

## **2021 Tournament Policies**



**Effective January 1, 2021**

**For Events Hosted By  
Richmond County Tournaments**

**Richmond County Youth Complex (RCYC)**



## **General Information & Policies**

### **Check In**

Managers must check in at the complex press box in front of field 1 at least one half hour prior to their first game of the tournament.

### **Insurance**

Each team must have proof of insurance with them at all times. The insurance certificate must have Richmond County Baseball Club and Richmond County Youth Complex, 1400 Travis Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314 listed as certificate holder. A copy must be emailed to [christina@rcbclub.com](mailto:christina@rcbclub.com) prior to the tournament.

### **Rosters**

Rosters must be submitted for each tournament via the method prescribed for that event. A player can be on the roster for two different age groups in a tournament (within tournament age guidelines), but not on multiple teams within the same age group.



## **Umpires**

RC Tournaments will provide 2 umpires for each game in the tournament.

## **Baseballs/Equipment**

Game balls will be provided. Teams are responsible for their own practice balls and all baseball equipment such as bats, helmets, gloves, catcher's gear and first aid.

## **Batting Cages/Bullpens**

Use of the batting cages and bullpens will be on a first come basis. Metal cleats are not allowed in the batting cages. Please be courteous to other teams waiting to use the facilities.

## **Pre-Game Warm Up**

There is no infield practice on the fields prior to the games. When warming up in the outfield, teams are asked to stay 10 feet inside the foul lines.



## **Uniforms**

Teams must be in full uniform once on the playing field. Coaches are not required to wear full uniforms but are expected to dress appropriately.

## **Cleats**

Metal cleats are allowed for age groups 13U and above. For age groups 8U-12U, only rubber-molded or plastic cleats are allowed, as well as turf shoes or sneakers.

## **Dugouts**

Coaches are asked to clean up their dugout after each game.

## **Foul Balls**

Coaches, players and fans are advised to be aware of foul balls at all times. Teams are responsible for retrieving foul balls during the game.



## **Parking**

Free parking is available within the Richmond County Youth Complex for all tournament games. Parking is at your own risk. The parking spaces on the outside of the complex fence on Travis Ave are reserved for tournament umpires only.

## **Concessions**

The concession stand will be open during all tournaments. No outside food or coolers (except one team cooler) are permitted. Team coaches are to advise their players' parents of this policy.

## **First Aid**

First aid equipment will be onsite for all tournaments however coaches are encouraged to also bring their own first aid kits.

## **Awards**

A team trophy will be presented to the first place team and runner up. Individual awards may also be presented on a selective tournament basis.



## **Conduct**

The Tournament Committee or Tournament Director reserves the right to eject any person from the Richmond County Youth Complex or any tournament facility for unruly or unsportsmanlike behavior. Any coach or player that is ejected from a game may be subject to suspension upon review by the Tournament Committee. Any coach or player who is ejected for a second time during the tournament may be restricted from participating for the remainder of the tournament, and may be prohibited from participating in future tournaments. If a parent or fan is abusive or violates RC Tournament policy, they can be asked to leave the complex. Failure to do so may result in their team forfeiting the game.

## **Hotels**

Several local hotels are available for teams needing overnight accommodations.



## **Richmond County Youth Complex Rules**

- **No smoking**
- **No alcohol**
- **No chewing tobacco**
- **No pets (insurance regulations)**
- **No outside coolers**
- **No outside food**
- **No foul language**
- **No rock throwing**
- **No bicycles, skateboards or roller skates**
- **There is a daily gate fee for all tournament spectators age 18 and older (coaches and players are exempt)**

## 2021 Age Requirements

2021 Spring/Summer Eligibility		2021 Fall Eligibility (effective 9/1/2021)	
8U	Born on or after May 1, 2012	8U	Born on or after May 1, 2013
9U	Born on or after May 1, 2011	9U	Born on or after May 1, 2012
10U	Born on or after May 1, 2010	10U	Born on or after May 1, 2011
11U	Born on or after May 1, 2009	11U	Born on or after May 1, 2010
12U	Born on or after May 1, 2008	12U	Born on or after May 1, 2009
13U	Born on or after May 1, 2007	13U	Born on or after May 1, 2008
14U	Born on or after May 1, 2006	14U	Born on or after May 1, 2007
15U	Born on or after May 1, 2005	15U	Born on or after May 1, 2006
16U	Born on or after May 1, 2004	16U	Born on or after May 1, 2005
17U	Born on or after May 1, 2003	17U	Born on or after May 1, 2004
18U	Born on or after May 1, 2002	18U	Born on or after May 1, 2003





## **Payment & Refund Policy**

### **Payment Policy**

RC Tournaments requires all teams registering to make an initial non-refundable deposit payment in the amount of \$250. Registration is on a first come basis however no reservation will be confirmed until the deposit is received. Select tournaments may be on an invitation basis only.

