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If you want to be successful and respected but not necessarily liked or loved as a coach.

1. You better become a teacher of the game.
2. To be a teacher of the game, you have to learn how to dissect the game. **BREAK IT DOWN!** Young coaches will have trouble doing this so they need to talk and pick the brains of more experienced coaches, the ones who are consistently successful.
3. You have to sell the dissection of the game and where each phase applies to your players. You have to create drills that teach what you want. You must be very clear on what you expect them to learn from each drill.
4. Bring the players together as a team. Talk to them about sacrificing for one another. Talk to them about helping each other become a better player. Help each player on your roster learn and respect the role they will play and how sometimes that role changes.
5. You may have difficulties in getting these things done, but you cannot veer away from your intended goal. There are times you have to be diplomatic and use common sense.
 - a. You must stay focused and be relentless in the belief of what you are teaching even when progress seems difficult to measure.
 - b. You must handle parents with style and grace. Keeping in mind that most of the time they're interested in one of your players. (There are exceptions.)
 - c. Little things a coach can do to develop the team effort.
 - 1 Eat together once in awhile. (Not too often)
 - 2 Show your players you like to be around them even when practice is not going on.
 - 3 Start talking to them about developing or adopting a team attitude or statement of pride.
 - 4 Try to create an "Us against the World" mentality. Us - being the coach and your players.

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