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What You Need To Know About Athlete Agents



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Under South Carolina law, Athlete Agents recruiting or soliciting a student athlete must register with the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA). This law provides guidelines agents must follow and gives rights to the student athletes they contact.

Registration

- Athlete Agents must register with SCDCA every two years. If an Athlete Agent enters into a contract without registering, **the contract is void**.
- The Athlete Agent may not contact athletes until they register, but the student can make the first contact with the Agent. If the student initiates the communication, the agent must register within seven days after acting as an “Agent.”
- A list of registered Athlete Agents is available at SCDCA’s website at www.sconsumer.gov.

Athlete Agents CANNOT:

- Give anything of value (i.e.: gifts, trips, etc.) before a contract is signed;
- Predate or postdate a contract; or
- Mislead or make any false promises.

Your Duty & Rights

- If you have an athletic director, you must tell them you have signed a contract with an Athlete Agent.
- If the contract does not contain the required items, you can void the contract.

The Contract

If you decide to enter into a contract with an Athlete Agent, it must contain:

- The amount of money you will pay the Agent under the contract;
- Anything the Agent will receive from someone else because you entered into the contract;
- A description of any expenses you will reimburse the Agent;
- A description of what services the Agent will provide you;
- The date you entered into the contract; and
- How long the contract will last.

Once signed, the Athlete Agent must give you a copy of the contract

Warning

The contract must also warn that if you sign the contract:

- (1) You may lose your eligibility to compete as a student athlete in your sport;
- (2) If you have an athletic director, you and the athlete agent must notify your athlete director within 72 hours after entering into this contract; and
- (3) You may cancel the contract within 14 days after signing it. ***Cancellation of the contract may not reinstate eligibility.*

Contact Information

To find out if an Athlete Agent is registered or if you have any questions call:

James C. Copeland
(803) 734-0375

To file a complaint against an Athlete Agent call:

Complaint Services
(803) 734-4200 or in S.C. (800) 922-1594



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