

## ***Probability of Going Pro!***

- Less than one in 75, or approximately 1.3 percent, of NCAA male senior basketball players will get drafted by a National Basketball Association (NBA) team.
- About one in 100, or approximately 1.0 percent, of NCAA female senior basketball players will get drafted by a Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) team.
- About 2.0 percent, or approximately one in 50, of NCAA senior football players will get drafted by a National Football League (NFL) team.
- Less than eleven in 100, or about 10.5 percent, of NCAA senior male baseball players will get drafted by a Major League Baseball (MLB) team.
- Less than one in 50, or about 1.9 percent, of NCAA senior male soccer players will be drafted by a Major League Soccer (MLS) team.

## ***Be Informed!***

Use the resources available to you. Our website is continually being updated with new information about agent education—<http://uoflsports.ocsn.com/school-bio/lou-compliance.html> Don't hesitate to contact us with your questions or concerns.

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***AGENTS  
&  
RUNNERS  
Information***



## Agents

### What, Why and For Whom

The University of Louisville Compliance staff developed this brochure for the purpose of introducing you to the potential pitfalls when planning for a future career as a professional athlete.

**AGENTS** : An agent, as defined by the NCAA, is any person who intends to market the athlete's skill or reputation. An agent is responsible for contract negotiation, financial planning, endorsements, speaking engagements, and other duties as requested by the athlete.

**RUNNER**: Runners are used by agents to be the inside track to signing the student-athlete to representation contract. They are usually individuals



who start out by trying to be your friend. They can be anyone, male or female, current or former student, and even an old high school friend. They may eventually offer rides, meals, clothing, and appear to be a very

good friend. You can be certain every dime the runner has spent "recruiting" you on behalf of the agent has been well documented, and you will likely be required to repay the cost once you are signed by the agent.



## Don'ts

- You may not agree, either orally or in writing, to be represented by an agent or organization in the marketing of your athletic ability. This includes entering an agreement that is "not effective" until after the last game. Signing a professional contract terminates eligibility for an athletic scholarship in any sport.
- You may not accept expenses or gifts of any kind (including meals or transportation) from an agent (or anyone else).
- You may not receive preferential benefits or treatment (for example, loans with deferred payback) because of your reputation, skill or payback potential as a professional athlete. The exception is a loan to buy disability insurance.
- You may not tryout with a professional team in a sport or permit a professional team to conduct medical examinations during the academic year (including vacation periods) while enrolled as a full-time student.



## Do's

- You may seek counseling about a future professional athletics career through the University of Louisville Athletic Department Staff.
- You may request information from a professional team, coach, or organization concerning your market value.
- You may speak with prospective agents through the University of Louisville.
- You may borrow against future professional earnings to purchase no-cash-value disability insurance, providing the athlete notifies the University.
- You may compete professionally in one sport and be an amateur in another.



If you or a family member are contacted by an agent, let the compliance office know immediately. We will insure they are registered agents of Kentucky, the Players Association, and the University of Louisville. Don't jeopardize your career—Get us involved!