

DON'TS FOR COACHES

1. Don't criticize character – don't use words like lazy, stupid, idiot, blind, deaf, etc.
2. Don't cut down a player to build up another – this builds distrust
3. Don't build excessive fear
4. Don't have favorites – look for and build strengths in all your players
5. Don't build doubt without a plan to build competence and skill
6. Don't just let the coaching plan be whatever comes to mind—plan carefully
7. Don't assume that skills are easy to learn
8. Don't tell your troubles to your players or their parents unless you expect them to take some specific action. If you are unhappy about a specific situation, deal with the appropriate hierarchy
9. Don't squander respect – it's almost impossible to retrieve