



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Donald Fehr **Executive Director, National Hockey League Players Association**

Donald Fehr is the Executive Director of the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA), a position he held since December 18, 2010. As the NHLPA's Executive Director, Don has focused his efforts on building active participation by players in their union and has travelled extensively to meet and consult with players around the league.

Prior to joining the NHLPA, Mr. Fehr spent 33 years with the Major League Baseball Players Association – the last 26 as Executive Director. Mr. Fehr brought the same goals to the NHLPA that he maintained with the MLBPA by keeping the players involved and informed and developing a strong consensus on all important issues. In 2012/13 he kept his constituents united in negotiating through the 113-day NHL Owners' lockout. In July 2020 during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the NHLPA reached a four-year CBA extension and return to play agreement with the NHL.

Over his time with the MLBPA, Fehr successfully maintained unity through one lockout and two strikes; litigated the collusion cases of the 1980s which led to the owners paying \$280 million in damages to the players; won the bad-faith bargaining case that ended the 1994-95 strike and subsequently negotiated an agreement and negotiated new agreements with MLB in 2002 and 2006. These achievements resulted in an extended era of uninterrupted play and new levels of stability in baseball labor relations.

Don helped build the strength of baseball's union by keeping the players involved and informed and developed a strong consensus on all important issues. He has done the same over the last decade at the NHLPA.