

## 20 Great Ways to Improve Your Softball Coaching



Looking for a few ways to ramp up your softball coaching? Here are 20 awesome ways to become a better softball coach!

1. Train **harder** and **smarter**
2. Be **more passionate** about success than anyone else
3. Improve your **leadership skills** - whether you like it or not you ARE the leader of your team
4. **Listen** - great coaches know how to listen as well as talk.
5. Dream bigger - don't sell yourself short, **expect big things!**
6. Be **creative** - thinking outside the box allows you to come up with solutions your competition won't think of.
7. **Trust** and **believe** in yourself - how can you expect your players to be confident if you're not?
8. Take care of yourself - the **healthier you are** in mind, body, and spirit, the easier time you'll have helping your players perform better.
9. **Recover quicker** when challenges arise - everyone is going to be knocked on their butt from time to time. Don't feel sorry for yourself, get back up and keep pushing forward!
10. Avoid complacency - just because you've zeroed in on some success, don't think you can start cruising' along. In fact, if you have found some success, it's time to **work even harder** now that every is gunning for you.
11. **Prepare better** than your competition - the more prepared you are, the better you can prepare your team for success
12. **Know** your athletes - this is important! The more you know, the better job you can do of helping them achieve success.
13. Work **with them** - work together and collaborate with your players, don't just coach "at" them.
14. Take a time out from your ego - when you punch in as a coach, **punch out of your ego**. Pride can kill progress and limit your coaching creativity.
15. Get **tougher mentally** - being able to focus on the right things, being able to block out negativity that surrounds you, and being able to recover from the downs of the season starts with YOU!
16. Understand that there are **no short cuts to success** - live this concept and be ready and willing to work harder than anyone else on your team.
17. **Network** - talk with other softball coaches. Everyone knows something you don't or has a good idea that you haven't been able to incorporate yet. Keep an open mind and learn.
18. **Give feedback often** - your players and coaching staff can't make adjustments if you don't tell them where they can improve.
19. Seek feedback often - you can't see yourself coach. You won't always see and think of everything. **Get input from others** to help you develop new ideas or solutions.
20. **Create the environment you want to coach in** - again, it starts with you. Your attitude must be that of which you want to see in your players. Make sure your attitude, enthusiasm, and effort are on par then spread it to those on your team.