

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2025 14323 CICI  
DIVISION: 31

DOCTOR BRADLEY,

Plaintiff,

v.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC  
ASSOCIATION,

Defendant.

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**ORDER ON PLAINTIFF'S VERIFIED MOTION FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION**

This case came before the Court for an evidentiary hearing held on January 7, 2026, on the Plaintiff's Complaint & Application for Temporary Restraining Order, Preliminary Injunction, Permanent Injunction & Declaratory Relief (DIN 2). Present at the hearing on behalf of the Plaintiff, Doctor Bradley, was Hubert Grimes, Esq.. Present at the hearing on behalf of the Defendant, National Collegiate Athletic Association, were Kevin Folwer, Esq, and Kate E. Gehl, Esq.. The Court has considered the motion, as well as Defendant's memorandum of law in opposition thereto (DIN 17); has heard and considered the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing and the argument of counsels; and being otherwise fully informed in the premises, finds as follows:

**Factual Background and Procedural History**

Plaintiff is a twenty-four-year-old college basketball player seeking to compete in this year's men's basketball season for Bethune-Cookman University (BCU). Defendant is the sole entity that certifies the eligibility of college athletes; without their approval, colleges risk either

playing an unapproved athlete and having those games disqualified from the season's standings or simply not allowing the unapproved athlete to join their team.

One of Defendant's eligibility requirements is that all athletes must complete four seasons within five years with a member university. Waivers are occasionally granted, but Defendant is the sole arbiter of waivers; their decision-making process is not well-documented, and upon a denial, Defendant contends that athletes have no recourse.

Through BCU, Plaintiff applied for a waiver of the five-year rule, and on August 12, 2025, Defendant denied the request. Plaintiff requested reconsideration, which was also denied on November 14, 2025. On November 25, 2025, Plaintiff filed suit, which included a demand for temporary injunctive relief.

At the time of the hearing, Plaintiff had missed several games this season, had been paid approximately \$40,000 in royalties for the use of his name, image, and likeness, and expected to participate in the NBA draft in the following years.

#### Standard

A movant seeking entry of a temporary injunction generally must establish the following elements: "(1) there is a likelihood of irreparable harm and the unavailability of an adequate remedy at law; (2) the petitioner has a substantial likelihood of success on the merits; (3) the threatened injury to the petitioner outweighs any possible harm to the respondent; and (4) the granting of a temporary injunction will not disserve the public interest." *Supinski v. Omni Healthcare, P.A.*, 853 So.2d 526, 530 (Fla. 5<sup>th</sup> DCA 2003).

#### Analysis

Competition in a sport cannot be supplanted by any legal remedy. This Court lacks the ability to adequately evaluate Plaintiff's contribution to the team or the effects of inactivity on

his NBA recruitment opportunities. The Court therefore finds that there is no adequate remedy at law and that the injury to Plaintiff outweighs any possible harm to Defendant.

Additionally, the Court finds that Plaintiff has a likelihood of success on the merits of his antitrust complaint in that Defendant is the sole arbiter of who is eligible to compete in college sports, for which, as Defendant contends, athletes have no other recourse.

For the reasons stated on the record, it is hereby:

**ORDERED and ADJUDGED** that:

1. Defendant, National Collegiate Athletic Association, shall grant Plaintiff's waiver to compete in the 2025-2026 men's basketball season for Bethune-Cookman University.
2. Plaintiff's Verified Motion for Temporary Injunction is accordingly GRANTED.
3. The parties shall proceed accordingly.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Volusia County, Florida this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.



**DENNIS CRAIG**  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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