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The following is the result of the University of California - Santa Barbara (UCSB) off field protest of their March 30<sup>th</sup> game against University of California - San Diego (UCSD).

### **Game protested by UC Santa Barbara:**

UCSB was suspicious of the player listed as “Noah Brown” on UCSD’s lineup card. While Noah Brown is listed on UCSD’s active NCBA roster, UCSB is alleging UCSD played someone not on their active roster claiming to be Noah Brown. “Noah Brown” pitched all 7 innings in a game that UCSB lost by a score of 11-4.

### **7.00.00 | Eligibility**

**7.01.0** Players are not deemed eligible to participate in any NCBA Sanctioned Baseball 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 NCBA Website ([www.clubbaseball.org](http://www.clubbaseball.org)), then that player is then eligible to compete in NCBA Sanctioned Baseball Games.

**7.02.0** Any team found playing an ineligible player will be subject to forfeiting all games that that ineligible player participated in while holding an ineligible status.

### **25.03.0 | Off Field Protests**

**25.03.1** Off Field Protests consists of protests regarding Failure to secure fields, umpire qualifications not meeting NCBA standards, failure to secure umpires, **the use of a non-rostered player posing as a rostered player undiscovered until after the game**, or ineligibility of a player who is officially on the roster.

### **Requested Action:**

UCSB is requesting the game be ruled a 7-0 victory in their favor since UCSD violated rule 7.02.0

### **UCSB Statement:**

*“During the game, the UCSD players said the pitcher attended tryouts less than two weeks ago, stating that he joined the team in the last two weeks. This fact was stated on multiple occasions during the game & every member of our team (& even spectators) can confirm this. When we asked what year he was in school, we got multiple different answers: one player said he was a freshman, another said he was a third-year transfer. This was not a case of one player correcting another but rather two different interactions that suggested the pitcher was not well known to the team. On the line-up card exchanged before the game, UCSD said the pitcher's name was “Noah Brown.” However, ‘Noah Brown is listed on UCSD’s official NCBA roster as a 3rd year player.*

*Additionally, on the official NCBA website, ‘Noah brown was on the team the previous year (2021-2022) and did not pitch a single game, either this year or last. there is absolutely no doubt that UCSD said the pitcher in our game had just joined the team in the last few weeks, so the fact “Noah Brown” has been on the team for two seasons without a single pitching appearance does not line up.*

*Furthermore, UCSD did not refer to the pitcher by name once during the game. They made it a point to only refer to the pitcher by number the entire game, and players were laughing and joking about how they never said his name. Again, they frequently joked about how he had only been on the team for a matter of weeks.*



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*I am certain that the UCSD pitcher we faced Thursday March 30th is not cleared through NCBA nor on UCSD's official roster and was impersonating another player instead. I believe UCSD should forfeit the game in question as they clearly and knowingly violated NCBA rules.*

**Ruling:**

PROTEST GRANTED – After presenting UCSB's claims directly to UCSD via email, UCSD's Team President immediately called to confirm the allegations. The player listed as Noah Brown on the lineup card who pitched against UCSB, was not in fact Noah Brown. It was a different student not on the active roster. While this student was later cleared & added to the teams official NCBA roster shortly after, he was not on the active roster prior to the game & purposely impersonated another player to appear eligible. Due to violating NCBA Rule 7.01.0, the outcome of this game will now be reversed to become a 7-0 victory in favor of UCSB per NCBA Rule 7.02.0.

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