

Athletes.org Supports House Settlement & Calls for Schools to Partner With Their Athletes to Build a Sustainable Future for College Athletics.

The House v. NCAA settlement is a significant first step toward creating equity between college athletes and their schools.

Athletes.org (AO) and its members support many aspects of the settlement terms, in particular the introduction of direct revenue-sharing between schools and athletes. The settlement itself is acknowledgment of the many rights and opportunities that every college athlete should have access to, and we applaud the plaintiffs and their attorneys for bringing about this unprecedented achievement. We support the court approving the settlement so that our members and all current athletes can start receiving these benefits as soon as possible.

Although this settlement is a welcome and important step in the right direction, it is not the end of the road for college athletes. AO's membership has discussed limitations included in the settlement terms and additional improvements it seeks in this new era of college athletics, and we are prepared to advance those concerns of our athletes with their schools. These are detailed on our website at athletes.org/house-v-ncaa.

The settlement is of a class action and thus was agreed to *without* the involvement of an organization representing the college athletes' interests — which is how we got here in the first place. The *only* sustainable future for college athletics is a future where athletes have a voice in a true partnership with their schools.

The next step, after the settlement is approved, is for individual schools to work with AO to hear the voice of their athletes and discuss what resources and benefits are most important to provide them. An authentic partnership between each school and their athletes is paramount.

AO supports this settlement because of the new benefits and compensation it immediately unlocks for many college athletes, and because it can be the catalyst for the schools to do what is right, both for their athletes and their institution — negotiating the terms of athlete participation, through Athletes.org, to finally achieve a true partnership.

About Athletes.org

In the past twelve months, Athletes.org has built a players association of more than 3,000 current college athletes. These athletes have voluntarily joined our organization to access the resources and support needed to have a seat at the table in shaping the future of the college athletics industry. Their voices deserve to be included in any decision-making that impacts their lives and careers.

As the House v. NCAA settlement process began, and as the settlement documents were ultimately filed on July 26th, AO has informed its members every step of the way through organized calls, AO's membership app, and athletes.org/house-v-ncaa.

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