

Follow Through

Swing Through for Success

Like an athlete swinging a golf club, tennis racket or baseball bat, good follow through is a skill every leader should master.

▶ TRACK THE DETAILS

Follow through means touching base throughout the project, doing what you say you will do, making sure that what was supposed to happen did and checking in on every detail. And when a project is complete, good follow through includes wrapping it up with one final checklist and thank-you to everyone involved.

Instead of that mythical “Someday Isle,” leaders who follow through make it “Today I Will.” Their timelines include a lot of detail, large and small.

REVIEW ONLY

▶ REAP THE REWARDS

Like good sports swings, follow through has its rewards.

When you follow through, you'll feel good about yourself and more confident in your abilities. You'll earn respect for paying attention to the details. Your good habits will be a great success! And you'll master a skill that will serve you well throughout your life.

→ **Head for
'Someday Isle'
Today**

- ▶ Ever told your child but the “Someday I’ll teach you to skateboard”? Your parents, “I’m going to empty the dishwasher soon”? A teacher, “Yeah, I’d like to look at that book sometime”? Or a group you’re in, “One day I’m going to gather all that stuff up and turn it in”?

Doing those things, keeping those promises is following through. Making that a habit makes you a person of your word, someone who can be counted on and a good leader.

“BE TRUE TO YOUR WORK, YOUR WORD AND YOUR FRIEND.”

—Henry David Thoreau

“JUST GO OUT THERE AND DO WHAT YOU’VE GOT TO DO.” —Marina Navratilova