

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.

