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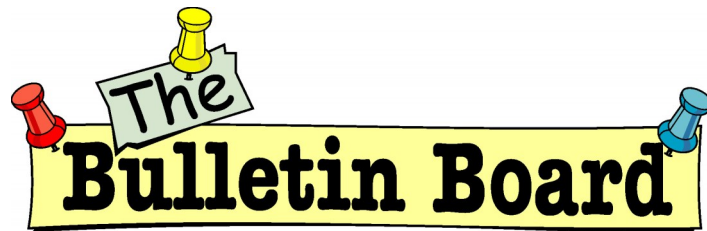


RCBC Newsletter

RCBC Joins Marucci Franchise Club



RCBC announced exciting news as we were selected to join the exclusive Marucci Franchise Club, further recognizing our program as one of the elite baseball organizations in the county. Having been a Marucci Founders Club member over the past 5 years, this brings our relationship with Marucci to the next level, and will offer a wealth of opportunities for our program and our players. Stay tuned for more information on this significant partnership.



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.
- For anyone that still has a balance on their summer or fall 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 given to your coach or mailed to 98 Tanglewood Drive, Staten Island, NY 10308. Do not mail cash.
- RCBC has organized a new fall league for 16U/17U programs that will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in October at Yogi Berra Stadium on the campus of Montclair State University in New Jersey. College coaches have been invited to attend as we give our players another venue for exposure at the collegiate level.

2020 Tournament Update

This month, we hosted the PG Super25 Northeast Fall Super Qualifier. The following teams were victorious in their respective age divisions: Garden State Ducks (13U), NJ Axemen (12U) and the EEP Bandits Elite (11U). We were also the host site for the prestigious WWBA 18U Northeast Qualifier with the East Coast Sandhogs taking top honors and a bid to the PG WWBA World Championship in Ft. Myers, Florida next month.

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

October 2-4 - PG WWBA Northeast Fall Championship (14U, 15U)

October 9-12 - PG WWBA Northeast Fall Championship (16U, 17U)

October 16-18 - PG WWBA Northeast Fall Elite Championship (15U)

October 16-18 - PG BCS Northeast Fall Elite Championship (13U)

October 16-18 - PG Northeast Fall Elite Championship (11U, 12U)

October 23-25 - PG WWBA Northeast Fall Elite Championship (14U, 16U)

October 30-November 1 - PG East Coast Fall Super Qualifier (13U)

October 30-November 1 - PG Northeast Fall Super Qualifier (17U)

For more information on our events, visit our Tournament Website at www.rctournaments.com.

RCBC Ranked Again By Perfect Game

Congratulations to the 14U Nationals and 17U Nationals who were both ranked within the Top 10 in the Mid Atlantic Region by Perfect Game based upon their performance at PG events this summer. Both teams also received National recognition. RCBC continues to be recognized by Perfect Game as a top travel organization for the 5th year in a row.

2020 Mid Atlantic Ranking



PERFECT GAME

14U Nationals - # 6

2020 Mid Atlantic Ranking



PERFECT GAME

17U Nationals - # 10

2020 National Ranking



PERFECT GAME

14U Nationals - # 65

2020 National Ranking



PERFECT GAME

17U Nationals - HM

Marucci “In The House”

Marucci Director of Team Sales Kyle Achord and RCBC’s Marucci Account Manager Andre LeGrand visited NY to discuss next steps in our Franchise Club relationship. *“We look forward to beginning this new chapter with RCBC as they continue to become one of the top programs in the Northeast”* said Achord.

Discussions with RCBC management centered around product development and distribution, and using the Marucci and Victus brands to bring more regional and national recognition to our program. Kyle and Andre also had the opportunity to watch some of the PG WWBA tournament action taking place at the RC Complex.

“The Marucci family brings unique opportunities for us to share in the Northeast” said RCBC Executive Director Nick DeFendis. *“Their quality products and presence in MLB and youth sports sets us apart from our competition.”*



