



## Official ITA Team Match Protest Ruling

Division & Gender: NAIA Women Date of Match: 2/24/18

Match: College of St. Mary vs. Bethel College (KS)

Team Protesting: College of St. Mary

Ruling Committee: ITA Women's NAIA National Ranking Committee

### **Protest Summary:**

The ITA Women's NAIA National Ranking Committee has thoroughly reviewed the line-up protest statement submitted by Coach Kim Gradoville (CSM) regarding her match against Bethel College (KS) on February 24, 2018, as well as the subsequent defense statement submitted by Coach Richard Southern (Bethel).

The Committee has ruled that Bethel College (KS) **DID** violate **ITA Rule I.E.4** (*Lineup Changes in back-to-back dual matches, Page 4 of the 2017-18 ITA Rulebook*) at lines 3-5. The committee has decided that as a result of this ruling, there will be "no winner" of the dual match.

The Committee stressed that at if at any time a coach feels his/her lineup is out of order, that coach should move the player(s) in question to the correct lineup position or in the direction of the correct lineup position one position at a time in accordance with ITA Rule I.E.4.

As the individual matches in question were played in good faith, the singles match results will be allowed to stand but the overall match score will be adjusted to "no winner." The ITA office will make this adjustment in the ITA Results Entry System. The individual programs involved are instructed to make the appropriate adjustment to their institutional websites.

Please note that decisions made by the ITA Women's NAIA National Ranking Committee are final and no appeals will be accepted. Please also be aware that ITA policy does not permit coaches to contact committee members before or after a protest decision is made to question this decision or ask for additional information.