

1                                    IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2                                    FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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4 IN RE NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETE NAME  
5 AND LIKENESS LICENSING  
6 LITIGATION,

No. C 09-1967 CW  
No. MC 11-80300 CW  
No. MC 12-80020 CW

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ORDER ON ANTITRUST  
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION  
FOR RELIEF FROM  
NON-DISPOSITIVE  
PRETRIAL ORDER OF  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE

On March 8, 2012, Antitrust Plaintiffs filed a motion requesting relief from a non-dispositive pretrial order entered by a Magistrate Judge on February 27, 2012, in which the Magistrate Judge issued sanctions against Antitrust Plaintiffs related to their subpoenas requesting documents from nonparties The Big Ten Conference, The Big Ten Network and Fox Broadcasting Company and denied their motions to compel production by the nonparties.

In his order, the Magistrate Judge gave The Big Ten Conference, The Big Ten Network and Fox Broadcasting Company leave to file a motion for sanctions against Antitrust Plaintiffs, and they subsequently did so. The Court notes that, in their opposition to these motions, Antitrust Plaintiffs have raised many of the same arguments that they made in their motion for relief. A hearing on these motions is scheduled for April 18, 2012 before the Magistrate Judge.

To the extent that Antitrust Plaintiffs seek relief from the Magistrate Judge's denial of their motions to compel, the Court DENIES their motion for relief. Antitrust Plaintiffs have not

1 established that the Magistrate Judge's order was clearly  
2 erroneous or contrary to law.

3 The Court also DENIES Antitrust Plaintiffs' motion for relief  
4 from the imposition of sanctions, because they are currently  
5 seeking the same relief from the Magistrate Judge. Antitrust  
6 Plaintiffs may renew their motion for relief after the Magistrate  
7 Judge has issued his decision regarding the pending motions for  
8 sanctions.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: 4/9/2012

  
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CLAUDIA WILKEN  
United States District Judge