Denial of OCC’s sports ban appeal sparks request for another hearing.

By Christopher Toland
Arts and Culture Editor

Just days after a college athletic association denied Orange Coast College’s post season ban appeal request, officials have petitioned the organization for a binding arbitration — but they won’t give up their right to sue.

The California Community College Athletic Association denied OCC’s appeal of its one-year post-season ban on April 2 and the college filed its request for binding arbitration Thursday.

In late February, the college was slapped with a one-year post-season ban by the CCCAA on both of its competitive sports teams — a decision the college officials have called unprecedented and extreme.

The sanctions stem from violations dating back to 2009 when head baseball coach John Albritt led was tossed from a game for the second time and there were instances in the college’s football program.

The college appealed the sanctions in a 30-page report on March 11 and April 1 the CCCAA issued a formal denial of the college’s appeal, offering the memorandum simply stated that “the CCCAA Board of Directors has denied the appeal for Orange Coast College Intercollegiate Athletics.”

In requesting arbitration, OCC’s legal counsel added that the school does not waive its right to seek judicial relief — a right that is typically waived for arbitration.

“We are saying we need to do it, in one option, in a sense that we still will see the rule to a lawsuit,” said Doug Bennett, associate director of Institutional Advancement. Bennett said he hopes the court action will not be necessary and that the panel can come to a reasonable resolution to restore eligibility for the team without prejudice through the arbitration hearing which should take place in May.

“We don’t believe they should penalize the teams in sports which did nothing wrong,” Bennett said.

The arbitration panel selected by the CCCAA will consist of three members selected from a pool of 12 candidates.

The CCCAA resolution was not binding arbitration — but say they will help determine the outcome.

The decision comes after the college last week filed papers raising their legal challenge to the ban.

The college will have five working days to respond and five working days to make final selections for the arbitration team, Bennett said.

OCC has requested that the decision be reconsidered as a testamentary hearing where the college’s representatives will have a chance to confront with and cite evidence to the arbitration panel.

According to OCC’s general counsel, this is the only way that the college will have access to the panel.

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So you finally get to meet that Coachella band you’ve always wanted to see. After all these years, you have access to the legendary desert festival. But the road won’t be easy, and preparing the best setup for outdoor festivities is the first step of the Coachella experience.

This packing list will assist you with your planning and your awesome campsite that everyone will remember. After all, you won’t want to go through the three-day weekend of your life unprepared do you?

Register and map it out

First things first. Now that you have your bracelet, go onto Coachella.com and register so you can enter the festival without any problems. There should be a code under the plastic chip on the back of the wristband that you use for registration. You won’t need to know what you are in the festival at all. Finally, it’s a good idea to download the Coachella App on your smartphone. The app has a map of the whole grounds, including the set times so you don’t have a smart phone. Coachella is officially required around the poles grounds and can provide you with a map.

Camp early

If you are in a group, make sure you arrive early Thursday for a good spot on the campground. You don’t want to walk all the way back to the back of the campground every night after raving for hours on end.

It’s a good idea to bring a portable grill like a George Foreman so that if you get hungry while camping, you can whip up a program in no time. You can also store all of your drinks and keep the mountains blue.

Pack smart

Make sure your campground is stocked with water and food in case your squad to refuel. Keep your water bottle so you have ice to keep the mountains blue.

Sun protection

You will want to keep your skin protected. It’s a very powerful and might burn you if you don’t wear sunscreen on your lips and lips. Coachella provides short range lotions and beyond the campgrounds and you will definitely want to know where these are in case of any emergencies. New Mexico night falls in the valley, the temperature tends to drop rapidly so if you don’t wear while watching Glastonbury Rose on Main Stage Sunday night, I recommend bringing a hoodie or a sweatshirt.

Water is gold

Now it’s Friday morning and you need to know that water is key. Coachella is in the desert, and very hot. Minimal clothes and weight is optimal. So you want to have something to carry your Coachella items on, keep it small and light weight like a fancy kitty backpack.

Coachella also has many restrooms, so if you have a sanctuary, bring that too.

Designate a rendezvous

You know where you are but you don’t know where your friends are and both of your phones are dead. It’s a good idea to have a meet up spot somewhere in the festival where you can find your friends if you lose track of each other. Pick a landmark like a sculpture or the floating mountain.

Find the medics

Coachella has a medical team group knows where the medical task team are before entering the festival. It’s just better for everyone’s safety.

A festival packing list

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- Snacks
- Portable oven
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- Sunscreen
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- Campgrounds map
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The infamous Dolab is known where you can find your favorite restaurant on an emotional level and to see them actually, and cooking is cleaning up is inspiring.

