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RCBC GHOST



Monthly Newsletter

Celebrating Our 20 Year Anniversary



2024 marks the 20 Year Anniversary of the
Richmond County Baseball Club (RCBC).

Delivering on our mission of youth baseball
development, achievement and advancement.

Teaching the fundamentals of the game

A dedicated 53 acre baseball facility

Partnerships with Marucci and Perfect Game

Over 300 tournament championships

Over 450 championship game appearances

Nationally ranked teams and players by PG

Over 235 college commitments

15 players drafted by MLB

Welcome From Coaches DeFendis And Quinn

IF YOU LIKE BASEBALL, WE ARE FRIENDS.... IF YOU LOVE BASEBALL, THAT MAKES US FAMILY

Happy New Year everyone. It's that time of year again, the start of a brand new season with all new beginnings. We are proud to announce that 2024 represents our 20th year of operation. Each year, we like to start the season with a letter welcoming everyone back and welcoming our new families.

Baseball and Family go together like a game winning 6-4-3 double play. The RCBC family consists of a group of coaches and players living together on a baseball field like a family. Our program is only as good as the families that represent us. For 20 years we have built a reputation of developing players in the baseball community. We have earned respect from high school, college and professional coaches. Our mission is to prepare our players for the next level of baseball. At Richmond County Baseball, we want to deliver the message that we are One Big Family and with the cooperation of our families on and off the field, we become a respected baseball club. We want to continue to get better each year, so that's why we need the full cooperation of our players and parents. We ask you to support our ideas, to cooperate with your son's coach and to make the season a fun-filled experience.

Coach Quinn and I have assembled a great group of coaches to train your boys. We continue to create better competition for our teams via our Perfect Game partnership that offers teams from all around the country to come to New York and play at RCBC. Our Pipeline Showcases bring top players from

Welcome From Coaches DeFendis And Quinn (cont'd)

around the tri-state area to showcase their skills in front of college coaches at all levels. Our new relationship with PRD Ghost helps us create opportunities for our players on a National level. And our ongoing partnership with Marucci Sports provides our players with the finest uniforms and equipment on the market. One of the perks with Marucci is the ability for our teams to compete in the Marucci World Series held annually in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (check out some of the videos on YouTube).

But it doesn't stop there!!! We have invested thousands of dollars in our complex this off-season. We renovated the parking lot to make it more organized and a safer place to park. We renovated fields 2 and 4's entire infield with all new sod and upgraded material for the playing surface. We upgraded our fencing throughout the complex for a safer environment and better look. We have a lot of great things planned for 2024 so get excited as baseball season is just around the corner. We know there are a lot of opportunities for your son and we are thankful that you trust us with his baseball career.

Communication and loyalty are the key to your son's success (it goes both ways). In the event you need information, please feel free to reach out to me or George as we are here to help. Let me close with this message. Encourage your son; give him the tools to be successful and be open minded. Don't look side to side; focus on straight ahead. Visit our website (www.rcbclub.com) and check out the long list of our players that have gone on to play at the next level.

Enjoy 2024!

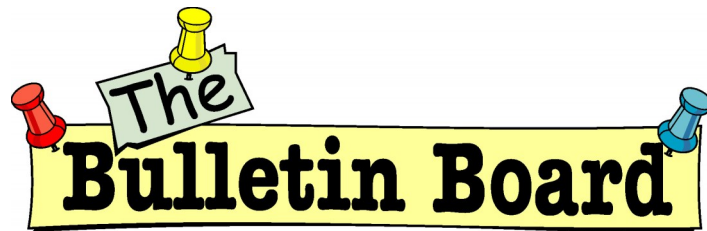
Coach DeFendis

Coach Quinn

RCBC 2024 Jerseys To Feature 20 Year Patch

RCBC players will be displaying our 20 Year Anniversary patch on their jerseys as they take the field this season. No other local organization can boast the long-term commitment and success that our program and players have enjoyed. Wear it proudly boys!





A Reminder Regarding Our Communication Channels

Email - Emails are sent out to members via our vendor Constant Contact to communicate announcements and upcoming events. Please make sure we have your correct email address. If you want to add an additional email address, contact info@rcbclub.com.

Our websites (bookmark and check regularly):

Richmond County Baseball Club - www.rcbclub.com

Richmond County Tournaments - www.rctournaments.com

The Pipeline Showcase - www.thepipelineshowcases.com

Our Facebook pages:

Richmond County Baseball Club - www.facebook.com/rcbaseball

Richmond County Tournaments - www.facebook.com/rctournaments

RCBC on Instagram: www.instagram.com/rcbc_theclub_

The Pipeline on Instagram: www.instagram.com/thepipelineshowcases

Our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCON-uX9ZKolCm9Oqtxd3c5A>

Coach DeFendis on Twitter: www.twitter.com/nickdefendis

Our monthly Newsletter - Published each month and emailed to all members and posted on the RCBC website under RCBC In The News.

