

# NCAA Division I Agent Rules for Men's Basketball Student-Athletes



## Helpful Tips for Obtaining an NCAA-Certified Agent

### Men's Basketball Student-Athletes Who Wish to Retain NCAA Division I Eligibility

At the end of each men's basketball season, a student-athlete may sign with and be represented by an **NCAA-certified agent** after he has requested an evaluation from the NBA Undergraduate Advisory Committee via email at [UAC@nba.com](mailto:UAC@nba.com).

*Student-athletes may ONLY sign with or receive permissible benefits from NCAA-certified agents.*



Agreement with an **NCAA-certified agent** must be:

- » In writing;
- » Provided to the student-athlete's school; and
- » Terminated when the student-athlete returns to school.



### Expenses From an NCAA-Certified Agent

#### Expenses Prior to Signing

During the agent selection process, NCAA-certified agents can provide a student-athlete and his family members with expenses that relate to selecting an agent.

- » Expenses are limited to meals and transportation to meet with agents in the student-athlete's locale.
- » An agent must travel to the student-athlete's locale (e.g., student-athlete's school locale or home locale) to provide a permissible meal or transportation.
- » Student-athletes may not miss class for any of the above activities.

#### Expenses After Signing

After the student-athlete has selected and signed an agreement with an NCAA-certified agent, the agent can provide the student-athlete and his family members with expenses to meet with the agent or a professional team and to participate in professional team tryouts (e.g., pro days).

- » All expenses (including reimbursement) must stop when the student-athlete returns to school.
- » Expenses are limited to meals, lodging and transportation.
- » Student-athletes may not miss class for any of the above activities.



#### *Additional Expenses After Signing*

**NOTE:** In 2024, NCAA-certified agents may provide Division I men's basketball student-athletes with transportation, meals and lodging related to training expenses (e.g., cost of trainers, facility usage fees, nutrition) in preparation for the 2024 NBA Draft, on the condition that: (1) Student-athlete has signed a 2024 Standard Player Agent Contract with the NCAA-certified agent; (2) Expenses are only provided from the conclusion of the student-athlete's playing season until the student-athlete withdraws from the draft, or not later than 10 days after the conclusion of the NBA Draft combine, whichever is earlier; and (3) Student-athlete does not miss class.





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## Best Practices for NCAA Division I Schools

Identify if the student-athlete will be “testing the waters” and wishing to retain his NCAA eligibility, or fully declaring for the National Basketball Association Draft and will not return to school.

The NCAA only requires the agreement to be in writing; however, the National Basketball Players Association requires that an agent use the SPAC.

**Why this matters?** NCAA rules do not apply if a student-athlete will not return to school and will instead pursue professional opportunities.

## Review the NCAA Certified Agent Directory

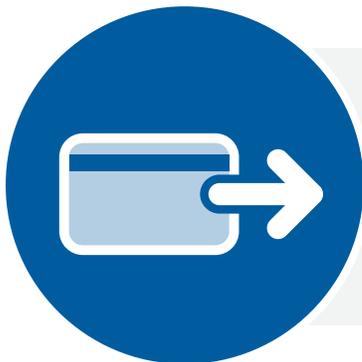
Document student-athlete trips, including:

- » Agent meetings;
- » NBA team workouts;
- » NBA Combine; and
- » Pro Day tryouts.

Collect receipts related to expenses provided by the NCAA-certified agent to the student-athlete including meals, lodging and transportation.

Provide rules education to coaches, student-athletes and their families.

It is the agent's responsibility to be in compliance with the federal Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act (SPARTA), which makes it illegal for an agent to recruit a college athlete using false and misleading information and representations, as well as to offer anything of value to the athlete or anyone associated with the athlete before an agency contract is signed.



**REMINDER:** *Permissible expenses during the agent selection process are meant to cover a student-athlete's receipt of expenses (or reimbursement for costs) while he is meeting with different agents to determine the right agent for him. Schools should work closely with their student-athlete to ensure each student-athlete is accepting ONLY permissible expenses during this process (i.e., meals, lodging, transportation in the student-athlete's locale).*