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# FUNDAMENTALS OF A WINNING TEAM

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# 1 STRONG LEADERSHIP

A team is always a reflection of its leader.

Rather than asking "How can I get my team to perform better?" ask "How can I become a better leader?"

Leadership and management are not the same.

- Management focuses on process
- Leadership focuses on people

If personal leadership is about discovering greatness within yourself, then people leadership is about awakening the greatness that already exists in others.

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# 2 COMMON GOAL

Without clarity of direction, teams drift.

Every winning team knows exactly what it's trying to achieve, and how success will be measured.

Think of any world-class sports team: their collective goal is clear (win the championship), and each player knows their individual contribution toward that outcome. Business is no different.

Define and communicate your primary business goals for the next 12 months. Make them visible, measurable, and meaningful.

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# 3 CULTURAL CHARTER

Every successful team operates by a shared Cultural Charter, a living ecosystem that shapes how we think, act, and interact.

Without it, teams drift; with it, they gain direction, trust, and accountability. Built on shared values, purpose, and expectations, it defines how decisions are made, people are treated, and excellence is achieved.

Define your teams non-negotiables together, reinforced through feedback, recognition, and accountability. The goal isn't control... it's empowerment, energy and clarity.

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# 4 ACTION PLAN

A dream without a plan is just a wish.

An action plan converts intention into motion by breaking goals into clear steps, assigning ownership, and defining timelines.

When structured well, it increases productivity, efficiency, and alignment, without increasing cost.

Prioritise goals by impact, establish feedback rhythms, and lead by example, because when leaders follow through, others do to.

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# 5 SUPPORT HEALTHY RISK-TAKING

Creativity and fear cannot co-exist in the same moment.

Teams either grow or stagnate. To create innovation, leaders must normalise experimentation and remove the fear of failure.

Encourage curiosity, celebrate lessons learned, and reward the courage to challenge convention. The best teams play to win, not to avoid losing.

Model the behaviour by taking calculated risks yourself and sharing the learning process openly.

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# 6 100% INCLUSION & INVOLVEMENT

Inclusion builds ownership. Ownership builds performance.

When people feel heard and involved, they bring their best ideas, energy, and commitment to the table. Two-way communication transforms compliance into contribution.

T.E.A.M. = Together Everyone Achieves More.

When everyone feels part of something meaningful, excellence becomes the norm.

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## When the 6 Fundamentals are present, teams thrive.

1. Leaders who model trust, vulnerability, and authenticity.
2. Shared purpose gives courage to challenge ideas safely
3. Clear values & ways of working build natural commitment.
4. Clear actions, ownership, and regular quality conversations create self-accountability.
5. Growth through learning, experimentation, and healthy risk taking
6. 100% inclusion and involvement fuels 100% commitment.

## When they're missing, predictable Dysfunctions appear...

**Absence of Trust** → people hide mistakes, avoid honesty, protect themselves

**Fear of Conflict** → people avoid speaking up, escalate instead of resolving, allow issues to fester

**Lack of Commitment** → unclear expectations, mixed messages, slow decisions, hesitation

**Avoidance of Accountability** → issues aren't addressed, standards drift, inconsistent performance

**Inattention to Results** → people protect their own tasks, avoid ideas that may fail, low innovation

**Erosion of Cohesion** → silos form, "us vs them", low collaboration, disengagement

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