

Article XIII: Player Eligibility and WNBA Draft

MEMBERSHIP LEARNING MODULES

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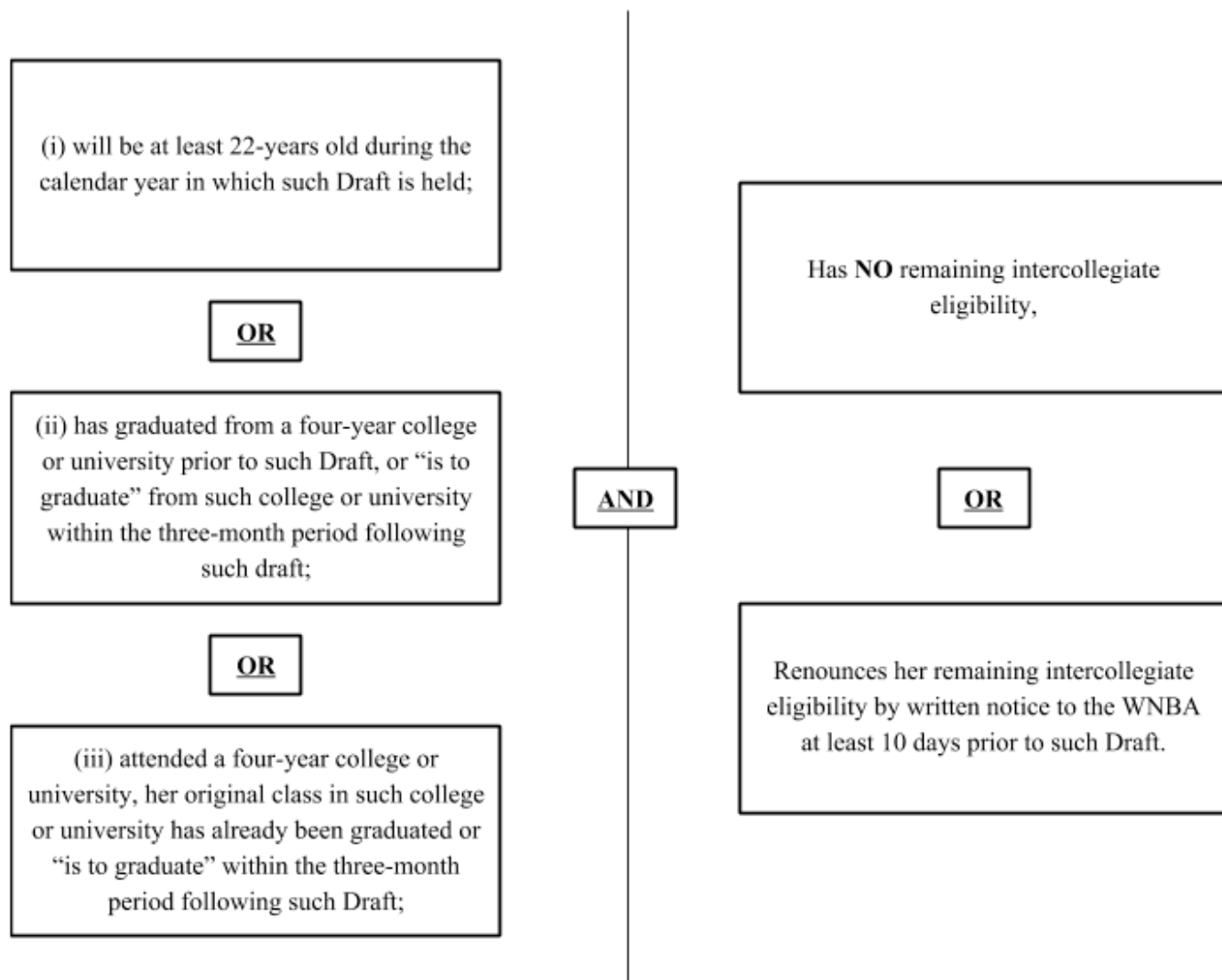
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SECTION 1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

GENERAL RULES ON WNBA DRAFT ELIGIBILITY

RULE ONE: Only players “who are women” are eligible to play in the WNBA.