Payment in full for all events is due no later than 30 days prior to the tournament start date. Payments can be made by check or credit card (either online at [www.rctournaments.com](http://www.rctournaments.com) or on the phone). We accept Master Card, Visa or Discover. Checks should be made out to Richmond County Baseball and mailed to 98 Tanglewood Drive, Staten Island, NY 10308. Returned checks will incur a \$50 fee.

If the initial deposit is paid via credit card, we will automatically charge that credit card for the balance 30 days prior to the tournament, unless we are instructed in writing prior to that date that you wish to pay via an alternate method.



## **Team Withdrawals**

RC Tournaments requires that all requests by registered teams for withdrawal be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the start of the tournament. Requests should be emailed to [info@rcbclub.com](mailto:info@rcbclub.com). Any cancellation made by a team or its representatives within 30 days of the tournament will result in the loss of their initial deposit. Any exceptions can only be approved by the Executive Tournament Director.

## **Inclement Weather**

If there is inclement weather, we will attempt to stay as close as possible to the original game schedule and tournament format. All scheduling changes will be posted on the tournament website. It is the team's responsibility to check and make sure they are aware of any schedule changes.

We also send out weather alerts and schedule changes via cell phone text messages, utilizing the *RainedOut* system. Text 84483 to subscribe. Managers will be provided with the specific text message subscription code for their tournament. This should be shared with players and parents so they can also receive alerts directly.

Staten Island weather - <http://www.silive.com/weather/>



## **Credit Policy – Weather Related**

**For all tournaments canceled or shortened as a result of weather or other circumstances outside of our control:**

For 3 game minimum tournaments:

Play 0 games – 100% credit (no refund)

Play 1 game – 70% credit (no refund)

Play 2 games - \$100 credit (no refund)

For 4 game minimum tournaments:

Play 0 games – 100% credit (no refund)

Play 1 game – 70% credit (no refund)

Play 2 games – 50% credit (no refund)

Play 3 games - \$100 credit (no refund)

Note: Richmond County Tournaments have the right to amend this policy based upon the circumstances of the cancellation on an event-by-event basis.

## **Addendum**

### **New Policies/Procedures as a result of COVID-19 Effective July 1, 2020 until further notice**

#### **General:**

- All players, coaches and fans must adhere to the guidelines from the CDC, NY State and NY City, including, but not limited to, social distancing and wearing of face masks.
- Attendees should proactively check their health status as recommended by the CDC, NY State and NY City authorities prior to attending an event.
- Do not come to an event if any household member is not feeling well.
- Do not come to an event if any household member has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- Do not attend an event if you are not comfortable with measures being taken at a facility.
- It is recommended that all attendees bring personal hand sanitizers, masks, chairs and anti-bacterial wipes for personal use.
- Spectator tents are limited to one per family.
- Spectators may be limited and even excluded except for immediate family.

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## **Player/Coach Guidelines and Game Rule Adjustments:**

- We may limit the number of total players/teams and adjust playing formats to accommodate CDC, NY State and NY City guidelines.
- Dugouts could be expanded outside of the playing field. Only players and coaches allowed in dugout.
- No food, seeds, gum or spitting.
- Coaches and umpires should maintain social distancing during pre-game ground rules and any subsequent in-game discussions.
- No pre or post game contact between players/coaches/umpires including handshakes, high fives, etc.
- No team huddles on the mound; only pitcher, catcher and one coach, all maintaining social distancing.
- Base coaches must maintain social distancing from players.
- No post game trophy ceremonies; coach will receive all awards.
- Teams are required to clean all trash from the dugout prior to leaving the facility.
- Teams must wait until prior team is completely off the field and all playing equipment and trash is removed from the dugout before entering.

**Additional or updated guidelines for Perfect Game events can also be found on [www.perfectgame.org](http://www.perfectgame.org).**



## **Tournament Contacts**

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## **Richmond County Baseball Club**

### **Corporate Office and Mailing Address**

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### **Richmond County Youth Complex (Tournament Fields)**

**1400 Travis Ave.**

**Staten Island, NY 10314**