Another Effective Communication Channel



One of the features of our LeagueApps platform is the ability to send text messages to our members. While we have multiple communication channels, sometimes a text message is the quickest and most effective way to get important information out to you.

As is the case with email, SPAM regulations require that we have your permission to send group text messages. We ask that all members log into their LeagueApps account, go to Text Message Settings and make sure you “opt-in” to receive our text messages. Note that any text messages sent from our LeagueApps interface will come from telephone number 917-456-8847 so please label it on your phone so you will recognize it when messages come across.



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Coach Lope's Baseball Thoughts

In This Issue - Recruiting Checklist

Quote of the Month - Hall of Famer Derek Jeter once said
*"Players may have more talent than you. However, there is no excuse for any player to work **HARDER** than you."*

Welcome to 2024. I'll start off the year with a reprint of a past, but important article on recruiting.

RCBC is doing all it can, usually successfully, in helping all our players get recruited. However, here are some Recruiting Tips I have for our players:

1. I always say while some players easily get recruited, the majority will find it hard to find a baseball college, especially the baseball school of their choice.
2. There are three different levels of Division 1 schools, most notably perennial College World Series or Super Regional Teams. That is tough for many players to get to. Most players in this area either go to a level down (St. Johns or Seton Hall for example) to schools in the NEC, MAAC or Patriot League level or to Division 2 teams (of which there are a car-load of good D-2 squads in our area). Division 3 has some academic schools plus the NJAC conference that combine fine academics with almost D-1 caliber talent. Don't forget that CSI is now Division 2. And nothing wrong with a



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solid Junior College if you need to go there.

3. Go to the level you can play at! REPEAT: Go to the level you can play at!!!! It's great to brag that your son is going to a high level D-1 school. But if he doesn't fit there, HE WON'T PLAY. And, if your son has been a star or regular since the age of 8, he won't accept sitting for more than his freshman year. He will QUIT baseball. Don't look to have bragging battles with other parents. In the end it may not work!!!!
4. Go where the College Coach firmly says "WE WANT YOU." Three words worth their weight in gold.

Myself, Coach DeFendis and Coach Quinn all have experience in evaluating your son on which level he belongs. Call or email us!!!!

And take advantage of our SportsRecruits platform to help identify the schools that are the right fit for you.

RCBC Ghost On Social Media



Reminder that RCBC Ghost has set up a special “in-box” for members to directly share their info, pictures and videos. These can include workouts, game action, rankings, awards and other achievements throughout the year.

Parents/players can send to us at media@rcbclub.com or DM the RCBC Instagram account at [rcbc_theclub_](https://www.instagram.com/rcbc_theclub_). Please include the player’s name, RCBC team, Instagram # tag and a brief description of the activity.

While our objective is to promote as much about our players as possible, please understand that not everything you submit will automatically be selected for publication.

RCBC In The News



Congratulations to the following RCBC teams who were regionally and nationally ranked in the Perfect Game End-Of-Year Travel Team Rankings.

16U Nationals

(Coach Mike Grippo)

Mid Atlantic Region Rank: Top Tier

National Rank: 99

14U Americans

(Coach Chris Renna)

Mid Atlantic Region Rank: 2

National Rank: 47

14U Nationals

(Coach Vin Nichilo)

Mid Atlantic Region Rank: 4

National Rank: 68

RCBC In The News

RCBC again made the list of the top travel programs in the county as ranked by Perfect Game based upon the number of PG tournament titles and number of tournament game victories in 2023. Congrats to all of our teams that contributed to this achievement.



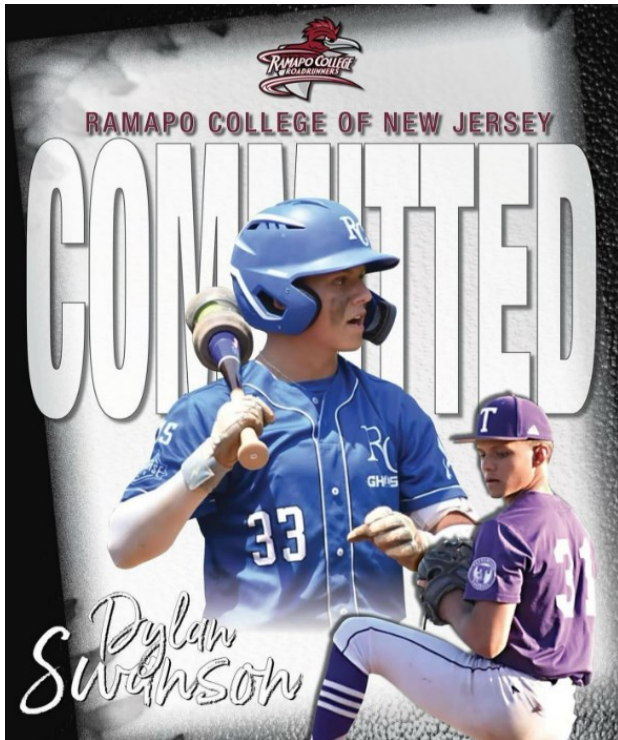
RCBC ranked # 126 with 6 tournament titles



RCBC ranked # 138 with 140 tournament game wins

RCBC Players In The News

Congratulations to the following RCBC players on their college commitments.



