

The following is the result of the Florida Tech (FIT) on field protest of their game on 2/19/2017 against the College of Coastal Georgia (CCGA).

### **Game protested by Florida Tech**

FIT & CCGA played 1 conference game Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. FIT noticed CCGA had 0 eligible players on their official roster through the NCBA site, let alone anyone eligible on the lineup card CCGA presented during the plate meeting. FIT will be protesting just this game, as it's the only game of the 3 they officially lost.

### **Requested Action**

FIT is requesting the game be ruled a 7-0 victory in their favor since CCGA violated rule NCBA DII Rule 7.02.0:

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

### **Florida Tech Statement**

*Florida Tech is protesting our game against CCGA, played 2/19/17, on the grounds that CCGA had 0 players on their official NCBA roster at the start of the game. In accordance with NCBA rules 7.02.0, any team found playing an ineligible player will be penalized by forfeiting all games that ineligible player participated in while holding an ineligible status. After receiving the lineup card from CCGA and before the first pitch of the game, Florida Tech informed the plate umpire & CCGA of their intention to protest the game on this basis.*

### **Ruling**

**PROTEST GRANTED** – Per NCBA Rule 7.20.0, any team that is found playing an ineligible player will be penalized by forfeiting all games that player participated in while holding that status. At the time of the game, CCGA had 0 eligible players on their official roster through the NCBA DII site which directly violates the NCBA eligibility & roster rules. Florida Tech filed the protest in regards to all players participating for CCGA. Florida Tech was also in compliance in regards to the process of filing this specific protest:

- 3.01.1** Any on field protest regarding any roster violation must be made before the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch of the game or as soon as a substitute not listed on the lineup card enters the game.
- 3.01.1.1** Between receiving the opponent's lineup card and the first pitch of the game is the ONLY period of time that a team can protest that a player on the lineup card is NOT on the opponent's official NCBA roster.

**Eric Curitore**



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