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After Dartmouth win, right to organise key to addressing inequity in college and global sport

The decision of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Regional Director to recognise the Dartmouth College men's basketball team as employees is the latest in a series of rulings which reaffirms the rights of athletes to organise and collectively bargain their terms and conditions of work and play.

While more is to be done, the ruling is an important step towards enhancing player rights protections across a range of issues and addressing the major pockets of inequity which continue to exist in college sports in the United States and the global sport industry at large.

All actors must fulfil their responsibilities to protect, respect and uphold the right to organise and collectively bargain, which history overwhelmingly demonstrates has been a win-win for both the players and the growth and prosperity of global sport.

The World Players Association expresses its support for the brave players at Dartmouth - and all athletes committed to leaving their sports and workplaces - in a better position for the next generation of athletes to come.

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