



# News Release

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## CHL Players Strike

(St. Catharines, ON) The Professional Hockey Players' Association (PHPA) announced today that they have declared a strike, effective immediately, against the Central Hockey League (CHL). This action comes after the League's meaningless deadlines, broken promises, and hollow resources, which have all contributed to unproductive collective bargaining.

"The economic impact of the PHPA's comprehensive proposal package, most of which has yet to be countered, is modest by today's standards," stated PHPA Executive Director Larry Landon. "The League has not responded to necessary player priority components for a finalized agreement such as salary cap, off-ice insurance, per diem, and travel reimbursement, which has significantly impeded the negotiation process."

"On May 22, we submitted a new Standard Player Contract (SPC) proposal to the CHL Owners modeled on the player contracts in the NHL, AHL and ECHL. It did not contain any provisions which were out of the ordinary or inconsistent with recognized practices in professional hockey. Although we have repeatedly asked for the Owners to respond to our SPC proposal, and although many promises have been made to us about a pending answer to our requests, the CHL Owners have offered nothing. It is all too obvious that there is no willingness to negotiate even these basic contract provisions," added Landon.

"We ask all CHL players to stand united. We believe the League's tactics are calculated to break the Players' Association. The PHPA's negotiating team will continue in its quest to deliver an Agreement that we can recommend which meets the needs of players and their families, while respecting the future well being of the League and it's Member Clubs."

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### ***About the PHPA***

Since its inception in 1967, the Professional Hockey Players' Association (PHPA) has continued to serve as an advocate of player interests. Currently, it is the U.S. National Labor Relations Board recognized collective bargaining unit for over 1,600 players on 67 teams in the American Hockey League, ECHL, and Central Hockey League, respectively.

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