

# Good coach traits

Gordon MacLelland of "Working With Parents in Sport" lists seven qualities parents should look for in a coach.

1. Do they care? Not just about winning, but about the kids. Do they acknowledge each child equally? Do they encourage each and every player?
2. Are they reliable? Are they on time like they require of their players?
3. Do they engage with the parents? All involved should be on the same wave length. Parents should feel part of the process.
4. Are they approachable and willing to answer questions? Parents and children can feel unappreciated and left out. Parents should feel comfortable in asking questions.
5. Do they set a good example? Are they punctual, dress appropriately and do they use suitable language? Do they yell? Do they recognize they are role models?
6. Do they inspire? Are they passionate? Do they embarrass or berate players in front of the entire team?
7. Do they coach the person? Do they know the sport well enough to aid in the development of skill? Do they foster good communication, good etiquette, organization and decision making?

*Former Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler once said.*

***"If you don't get to know them (student-athletes), you will have no idea what scares them, what inspires them and what motivates them,"***

If your child's coach cannot meet the above expectations, plays favorites and is on the defensive when questioned, then perhaps you should question the situation



## Top 10 qualities of a successful coach?

1. Strong leadership and communication skill
2. Knowledge and understanding of the game
3. Ability to motivate and inspire players
4. Strategic thinking and problem-solving abilities
5. Adaptability and flexibility in changing game situations
6. Strong organizational and planning skills
7. Ability to identify and develop player talent
8. Strong discipline and ability to hold players accountable
9. Good interpersonal skills and ability to build positive relationships with players and staff
10. Strong work ethic and dedication to the team's success.