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DISCIPLINARY ACTION - BLOOMSBURG CLUB BASEBALL PLACED ON PROBATION

The Bloomsburg Club Baseball Team has been placed on probation for the remainder of the 2018-2019 season as well as the entire 2019-2020 season for violation of NCBA Rule 26.01.0. Specifically, for conducting their baseball operations in a manner not considered acceptable by NCBA standards.

Bloomsburg participated in the Butler County Classic Fall Tournament hosted by the NCBA on September 22nd and 23rd and stayed the official host hotel. After the completion of the tournament, the Tournament Director, who was not present at the host hotel, contacted the hotel to check in on how things went from their perspective. The host hotel responded with the below email regarding the Bloomsburg Club Baseball Team.

"I would like to point out that we did have an issue with one of your teams. We are a full service property with 2 grand ballrooms and we have weddings almost every weekend throughout the year. I just want to mention that the team was completely disrespectful to our other guests. Apparently the players decided to sign derogatory remarks on the wedding's guest book as well as picking a fight and yelling profanities and obscene remarks to the groom and grooms men. Please keep in mind that there were over 200 guests in that wedding that witnessed the disrespect the groom had to deal with the night of his wedding, not to mention the disappointment and disbelief that the bride had to endure on her wedding night. I was embarrassed for them. These events should not have taken place, a wedding guest book is a keepsake that you hold for most of your life, they are not replaceable, in addition those players should not have interfered with the wedding, and please understand that I do not feel that "oh he is just drunk" is an acceptable excuse. With future events we will not permit that team back on our property for any event, or any other team that disrespects our staff, guests, or any other hotel visitor."

The behavior demonstrated by the Bloomsburg Club Baseball Team is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Being viewed as a legitimate organization is one the NCBA always strives for. However, the behavior shown by the Bloomsburg Club Baseball Team only hurts our efforts to be viewed as such. The information that was supplied from the hotel was forwarded to the Club Sports Department at Bloomsburg University and further disciplinary action will be handed down by the University internally against the team.

Allowing Bloomsburg to participate in future Fall Tournaments will be left up to discretion the NCBA Tournament directors running the event. The NCBA will also be closely monitoring the Bloomsburg Club Baseball Program throughout this season and next. If the NCBA is informed about Bloomsburg demonstrating any behavior that even slightly resembles the actions shown above, it will strongly consider not allowing them back into the NCBA for future seasons.

Please keep in mind, with Bloomsburg being placed on probation, they are ELIGIBLE for the post-season this year and next.

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