



# Rules of Leadership

## *Share the Air*

**Leaders must communicate! There are loud and quiet leaders. Both are badly needed. If you are a loud leader, let others be heard. If you are a quiet leader, make yourself heard!**

## *Seek Clarity*

**The only dumb question is the one not asked (actually... the same question asked repeatedly or because you have not read your material still counts as dumb). You are the owner of your understanding. Do not fake it 'till you make it. Be sure! Be brave! Seek clarity.**

## *Home Sweet Home*

**We are all part of a family. The places where we meet and conduct business are extensions of our home. You are the host. Take care of your family. Clean up after yourself. Make others feel like welcome guests.**

## *Leader Time*

**Early is on time. On time is late. Late is left behind. Be where you are supposed to be, doing what you are supposed to be doing, when you are supposed to be doing it!**

## *Be Your Best*

**"Be" is a continuous state. You are a leader and a representative of your family, school, and association AT ALL TIMES. Being your best is not compared to anyone else. It is compared to the talent and potential you have. Many leaders can be better than others, but they fall short if they are not reaching their limits.**

## *Shut It Down*

**Be constructive not destructive! Negative leaders drain energy while positive leaders fill others up with energy. Shut down negative vibes. Do not tolerate it from others. No negative language—in word, thought, or deed!**

## *Obey the Law of Stupidity*

**Don't be stupid! Think before you act—and think of those who are counting on you. Appreciate delayed gratification. Don't play the system or manipulate your way. Remember, excuses only satisfy those who make them.**

## *Embrace the Freak, but Don't Be One*

**Every team, family, and organization has a bizarre person or two in their ranks. They are the ones who need your leadership the most. Don't exclude them—embrace them, and make sure you are not one yourself!**

## *Have Fun!*

**Having fun leading doesn't mean it was an all out thrill ride 100% of the way. It means you enjoyed the ride. The experience was worthwhile. You would do it over if you had the chance! When you think back, you smile at the results, friendships, and memories.**