So, You Want to Go Pro?

Nearly 8 million students play sports in high school, so let's be realistic. The odds are against you making it to the big leagues, simply based on the numbers. And what if you have a career-ending injury?

Have a back-up plan

There are several occupations that will keep you in the game:

• Coaches and Scouts  
• Reporters and Correspondents  
• Public Relations Specialists  
• Photographers  
• Athletic Trainers  
• Physical Therapists

Women's Basketball  
High School Players – 399,067  
Will Play in College – 4.1% (16,509)  
Will be Drafted by WNBA out of college - 0.8% (31)  
High school players that will go pro – 0.0078%

Football  
High School Players - 1,006,013  
Will Play in College – 7.3% (73,712)  
Will be Drafted by NFL out of college – 1.6% (254)  
High school players that will go pro – 0.025%

Baseball  
High School Players – 482,740  
Will Play in College - 7.5% (36,011)  
Will be Drafted by MLB out of college - 9.9% (791)  
High school players that will go pro – 0.16%

Men's Basketball  
High School Players – 540,769   
Will Play in College - 3.5% (18,816)  
Will be Drafted by NBA out of college - 1.2% (52)  
High school players that will go pro – 0.0096%

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Note: Statistics reflected are based on national numbers