

HIGHLIGHTS VIDEO EDITING TIPS

Use these simple editing tips to keep your highlight reel polished, professional, and focused on your performance.



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Editing Basics

Editing doesn't have to be complicated. Keep it simple with these steps so your performance does the talking.



Keep It Short

Coaches don't have time to sit through long videos. Aim for 3–5 minutes total, so they get a quick and clear look at your abilities.

Start Strong, End Strong

Open with your very best plays to grab attention and close with another standout moment so you leave a strong final impression.



Include an Intro Slide

Coaches need to know who they're watching right away. Start with a simple title slide that lists your name, sport, position, grad year, GPA (if it's strong), and contact info.

Make Yourself Easy to Spot

Add a circle, arrow, or spot shadow before each play so coaches know exactly where to look. Never make them guess.



Skip the Extras

Coaches don't want music, fancy transitions, or slow motion. Keep your editing minimal and professional so the focus stays on your game.

Update Regularly

Your highlight reel should reflect your current level of play. Replace old clips with new ones as you grow and improve to keep coaches up to date.



Pro tip: If you're using a phone and a tripod to record, record the entire game and edit it into highlights in post-production.