

**Do's and Don'ts
for
New Mission Possible Coaches**

1. Don't go alone. Look for other teachers, parents, or community resource people to help.
2. Do get the regional schedule as soon as possible to check the event time.
3. Do contact the Regional Tournament Director to find out how, when and where to submit the Simple Machines List.
4. Do seek technical help for this event.
5. Don't exclude students; give all students a chance to participate.
6. Do encourage your youngest students to participate.
7. Do encourage your students to learn and to improve rather than focusing on winning.
8. Do attend a coaching clinic if possible.
9. Do talk with other coaches (even at a different level) for help. They will help you, even if they are competing against you!
10. Don't expect the students to pay for all supplies. Yard-sales can provide many good materials. Businesses will donate funds to help the team, if they know what your students are really doing.

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11. Don't leave students unsupervised, especially when they are working on the construction part of this event.
12. Do check behind students when it comes to following the rules.
13. Don't assume that all of the rules have been followed (especially with new students). This one was worth repeating!
14. Do call for help.
15. Do have fun!
16. Do celebrate your successes!!!!!!!!!!

For any construction Event:

17. Do advertise your team's success and excitement among your supporters.
18. Do make video tapes of the entire process of building and operating the devices.
19. Do use the tapes for training next year and gaining support.
20. Do encourage older students to come back and help next year.
21. DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR!!!!!!!!!!