

Rules of Quality Improv(e)

An adaptive framework for unbridled teamwork and exceptional collaboration

1. TRUST

Trust your partners and yourself

- You are enough
- The people you are working with are the right people
- Assume good intentions

2. SAY “YES, AND...”

Don't negate or deny your partners

- Saying “no” stops the flow
- Honor “gifts” and “offerings”
- Also try: “I hear you”, “Thank you” or “Something to also consider...”

3. GIVE AND TAKE

Be flexible in your role

- Power is easily and willingly shared among trusted partners
- Sometimes you are the leader, other times a supporter or follower
- Allow people to leverage their strengths

4. KNOW YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Be aware of what's going on around you

- Listen, watch, & concentrate
- Anticipate needs
- Be ready to jump in and help

5. MAKE YOUR PARTNERS LOOK GOOD

Don't let those around you fail

- Let each other shine
- Be generous
- See their success as yours

6. MAKE ACTIONAL CHOICES

Keep things moving forward

- Movement encourages fresh thinking
- If your situation isn't what you want/need, make a change
- Try “If not this, then what?”

7. STAY COMMITTED

Don't quit too soon

- Stay in the relationship
- Trust the process
- Work through tension