

Professional Athletes



Are you really good at a sport? Do you have dreams that someday you would like to become a professional athlete? I know I sure do. I love playing soccer. My mom is always telling me that I can't play until my homework and chores are done. Between you and me, sometimes I try to rush through everything just so I can get outside and play! Let's take a closer look at professional sports since so many of us dream about it. Did you know that about 8 million students play sports in high school every year? Of that, only 480,000 compete at National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) schools and only around 1% to 9% ever play professionally or become an Olympic athlete. That's a really low number! Hold on though. Even though our chances of playing professionally are pretty low, that doesn't mean we won't be able to have a career related to the sport we love so much. Here are a few careers that you

might be interested in:

- Athletic Trainer
- Physical Therapist
- Medical Assistant
- Sports Massage Therapist
- Sports and Fitness Nutritionist
- Marketing and Promotions
- Coach
- Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Sports Physician
- Sports Psychologist

It's great to think that we can still have a professional role in the sport we love so much ... even if it doesn't involve actually playing the sport professionally!



Think about it....

Do you have an interest in working in a sports related field? Why or why not? Write a paragraph using evidence to support your opinion.