



DEBATE ON COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Resolved: College Athletes Should Be Allowed to Unionize

Tuesday, April 29 at 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Auditorium, Dal Ward Athletic Center

Free and open to the community

More Information: <http://sciencepolicy.colorado.edu/stepps>

In March, 2014 the National Labor Relations Board ruled that football players at Northwestern University would be allowed to unionize in order to secure labor rights as university athletes. Northwestern University immediately appealed the decision. Kain Colter, the Northwestern Quarterback, explained: "Right now the NCAA is like a dictatorship. No one represents us in negotiations. The only way things are going to change is if players have a union." The NCAA opposed the move: "This union-backed attempt to turn student-athletes into employees undermines the purpose of college: an education. Student-athletes are not employees, and their participation in college sports is voluntary." Who is right?

As part of their final project, students in ETHN 3104, The Governance of Sport, are organizing an Oxford-style debate on the subject of unionization among college athletes. Half the class will be taking the affirmative position and the other half the negative. Audience participation will be part of the debate, which is open to the University community.

This debate is for educational purposes only. No position is being taken or is affiliated by the University of Colorado.

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