

Test Your Knowledge About Interference

No peeking! Answers start on page 3.

Situation	Is it Interference?
1. A parent demonstrates a skill on a team prop.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. The Team Manager or resource person teaches a basic skill.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. The Team Manager encourages the team to develop a floor plan for where props go, not only in the Presentation Area, but also in the Launch Site.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. The Team Manager asks “leading” questions of the team members.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. The Team Manager teaches <i>Instant Challenge</i> techniques.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. A resource person instructs the team on engineering techniques to specifically improve its unique device.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. The Team Manager helps the team “warm up” for <i>Instant Challenge</i> at Tournament.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. A parent helps a team member with make-up at Tournament.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Parents help move the props up to the Prep Area and the Launch Site at the Tournament.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. A dress rehearsal is held before mock “Appraisers” who give critical feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
11. The Team Manager assembles an Emergency Toolkit for Tournament repairs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12. A parent takes a team member to a power tool demonstration at a local hardware store for hands-on training.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
13. A team member is in the bathroom preparing for Presentation, and a parent is assisting with her hair.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14. A parent asks, “Why haven’t you tried ‘so and so’ to a team member about the team’s solution.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
15. The Team Manager uses CPS (Creative Problem Solving) Tools and questions to generate or focus.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
16. A parent helps on a student’s project at home.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
17. During the conception and design phase, the Team Manager writes down the team’s ideas and/or decisions in her own words.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
18. A Team Manager helps finish a prop due to lack of time.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
19. The Team Manager explains the Team Challenge to the team without being asked.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
20. During the construction phase, the Team Manager plugs cords into an electrical outlet.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
21. During the Tournament, the Team Manager prompts a “stuck” team.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
22. A Team Manager wants to teach her team to use lots of different tools safely. She brings in tools and teaches them proper usage.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
23. A team wants to saw a piece of wood but the Team Manager thinks this is too dangerous. Is it interference for the Team Manager to cut it for safety reasons?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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24. A team requests paint, but they do not specify a color. The Team Manager buys 3 different colors for the team to choose from.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
25. A Team Manager buys an assortment of books (structure, pop-up books, costumes, mechanical devices) at a conference and provides them to her team.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
26. A team only needs 1/2 a piece of plywood and they ask the store to cut the board for them. Is this interference that has to be reported on the Declaration of Independence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
27. A team member needs to make a wig for a costume at home and a parent or sibling (not on team) suggests a mop would be creative.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
28. A team needs to break into smaller groups for work. The Team Manager asks the team to brainstorm ways to do this.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
29. The Team Manager exposes the team to concepts like building jigs, planning the calendar, and storyboarding.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
30. It is evident to the Team Manager that the team is misinterpreting the Challenge. She tells the team to read the rules over carefully and determine whether their solution is compliant.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
31. Team Manager or parent sews a costume for a <i>Rising Stars!</i> [®] team.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
32. Team is rehearsing skit. Parents act as audience and tell them if they can hear them.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
33. The Team Manager accidentally damages a prop during transit. The Team Manager discreetly fixes what she broke.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
34. An eighth grade student is an assistant Team Manager and assists the team during <i>Instant Challenge</i> practice.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
35. A Team Manager fills in the paperwork for a middle school team.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
36. While the team is setting up a large prop, a parent is holding the side in order for a team member to fasten it.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
37. While a team is preparing to move a prop into the Prep Area, the Team Manager notices that a protruding nail will scratch the floor. The Team Manager tells the team that they should fix the prop so that it won't scratch the floor.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
38. While in the Prep Area, the team is asked several questions, but the Team Manager answers for them.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
39. While looking over the Presentation Area, the Team Manager suggests where to place props.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
40. While sitting at the edge of the Presentation Area, the Team Manager is mouthing the script and signaling when to move props.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
41. During a performance, the team elicits cheering or booing from the audience.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
42. While watching another team, the team jots down the design of the wood structure and incorporates the design into their next structure.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
43. A team member decides to sit out during <i>Instant Challenge</i> at the Tournament, but then changes his mind after the Challenge is read.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
44. The Team Manager submits a Clarification question on a team's behalf, using the team's exact words.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Interference?	Explanation
1. Yes	The parent should demonstrate a skill on something that is not related to the team's solution.
2. No	Teaching basic skills or arranging for them to be taught is one of a Team Manager's responsibilities.
3. No	It is the Team Manager's responsibility to focus her team on its tasks, and allow the team to generate its own solution without input from the Team Manager.
4. Yes	A Team Manager may not asking "leading" questions of her team, but must ask open-ended questions instead.
5. No	It is a Team Manager's responsibility to provide feedback for <i>Instant Challenge</i> practice.
6. Yes	Engineering techniques that are taught must be general, not specifically related to the team's solution.
7. No	It is the Team Manager's responsibility to prepare her team for <i>Instant Challenge</i> .
8. Yes	Team members must apply their own make-up at Tournament.
9. No	Non-team members may help move props up to the Launch Site, at which point the team is on its own. The Prep Area precedes the Launch Site, so that is still okay.
10. Yes	Non-team members may not provide feedback to the team because that is like having extra team members.
11. Yes	It is the team's responsibility to make repairs, therefore it is also the team's responsibility to assemble an Emergency Toolkit for repairs.
12. No	Learning basic skills is part of the Destination ImagiNation® process.
13. Yes	Non-team members may not do the physical work of team members; this is like having extra team members.
14. Yes	Non-team members may not provide suggestions or ideas to the team. This is like having extra team members.
15. No	It is the Team Manager's responsibility to teach her team how to use CPS (Creative Problem Solving) Tools, and to facilitate discussions using these methods.
16. Yes	Only team members may work on the team's solution.
17. Yes	The Team Manager may record the team's ideas and/or decisions only in the team's own words.
18. Yes	Only team members may work on the team's solution.
19. Yes	The Team Manager may not explain the Team Challenge to the team because this involves interpretation. However, he can encourage the team to re-read the Challenge, and to submit Clarification questions if necessary.
20. No	It is the responsibility of a Team Manager to create a safe working environment for her team.
21. Yes	Non-team members may not provide suggestions or ideas to the team; this is like having extra team members.
22. No	It is the responsibility of the Team Manager to teach or arrange to teach a team general skills.
23. Yes	If a team does not have the skill to accomplish a task, then it must either acquire that skill, or find some other way to accomplish it.

