



Pledge submitted by the World Players Association to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat  
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**Pledging entity:** World Players Association

**Location:** Switzerland

**PLEDGE NUMBER 1:** The World Players Association welcomes this opportunity to reiterate our commitment to human rights, especially the rights of athletes, without whom sport cannot exist. The history of the organised athlete movement shows that athlete wellbeing in unionized sports has improved as player associations negotiate better health and safety, shared revenue, inclusive governance, equality and equity. Realizing the rights of athletes, as people, as workers, and as Human Rights Defenders, is the next stage of our organising work. In 2017, we articulated these standards in the Universal Declaration of Player Rights, to realize a world of sport that is collectively bargained.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Aug 15, 2033