



Nyon Declaration

We, the independent and democratically elected representatives of more than 150,000 top athletes from around the world, today establish a federation of world player associations.

We take this action based on certain core principles and to address a crisis in governance at world sport organizations that have removed the athlete from the center of sport. There is no sport without athletes.

The societal role of sport is powerful, therefore it cannot be above the law and must respect principles of good governance.

We declare that world sport organizations, and governments, must respect national and international law as well as the fundamental rights of athletes as citizens and workers, including the right to organize collectively in player associations and unions.

Athletes and their collective representatives must play an integral role as stakeholders in all decision-making forums and structures that affect them.

We stand for the equal treatment of all athletes regardless of their ethnic background, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

For sport to thrive, it must be clean, fair, transparent and the unique nature of athletic careers must be taken into account.

We assert this mandate in the interest of sport and the athletes that play it.

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Unanimously approved by the undersigned:

UNI Global Union

FIFPRO - International Federation of Football Player Unions

IRPA - International Rugby Players Association

FICA - Federation of International Cricketers' Association

UBE - European Basketball Player Association

GIBA - Italian Basketball Player Association

ABP - Spanish Basketball Player Association

ACA - Australian Cricketers' Association

ACP - Spanish Professional Cyclist Association

AIR - Associazione Italiana Rugbysti

AJBM - Spanish Handball Player Association

CWAB - Cricketers Welfare Association of Bangladesh

EU ATHLETES - European Elite Athletes Association

FHPA - Finnish Ice Hockey Player Association

GPA - Gaelic Players Association

IBPA - Israeli Basketball Players Association

IRUPA - Irish Rugby Union Players Association

JPBPA - Japanese Professional Baseball Players Association

NZCPA - New Zealand Cricket Players Association

NZNPA - New Zealand Netball Players' Association

PCA - Professional Cricketers Association

PPF - Professional Players Federation

PROVALE - Union des joueurs de rugby professionnels

SACA - South African Cricketers' Association

SARPA - South African Rugby Player Association

SARPACOM - South African Rugby Player Association Comm

SICO - Swedish Ice Hockey Player Union

SNB - Syndicat National des Basketteurs

SP.IN - German Basketball Player Association

WIPA - West Indies Players Association