Toiletries

For those students who wish to find the medics, bring that too.

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Find out which flick is worth the funds.

Check out the Arts & Culture pages in the Coast Report.
FLOORS: Plants will be available for sale in the Horticulture Garden Friday.

Avoid using the dirt from your backyard to prevent transfer of diseases to your new plants. Always purchase your plants from a local nursery. Some plants, especially those that have downy, little hairs are known to carry a variety of diseases that can spread really well with some dry conditions.

If you go with organic fertilizer like compost or manure, it’s a great way to add nutrients to the soil,” said Joe, founder of the Sargent’s Nursery.

Liquitox fertilizer is another great choice if you like to fertilize every week. It’s available at local nurseries and your local garden center.

One of the most commonly asked questions I get is how to care for your plants during early attempts at growing. Just like anything else, it’s important to be patient and be willing to put in the time and energy to make sure your plants thrive.

When choosing a planting site, always take into consideration the type of soil and whether it’s sunny or shady. Some plants will do well in full sun, while others prefer shade and need extra care to survive.

BAN: OCC files for arbitration

In an appeal filed in Superior Court, the OCC requests that the court order a three-member Arbitration Panel to decide the terms of arbitration.

"If we have a limited area that you go in, you may want to go with a determinate variety," Hartland said.
Raising wages is a mistake

Trump bullies with a border wall

CalWORKs Facts

The following is in response to the recent article published in Coast Report entitled “The challenges of student parents” written by the Views Editor, Justis Zimmerman.

When I read Ms. Zimmerman’s article, I was impressed with her feeling upbeat and defied her statements. I would like to serve as the coordinator of the noon hour activity at OCC. I’d like to create her various course levels for the campus-based CalWORKs and CalWORKs programs. These college categorical programs have been completely qualified and the requirement of the state’s welfare benefit grant (CalWORKs) must first be met before one can be a true student parent.

CalWORKs cash aid (well) program is a state plan that is intended to meet basic needs. It provides education, employment, and training programs to help families improve their income and self-sufficiency. Child care, transportation, and counseling are available for families facing career activities. Some conditions families face that may include:

- Maintenance could support
- Enforcement
- Unless disabled or otherwise exempted, adults must participate or face financial penalties
- Many are first generation college students
- Several are former Foster Youth
- Homelessness and food insecurity
- Frequently struggle with Learning Disabilities
- Limited access, family support
- Generational poverty is not uncommon
- They work.

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Presidential candidate Donald Trump proposed a wall on our southern border and promised Mexico would foot the bill.

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What’s your take on the minimum wage increase?
Volleyball sets the courts on fire

BY KODY DODIER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Pirates are currently on a nine match winning streak.

After tearing up the competition en route to its best season with a 17-2 overall record and a 10-1 conference record -- good enough to have them atop the Pacific Coast Conference standings.

"This is a special group we have here. Our chemistry and balance is better than any team I’ve coached in the past," Turner said.

Along with Long Beach, consortium rival Golden West has also been a thorn in the Pirates’ side as they are responsible for the other loss on the Pirates’ record -- an epic five-set match on March 9 that still haunts the coaches and players to this day.

The Pirates were able to avenge their losses against Golden West on April 1 with an impressive sweep of the Rustlers and were able to take over the top spot in the PCC with the win.

"Beating Golden West was huge for us and it helped us get over that losing loss from earlier in the year," Turner said. 

Outside of Long Beach and Golden West, the Pirates have breezed through the rest of their opponents this season with 15 of 16 conference but had to adjust to something that southern California isn’t very used to, liquid falling from the sky.

"I can play in the rain, the balls get heavy, drop really fast and it speeds everything up," said Adelle Buede, who’s the Pirates’ seasoned pair of Lau ren Wilson and Susie Packard, in a 4-1 loss.

Although the Lasers walked away from the weekend continuing their undefeated streak the Pirates felt they held their own.

"We need to be able to roll over teams this year and have only surrendered three sets during the winning streak," Turner said.

"We have really put it all together this year and believe we have a team that can compete for a state title," outside hitter Adrian Fantula said. "I consider these guys like family."

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The Pirates suffer Laser beams and Hornet stings

Women’s sand volleyball team lost against Irvine and Fullerton.

BY NATHAN RUSINAK
NEWS EDITOR

Orange Coast College’s women’s sand volleyball team battled it out on Friday at Irvine Valley College’s court against IVC and Fullerton College.

IVC proved to be a formidable foe by shutting down the lady Pirates completely.

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