

A letter of advice – to be the captain of the school football team (6E Mercy Yeung Tzs Ling)

Dear Peter,

Hey boy! I'm so sorry that you've found yourself in such a difficult situation, and I completely understand how upset and depressed you must be feeling right now. But never mind! Let's take it easy, I'll give you some suggestions to solve this problem.

OK! Let's start! First, you mentioned that your teacher appointed you as the captain of a school football team. Oh my God! Congratulations to you! It's a great chance to show off your talent in football, I'm really glad for you. But the strange thing is you said that you don't enjoy being a team captain because of not getting along with teammates. Actually, I think this football team has no team spirit and their performance is poor. Well, it's none of your business, so I suggest you should talk with your teachers and tell him the big problem of this football team, I think it's the best solution for you.

Second, I think you must have better football skills and talent than others, so that's why your teacher appointed you to be the captain of football team. I still remember the time when we were small, your performance was always the best in each football game. I understand your difficulty but try to think from a different angle. Why do your teammates feel jealous? Maybe you have very good football skills, but are you sometimes too proud of yourself and sometimes rude to your teammates? But if that's true, I think you should be more humble and try to control your emotions – it's good for you!

Third, you said that some of your teammates are eager to win and they sometimes break the rules and lose temper in the game. You mentioned that one of your teammates hit an opponent with his elbow during the game. Really embarrassing! I suggest you should ask the teacher-in-charge to take the team to watch a live football game. It's good to improve their football skills and let them know sportsmanship is more important than winning.

Lastly, I understand that you don't feel confident because of not having good leadership skills. But now you have a good chance to develop leadership. You can ask the teacher-in-charge for help. Also, I know you don't want to be distracted from school work, but actually I think you should learn how to manage time well and you need time to relax after busy studying. I know that you can do it!

I hope you'll feel better after reading my advice. Nobody's perfect! I think you should be more positive to face challenge. It's good for your whole life! Ok, I've got to go. It's time to sleep. See you next month and write me soon!

Love,
Chris

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