Interference Game Cards

1. The Scene: The team decides to use Fall as the theme for their skit. The TM asks the team to do homework and come back with many words/expressions with Fall in them. Is this INTERFERENCE?	The Scene: As the team is working on their solution, the TM asks them questions, which makes the team elaborate further on their solution. Is this INTERFERENCE?	3. The Scene: The team remembers a great set that was used at a meet the prior year, the reproduce it as part of their solution this year! Is this INTERFERENCE?
Correct: Ahead 4 Wrong: Back 2	Correct: Ahead 3 Wrong: Back 1	Correct: Ahead 2 Wrong: Back 1
4. The Scene: The team is practicing Instant Challenges. The TM shares observations for their teamwork and tells them how they could improve. Is this INTERFERENCE? Correct: Ahead 4 Wrong: Back 2	5. The Scene: The TM is acting a recorder of the team's brainstorming on their skit. Is it INTERFERENCE for the TM to write down this information? Correct: Ahead 1 Wrong: Back 1	6. The Scene: A team needs to move a very large piece of plywood from a car into a garage. Can an adult help? Is this INTERFERENCE? Correct: Ahead 3 Wrong: Back 2
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7. The Scene: A team reading the Challenge is having trouble understanding exactly what they are expected to do. Is it INTERFERENCE for the TM to paraphrase the Challenge for the team?	8. The Scene: The team is building a structure. The TM invites in an engineer to teach the team how about ways to make structures/building strong? Is this INTERFERENCE?	9. The Scene: Parents waiting in the hall help the team get ready for their performance by handing them pieces of tape and tools. Is this INTERFERENCE?
Correct: Ahead 3 Wrong: Back 1	Correct: Ahead 2 Wrong: Back 1	Correct: Ahead 4 Wrong: Back 1

The Scene: A TM holds a team member's hand briefly to show them the proper way to spray paint a prop. Is this INTERFERENCE? Correct: Ahead 3 Wrong: Back 2	The Scene: A team member brings a prop from a previous year to the team meeting. It is perfect for this year's skit! Is this Interference? Correct: Ahead 5 Wrong: Back 1	The Scene: A team is using "bathroom humor" in their skit. The TM has read them the Rule about vulgarity. Can the team ask a sampling of adults whether their humor is offensive or not? INTERFERENCE? Correct: Ahead 2 Wrong: Back 3
The Scene: The team does a school performance with other teams before the Regional. They are scored and given feedback on their performance. Is this INTERFERENCE? Correct: Ahead 3 Wrong: Back 1	The Scene: The team has chosen the sea as their theme. The team manager brings in a random selection of library books about the sea to the next meeting. IS this INTERFERENCE? Correct: Ahead 2 Wrong: Back 2	The Scene: Julie's mom has a great idea for creating the team's set. At dinner, she tells Julie about what she has seen in a recent theater production! Can Julie share this idea with her team? Is this INTERFERENCE? Correct: Ahead 3 Wrong: Back 2
The Scene: Larry's dad is a welder. Larry's team wants to weld their vehicle's axle to their car's chaises. They ask Larry's dad to help and he teaches them how to weld. Is this INTERFERENCE? Correct: Ahead 4 Wrong: Back 3	The Scene: After a run- through of the performance, the TM shares her notes. She tells the team to speak louder, to face the audience, and to make their gestures bigger. Is this INTERFERENCE? Correct: Ahead 2 Wrong: Back 1	The Scene: The team needs ½ a sheet of plywood – they have the nice man at Home Depot cut it for them. Is this INTERFERENCE? Correct: Ahead 3 Wrong: Back 4

19. The Scene: The team needs ½ a sheet of plywood. They ask KC's dad to cut it for them with his power saw. Is this INTERFERENCE?	The Scene: Mary Jo's mom braids her hair every day. Mary Jo is going to be Heidi in her team's skit and asks her mom to braid her hair in a special way! Is this INTERFERENCE?	The Scene: The team decides that they will stage their skit under the sea. The team manager goes to the Library and brings 10 books about the sea to the next meeting. Is this INTERFERENCE?
Correct: Ahead 4 Wrong: Back 2	Correct: Ahead 2 Wrong: Back 2	Correct: Ahead 3 Wrong: Back 1
The Scene: The team is generating LOTS of ideas for their vehicle and their TM is writing down everything they say. He hands the list over to the team to review. Is this INTERFERENCE?	23. The Scene: A team member wants to create team costumes similar to the ones he saw in NY at Wicked! Is this INTERFERENCE?	The Scene: During the team's performance, the TM notices that they have left an important prop in the launch area. He makes eye contact with a team member and stares at the forgotten prop. Is this INTERFERENCE?
Correct: Ahead 3 Wrong: Back 3	Correct: Ahead 4 Wrong: Back 2	Correct: Ahead 2 Wrong: Back 4
25. The Scene: The team is having difficulty understanding their Challenge. The TM paraphrases the Challenge to explain the tasks to the team. Is this INTERFERENCE?	26. The Scene: Before going to prep, the TM tells the team that they will enter the performance area from the right side, and make sure Carly goes in first with the scenery, so they will know where to set up the props. Is this INTERFERENCE?	The Scene: Can a TM go to the hardware store with a team generated shopping list or must a team member go along to select the items? Is this INTERFERENCE?
Correct: Ahead 1 Wrong: Back 4	Correct: Ahead 5 Wrong: Back 3	Correct: Ahead 2 Wrong: Back 2

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The Scene: The TM asks the team a series of questions in order to elicit a specific response. This AHA moment helps the team to solve their Challenge!
Is this INTERFERENCE?

