

How to tell a Winner from a Loser

1. **When a winner makes a mistake, he says “my fault”;** when a loser makes a mistake, he throws the blame on someone else.
2. **A winner credits his “good luck” for winning on being fundamentally prepared;** a loser blames his “bad luck” for losing on bad breaks even though he is not fundamentally prepared.
3. **A winner works harder than a loser and always finds time to do what is expected of him;** a loser never finds the time and when he does, he works on the wrong things.
4. **A winner makes commitments and sets goals with his heart and sets out to accomplish them;** a loser makes “promises” with his mouth and never sincerely means to keep them.
5. **A winner shows he’s sorry by making up for mistakes;** a loser says “I’m sorry” but does the same thing next time.
6. **A winner thins, “I’m good, but not as good as I should or could be.”** A loser thinks, “I’m not as bad as some of the others.”
7. **A winner would rather be admired for his ability than liked, although he would prefer both;** a loser would rather be liked than admired because he knows he hasn’t worked hard enough to be admired.
8. **A winner hates to lose;** a loser could care less although he may put up a good front.
9. **A winner is fundamentally sound in all aspects of the game;** a loser is not!
10. **A winner knows that strength, agility, and quickness are the keys to success in athletics and works hard to attain those things;** a loser may know, but never attains.
11. **A winner takes constructive criticism from the coach, realizing that it will help him and the team,** a loser pouts and thinks he’s being picked on.
12. **A winner thinks of the team first and never wants to let the team down,** a loser thinks of himself first and the team last.

