



Official ITA Team Match Protest Ruling

Division & Gender: Division II Women Date of Match: 2/10/18

Match: University of Central Oklahoma vs. Texas A&M University - Kingsville

Team Protesting: University of Central Oklahoma

Ruling Committee: Division II Women's National Ranking Committee

Protest Summary:

The ITA Women's Division II National Ranking Committee has thoroughly reviewed the line-up protest statement submitted by Coach Jaron Maestas (UCO) regarding his match against Texas A&M University - Kingsville on February 10, 2018, as well as the subsequent defense statement submitted by Coach Autumn Williams (TAMUK).

The Committee has ruled that TAMUK **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 1-3 singles. As a result of this ruling, the lines in question will be awarded to UCO resulting in a 5-4 win for the University of Central Oklahoma.

While the Committee did not find evidence that TAMUK committed this violation intentionally, the Committee felt strongly that the “one position move” rule is one of the most widely known and important principles in the setting of a collegiate tennis lineup. 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 a 5-4 win for UCO. 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 Division II 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.