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**DECISION BY BCA TRIBUNAL RE SPARTAN CLUB PROTEST**

Re: Protest by Fusionz Boutique Spartan Club against their demotion from the Elite Division of the BCA competition to the First Division for the 2025 Season

The matter was heard by a Tribunal set up by the Barbados Cricket Association (BCA) in accordance with the Special Conditions and Regulations for the BCA's competitions.

The foundation for Spartan's protest rested on the Club's opinion that the use of "Net Runs Per Wicket Ratio (NRPWR)" to determine the relative positions of teams in the competition was flawed. Consequently, Spartan filed a written protest, and the BCA set up a Complaints Tribunal to hear the complaint during the month of March 2025. On March 28, 2025, the Tribunal rendered its decision dismissing the complaint.

The competition rules, especially those pertinent to promotion/relegation have been in existence since the 2009 Domestic season and have not been challenged since inception. Spartan won the competition in 2019 with the same regulations in place.

Decision of the Tribunal

The determination of the Tribunal is that the demotion of Spartan Club is in accordance with the rules and regulations of the BCA and therefore the protest has been dismissed.

This decision of the Tribunal is final in accordance with the Special Conditions of play that governed the competition.

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