

Players agree to be tested for steroids

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NEW YORK — In a major breakthrough, the union for major league baseball players proposed Wednesday that players be tested for illegal steroids. The union's plan differs from the drug proposal that the club owners presented earlier in the year, but it is nevertheless the first time the players have agreed to any unannounced testing for illegal substances.

The proposal came in response to public outcry over accusations of widespread use of steroids and the concern of many players that steroids were creating an unlevel playing field.

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