

STEPS TO A CHAMPIONSHIP

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PROGRAM GOALS

- I. **Relationships** – Commitment, Communication, Trust
- II. **Passion / Resilience**
- III. **Work** – Product vs. Process
- IV. **Be A Light** – "Give me a place to stand and I will move the world."
- V. **Win and Play Through Adversity**





IT STARTS WITH BELIEF & PURPOSE

- You have crossed the **line of departure (LOD)**
- It starts with our **effort, discipline, and maturity**
- We have **earned the jersey**
- Everyone must bring value to remain passionate and **fully engaged**
- The option is ours to **commit to a dream**



STEP-BY-STEP PLAN

- We must have a **day-to-day plan**
- The end game is **readiness and preparedness**
- Critique ourselves, stay on the **cutting edge and innovate**
- Stay the course



MAINTAIN A POSITIVE APPROACH

- Weather the **storms**
- There will be the **fog of war**
- Cut loose the cynics
- We must be fresh and enthusiastic / **resilient**



DEVELOP GOOD HABITS

- The standard must be **set and understood**
- Be organized
- As a leader, you must **empty your tool bag**
- **Assess, adjust, repeat**



OUR TEAM MUST FEEL WE CARE

- **Communication, commitment, trust**
- **Listen** to what they have to say
- Confront problems **immediately**
- Create allies, not enemies



USE VETERAN PLAYERS AS TEAM LEADERS

- Teach our young
- Learn lessons from **success / failure**



DEAL WITH PRESSURE: CRUCIBLE EVENTS

- **Friction points**
- Pressure in and by itself is **neutral**
- Good pressure vs. bad pressure (stress)
- **Pressure is a privilege**
- Find and move the **inches**



BE CONSISTENT AND PERSISTENT

- It's a marathon, not a sprint
- **Earn the jersey**
- **Stick to the plan**
- **Resilience** through stormy waters



BE PREPARED FOR ADVERSITY

- **The plan** will not survive contact
- You must have a **crisis plan for leadership**
- Know that it will come
- Accept your role in it



HANDLING SUCCESS: OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE

- **Product vs. process**
- **The process** is a long and grueling one
- We must pay a high price to win a **championship**
- For every ten teams that can handle adversity, there is only one that can handle success
- Prepare for our competition
- Never feel that the journey is over and we have arrived
- **Keep reaching higher**



“These are the three most important things that I have learned here:

1. Tomorrow will not be different until you change today.
2. It is the journey that makes you strong.
3. A man who is certain of his path pays no attention to the odds against him.”

– Dave Fennel, Former Player

