

Welcome to Rays Collegiate Post Grad

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Program Overview

Rays Collegiate Post Grad is a one-year, full-development program designed for unsigned high school graduates and college transfers. Our program provides athletes with the opportunity to compete at a collegiate level while retaining all NCAA/NJCAA/NAIA eligibility.

We offer an affordable path for student-athletes to strengthen their skills, maturity, and exposure without sacrificing eligibility or time on their college athletic clock. Whether you're a recent high school graduate or a college player looking for the right fit, our program provides the structure, support, and schedule to help you elevate your game.

Why Choose Rays Collegiate?

- No Eligibility Lost: Play a full college baseball schedule without using a year of eligibility.
- **High-Level Exposure**: Compete against NJCAA, NCAA, NAIA, and academy teams.
- Athlete-Centered Development: Customized training plans focusing on strength, speed, skills, and character.
- **Professional Coaching**: Work closely with experienced coaches and staff committed to helping you grow on and off the field.
- Life Preparation: Learn to balance athletics with personal responsibility and goal-setting.

At Rays Collegiate, our mission is to help passionate, hardworking athletes maximize their potential—on the field and in life. Success is not only measured by wins, but by advancement, development, and preparation for the next level.

Our Mission

At Rays Collegiate Post Grad, our mission is clear:

To help the most dedicated and passionate athletes succeed by enabling them to rise and maximize their inherent potential.

We believe success is defined not only by performance on the field, but also by personal growth, discipline, and the ability to transition into the next stage of life with purpose. Our goal is to provide an environment where athletes can develop physically, mentally, and emotionally—while earning the exposure and preparation they need to play at the next level.

We don't measure success solely by wins and losses. Our true victory is seeing our players move on to college programs better, stronger, and more confident than ever.

Coaching & Support Staff

Our experienced staff is committed to each athlete's individual development and success. With a professional, player-first approach, we provide hands-on instruction, support, and mentorship throughout the entire season.

Head Coach

Willie James

Pitching Coach

Enrique De Los Rios

Specializes in arm care, pitch sequencing, and individual mound development.

Assistant Coach

Jose Polanco

Focuses on infield/outfield development, base running, and game strategy.

Strength & Performance Coach

Michael Frazier

Designs individualized plans for strength, speed, and agility tailored to each player's position and goals.

Recruiting Coordinator

Allen Cox

Guides players through the college recruiting process with proven strategies and strong program connections.

Owner / Director of Baseball Operations

Willie James

Founder of Rays Collegiate Post Grad. Oversees player experience, operational excellence, and community partnerships.

Team Manger

Stephanie Loyd

Team's supportive home base, coordinating hospitality, meals, and events. She provides a welcoming presence and serves as a key contact to ensure players feel supported both on and off the field.

Program Structure & Schedule

Rays Collegiate Post Grad is structured into two competitive semesters, giving players a year-round development experience that mimics the demands of a college baseball program.

Program Dates:

Semester 1: Fall Development Season

Check-In: September 3
End Date: December 11

- 20–25 games
- Weekly Wednesday Night Games @ Ripken Experience
- Additional games vs. college teams and academies on weekdays and weekends

Semester 2: Spring Competitive Season

Check-In: January 5 End Date: April 30

- 35–45 games
- Competitive schedule against NJCAA, NCAA, NAIA, and High School Academy programs
- Games begin in late January and continue through April

Sample Daily Schedule

We emphasize routine, discipline, and balance. Players receive structured training in every aspect of development: strength, speed, baseball IQ, and personal accountability.

