

# Sports Careers

*What you should know about going PRO.*

| Professional Sport                      | Average Career Length | Probability of going PRO |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|                                         |                       | Out of High School       | Out of NCAA |
| Major League Baseball                   | 5.6 years             | 0.50%                    | 9.4%        |
| National Hockey League                  | 5.5 years             | 0.07%                    | 0.8%        |
| National Football League                | 3.5 years             | 0.08%                    | 1.6%        |
| Major League Soccer                     | 2.5 years             | 0.09%                    | 1.9%        |
| National Basketball Association         | 4.8 years             | 0.03%                    | 1.2%        |
| Women's National Basketball Association | 3 years               | 0.03%                    | 0.9%        |



## The PRO Plan

1. Go for it!
  2. Play hard AND study hard.
  3. Stay in school. Very few athletes are drafted directly out of high school.
  4. Choose a career goal in addition to your sports goal.
- If you have to stop playing, you'll have something to fall back on.



## There is more to sports than being an athlete!



**Athletic Director:** Plan and direct sports activities

**Athletic Manager:** Work directly with athletes by negotiating to settle contracts and business affairs

**Coach:** Help out in little league, middle & high school, college, or even PRO

**Fitness Trainer:** Set up conditioning and fitness programs for athletes

**Professional Sports Scout:** Seek out sports superstars by finding athletes to go on to the NCAA or become PRO

**Ski Patroller:** Help protect people skiing and snowboarding

**Sports Caster:** Report about sports on the news and radio.

**Sports Instructor:** Teach sports activities to others at recreational facilities and centers

**Sports Journalist:** Write about sports news and reports on athletic events.

**Team Manager:** Assist the coach and athletes by managing team affairs

**Statistician:** Keep statistics for the coach and teams at each game

**Sports Official:** Officiate games and be in on the action on the playing field or court

**Athletic Club Manager:** Help build strong athletes by managing a gym or fitness center

**Commentator:** Call the shots at every game as you see them, play by play.