Dylan Swanson
Ramapo College



Nick Rogers
Mount St. Vincent



RCBC Players In The News



Randy Davis
University of Rochester



Congratulations to all 14 of our college commits from 2023

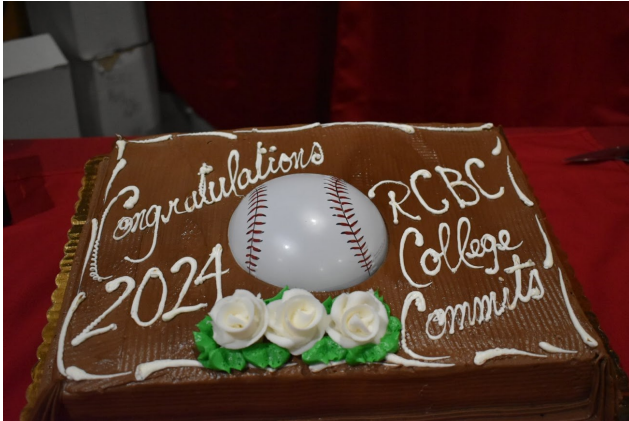


RCBC Players In The News

Congratulations to Joseph Sorrentino (17U Nationals) on receiving a full academic scholarship to Vanderbilt University. Joe was nominated for the Posse Foundation Scholarship by Monsignor Farrell and was among 3,000 students vying for this award. The Posse Foundation identifies, recruits and trains individuals with extraordinary leadership potential. After a strenuous four month application and interview process, Joe was selected for this honor which provides full tuition to the Nashville, Tennessee university. Another RCBC student-athlete success story with players exceling in the classroom as well as the baseball diamond. Best of luck Joe!



Scenes From Our College Commits Celebration



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Congratulations to all of our players who are going on to play baseball at the next level.

2024 Spring/Summer PG Event Schedule (at the RC Complex and Staten Island Little Leagues)

April 19-21 - PG Super25 Northeast Spring Super Qualifier (8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U,13U)

April 26-28 - PG Mid-Atlantic Spring Championship (14U)

May 3-5 - PG Super25 East Coast Super Qualifier (8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 14U)

May 10-12 - PG Northeast Super NIT/PGI Qualifier (8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 14U)

May 17-19 - PG Super25 Mid-Atlantic Regional (8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U)

May 24-27 - PG Super25 Northeast Super Qualifier (8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U)

May 31-June 2 - PG East Coast Elite Championship (15U)

June 7-9 - PG Northeast World Series (8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, 12U)

June 7-9 - PG Super25 Mid-Atlantic Regional (17U)

June 14-17 - PG WWBA Northeast Championship (14U)

June 21-25 - PG WWBA Northeast Championship (17U)

June 29 - July 1 - PG Mid-Atlantic Elite Championship (15U)

July 5-9 - PG Super25 National Championship (16U)

July 12-16 - PG Mid-Atlantic World Series (17U)

July 12-16 - PG East Coast World Series (13U)

July 19-23 - PG Super25 National Championship (17U)

July 26-30 - PG Northeast World Series (14U, 16U)

August 23-26 - PG Northeast Summer Finale (13U 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U)

PG National Underclass Showcase in Florida



Scenes From Our Winter Workouts



Batting Helmets

Remember that RCBC has a batting helmet standard. Helmets must be royal blue (preferred) or black. Coaches will be given white RC helmet decals to distribute to their players.

A great option is the Marucci Duravent helmet with reversible/removal jaw guard. The helmet features a three layer impact protection system. It is available on our Marucci Locker Room online store at special RCBC Member discount pricing.



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



Marucci Featured Item

Alternate Black Pants

RCBC is offering a new pants option for teams looking for an alternate pair. The black pants feature royal piping and are available in either long or short length. Players can order individually or coaches can order for the team. Look for them under the Uniform Items section of the Locker Room. Note: Players cannot wear in games or tournaments unless the entire team is wearing.



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



Marucci Featured Item

January Deal Of The Month

Victus NOX 2 Metal Bats

Available in -10, -8, -5 and BBCOR -3



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