Monday / Wednesday / Friday

Time	Activity
9:00 AM	Team Meeting
9:30 AM	Dynamic Warm-Up
9:45 AM	Offensive Work
10:45 AM	Strength Training
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Positional Meetings
1:20 PM	Individual Skill Work
2:00 PM	On-Field Team Workout
3:00 PM	Speed/Agility & Conditioning
3:20 PM	Individual Development Meetings

Tuesday / Thursday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
10:00 AM	Team Meeting
10:30 AM	Dynamic Warm-Up
10:45 AM	Offensive Work
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Positional Meetings
1:20 PM	Individual Skill Work
2:00 PM	Defensive Teamwork
3:00 PM	Speed/Agility & Conditioning

This rigorous yet supportive structure prepares athletes for the mental and physical demands of college baseball. The extra time we dedicate to training—without high school or NCAA time limitations—makes a real difference in results.

Financial Information

We are committed to offering a high-level post-graduate baseball experience at a competitive, affordable rate. Players may choose to enroll in the full-year program or join for the spring semester only. Flexible payment plans are available.

Full-Year Enrollment (Semester 1 & 2)

Total Cost: \$10,040

Payment Schedule:

- \$4,500 non-refundable deposit due by August 1 (Fall enrollment)
- 8 monthly payments of \$130 (September–May)
- \$4,500 non-refundable deposit due by January 1 (Spring return)

Spring-Only Enrollment (Semester 2)

Total Cost: \$5,700

Payment Schedule:

- \$4,500 non-refundable deposit due at enrollment
- 4 monthly payments of \$300 (February-May)

Payment Details

- Tuition may be paid in full or via a monthly payment plan.
- Payment plans will be set up upon registration on our League App scheduler
- We accept all major credit cards, cash, and checks.
- All credit card payments will incur a 3–4% processing fee. This fee is waived if paying in full by cash or check.
- All payment plans require a **credit card on file**, with **auto-draft** scheduled on the **1st of** each month.
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Housing Costs

1. IRH Myrtle Beach – State-of-the-Art Residence Hall

Opening in 2025, the IRH Myrtle Beach complex offers a modern, secure, and community-focused living environment just one mile from the beach.

https://irhliving.com/irh-locations/irh-myrtlebeach-sc/

Key Features:

- Rooms accommodating up to 4 residents, each equipped with:
 - o Private bathroom with shower
 - o Refrigerator and microwave
 - o Table, chairs, and individual wardrobes
 - o Adjustable heating/cooling units

2. Host Families

Our trusted host families open their homes to players, offering a family-style living experience. This option provides structure and support in a home environment.

What's Included:

- Private bedroom
- Access to washer and dryer
- Clean linens and towels
- Basic meals and snacks
- Air conditioning, Wi-Fi, and parking
- Family-like atmosphere and guidance

Cost: \$250–\$500 per month (Added to your tuition and monthly payment plan if selected.)

3. Organizational Housing

Rays Collegiate maintains multiple team-owned houses throughout the Myrtle Beach area. These homes are fully furnished and conveniently located near training facilities.

Features Include:

• Fully furnished homes shared with teammates

- Kitchen access for meal preparation
- Living room/common areas
- Wi-Fi and laundry access
- Utilities included in flat monthly rate

Great for players looking for more independence while staying connected to teammates.

4. Player Apartments

For those seeking their own space or apartment-style living, our staff will assist in finding a suitable apartment close to training and field locations.

Support Provided:

- Apartment search assistance
- Recommendations based on location and budget
- Guidance on lease agreements and roommates (if applicable)

Ideal for mature or local players who prefer independent living.

Players are responsible for all housing costs regardless of the option selected. Host family and organizational housing fees will be incorporated into your tuition if arranged through the program.

Mailing Address for Payments:

637 Swinford Dr., Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Player Expectations & Code of Conduct

At Rays Collegiate Post Grad, we are committed to developing complete athletes—on and off the field. That development is built on a foundation of discipline, respect, and responsibility.

Every player is expected to uphold the standards of the program, represent the organization with integrity, and commit to personal growth throughout the season.

Core Expectations

1. Respect the Process

This program is about development, not just results. Respect every practice, workout, and game as a step toward your long-term goals.

