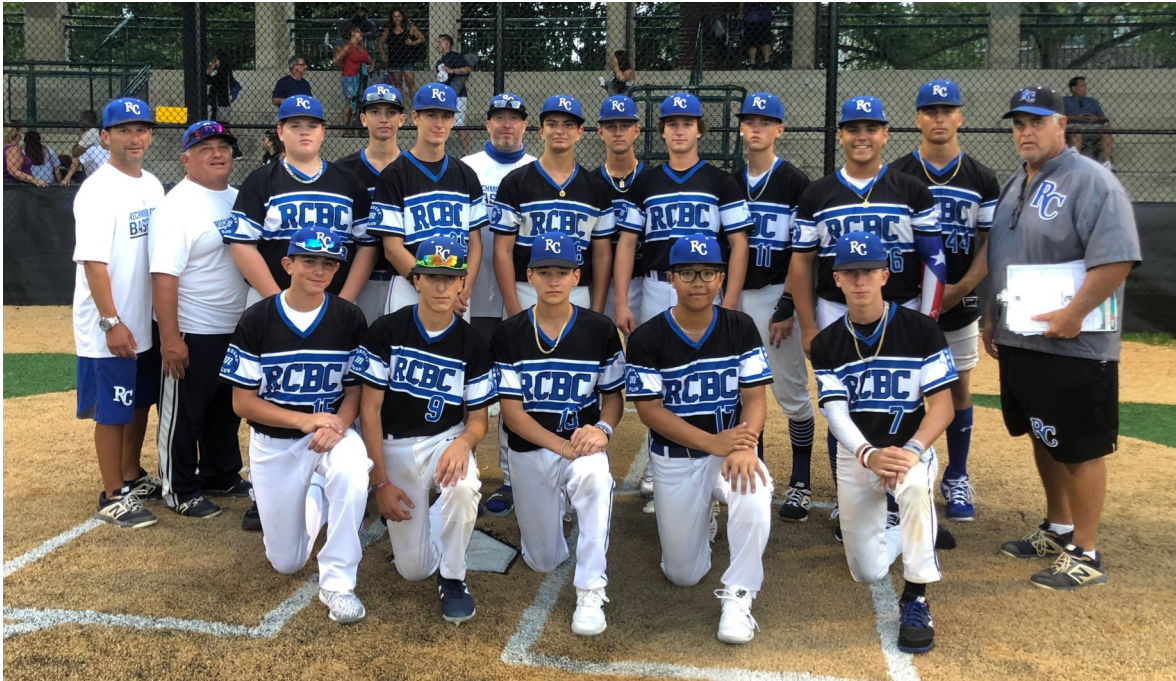
8U Americans  
USABL  
Summer Rumble



8U Nationals - RCBC Battle Of The Island



## August Tournament Champs



14U Nationals - PG 15U WWBA Northeast Championship



17U Nationals - Maplezone All American



## August Tournament Champs



11U Nationals  
Diamond  
Nation  
Summer Bash

14U Royals  
USABL  
Boys Of  
Summer  
Classic





## **Featured Article - By Coach Nick DeFendis**

**Don't Let The Umpire Get In Your Head....**

**We All Make Mistakes; He's Only Human**

*Baseball is a game of inches" - Branch Rickey*

Most baseball enthusiasts have heard this famous quote and it is repeated often because of its ringing truth. Everything from diving catches to bang-bang plays at the plate come down to the smallest of margins. This undoubtedly makes for some amazing plays and incredible finishes.

However, what happens when a close call is so close the umpire gets it wrong? A ball vs. a strike, a fair ball vs. a foul, safe or out: these situations are all commonplace and very difficult for an umpire to quickly and consistently make the right call. It may be easy to shrug off a botched call early on in a non-important game, but it's a whole other story in the bottom of the ninth against your biggest rival.

