



# SDSU ATHLETICS GUIDE FOR AZTEC STUDENT-ATHLETES (AGENTS & PROFESSIONAL TRYOUTS)

## INTRODUCTION

If you are a current student-athlete at SDSU and are ever approached by an agent, advisor, or runner, please contact your coaching staff and the Compliance Office immediately. The appropriate athletics staff member will be involved with facilitating conversations between its student-athletes and agents to protect the student-athlete's amateurism and eligibility to compete at SDSU. The contents of this publication are not exhaustive and you as a student-athlete are responsible for bringing any agent information to the attention of your coaches.

If you have any questions or inquiry, please feel free to contact us at:

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## STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEFINITION OF ATHLETE AGENT (MILLER-AYALA ATHLETE AGENTS ACT)

"Athlete agent" means any person who, directly or indirectly, recruits or solicits an athlete to enter into any agent contract, endorsement contract, financial services contract, or professional sports services contract, or for compensation procures, offers, promises, attempts, or negotiates to obtain employment for any person with a professional sports team or organization or as a professional athlete.

Per NCAA rules, an agent is any individual who, directly or indirectly:

- Represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing his or her athletics ability or reputation for financial gain; or
- Seeks to obtain any type of financial gain or benefit from securing a prospective student-athlete's enrollment at an educational institution or from a student-athlete's potential earnings as a professional athlete.

As a student-athlete, you are subject to specific rules and regulations regarding agents and the impact they may have on your eligibility. Any agent who contacts you must be registered in the state of California.

Once you are contacted by an agent, you must notify your coaches and the SDSU Athletics Compliance Office immediately. Prior to exhausting your eligibility, you (including family members, friends and previous coaches) may not accept any of the following from an agent, advisor, or runner:

- Anything of value.
- Contractually agree, in writing or verbally, to an agent representing you in present time or the promise or representing you in the future.
- May not negotiate or sign a playing contract for any sport in which you intend to compete.
- May not receive preferential benefits or treatment because of your reputation, skill, or payback potential as a professional athlete.
- May not retain professional services for personal reasons at less than the going rate (e.g., financial or advising services).
- An advisor may not speak to a professional team on your behalf.
- Prior to exhausting your eligibility, you may:
- Consult with members of the athletics department for advice on pursuing a professional sports career.
- May speak to an agent or financial advisor, provided you neither agree to be represented nor do you accept anything of value.
- May retain an attorney for matters of personal nature, including evaluating the terms of a proposed professional contract, as long as the attorney is not involved in the contract negotiation.
- May compete professionally in sports in which you do not participate for SDSU (signing a professional





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contract terminates your eligibility for an athletic scholarship in any sport).

- May ask a professional league or team about your draft potential and/or projection.

## PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS

Student-athletes with eligibility remaining may participate in professional team tryouts provided the following conditions are met:

- No class time is missed;
- If you are receiving actual and necessary expenses to attend the tryout or combine, the tryout may only last up to 48 hours (from the time you arrive at the tryout location); and
- A tryout may extend beyond 48 hours if the remaining expenses are self-financed and class time is not missed.

**Basketball Only:** Student-athletes may accept actual and necessary travel, room and board expenses from a professional sports organization to attend that organization's basketball draft combine regardless of the duration of the camp.

## PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE DRAFTS

An individual may inquire of a professional sports organization about eligibility for a professional-league player draft or request information about the individual's market value without jeopardizing his or her amateur status.

After initial full-time collegiate enrollment, an individual loses amateur status in a particular sport when the individual asks to be placed on the draft list or supplemental draft list of a professional league in that sport, even though:

- The individual asks that his or her name be withdrawn from the draft list prior to the actual draft;
- The individual's name remains on the list but he/she is not drafted; or
- The individual is drafted but does not sign an agreement with any professional athletics team.

### NBA (OR OTHER MEN'S BASKETBALL PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE) DRAFT

Student-athletes who enter the NBA Draft but wish to continue competing at the collegiate level must follow NCAA protocol released every February. Typically, by mid-April, student-athletes who enter the draft will have to complete the following tasks to retain intercollegiate eligibility:

- Submit a written statement to the institution's director of athletics declaring their intention to resume intercollegiate participation (date TBD by NCAA).
- Submit a written statement to the NBA that includes the date and their contact information (date TBD by NCAA).

### WNBA (OR OTHER WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE) DRAFT

In women's basketball, an enrolled student-athlete may enter a professional league's draft one time during her collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided:

- She is not drafted by any team in that league; and
- She declares her intention to resume intercollegiate participation within 30 days after the draft (the student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics).

### NFL DRAFT

In football, an enrolled student-athlete may enter the National Football League draft one time during his collegiate career without jeopardizing eligibility in that sport, provided:

- He is not drafted by any team in that league.
- He declares his intention to resume intercollegiate participation within 72 hours following the National Football League draft declaration date (the student-athlete's declaration of





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intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics).

## SPORTS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL & BASKETBALL

An enrolled student-athlete in a sport other than basketball or football may enter a professional league's draft one time during his/her collegiate career without jeopardizing his/her eligibility in the applicable sport, provided:

- The student-athlete is not drafted; and
- Within 72 hours following the draft he/she declares his/her intention to resume participation in intercollegiate athletics (the student-athlete's declaration of intent shall be in writing to the institution's director of athletics).

All potential draftees should contact an athletics staff member prior to entering a professional league's draft to ensure NCAA eligibility.