RULE TWO: A Player is eligible to be selected in the WNBA Draft if she:

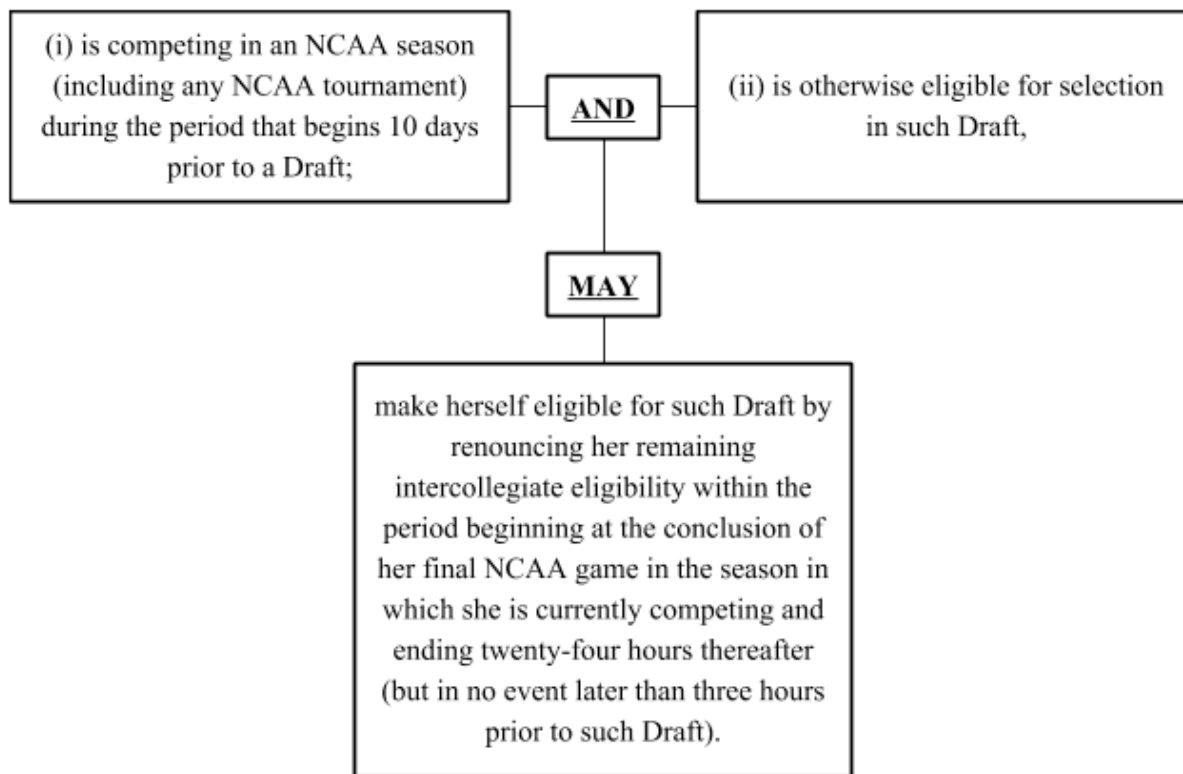


Article XIII, Sections 1(a) and (b).

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RULE THREE: A Player who:



Article XIII, Section 1(c)

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

Section 1(d): An **international player** is “any person who

- Is born and resides outside the United States
- Participates in basketball as an amateur or a professional

INTERNATIONAL PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

An international player is eligible for the WNBA Draft if she will be at least 20-years old during the calendar year in which such Draft is held.

NOTE: If an otherwise international player has exercised US intercollegiate basketball eligibility, then she shall be subject to the general eligibility rules set forth above [in **Article XIII, Section 1(b)(iii)**].

SECTION 5. NEGOTIATING RIGHTS TO DRAFT ROOKIES

If the Team drafts the Player, the Team retains the exclusive negotiating rights with the Player from the date of such WNBA Draft (the “Initial Draft”) to the date of the next Draft (the “Subsequent Draft”), provided that the Team has made a Required Tender to the Player.

However, if (1) the Team has made/makes a Required Tender to the Player AND (2) the Player has not signed a Player Contract within the period between the Initial Draft and the Subsequent Draft, the Team shall lose the exclusive right to negotiate with the Player, AND the Player will be eligible for selection in the Subsequent Draft.