Tournament Champs

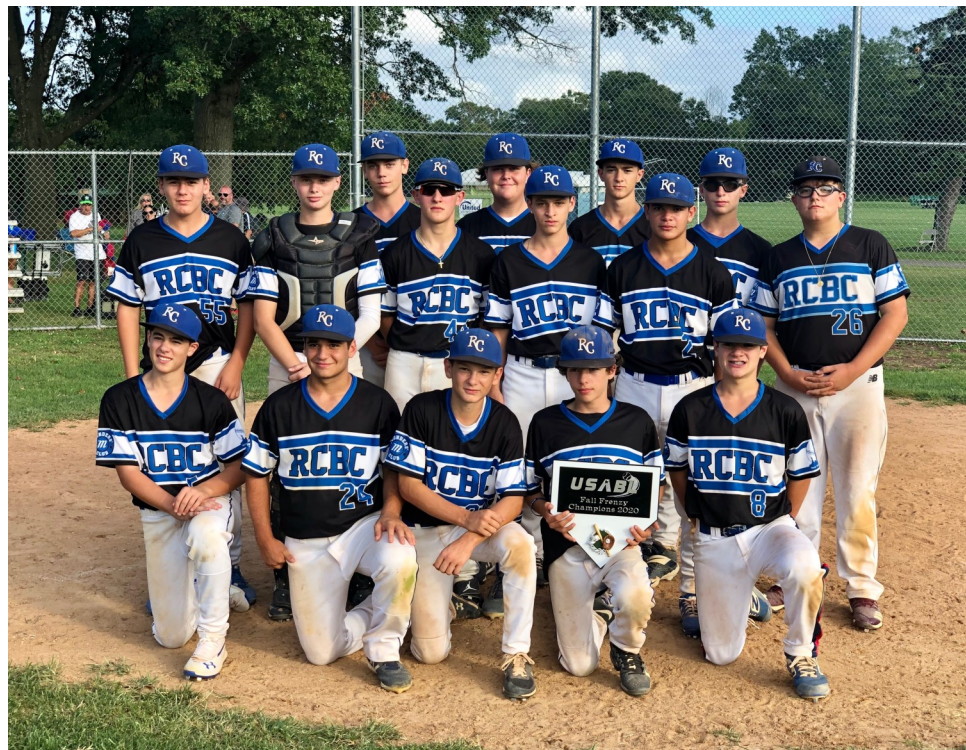


11U Americans
USABL
Summer Sizzler

11U Americans
USABL
Labor Day
Weekend Classic



Tournament Champs



14U Royals
USABL 15U
Fall Frenzy

9U Nationals
USABL 10U
Fall Frenzy



Tournament Champs



10U Nationals

USABL 11U Turf Wars

9U Nationals

USABL 10U

Leather &

Lumber



Tournament Champs



14U Americans USABL 15U Beast Of The East

14U Royals
USABL 15U
Beast Of The East



September Champs



17U Nationals - PG East Coast Super Qualifier



8U Nationals - USABL 9U Central Division Champions

College Commitments

We are proud to announce the following RCBC players have committed to play baseball at the collegiate level.



Gregory Bruno
Stetson University (Fla)



Chris Corchado
Post University (Ct)





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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - The Success of 2020 at RCBC

Quote of the Month - Muhammad Ali once said *"Champions must have the Skill and the Will. But the Will must be Stronger than the Skill!!!!"*

As the RCBC summer draws to a close, a collective sigh of relief can be seen and heard. Year 15 tested the mettle and determination of everyone associated with RCBC! The situation at RCBC on September 1 was far different from what it looked like on June 1. Then the fields were empty of players, coaches, fans, umpires and most of all, games. Would the horrible words of Covid-19 Pandemic and Quarantine ruin the summer at Richmond County?

Luckily and thankfully it's different. "Play ball" rang out by umpires and the teams at RCBC responded with games in Pennsylvania, Vineland, Diamond Nation, etc. But most of all, the ringing sounds of baseball could be heard throughout the summer at the Richmond County Complex. It was literally "the Sound of Music!!!!!" Let's take this time to throw out the Thank Yous.

Administrators: Nick DeFendis, George Quinn and Jim Russo worked their collective rear-ends off to spruce up the complex, work on the fields and organize the numerous tournaments that take place at the Travis Ave. complex, And at the height of the quarantine, Coach Nick arranged valuable remotes with college coaches to help our players in the field of recruiting.



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Field Workers: With the huge amount of games this summer crammed into a short period of time, Joe, Anthony and Andrew who help prepare the fields worked non-stop battling the overload of games, punctuated by more rain than we needed. Fabulous job guys!

Coaches: It's not easy to start coaching teams with virtually no time to prepare the players. Teams went from a quarantine and remote meetings to bringing the lineup card to home plate. RCBC has always had an outstanding collection of coaches and this year our coaches were the "Gold Standard."

Players: Your effort, dedication and performance are what makes RCBC the "Top of the Line" in baseball organizations. Our combination of quality kids, outstanding players and even better academic students are what makes it a pleasure to be a part of RCBC.

Parents: Yes, parents! The amount of travel you put in, especially before we could play at the complex was staggering. We went to places in Pennsylvania we never knew existed. Games ranging from 8 am starts to 8 pm starts. Traveling around like nomads Your dedication to your sons deserve the



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highest amount of admiration. Oh, by the way, tell your sons that you deserve the biggest Christmas and birthday presents as a thank you!

Umpires: You can't yell "kill the ump" this year. The amount of games and hours in the hot sun that the Men in Blue put in this season deserves the admiration of everyone. Thank you to Frank B. and his entire crew.

Teams: As usual, RCBC squads were usually near the championship rounds of various tournaments. Twenty-seven champions were crowned with another 12 runner ups. At RCBC, we *"play the game, we teach the game."*

Once again,



Marucci Featured Item

Custom RC Batting Gloves

After an RCBC member poll, the following design was selected for our new custom batting gloves that will be included in the RC Player Package next season.



For all your equipment needs, visit our Marucci Locker Room online store where RCBC members always get a discount.

