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# RCBC Newsletter



## RC College Showcase Camp

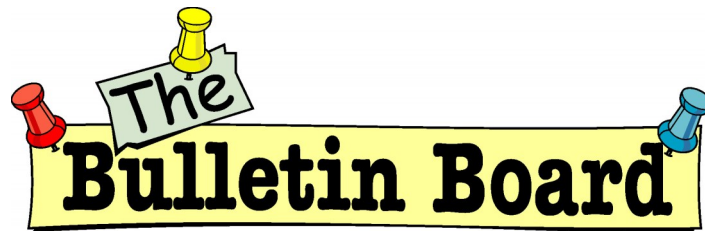
**August 2-3, 2022**

## Richmond County Youth Complex

RCBC players 14U-17U are already registered  
at no additional cost.

We are expecting another great turnout  
of schools across D1, D2, D3 and JUCO.





- Reminder for teams 13U-17U that the first installment of your 2022 Tournament Fees is due by March 1. You can pay online by credit card via your LeagueApps account. Automatic payments can take place on the due dates via the Payment Plan option. You can also pay by check made out to RCBC, Venmo to Nicholas-DEFENDIS or cash to your coach.
- Player Package deliveries will take place this month. Please check to make sure you have received the correct sizes. If there are any issues, contact our Marucci Customer Service rep Maddie at [teamsales@maruccisports.com](mailto:teamsales@maruccisports.com).
- We continue to add new products to our Marucci Locker Room online store. Last month we added the Trucker Hat and most recently new tech hoodie designs (see details on page 8) and Lizard Skins bat grips. If players also need additional uniform items throughout the season, they can be purchased separately under the Uniforms Items section. Visit the Locker Room at [www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com).
- Some of our younger teams begin tournament play next month. Let's wish them the best of luck as we strive to achieve another record year of RCBC championships.

## **What It Means To Be Part Of RCBC**

### **By Coach DeFendis**

To RCBC Members: Before the season starts, I want to reiterate what it means to be part of the Richmond County Baseball Club. As a member of RCBC, players, coaches and parents are expected to represent the organization in a professional manner at all times. This includes player-to-player, player-to-coach and parent-to-coach interactions as well as interactions with umpires, league/tournament officials and opposing teams.

We also expect you to look professional at all times. Wear your new Marucci uniforms proudly. A reminder that members cannot design, buy or sell any RCBC-logo apparel independent of our Marucci Locker Room store. For teams wishing to have a third jersey, the alternate white jersey in the Locker Room is a terrific (and only) option. Remember too that we have a royal blue batting helmet standard, and each helmet should feature our RC logo. Coaches, I'm counting on you to enforce this. When it comes to baseball equipment, we strongly encourage you when purchasing items to consider Marucci first via our Locker Room online store where RCBC members always get a discount.

Communication within the organization is important so please be sure to check your email regularly for updates and announcements. Also, make sure you "opt-in" for text messages via your LeagueApps account. And follow our Facebook page (rcbaseball) and Instagram account (rcbc\_theclub\_).

We also want to make sure everyone is aware of the time and effort we put into keeping the Richmond County Youth Complex a tremendous place to practice and play. Please clean up your space after watching your son's games and follow the complex's rules regarding gate fees, smoking, pets and outside food.

Finally, it takes a significant investment to run a program like ours so please pay your dues and travel expenses on time. We don't like to hassle you for payments, but we cannot tie up the funds needed to maintain the program and complex because we are financing your expenses. Payment plan options are available via your LeagueApps account.

Coach Quinn and I want to thank you again for being a part of our great organization and we wish you all the best of luck this year.

## **Frap Is Back!**

Welcome back Coach Anthony Ferrante to our coaching staff. Coach "Frap" is an excellent coach with a resume that includes Xaverian and Poly Prep high schools as well as his current assignment as assistant coach at Monsignor Farrell. Coach Frap also coaches in the Mid Island Men's League and is the co-owner of the NY Phenoms of the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League. He was also an assistant coach on the Mid Island Little League All Star team that went to the 2019 Little League World Series. He's covered it all.

