

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

Helpful Tips for NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Student-Athletes 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 studentathlete may sign with and be represented by an **NCAAcertified agent** <u>after</u> he has requested an evaluation from the NBA Undergraduate Advisory

Committee via email at 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**

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., studentathlete's school locale or home locale) to provide a permissible meal or transportation.





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).

Expenses are limited to meals, lodging and transportation.

#### Note:

- All expenses (including reimbursement) must stop when the student-athlete returns to school.
- Student-athletes may not miss class for any of the above activities.
- Agents cannot provide training expenses.





## **Best practices for NCAA Division I schools**

Identify if the studentathlete 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.

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 involving:

- Meals:
- Lodging; and
- Transportation.

Submit the Standard Player Agent Contract to the NCAA Enforcement

### **Certification Approvals Group**

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

#### 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 locale of where the student-athlete is).

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.