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24. No	A Team Manager may help his team gather resources as long as he provides a broad range of items, and the team makes its own decisions about how to use those resources.
25. No	It is the responsibility of a Team Manager to help her team learn general skills and acquire general knowledge.
26. No	It is the normal practice at a hardware store or home improvement center to make a single cut, therefore this is allowed. It also prevents the team from having to make a larger purchase.
27. Yes	Non-team members may not contribute ideas or suggestions for the team's solution.
28. No	It is the Team Manager's responsibility to ask open-ended questions.
29. No	It is the Team Manager's responsibility to teach or arrange to teach the team a broad range of general skills.
30. No	The Team Manager is supposed to tell the team to re-read the rules to make sure they understand the rules.
31. Yes	Rising Stars!® teams are encouraged to follow the same rules for Interference as competitive teams to prepare them for the future. Only team members may work on the solution. However, if this Interference occurs, there is no penalty for Rising Stars!® teams, since there is also no score.
32. Yes	Non-team members may not provide stage directions.
33. Yes	It is the team's responsibility to make repairs.
34. No	Feedback provided during <i>Instant Challenge</i> practice is not Interference.
35. Yes	A Team Manager may only assist an elementary level team with Tournament paperwork, but even then may only write EXACTLY what team members dictate.
36. Yes	Only team members may perform tasks associated with their Team Challenge. If the team is unable to do this, it must find a different way to accomplish the task.
37. No	It is the Team Manager's responsibility to call to the team's attention any items that may do harm to the competition site.
38. Yes	The Team Manager is not a member of the team, therefore should not be answering questions asked of team members.
39. Yes	A non-team member may not provide stage direction; this is like having extra team members.
40. Yes	Non-team members may not provide stage direction or prompting. This is like having extra team members.
41. Yes	The team may not involve the audience or the Appraisers in their Presentation.
42. Yes	The team may use only its own ideas, not the ideas of non-team members.
43. Yes	The decision to participate in <i>Instant Challenge</i> must be made before team members enter the <i>Instant Challenge</i> competition room.
44. No	As long as the Team Manager does not rephrase the team's question, he can submit the Clarification question on the team's behalf.