



Official ITA Team Match Protest Ruling

Division & Gender: Division I Women Date of Match: 2/24/17

Match: UC-Santa Barbara vs. University of Oregon

Location: University of Oregon

Team Protesting: UC-Santa Barbara

Ruling Committee: Division I Women's National Ranking Committee

Protest Summary:

The ITA Women's Division I National Ranking Committee has thoroughly reviewed the protest statements submitted by Coach Thibodeau (UC Santa Barbara) regarding his match against the University of Oregon on February 24, 2017, as well as the subsequent defense statement submitted by Coach Silverio (Oregon).

The final ruling of the Committee is that Oregon **did** violate **ITA Rule I.F.3** (...*players must play in order of ability, page 4*) in regards to placing Nia Rose at line 1 singles, but **did not** violate **ITA Rule I.F.3** in regards to the placement of Julia Eshet and Alyssa Tobita in singles. As a result of this ruling, the singles match involved that Oregon had won (line 2) should be awarded to USCB, keeping an Oregon win, but by a score of 4-3 (in this situation, the individual matches played would stand for individual singles and doubles ranking purposes). It was also the committee's judgement that a letter of reprimand be sent to the Oregon Head Coach as a result of this rule violation.

Please note that there are no appeals for ITA National Ranking Committee decisions. 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.