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“To truly be a leader, you have to know how to manipulate the vibe... There are so many different factors that come into competitive gaming.”

## 1. BORN OR MADE

Leadership is one of those qualities that can be acquired through experience or something that you are just born with. As a leader, you are the driving force behind your team’s desire and confidence to win a tournament. The only way to be a successful leader is to imagine it in your head every day and to instill the same vision in your team and those surrounding you.

### FOLLOW FIRST

Understand what it takes to accept constructive criticism to better yourself as a leader. This is a humbling process but it allows you to rationalize, and logically run through scenarios to realize which decisions are best made for yourself as a leader and your team as a whole. Once you understand how to be a follower, you can focus on the traits that surround leadership.

### BECOMING A LEADER

#### Communication

As a leader, it is your job to know the best ways of communicating with your team, orgs, fans and friends in a concise and level-headed manner.

#### Pressure

If you know how to thrive under pressure, your team will have less to worry about. The more confidence that you instill within your team and organization, the better everyone will perform.

### THE ZONE

We all know what it feels like to be in the “Zone” and as a leader, you need to be able to control the hype of the crowd and your team to channel the outside factors that affect your game play. If you can focus on team synergy and manipulate the emotions surrounding an event to your teams advantage, you will have an upper hand on your opponents.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

FOLLOWER FIRST

BECOMING A LEADER

THE ZONE

## TAKE SOME NOTES

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