

## The Greatest Coach in the World

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I know The Greatest Coach in the World. I have met him and call him a friend and he's in a class all of his own. What do I mean, you ask? What makes a great coach? Ahh, well let me begin...

A great coach will greet each and every one of his players by name, perhaps ask them how they are doing or how their day is going prior to taking the field or getting ready to practice. He may even share a joke or listen to the player talk a bit longer than he really has time for because he's that kind of guy. He always has a smile, even when there's a questionable call by the umpire. He is good natured, well-mannered, always kind, pleasant, has a great personality, giving, unmoved, confident, regal and nice. He is respectful and respected, seasoned, caring and true. Phew! He always ends the game with a team talk and closes it out with hands in and "team name" yelled 3 times, first soft, louder and loudest. Of course he has a game ball for one of the players or sometimes two. It's given out at the end of each game along with the stats of the evening – how does he have time to do that while coaching? (Perhaps from the score keeper who also happens to be his lovely spouse.)

He gets the parents involved too by having an impromptu scrimmage of parents versus kids. And by impromptu I mean you scrimmaged in what you just happened to wear to practice that day (flip flops, shorts or a suit and tie). What fun! And don't show up to the game without wearing the team colors or you'll have to run a lap afterward. Seriously! ☺ The Greatest Coach in the Word also sends out a play by play recap of each and every game to the parents by email. I mean real sports announcer stuff about what went down in the game, each and every player named and their contribution mentioned; we parents really enjoy reading them. Did I mention he always has a smile for everyone? Yes, I did – more coaches should try it.

Can these traits be learned? Perhaps some but I believe most are the makeup of the person. Not everyone can earn the title of The Greatest Coach in the World but I have met a few that come close. I hope coaches everywhere (male and female) can learn a thing or two by reading this article and just remember that whatever sport you coach, the kids should be having FUN first and foremost.

Good Luck! We'll see you at the game!

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