Our responsibility as baseball players is to not let such calls get to us, while continuing to play OUR game. In order to be successful after tough calls, you need to focus less on everything out of your control, and more on everything in your control. Unless the umpire is taking bribes (only kidding), you are wasting precious mental and physical energy focused in the wrong area. Instead, it is vital to maintain your focus on your game and what you need to do to continue being successful on the field.

So after the next inevitable bad call, dig deep and remember that it is out of your control. Take a moment to center yourself and positively plan your next course of action. Baseball is a game of inches: enjoy the excitement it provides!





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## Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Leave The Sports Officials  
And Coaches Alone!!!!

Quote of the Month - A manager once said about umpires:  
*"I never questioned their integrity; just their eyesight."*

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At Richmond County Baseball, we don't ask, but we DEMAND that teams show proper behavior on the field. RCBC discourages coaches and players from using foul language towards its own players, umpires and opposing coaches and players. RCBC wants its players to refrain from any cursing towards coaches and other players. And...most of all, RCBC wants its parents to exhibit proper behavior, especially towards opposing parents and umpires. We never want umpires to be reluctant to do a game involving an RCBC team. Unfortunately, sports behavior doesn't get a grade of A.

The National Federation of State High School Associations is raising a "red flag." 80% of school sports officials (e.g., umpires) leave the job after their first two seasons. The reason: verbal abuse that's spewed out by the players and coaches and mostly fans, especially parents. I actually think a majority of RCBC parents are well behaved.

Part of the problem in my opinion, is that parents in any sport are never going to say their son or his team are at fault when the team loses. It's the coach and/or the officials doing the game. I sometimes laugh at the excuses. And yes....girl sports have the same problem.





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Verbal abuse isn't the only problem. How about threats and even attacks on officials. Games break out into fights between parents on both teams (remember the parents of the two 7 year old teams duking it out like George Forman and Muhammad Ali!).

The Federation does say officials make more calls than ever before which can spark nasty reactions. I've always felt an umpire or referee should be low key and not try to be the "center of attention." In a recent survey of youth sports officials, the Federation found that 13% say they've been assaulted, 47% fear for their safety, 57% say they've broken up fights between parents, and 64% have had to have a fan ejected for being unruly. Coaches are also quitting more regularly according to the National Federation. They attribute this to parental criticism, verbal abuse and even attacks on coaches. They feel the job is less satisfying even when they are coaching a winning team. We know not every coach is Tony LaRussa, or Greg Popovich or Bill Belichick, but the job isn't easy.

Finally, it's important that sports officials are well trained on the rules (of course) on handling player and coach complaints and turning a deaf ear with the fans. Let everyone Lower Their Voices!!!!



## Marucci Featured Item

### The New CAT9 Lineup Is Here

Marucci introduces the technologically advanced CAT9 line of metal bats at exclusive RCBC member pricing.

		
♦ <b>CAT9   BBCOR [-3]</b>		
MSBC9	\$349.99	BARREL 2 5/8"
SIZES	30/27 30/29 32/29 33/30 33.5/30.5 34/31	
		
♦ <b>CAT9   SENIOR LEAGUE [-5]</b>		
MSBC95	\$249.99	BARREL 2 3/4"
SIZES	30/25 30/26 32/27	
		
♦ <b>CAT9   SENIOR LEAGUE [-8]</b>		
MSBC98	\$249.99	BARREL 2 3/4"
SIZES	28/20 29/21 30/22 31/23 32/24	
		
♦ <b>CAT9   SENIOR LEAGUE [-10]</b>		
MSBC910	\$249.99	BARREL 2 3/4"
SIZES	27/17 28/18 29/19 30/20 31/21	
		
♦ <b>CAT9   JUNIOR BIG BARREL [-10]</b>		
MAJBC9	\$199.99	BARREL 2 3/4"
SIZES	24/14 25/15 26/16 27/17	
		
♦ <b>CAT9 COMPOSITE   SENIOR LEAGUE [-5]</b>		
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