Article XIII: Player Eligibility and WNBA Draft
SECTION 1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

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

STEP ONE: A Player is eligible to be selected in the WNBA Draft if she:

GENERAL RULE ON ELIGIBILITY

(i) will be at least 22-years old during the calendar year in which such Draft is held;

OR

(ii) has graduated from a four-year college or university prior to such Draft, or “is to graduate” from such college or university within the three-month period following such draft;

OR

(iii) attended a four-year college or university, her original class in such college or university has already been graduated or “is to graduate” within the three-month period following such Draft;

AND

Has NO remaining intercollegiate eligibility,

OR

Renounces her remaining intercollegiate eligibility by written notice to the WNBA at least 10 days prior to such Draft.

Article XIII, Section 1(a) and (b).
STEP TWO: A Player who:

(i) is competing in an NCAA season (including any NCAA tournament) during the period that begins 10 days prior to a Draft; AND (ii) is otherwise eligible for selection in such Draft,

MAY make herself eligible for such Draft by renouncing her remaining intercollegiate eligibility within the period beginning at the conclusion of her final NCAA game in the season in which she is currently competing and ending twenty-four hours thereafter (but in no event later than three hours prior to such Draft).

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)].
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):
Section 5(c):

- If the Player is drafted in an “Initial Draft” AND
- The Player receives a Required Tender AND
- The (i) Player does not sign a Player Contract with a Team prior to the Subsequent Draft AND
- The (ii) Player is not drafted by any Team in such Subsequent Draft THEN
- Player is drafted in an “Initial Draft”

Section 5(d):

- If the Player is drafted by a Team in either an “Initial” or “Subsequent” Draft AND
- The Team does not make a Required Tender to such Player THEN
- Player becomes a Free Agent on the eighth (8th) day following such Draft.

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 Contact 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.

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

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the Player signs another, or remains subject to a, Player Contract with a non-WNBA professional basketball team;

AND

(i) the Player **has not** made a bona fide effort to negotiate Player Contract with the Team

OR

(ii) the Player **has made** a bona fide effort to negotiate and the Team **has made** a Required Tender to the Player

THEN

the Team **retains** exclusive WNBA negotiating rights for additional one-year periods (as measured in Sec. 6(a)).
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**Article 6(e):** If, during the one-year period of exclusive WNBA negotiating rights set forth in Article XIII, Section 6(a).

-the Player signs another, or remains subject to a, player contract with a non-WNBA professional basketball team;

(i) the Player has made a bona fide effort to negotiate Player Contract with the Team;

(ii) the Team fails to make a Required Tender to the Player

THEN

The the Player shall become a “Rookie Free Agent.”

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

The Team makes or has made a Required Tender to the Player

AND

The Player does not sign a player contract with any professional basketball team

THEN

(i) in the case of a player who was previously drafted in an Initial Draft,” the next WNBA Draft following a one-year period shall be deemed the Subsequent Draft as to such Player, and the rules applicable to the Player who is subject to a Subsequent Draft will apply, or (ii) such Player shall become a Rookie Free Agent at the end of such one-year period.