

## Role of a Coach

Here are a few things that may guide you as an OM Coach

- ☐ **Scheduler** (how often and where a team meets)
- ☐ **Facilitator** (helps the team stay organized)
  - Helps team read and understand the problem
  - Helps team keep track of tasks and deadlines
  - Guides brainstorming sessions (without injecting ideas)
  - Guides notes (notes being the team's previous ideas)
  - Guides goals and the path to reach them
  - Explains scoring
  - Brings in "experts" to discuss & teach skills
- ☐ **Teacher** (teaches basic skills)
- ☐ Ask **QUESTIONS** (to help the team focus, open-ended)
- ☐ Assist team in developing a **timeline** for projects
- ☐ Spontaneous practice
  - Practice **OFTEN**
  - Gather a variety of practice problems
  - Teach strategies
  - Help primary & division 1 fill out
  - Make sure the upper divisions have completed forms before competition
- ☐ **Go-fer** (takes team members to store for supplies)
- ☐ **Snack organizer** (fuel for the busy brains)
- ☐ **Mentor**
- ☐ **Communicator**
  - Communicate with the school/group director
  - Communicate with parents/guardians

Stand back and be AMAZED!

Most importantly have FUN!

Your team will see the world in a way that you never even thought possible.

Be the cheerleader of creativity!

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