

## Creating a Portfolio

Being organized is important in the recruiting process. You will want to get a high quality filing system to create your portfolio. Usually a nice 3 ring-binder or an expanding file folder will work fine (these can be purchased at any office supplies store). Here are some items you should include in your portfolio:

- Academics - Keep records of all academic achievements. This includes your grades, academic awards/honors, and any extra clubs you may have participated in. **Being a well rounded athlete will help impress coaches.**
- Athletic Statistics - Keep a record of your athletic statistics for each season you have been in participation. Most recruiters will already have this information, but it doesn't hurt to be prepared.
- Film - Keep copies of your highlight video and 3 best game films.
- Press - Make sure to keep a copy of any article that you are mentioned in. Whether its a high school newsletter or the local paper, this will help make you a more credible athlete among recruiters.
- Letters of Recommendation - Having letters of recommendation is very important. Ask your school coaches, teachers, counselors, and private coaches to write a letter of recommendation for you.

This portfolio will not be your profile that you send to college coaches, but more of an organizational tool to keep all of your sports information grouped together in one place. Then when college coaches start recruiting you, all of your information will be available on call. Using a portfolio like this will ease the recruiting process and help prepare you for conversations with college coaches.