

### Unlicensed Activity Prohibited:

*Anyone who works as an unlicensed athlete agent, or anyone who knowingly aids or abets an unlicensed person to conduct business as an athlete agent, is guilty of a third-degree felony, under section 468.4562, Florida Statutes.*

### For more information:

You can learn more about the laws and rules governing athlete agents, check on a license, file a complaint, and find out if an athlete agent has any existing complaints by going to our website at [www.MyFloridaLicense.com](http://www.MyFloridaLicense.com).

You can also call our **Customer Contact Center** at **1.850.487.1395**, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Eastern time).

If you learn of unlicensed activity, please call the department's **Unlicensed Activity Hotline** at **1.866.532.1440**, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Eastern time) or email us at [ULA@dbpr.state.fl.us](mailto:ULA@dbpr.state.fl.us).

To learn more about the National Collegiate Athlete Association (NCAA) rules regarding athlete agents and student athletes go to: [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)



## Information for Athlete Agents and Student Athletes

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# Anyone who recruits student athletes in Florida must have an athlete agent license.

Unlicensed athlete agents can cause significant harm to student athletes and their academic institutions. Violations of the law could result in loss of scholarships, removal from the team, or criminal penalties.



## DEFINITION OF STUDENT ATHLETE >>

A student athlete is anyone who lives in, or plans to live in, Florida and who participates in or has written to a college or university of their intention to participate in a school's inter-collegiate athletics.

## What are the rules for contact with an athlete agent?

- Any time an agent contacts and/or provides material to a student athlete for the purpose of representation, the athlete agent must contact the college or university compliance office.
- A student athlete or a person acting on the athlete's behalf may initiate communication with an unlicensed person however, within seven days after the initial contact, the unlicensed person must apply for licensure.
- An athlete agent or student athlete's failure to report contact with agents may result in loss of scholarships, removal from the team, and possible criminal penalties.
- Section 468.454, Florida Statutes, prohibits athlete agents from post-dating contracts.
- National College Athletic Association (NCAA) bylaws provide that a student athlete is ineligible for participation in an intercollegiate sport if he or she has ever agreed (orally or in writing) to be represented by an agent for the purpose of marketing his or her athletic ability. If a contract is not specifically limited in writing to a particular sport, then it will be applied to all sports and the individual will be ineligible to participate in any sport.
- An institution may request reinstatement for a student athlete who has been found to have committed a violation.

## DEFINITION OF AN ATHLETE AGENT >>

- Anyone who directly or indirectly recruits or solicits a student athlete for any type of financial gain or to enter into a contract.
- Anyone who procures, offers, promises or attempts to obtain employment, promotional fees or benefits for a student athlete with a professional sports team or a promoter.
- Anyone who markets or attempts to market the student athlete's athletic ability or athletic reputation.

## What does it take to become a licensed Athlete Agent?

Florida law requires that all athlete agents have a license. Anyone may apply for a license provided the applicant:

- Is at least 18 years old and is of good moral character;
- Has completed the application form and paid the appropriate fees;
- Has provided a fingerprint card for the purpose of a criminal records check through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- Has not, within the preceding 5 years, had a conviction or entered a plea of no contest, regardless of adjudication, for any crime that relates to the practice of an athlete agent.
- Agents must renew their licenses on May 31st of even-numbered years.

