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The following are the results of the Brown protests of their games against Holy Cross on February 25th, 2017.

Games 2 & 3 were protested by Brown for an equipment/court violation, uniform violation, failure to schedule officials, and other reasons.

Requested action – Replay Game or Forfeit game.

PROTEST: (Samuel Reinert President Brown Club Basketball)

“THOUGH ALL THREE COURTS WERE STILL VACANT AT THE TIME OF OUR ARRIVAL, THE HOST TEAM INSISTED WE PLAY ON ONE OF THE NON-REGULATION COURTS, DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE AVAILABLE REGULATION COURT.

THE HOST TEAM ONLY HIRED ONE OFFICIAL, WHO WAS FORCED TO REFFEREE ALL THREE GAMES BY HIMSELF, AND WHO INFORMED US THAT HE WAS NEVER GIVEN A COPY OF THE OFFICAL LEAGUE RULES.

WHILE THE HOST TEAM WAS WEARING A VARIETY OF MISMATCHED UNDERSHIRTS, AND HAD TWO PLAYERS WEARING NUMBER 9 ON THEIR ROSTER, WE WERE MORE CONCERNED BY THE THREE PLAYERS WHO WERE ALLOWED TO PLAY WITHOUT ANY JERSEY AT ALL, TWO OF WHOM WORE WHITE TSHIRTS (WITH LOGOS) AND ONE WHO WAS JUST WEARING A WHITE TANK TOP. AT THIS POINT A PLAYER ARIVED AT THE GYM WHO HAD NOT PLAYED IN THE PREVIOUS GAME, HE PROCEED TO PLAY IN THE FOLLOWING TWO GAMES WHILE WEARING A NUMBER 0 JERSEY, EVEN THOUGH THEY ALREADY HAD ANOTHER NUMBER 0.

THIS GAME DID NOT START UNTIL AFTER 4:30PM, AS THE PREVIOUS GAME HAD BEEN DELAYED BY SO LONG.

WE HAD A PLAYER BEGIN BLEEDING FROM SEVERAL FINGERS DURING OUR SECOND GAME OF THE DAY, AND WHEN WE REQUESTED A FIRST AID KIT AND/OR ATHLETIC TRAINER, WE WERE TOLD NONE WERE PRESENT. THIS RESULTED IN MULTIPLE PLAYERS SEARCHING FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES MID GAME, UNTIL AN EMPLOYEE OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE COULD BE LOCATED AND A FIRST AID KIT WAS LOCATED.

DEFENSE: (Robert Eilbacher President Holy Cross Club Basketball)

“The College of the Holy Cross Club Basketball team has read the complaint filed by the Brown University Club Basketball team. We will address each complaint individually.

The first complaint is regarding the “non-regulation” court. There are three courts in the Fieldhouse at Holy Cross. We chose to play on the one court that has regulation 10-foot rims. Additionally, Rule 13.02 of the NCBBA League Rules state that “There are no required court dimensions provided that both ends of the court



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are uniform in size and line markings.” While Holy Cross’ facilities may not be up to par with Ivy League facilities, the court used for all three games satisfies this rule.

The second complaint is regarding “one official, who was forced to referee all three games by himself.” Rule 11.04.1 states that “The game may be played provided that at least one approved official is present.” The official was fairly compensated and in no way “forced” to work the series of three games. He is an approved official who willingly officiated the games.

The third complaint is regarding a uniform violation. According to Rule 12.02.1, which states that “On court protests consist of protests regarding Uniform Violations, Equipment Violations, Official decisions believed to be in violation of NCBBA rules, Official qualifications, and ALL Roster violations.” Rule 12.02.2 continues by stating, “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.” All of the complaints filed by Brown University fall under “On court” violations according to league rules. Brown did not make their protest known to either of our captains for any of the violations stated in their complaint until after they had lost the third and final game; the complaint was not addressed by Brown before play resumed, which is in violation of the protocol for On Court protests.

