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The following is the result of the investigation by the NCBA into the University of Montana using a player that had previous professional baseball experience.

Investigation:

The NCBA was contacted by a few teams in the Northern Pacific Region of the NCBA regarding a player for the University of Montana. The concern was that this player had previous professional baseball experience.

NCBA Rule Number 7.04.0:

“A player with any previous professional experience in the sport of baseball is NOT eligible to play in any NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Game.”

Teams were concerned that a player by the name of Trey Ford who has played professional baseball before was also playing on the University of Montana club baseball team. Once the accusations were submitted to President of the NCBA, Sandy Sanderson, he began an investigation. The University of Montana club baseball team did in fact have a player on their roster by the name of “Tres” Ford. To confirm that the registration on the NCBA website was accurate, he contacted “Tres” Ford and requested that he send in a picture of his Drivers License. “Tres” Ford complied and sent over a picture of his identification. On the identification, his name was in fact listed as “Tres” Glenn Ford. After receiving this, it was determined that this was just a simple case of mistaken identity.

A few weeks later, Mr. Sanderson was contacted once again by a Northern Pacific Team stating that they contacted the State Department of Transportation where “Tres” Ford’s Drivers License was issued. Using the Drivers License number, the Department of Transportation was able to confirm that the name on the Drivers License was actually Trey Rylan Ford and not “Tres” Glenn Ford as was submitted to Mr. Sanderson.

After doing a Facebook search for Trey Rylan Ford, pictures on the Facebook Profile were similar the picture on the Drivers License. Also, on the Facebook Profile it was listed that Trey Rylan Ford worked for the Philadelphia Phillies from 2011-2012.

With this information it was determined that “Tres” Ford, was in fact Trey Rylan Ford, who has had previous professional baseball experience. He not only forged his driver’s license that was sent over to Mr. Sanderson but he also registered online at the NCBA website using false information.

It was determined that this player was in fact activated to Montana’s Roster near or very close to the April 15th roster freeze. It was also determined that he played in a total of eight games. Six of which were conference games and two were at the Northern Pacific Regional Tournament.

Conclusion:

With this information the NCBA has laid out the following disciplinary action for the University of Montana.

-Trey Rylan Ford will NEVER be eligible to compete in the NCBA nor will he be able to hold “Officer” or “Coach” status with any club baseball program in the NCBA from this point forward.

-The University of Montana will forfeit all victories achieved (5) that Trey Rylan Ford participated in. Scores have been changed to 7-0 forfeit victories and stats from these games have been removed.



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-The University of Montana club baseball team will be placed on Probation for the entire 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons.

-The University of Montana club baseball team WILL BE post-season eligible for the 2014-15 season, but they will be INELIGIBLE to receive an At-Large bid for the 2014-15 season.

-Due to probationary status and incorrect stats due to removal, both of Montana's All-Americans have been stripped of their honor for those selections.

-1st Team All American Second Baseman, Brad Bell

-2nd Team All American First Baseman, Nathan Jewitt

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