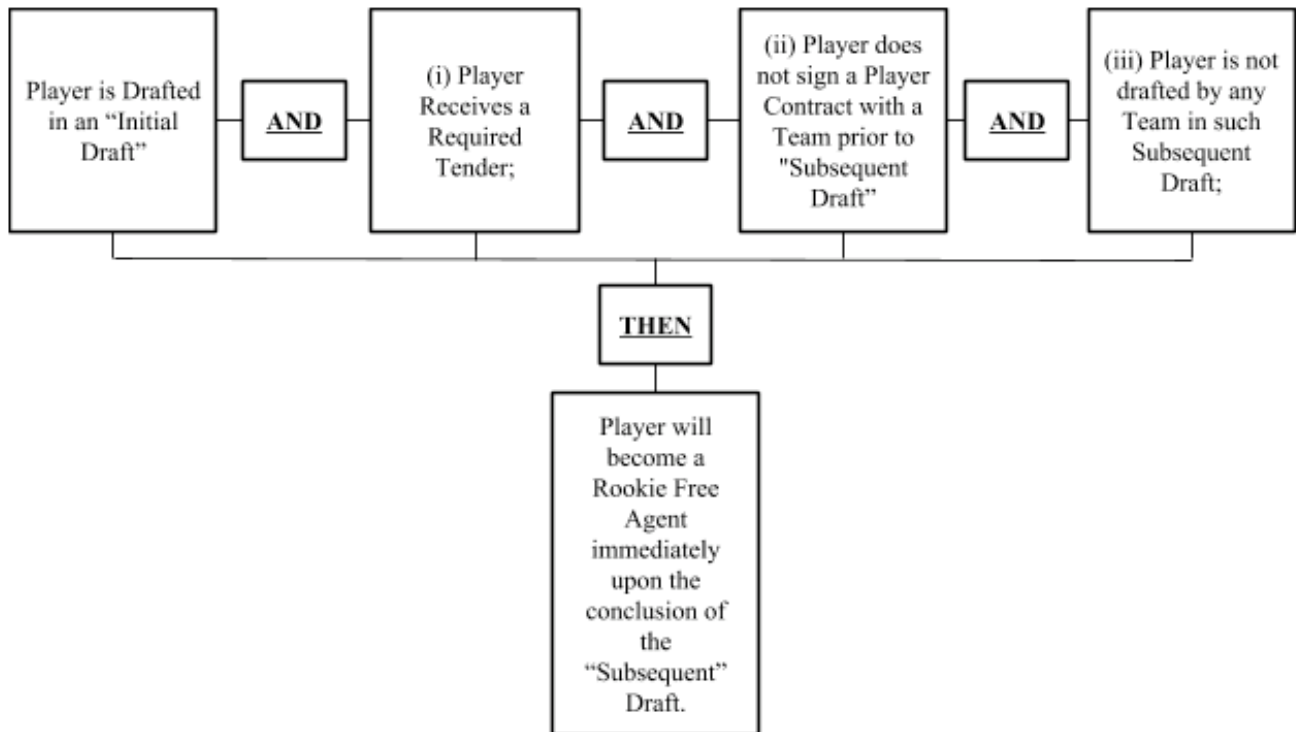
Section 5(a):



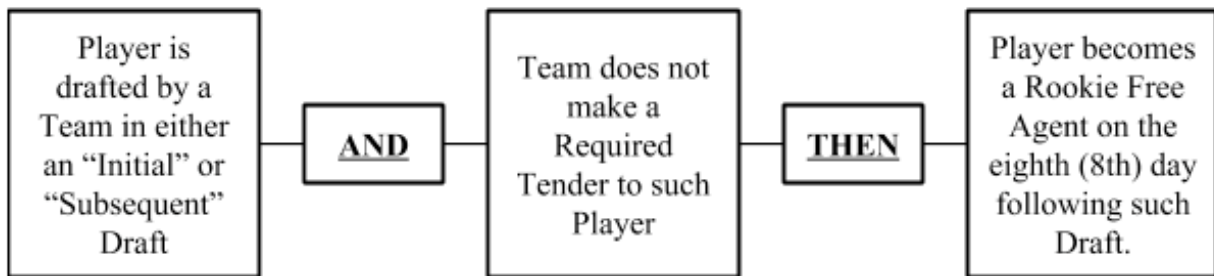
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Section 5(c):



Section 5(d):



SECTION 6. EFFECT OF CONTRACTS WITH OTHER PROFESSIONAL TEAMS

If the Player is drafted by a Team during a period in which she may negotiate and sign a Player Contract **AND** the Player:

- is a party to a previously existing player contract with a non-WNBA professional basketball team,

OR

- (ii) signs a player contract with a non-WNBA professional basketball team,

Then the following rules apply:

Section 6(a): The Team that drafts the Player retains the exclusive rights to negotiate with and sign the Player to a Player Contract. The clock starts when the Player notifies the Team that she is immediately available for the current season or the immediately-succeeding Season.

Section 6(b): For a Draft Rookie who has not signed a Player Contract with a term beginning with the immediately following WNBA Season, two things must occur for the Team to retain the exclusive WNBA rights to negotiate with and sign the player:

1. **PLAYER MUST:** By the following February 1, the Player must notify the Team holding her exclusive rights that by the upcoming April 1, she will be able to sign and play with the Team, without any contractual or other legal restrictions; and
2. **TEAM MUST:** By the following April 5 of the same year, the Team must make a Required Tender to the Player.

