A Guide To Virtual Best Practices

HOW TO MANAGE AN EFFECTIVE MEETING



TEST your video & audio before the meeting.

CENTER yourself on the screen. You should be able to reach the webcam.



AVOID busy or distracting backgrounds. Use a filter to blur your background or use a branded background with your club's name and logo!

IMPORTANT! Secure the necessary accessibility support to ensure all attendees can access the information shared at your meeting. Ask attendees ahead of time if they need accommodation for language, visual aids, or any other need.



WORK with your team to prepare a meeting agenda, and decide who leads each part of the meeting.

FOLLOW YOUR PLAN! Your meeting agenda will help you stay on track. Share a copy of the agenda with attendees before the meeting or share your screen with a presentation slide.



ASK ATTENDEES to turn their audio off when they are not speaking, as background noises are distracting and disruptive.

MAKE eye contact with your webcam, not with the faces on your screen.

ASK FOR HELP FROM YOUR TEAM! One person can manage the technical parts of your virtual meeting, such as monitoring the chat box and admitting attendees, while the other person leads the discussion and engages with members.



ELIMINATE background noise

by silencing your devices, and ask attendees to do the same.





END YOUR MEETING

by reviewing the major takeaways and to-do lists to ensure that everyone understands the next steps.

FOLLOW UP

with

EMAIL OR MESSAGE meeting attendees with follow-up information within 1 or 2 business days. Remember to include links and attachments!



INVITE MEMBERS TO SHARE their

feedback about the meeting or membership experience. Listen to their comments, and use that information to improve in the future.



IF YOU ENCOUNTER A TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY,

keep going, as long as attendees can hear you.

TIP! Internet connections can be challenging. Turn off your video if you experience lag.

IT IS OKAY to feel nervous before leading any kind of meeting or presentation. If you make a mistake, keep going! Attendees will not know you made a mistake unless you tell them.



OTHER QUESTIONS or topics may arise depending on current events. Listen to attendee's concerns and answer questions or address important topics that impact those in the meeting.

A Guide To In-Person Best Practices

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SELECT A MEETING SPACE that is adequate for attendees. Follow local public health guidelines as needed.

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ASK FOR HELP FROM YOUR TEAM! One person can take attendance and help with member needs, and the other can lead the

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