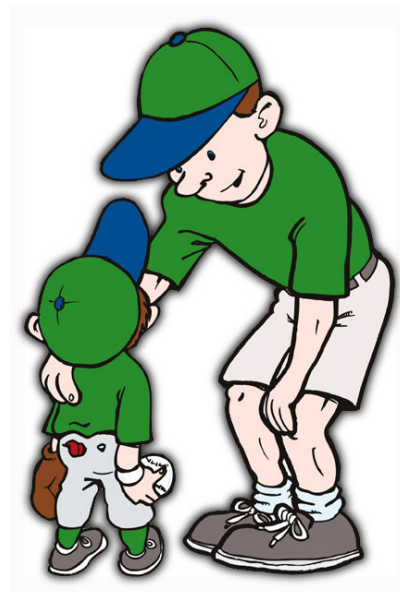


WHAT MAKES A GOOD COACH?

A GOOD COACH EXHIBITS PATIENCE — patience to teach the players what they don't know, to remind them of what they forgot, to accept the players' skill level, wherever that is, and to allow mistakes. Good coaches show an insight into the way little children learn physical skills. Some kids require a longer time and many repetitions to absorb a new concept or technique. The coach must allow players to learn at their individual pace, not at his pace.



Some kids can learn by listening, others learn better with visual images, and still others learn best kinesthetically, by going through the motions. A good Coach uses a myriad of techniques to convey his teaching points in order to reach as many players as possible and to accommodate individual learning styles. The most important role of a coach is that of an educator. His job is not complete when he's delivered his message, but rather, when the light bulb clicks on in the players' minds.



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