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The following are the results of the UW Milwaukee protests of their games against Western Iowa Tech CC on February 28th, 2015.

Games 1&2 were protested by UWM for Failure to secure officials that met NCBBA minimum certifications.

Requested action - Forfeit games.

NCBBA Rule:

10.00.00 (Officials)

10.01.0 During **NCBBA Sanctioned Basketball Games**, the home team is responsible for providing officials for each competition.

10.02.0 It is the responsibility of the home team to provide the officials with a copy of the Official NCBBA Rules prior to the start of each game.

10.03.0 The officials **MUST** be High School certified or higher.

10.03.1 The visiting team reserves the right to request proof of the officials credentials prior to the start of any **NCBBA Sanctioned Basketball Game**.

10.04.0 It is required that the home team schedules two officials (1 Referee and 1 Umpire) to officiate each competition.

UWM Club President, KARLYLE ROSS, stated in his official protest: "THE TWO "APPOINTED" OFFICIALS PROVIDED NO OFFICAL CREDITENTIALS, APPEARED TO BE SELECTED AT RANDOM AND WERE MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM. THE COACH INFORMED ME OF THE OFFICAILS HE "SELECTED" ROUGHLY 10 MINUTES BEFORE GAME 1 STARTED, THE REFEREES WERE "GENEROUS" WITH THE GAME CALLS, ISSUED SEVERAL WARNINGS FOR BEHAVIOR THAT WARRANTED TECHNICAL FOULS OR POSSIBLY EJECTIONS AND FREQUENTLY SHOWED BIAS FOR THE OTHER TEAM CONGRATULATING THE WITC TEAM WITH HIGH-FIVES AND FIST BUMPS THROUGHOUT THE CONTEST, EVEN JOINING WITCC IN THE LOCKERROOM AT HALF-TIME."

NCBBA Rule:

19.00.00 (Protests)

19.01.0 No protest ever shall be permitted on judgment decisions by the Officials.

19.02.0 On Court Protests

19.02.1 On Court Protests consists of protests regarding Uniform Violations, Equipment Violations, Official decisions believed to be in violation of NCBBA rules, Official Qualifications, and ALL Roster Violations.

19.02.2 Any On Court protest 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.



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- 19.02.2.1 If the game ends (legal contest) in a protest able situation, the offended team has until all players have left the court to voice its protest intentions.
- 19.02.2.2 All On Court protests must be made to the Referee.
- 19.02.2.3 All On Court protests must be reported to the NCBBA (via the NCBBA GAME PROTEST FORM) no later than midnight E.S.T. of the Tuesday following the “NCBBA Week” in which the protested game occurred.

WITCC Athletic Director Mike Brown issued the following defense via telephone: “We thought that games 1 & 2 were exhibition games and that game 3 was the only game that counted. Thus we only hired certified officials for game 3. We used players to referee games 1 & 2 because we thought they were exhibition”

Ruling: Protests Granted – WITCC admitted to having used players to officiate games 1 & 2 thus they were clearly in violation of NCBBA 10.03.0. UWM will be granted two forfeit wins for games 1 & 2 of the series.

Notes: The NCBBA wants to warn not just WITCC but all member teams that only HS certified officials or better are legal for use in NCBBA games. This rule was put in place by the NCBBA teams and any team wishing to see this rule changed for the future should present their case at the NCBBA annual league meeting where rules changes get voted upon.

Game 3 was protested by UWM for an In-Game Known Roster Violation

Requested action - Forfeit games.

NCBBA Rule:

4.00.00 (Roster Size)

4.01.0 The official eligible NCBBA roster is limited to no more than 15 players.

4.02.0 The 15 players listed on the roster are the **ONLY** players allowed to compete in any **NCBBA Sanctioned Basketball Game**.

4.02.1 Any team found playing a player (in an **NCBBA Sanctioned Basketball Game**) not on the current official roster will be issued a forfeit for all games that the above-mentioned player has competed in.

4.05.0 Players are not deemed eligible to participate in any **NCBBA Sanctioned Basketball Game** until their paperwork has been processed with the league. When the player appears on the team’s roster, which is available on the Official NCBBA Website (www.NCBBAbasketball.org), then that player is then eligible to compete in **NCBBA Sanctioned Basketball Games**.



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UWM Club President, KARLYLE ROSS, stated in his official protest: “BEFORE GAME 3 STARTED OUR TEAM TREASURER NOTICE ONE OF THE OFFICIALS FROM THE PREVIOUS 2 GAMES WARMING-UP DURING PREGAME SHOOT-AROUND. WHEN SHE ASKED THE COACH IF HE WAS PLAYING THE WITCC COACH REPLIED "YES AND DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO". OUR TREASURER INFORMED HIM THAT IF THE GAME 1 AND GAME 2 OFFICIAL PLAYS IN GAME 3 THIS WILL BE A ROSTER VIOLATION (EXCEEDING 15 MAN) AND POSSIBLY A MORAL VIOLATION AS WELL. THE COACH ACCEPTED THE TERMS AND THE PLAYER STARTED AT SG FOR GAME 3.”

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19.02.3 When a coach claims that an official’s decision violates NCBBA rules, the Referee must: (1) allow the coach the right to file a protest; (2) announce to each coach, to the official scorer and to the public-address announcer that the game is being played under protest, and (3) note and record the game situation at the time of the protest. No replay of any part of a game will be allowed even if the protest is proven to be legitimate, if the play in question did not directly affect the outcome of the game. If the protest is proven to be legitimate and could have had a bearing upon the game, then it is upheld and play resumes from the point of the protest.

19.02.4 When a coach questions the validity that an opposing player is actually the player on the roster who he claims to be, that coach may request that the Referee have the player in question produce a photo ID.

19.02.4.1 In the event that the player in question is unable to produce a photo ID, then the game may be played under protest by the opposition as an On Court Protest.

WITCC Athletic Director Mike Brown issued the following defense via telephone:”We have 18 guys that are part of the team but only the guys on the roster play in the games. The others practice with the team and we allow them to warm up and dress for games.”



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UWM Club President, KARLYLE ROSS, provided a copy of the official scorebook showing two players (#25 Hunt P. and #22 Wilson) who do not appear on the WITCC official NCBBA Roster. WITCC did not respond to a request for a defense of the scorebook evidence presented by UWM

Ruling: Protests Granted – WITCC did not refute the fact that #25 Hunt P. and #22 Wilson played in game 3 vs UWM, thus the NCBBA believes that WITCC was in fact in violation of NCBBA rule 4.02.1. UWM will be granted a forfeit win for game 3 of the series.

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