



2024 NFL Draft Opt-Out Rules

What you need to know:

The NCAA granted an extra year of eligibility for all players due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The NFL considers the 2020 college football season as a season of participation for all football student-athletes who had remaining eligibility.

If a player who would otherwise be automatically eligible does not want to be considered for selection in the 2024 NFL Draft, he must submit notification via a fully-executed Opt-Out letter (see the attached document) to the NFL Player Personnel department via email (drafteligibility@nfl.com) by **Friday, February 2, 2024**.

Important Note:

Please note that any draft-eligible player who does not submit a fully executed Opt-Out letter to the NFL Player Personnel department by 11:59:59 p.m., New York time, on Friday, February 2 will be deemed eligible for selection in the 2024 NFL Draft.

- Any such player who decides to return to school after the February 2 deadline may be selected in the Draft, even if he has informed clubs that he does not wish to be selected.
- If such a player is selected and subsequently returns to school, the selecting club will retain the player's exclusive negotiating rights as if selected in the 2025 NFL Draft, but with the rookie pool amount allocated in the 2024 NFL Draft.

Please reach out to the NFL Player Personnel department at playerpersonnel@nfl.com or 212-450-2215 with any questions.