

HOW TO WIN AT SHOWCASES

This list of tips for *Winning at Showcases* is pulled directly from #PISTV Episode 22.
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Proactively communicate PRIOR to events.

- Hoping for lucky chances of making big play right when scout walks by is not a strong strategy.
- Proactive communication gives you chance to be on coaches list to see BEFORE he even leaves his office!
That is a strong strategy!

Parents & Players: DO NOT get caught up in results.

- Results mean very little in recruiting.
- You can go 0 for 3 but square 3 balls up, run hard 90s, support your team, make routine plays, respect everyone around you all while impressing scouts. If you are caught up in results you will be distracted from the process.

Before you even leave your house...

- Dress for success
 - Coaches are watching!
 - Stop showing up to ballparks in gym shorts and shower shoes.
- Bags packed. Gear is double-checked.
- Be responsible for your gear and team gear.
- Be respectful to mom & dad. But once you are on field there is really no good reason to talk to them.
- Be respectful to coaches, teammates & umpires.

Game time...

- Hustle on & off the field.
- Play with intensity.
- Have a clue on the mound, at your position or in the batters' box.
- Run balls out.
- Throw balls hard.
- Be an energy giver.
- Have hydration & food with you.
 - You know it's hot. You know you'll be hungry. Stop acting surprised that you get thirsty & hungry during games. Stock your bag with water, nuts, granola, "goo", etc., etc.
 - Stop asking parents to get you food & drinks.
 - Parents, STOP doing it!
- Shake hands after the game.
- Stay dressed for success.
 - Coaches are watching!

Parents...

- You are allowed to cheer for other people's kids that you know.
- If you don't have anything nice to say, don't talk.
- Leave your kid alone once they are on the field. They are working.
- Leave college coaches alone during the game. They are working.
- If coaches want to talk to you they will find you.
- Don't get caught up in the results.
- ENJOY YOURSELF!