

**Before the
COPYRIGHT ROYALTY JUDGES
Washington, D.C.**

In the Matter of)	
)	
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking)	Docket No. 16-CRB-0015-RM
)	

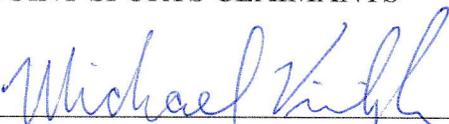
COMMENTS OF THE JOINT SPORTS CLAIMANTS

The Joint Sports Claimants (“JSC”)¹ submit these comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“Notice”) published by the Copyright Royalty Judges (“Judges”) at 81 Fed. Reg. 84526 (November 23, 2016). JSC frequently participate in matters before the Judges through the undersigned counsel. JSC have reviewed the Notice, and have no objection or suggested revisions to the proposed rules.

Dated: December 23, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

JOINT SPORTS CLAIMANTS

By: 
Robert Alan Garrett (D.C. Bar No. 239681)
M. Sean Laane (D.C. Bar No. 422267)
Michael Kientzle (D.C. Bar No. 1008361)
ARNOLD & PORTER LLP
601 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
202.942.5000 (voice)
202.942.5999 (facsimile)
Robert.Garrett@aporter.com
Sean.Laane@aporter.com
Michael.Kientzle@aporter.com
*Counsel for the Office of the Commissioner of
Baseball*

¹ JSC are the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball, National Football League, National Basketball Association, Women’s National Basketball Association, National Hockey League and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Philip R. Hochberg / MK

Philip R. Hochberg (D.C. Bar No. 5942)
LAW OFFICES OF PHILIP R. HOCHBERG
12505 Park Potomac Avenue
Sixth Floor
Potomac, MD 20854
Phochberg@shulmanrogers.com
301-230-6572

*Counsel for the National Basketball Association,
National Football League, National Hockey League
and Women's National Basketball Association*

Iain R. McPhie / MK

Iain R. McPhie (D.C. Bar No. 473951)
Ritchie T. Thomas (D.C. Bar No. 28936)
SQUIRE PATTON BOGGS (US) LLP
2550 M St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 200037
202.626.6600 (voice)
202.626.6780 (facsimile)
Iain.McPhie@squirepb.com
Ritchie.Thomas@squirepb.com
*Counsel for the National Collegiate Athletic
Association*

Of Counsel:

Thomas J. Ostertag (N.Y. Bar No. 1801224)
Senior Vice President and Special Counsel
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OF BASEBALL
245 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10167
212.931.7800 (voice)
212.949.5653 (facsimile)
Tom.Ostertag@mlb.com