Coach Ferrante returns to RCBC to join the staff of the 17U Nationals team alongside RCBC Director Nick DeFendis. "We are thrilled to have Coach Frap back in our organization." said Coach DeFendis. "His experience and knowledge of the game will make him a valuable asset to our program." "I'm happy to be back with the RC family," said Coach Ferrante. "They have a great track record for developing next level players and I look forward to helping them by giving their players the opportunity to play in a high level college summer league with the NY Phenoms." Good luck Coach Frap!



## Changes To Your RCBC LeagueApps Account



LeagueApps has implemented changes to their platform which will improve your logon experience, especially on mobile devices. Enhancements include a more seamless experience when creating an account, signing in and resetting your password. There is now a full-page display, reducing scrolling and compatibility issues. Links to their troubleshooting guides are now available on the login screen, which will minimize roadblocks for new members to complete registration.

As a reminder, when making payments for your registration or tournament fees, you can process them online by credit card directly through your RCBC LeagueApps account. Simply access the LeagueApps logon page from the RCBC website ([www.rcbclub.com](http://www.rcbclub.com)).



## Marucci Franchise Club Summit



The 5th annual Marucci Franchise Club Summit took place in Nashville, Tennessee this month with Marucci partner organizations from around the country participating.



At the meeting, Marucci unveiled a number of new items they will be offering including apparel, batting gloves, bat bags and the exciting new line of CAT metal bats coming out this summer.

“These annual meetings are a great forum to provide input into Marucci’s product line and to share ideas with fellow Franchise Club members” said Jim Russo, RCBC’s Marucci liaison. “We look forward to participating each year as well as in the incredible Marucci World Series each summer.”

RCBC’s Marucci Team Sales rep Bradley Behrnes,  
RC’s Jim Russo and Marucci VP of Team Sales  
Kyle Achord.







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## Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Seven Should Be Heaven For  
Team Porto!!!!

Quote of the Month - Derek Jeter once said: *"Good discipline is the difference between being good or being great."*

Through the years, RCBC has had plenty of 17 year old teams. However, this season, remove the 1 and you get the first-ever 7 year old squad in the organization's two decade history.

Yes...the group being coached by Scott Porto is a 7U team!!! But as coach puts it, they are a young team. "Less than half of the group have reached seven years old." says Porto, who is running the team with assistants Matt Porto, his cousin, and Justin Papineau. Many of the players attend Star Of The Sea school in Huguenot. And I have a feeling the school secretly holds sports tryouts to be eligible for admission. LOL. "Our kids are super athletes," says Porto. "They star in flag football, ice hockey and basketball as well as baseball." Coaches DeFendis and Quinn are probably co-Principals. LOL.

By the way, Porto was a star catcher at Monsignor Farrell before playing Division One ball at Wagner College, despite having to overcome a number of injuries.





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The team is so good, they may compete with 8 year olds. Their schedule of roughly 20 games will include tournaments for the 7U squad who play on fields with a 40-foot mound and 60-foot bases. So coach, what does a 7 year old practice, featuring a bunch of 6 year olds, consist of? "We do agility, strength and running." says Scott. "Then comes soft toss, tee work and regular batting practice." There is more. "Also pitching drills, fielding and baserunning." Maybe the Orioles and Pirates can pick up some practice tips! By the way, I asked Porto what the biggest difficulty is. "Well, the gloves are too small. The players have trouble holding the baseball if they have to range after it, according to coach. Oh.

Porto says he has goals for this season. "Besides winning regularly, if the kids keep getting better at what they do, then I know I did my job!"

RCBC continues to get younger which is important for the future of "America's Pastime." Let's pay tribute to this group of young players who at an early age have developed pride, skills, teamwork and success. And to Coach Porto and his staff...Great job and good luck. And to the parents...even better genes. LOL.



## Marucci Featured Item

### New RC Tech Hoodie Designs

We have added two new tech hoodie options to our Marucci Locker Room. These cool new lightweight designs match the look of our royal and black jerseys. Find them under the Fan Apparel section at special RCBC Member pricing.

**Note:** As these are custom sublimated items, orders must reach a minimum of 6 units for each style before they are filled.



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



## Marucci Featured Item

### February Deal Of The Month



These alloy mashers deliver explosive performance with an extended barrel and a responsive sweet spot. "Looks like maple, hits like metal." Available in USSSA -5, -8, -10, Junior Big Barrel -10 and BBCOR -3 in both the smoke color or traditional woodgrain design. Look for them under the Deal section this month while supplies last and before the promo ends.

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