2. Give Maximum Effort

Whether it's a practice rep or live game action, effort is non-negotiable. Do your best in any role you're placed in, and embrace the grind.

3. Be Coachable

Follow instructions, stay open to feedback, and work to improve. Our staff is here to help you succeed, but you must take responsibility for your own growth.

4. Uphold Professional Behavior

You are a reflection of your teammates, coaches, family, and the organization. Conduct yourself with integrity at all times—on the field, in the dugout, at the hotel, and in the community.

5. Attendance & Communication

Regular attendance is essential. If you're injured, unwell, or dealing with something personal, communicate with your coach promptly.

6. Respect All

Treat coaches, teammates, opponents, umpires, hotel staff, and others with courtesy and professionalism. Disrespect of any kind will not be tolerated.

7. Focus on You

Don't compare yourself to other players. Everyone's journey is different. Stay focused on your own progress and take pride in your development.

8. Learn from Mistakes

Mistakes are part of growth. Reflect, adjust, and move forward with a positive mindset. Growth comes from effort, not perfection.

9. Look the Part

Wear your uniform properly. If you're in baseball pants, wear a belt. Take pride in your appearance—it reflects your commitment.

10. Play the Game the Right Way

Compete with heart, hustle, and respect. When you give your best and respect the game, results take care of themselves.

11. Trust the Process

There are no shortcuts. Success is earned over time.

"It's a marathon, not a sprint."

Player Apparel & Employment Support

We believe in preparing our athletes not only for the next level on the field but also in life. That includes outfitting you with high-quality gear and supporting your personal growth through real-world experience.

Player Apparel

Every player enrolled in the Rays Collegiate program will receive a full apparel package to ensure you're ready to represent both on and off the field.

Player Pack Includes:

- Game uniforms
- Practice shirts
- Shorts
- Hats
- Additional training apparel

Players are expected to wear team-issued gear during all practices, games, and official team activities.

Employment Support

For players interested in gaining work experience or supplementing their income, Rays Collegiate offers job placement assistance during the season.

We Help With:

- Finding local job opportunities
- Coordinating work schedules with training
- Providing references when needed
- Supporting career interests (where possible)

⚠ Important Note for International Players:

Due to visa restrictions, foreign players without a valid work or student visa are **not permitted to work** or attend school while in the United States.

Eligibility Disclaimer & Alumni Success

Eligibility Disclaimer

While Rays Collegiate Post Grad offers a unique opportunity for development and exposure, it is important for players and families to understand the regulations surrounding college eligibility.

Please Note:

Rays Collegiate is not responsible for the loss of NJCAA, NCAA, or NAIA eligibility or clock years.

- Eligibility rules can change based on governing bodies and individual institutions.
- Players participate at their own risk. It is the responsibility of each player and their family to verify eligibility status with prospective schools or athletic associations.

We strongly encourage all players to work closely with their potential college programs and compliance offices to stay informed on current eligibility guidelines.

Alumni Success

Rays Collegiate has a strong and growing network of alumni who have advanced to the collegiate level across NCAA Divisions I–III, NAIA, and junior colleges.

We take pride in our role in helping players continue their baseball careers and pursue academic and personal goals.

Notable Alumni Placements

Division I

- Danny DeSousa University of Memphis
- Alejandro Cazorla University of Dayton
- Chone James University of Virginia
- Ryder Manale Seattle University
- Cody Bradt Radford University

Division II

- Rowan Teran Kentucky Wesleyan
- Easton Hood Valdosta State
- Rocco Wojcik Coker University

- Diego Patrick Embry Riddle Aeronautical
- And more...

NAIA, & JUCO

Over 30 additional players placed at schools including:

- USC Sumter, USC Lancaster, Fayetteville Tech
- Indian Hills CC, Southeastern CC, Florence Darlington Tech
- Reinhardt University, Siena Heights University
- Cerro Coso, Volunteer State, and many more

Class of '25 continues to grow with exciting commitments and placement opportunities underway.