Correct: Ahead 2 Wrong: Back 4

29.

The Scene: The TM uses many problem-solving tools that push the team to refine their solutions. He/she also asks them many questions about their solution, which sometimes causes the team to stop and reassess. Is this INTERFERENCE?

Correct: Ahead 3 Wrong: Back 1

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The Scene: Molly's dad cut out some of the scenery, because he felt it was dangerous to let elementary kids use power tools. The team finished the scenery with great artwork! Is this INTERFERENCE?

Correct: Ahead 4 Wrong: Back 2

Answer Sheet for the Interference Game

- 1. No. Although the TM should not give the team examples the assignment that the TM is giving is helping the team think more creatively and generate more ideas!
- 2. No. This is exactly what the TM is supposed to do. The TM helps the team by asking questions that that make them think and develop more creative solutions!
- 3. It's not interference, but it's also not creative! It is not Interference to assimilate information from a previous year and use it the following year!
- 4. NO, this is not Interference. Team Managers can help their team improve in IC by giving them tips and feedback.
- 5. No, it is not Interference for a TM to write down exactly what the team says for them to review later. The TM, however, may not add or embellish what the team says!
- 6. Yes. The team must do this by themselves!
- 7. NO, this is NOT Interference. The TM's job is to make sure the team understands the Challenge. It's the team's job to solve the Challenge!
- 8. YES, this is Interference! The team manager might ASK the team if they would like to learn more about structure strength, but to bring in someone to give the team information without their asking for this help is Interference.
- 9. Yes, this would be Interference! Team members are the only ones allowed to help prepare of ready props for a tournament.
- 10. Yes, this is Interference if the team member was spraying the actual prop when assisted! IF the TM wants to give a spray-painting lesson, he/she must paint on something that is not in the team's solution!
- 11. If the entire team is made up of the previous year's members, it is NOT Interference! However, if it is not the same team and members have either dropped off or been added, it would be Interference!
- 12. Yes, this is Interference! The team would need to make that determination themselves!
- 13. The team may present their solution, BUT may not be given any scores or feedback of a substantive or directional nature. Only the team is allowed to critique their solution and make changes.
- 14. This is not Interference. The TM's job is to facilitate the team in acquiring information. Having them explore books or on the Internet is simply resource exposure!
- 15. Actually, yes the intent here was to transmit and idea that did not originate with a team member. However, if Julie had heard her mom sharing this idea with an adult friend and thought "why this would be fun to integrate into our skit" it would NOT be Interference.

- 16. NO! This is exactly what DI wants teams to do they are encouraged to learn new skills. Warning: Larry's dad cannot help weld the team's axle.
- 17. YES! The TM is giving direct feedback to the team regarding their performance. It would not be Interference if a team member watched and gave that sort of feedback! As an alternative, the TM could videotape the team and have them evaluate their performance.
- 18. NOPE! He does it for everyone as a store service. BUT dad in the garage cannot cut that sheet in half that is Interference.
- 19. Yes. The team needs to do it themselves or find an alternative material.
- 20. Yep! Heidi needs to ask her teammates to help her, but not her mom.
- 21. NO, the team manager is providing the team with research materials she is not interfering with their solution.
- 22. NO. The TM may act as scribe as long as the TM is writing down the team's ideas and not contributing to the list.
- 23. Great idea! This is not Interference! Ideas are generated from exposure to a variety of things!
- 24. YES! The team is responsible for their props and their oversights as well! The TM is not allowed to communicate with the team during their presentation.
- 25. NO. The TMs job is to make sure the team understands all aspects of their Challenge. As long as the TM does not give the team examples the Challenge language can be broken down to whatever level is necessary to ensure that the team can understand it.
- 26. Yes! The TM is telling the team how to set up their presentation! However, the TM might say, "Go look at the presentation site and figure out how you will enter."
- 27. If the team has given the TM a list, then the TM can go to the hardware store alone! This is not Interference.
- 28. Yes. In this instance the TM is LEADING the team. This is insidious, because the TM is manipulating the team often without them being aware it is happening! This is INTERFERENCE!
- 29. NO! This is exactly what a good TM does! We want our teams to push the limits of their creativity and those questions will help get them there.
- 30. Yes. The team can either scrap that scenery OR they MUST report the incident on their Declaration of Independence. They would be docked a few points, but it is the correct way of handling it.