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The following is the result of the Hofstra Off-Field protest of their first conference game against Towson University on Friday, March 25th.

Game #1 protested by Hofstra for Towson roster violations, specifically, for using a player that is listed as “(INACTIVE)” on the Towson official roster.

Requested action - Forfeit game.

Protest:

Hofstra is protesting their conference game against Towson on 3/25/16, requesting one forfeit victory due to Towson using a player that is listed as “(INACTIVE)” on their official roster. Towson also claims there were other players playing in the game that were not listed on the active roster.

NCBA Rules state that Roster Violations must be an On-Field Protest.

24.02.1: On Field Protests consist of protests regarding Uniform Violations, Equipment Violations, Umpire Decisions believed to be in violation of NCBA rules, Umpire Qualifications and **ALL Roster Violations**.

24.02.2: Any On Field Protests by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed.

24.02.2.2: All On Field Protests must be made to the umpire-in-chief

Hofstra issued a protest form as an OFF-FIELD protest with neither Towson nor the umpire-in-chief being made aware of the protest.

24.03.1 Off Field Protests consists of protests regarding Failure to secure fields, umpire qualifications, or ineligibility of a player who is officially on the roster.

Hofstra is claiming that a player Towson used has/had “(INACTIVE)” listed next to his name on the Towson official roster. For this reason, an Off-Field Protest was submitted due to Off-Field Protests consisting of ineligibility of a player who is officially on the roster. The game was played with Towson winning the first game of the doubleheader.

Ruling: Protest Denied (Thrown Out) – The “(INACTIVE)” tag that a player may carry on a team’s official roster is treated the same as a player that is not listed on the official roster. The reason they are still listed on the roster is due to the fact that once a player is on the roster, they cannot be taken off. In most cases, if not all, players with the “(INACTIVE)” tag are players that were eligible in the Fall for teams in the Great Lakes and North Atlantic, which are no longer eligible in the Spring. Since players cannot be removed from the roster, the “(INACTIVE)” tag is placed on their name. Therefore this would be classified as a roster violation, which in order to properly enforce the rule, would consist of an On-Field protest.

Also, the “ineligibility of a player who is officially on the roster” in the Off-Field Protest rules is a player that is shown on the official roster as ELIGIBLE, but is later found out that he/she is in fact ineligible. That is why this situation does not fall as an Off-Field Protest.



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While the NCBA recognizes that Towson may have used ineligible players, it is up to the teams to properly enforce the rules. Proper enforcement of the rule would consist of an On-Field Protest, where the opposing team and umpire are made aware of the infraction. Since neither of that happened, the protest is thrown out. NCBA rules are designed to allow teams to correct mistakes that may happen before play is resumed. If proper rule enforcement were used, Towson could have the opportunity to correct the rule infraction. The NCBA does not support Towson's actions in anyway, whether they knowingly or unknowingly used players not listed on their official roster. It is the responsibility of EVERY team to make sure that they only play student-athletes that are on their official roster. The NCBA also recommends that teams bring with them a copy of the opposing team's official roster to ground rules before each game. If any players listed on the opposing teams lineup card do not appear on the official roster, to officially announce that the game is being played under protest.

The following is the result of the Hofstra Off-Field protest of their second conference game against Towson University on Friday, March 25th.

Game #2 protested by Hofstra for Towson roster violations, specifically using a player that at the start of the game was not listed on the official roster, but was activated to the roster during the game.

Requested action - Forfeit game.

Protest:

Hofstra is protesting their 2nd game of their conference series against Towson on 3/25/16, requesting one forfeit victory due to Towson using a player that was not listed as on their official roster at the start of the game.

NCBA Rules state that Roster Violations must be an On-Field Protest.

24.02.1: On Field Protests consist of protests regarding Uniform Violations, Equipment Violations, Umpire Decisions believed to be in violation of NCBA rules, Umpire Qualifications and **ALL Roster Violations**.

24.02.2: Any On Field Protests by the coach of a competing team must be made at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed.

24.02.2.2: All On Field Protests must be made to the umpire-in-chief

Hofstra issued a protest form as an OFF-FIELD protest with neither Towson nor the umpire-in-chief being made aware of the protest. Towson entered a player during the game, which at the start of the competition, was not listed on Towson's official roster. At some point during the game, the player was activated to the roster by VP of Baseball Operations, Christian Smith and after his activation to the roster, the player entered the game.

Ruling: Protest Denied (Thrown Out) - While the NCBA recognizes that Towson may have used an ineligible player, it is up to the teams to properly enforce the rules. Proper enforcement of the rule would consist of an On-Field Protest, where the opposing team and umpire are made aware of the infraction when the player entered the game. Since neither of that happened, the protest is thrown out. NCBA rules are designed to allow teams to correct mistakes that may happen before play is resumed. If proper rule enforcement were used, Towson could



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