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The following is a description of facts surrounding an incident involving the University of Dayton Club Baseball team prior to the 2011 Great Lakes Regional Tournament.

Incident:

At the conclusion of the 2011 NCBA regular season, the University of Dayton Club Baseball team had finished in first place of the Great Lakes East Conference. As a result they had clinched a spot in the 2011 Great Lakes Regional Tournament. During the week leading up to the tournament, the team notified Great Lakes Regional Director Chad Lowe that they did not have enough players to field a team and would not be participating in the tournament. This was the first time this issue had been brought up. There had been no prior indication to Lowe whatsoever about a potential conflict during the weekend of the regional tournament, despite the fact that Dayton had led the conference standings for the majority of the season.

The team was offered an opportunity to state their case. The following is an excerpt from their defense:

"As for last year, we simply ended up not having enough players to play in the regional tournament. Our academic calendar was changed from previous years, which made our team initially believe that the regional tournament would not conflict with Dayton 2 Daytona, a student organized trip that over 2500 University of Dayton students attend each year. Prior to last year, Dayton 2 Daytona had always conflicted with the regional tournament, leading us to believe that we would be able to attend both the tournament and trip in back to back weeks due to our pushed back academic calendar. Unfortunately, this was not the case, and the two events fell on the same weekend, with the majority of our team having already invested a significant amount of money into the trip. On the date that we officially found out when the regional tournament was going to be, the deadline had already past for our players to get their money back, and they were not willing to attend the tournament due to the prior significant investment they had made."

None of the facts listed in the team statement provide any justification for failing to attend the regional tournament. The team should have checked with Lowe on the dates of the tournament before committing to the Dayton 2 Daytona trip.

After reviewing the facts of the incident, the actions of the University of Dayton Club Baseball team are considered conducting baseball operations in a manner deemed unacceptable by NCBA standards.

One of the main reasons the NCBA was founded in 2000 was to provide collegiate club baseball teams with the opportunity to compete for a national championship. By voluntarily declining the opportunity to compete for the NCBA national title, the University of Dayton compromised the integrity of the league as a whole while simultaneously diminishing the credibility of the 2011 National Championship.

Disciplinary Action: The University of Dayton Club Baseball team will be placed on probation for both the 2012 and 2013 seasons. During the 2012 season the Dayton Club Baseball Team will be post-season INELIGIBLE. During the 2013 season, the Dayton Club Baseball team will be post-season ELIGIBLE, but only if they win their Conference. The Dayton Club Baseball team will be INELIGIBLE to receive an "at-large" bid to post-season play during the 2013 NCBA Season.

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