



# Want to be a Pro Athlete?

You may have what it takes, but let's take a look at the chances.

Student Athletes	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Football	Baseball
% High School to College	3.10%	3.40%	5.80%	6.40%
% College to Pro	1.20%	0.90%	1.80%	8.90%
% High School to Pro	0.03%	0.02%	0.08%	0.44%

Source: National Collegiate Athletic Association. *Estimated Probability of Competing in Athletics Beyond the High School Interscholastic Level.*

Over 2 million students play sports in high school, so let's be realistic. Someone may be better or faster than you, and what if you have a career-ending injury? Have a back-up plan. There are several occupations that will still keep you in the game.

## Coaches and Scouts

Instruct or coach groups or individuals in the fundamentals of sports. Demonstrate techniques and methods of participation. May evaluate athletes' strengths and weaknesses as possible recruits or to improve the athletes' technique to prepare them for competition. 2008 Annual Mean Salary: \$42,110  
Suggested Education: Long-term On-the-job-training

## Athletic Trainers

Evaluate, advise, and treat athletes to assist recovery from injury, avoid injury, or maintain peak physical fitness. 2008 Annual Mean Salary: \$43,580  
Suggested Education: Bachelor's Degree

## Public Relations Specialists

Engage in promoting or creating good will for individuals, groups, or organizations by writing or selecting favorable publicity material and releasing it through various communications media. May prepare and arrange displays, and make speeches. 2008 Annual Mean Salary: \$46,590  
Suggested Education: Bachelor's Degree

## Reporters and Correspondents

Collect and analyze facts about newsworthy events by interview, investigation, or observation. Report and write stories for newspaper, news magazine, radio, or television. 2008 Annual Mean Salary: \$29,790  
Suggested Education: Bachelor's Degree

## Physical Therapists

Assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and decrease or prevent deformity of patients suffering from disease or injury. 2008 Annual Mean Salary: \$69,690  
Suggested Education: Master's Degree

## Photographers

Photograph persons, subjects, merchandise, or other commercial products. May develop negatives and produce finished prints. Include scientific photographers, aerial photographers, and photojournalists. 2008 Annual Mean Salary: \$27,770  
Suggested Education: Long-Term On-the-job Training

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