Within the uniform complaint filed by Brown, they mention, “a player arrived at the gym who had not played in the previous game, and proceeded to play in the following two games.” The player called into question (in Brown’s filed protest, but never at the moment of the incident) is Evan Thomas, a legally rostered player. We appreciate Brown’s concern for his tardiness, and we assure that he will be reprimanded at our next practice. The fourth complaint is regarding the time that the second game started. The first game started 15-20 minutes late as our scorer was arranging the clock. According to NCBBA rules, the home team is allowed 15 minutes to secure an official before the game is considered forfeited. If this rule is also true for necessary personnel, such as a scorer, no violation was incurred. If Brown still wishes to contest that it was 20 minutes rather than a 15 minute delay (a complaint that was not made known to neither the official nor to our coach, rendering it an illegitimate protest), then we would concede a forfeited first game. However, Rule 11.06.0 of the NCBBA rules states that if multiple games are scheduled in the same day, the home team has an additional 45 minutes from the time that the previous game was declared a forfeit to get NCBBA approved officials to the court or that game is also forfeited to the visiting team.” We secured the necessary personnel well within the allotted 45 minutes.

The fifth and final complaint was made regarding the lack of medical personnel. Rule 10.01.0 states that, “While it is not required for the home team to provide onsite medical personnel (i.e., trainer or EMT), the home team is required to provide some sort of communications equipment capable of summoning medical personnel in the event of an emergency (i.e., telephone, cell phone, or CB radio).” Samuel Reinert acknowledges in his complaint that the proper personnel were notified and responded accordingly. Therefore, we were not in violation of the rules.

Holy Cross appreciates Brown’s concern for the league and their team, however, we do not believe their protests to be legitimate according to the NCBBA league rules. ”



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NCBBA RULES RELEVANT TO THIS INVESTIGATION:

10.00.00 (Medical Personnel)

10.01.0 While it is not required for the home team to provide onsite medical personnel (i.e., trainer or EMT), the home team is required to provide some sort of communications equipment capable of summoning medical personnel in the event of an emergency (i.e., telephone, cell phone, or CB radio).

11.00.00 (Officials)

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

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

11.04.1 The game may be played provided that at least one approved official is present.

13.00.00 (Court Requirements)

13.01.0 All **NCBBA Sanctioned Basketball Games** must be played on an indoor court featuring either a hardwood or sports court surface.

13.02.0 There are no required court dimensions provided that both ends of the court are uniform in size and line markings.

21.00.00 (Protests)

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

21.02.0 On Court Protests

21.02.1 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.

21.02.2 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.

21.02.2.1 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.

21.02.2.2 All On Court protests must be made to the Referee.

21.02.2.3 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.



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INVESTIGATION:

NCBBA NER Coordinator Rachel Weber, spoke to Referee Sean Burke who confirmed that while he did officiate the game solo, his officiating assignor had been tasked to provide two officials for the contests, however a 2nd official never arrived. He also stated that the only issue that Brown had complained to him prior to any of the games was that he was the lone official there. He stated that Brown offered no complaints or protests about the uniforms of the Holy Cross players until the conclusion of the 3rd game. He specifically stated that the Brown President made no mention of any protest until he did so to both he and the Holy Cross President at the conclusion of game 3 when he said he would be protesting all the games.

RULING:

Protest denied. Due to the fact that Brown did not announce their intent to play under protest until the conclusion of game 3, they failed to adhere to NCBBA Rule 21.02.2 which requires them to announce their intent to play under protest “at the time of the action or incident that caused the protest and before play is resumed.” Thus the NCBBA has no choice but to deny the protest.

NOTE:

The NCBBA rules on protest are very specific and are designed to give an offending team an opportunity to correct a rules infraction at the moment it is identified so that the game can be played as a legal contest. Additionally the protest rules are designed to prevent offended teams from waiting to determine the outcome of the game before voicing their complaints regarding a possible rules infraction that may have been correctable at the time of it’s identification.

Sandy Sanderson

President
National Club Basketball Association