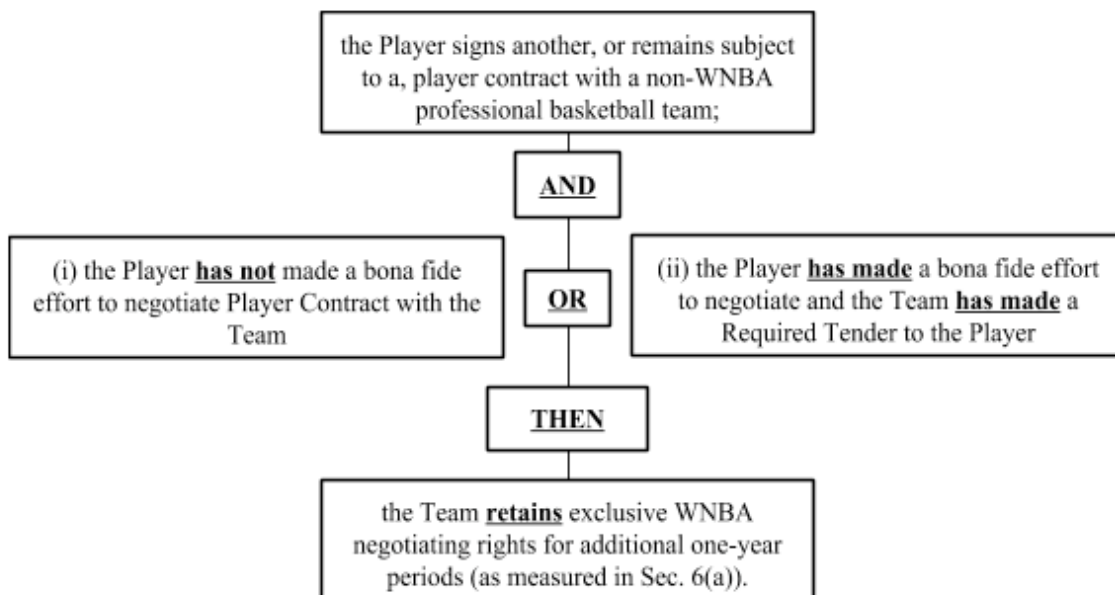
NOTE: A Team continues to hold the Player's exclusive rights.

Section 6(c): If the Player gives the required notice by **February 1**, and the Team that drafted the Player fails to make a Required Tender by **April 5** of the same year, the Player **shall** become a **Rookie Free Agent**.

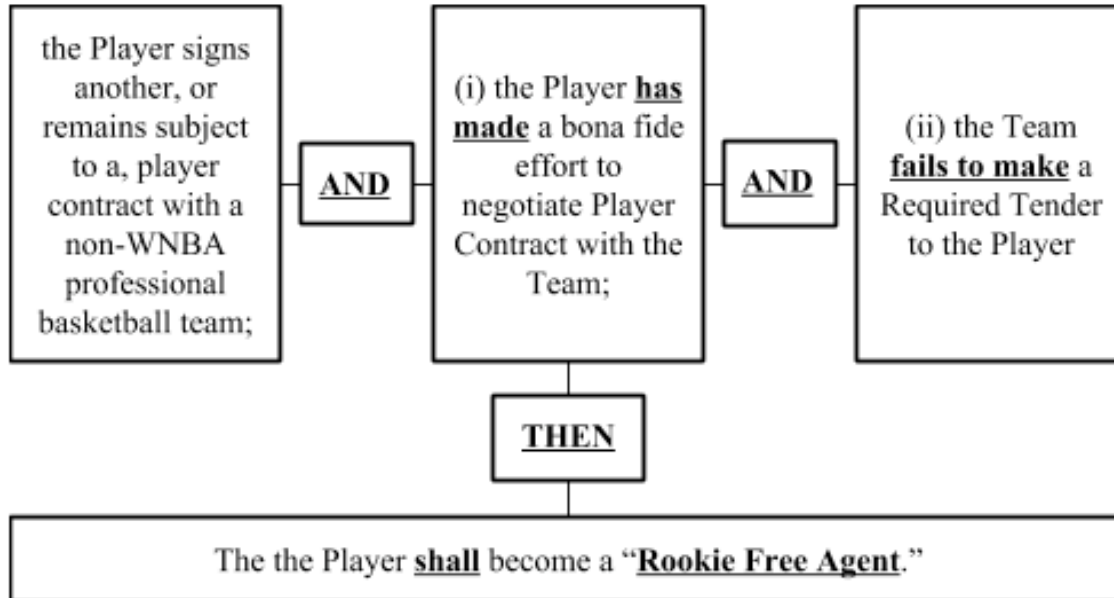
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Section 6(d): If, during the one-year period of exclusive WNBA negotiating rights set forth in *Article XIII, Section 6(a)*:



Article 6(e): If, during the one-year period of exclusive WNBA negotiating rights set forth in *Article XIII, Section 6(a)*:



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Article 6(f): If, during the one-year period of exclusive WNBA negotiating rights set forth in *Article XIII, Section 6(a)*:

