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Team Building & Communication (T's & S's)

“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships.” —Michael Jordan



Helping Teammates

One day a little mouse living on a farm, spied the farmer and his wife opening up a package. He was aghast to discover that the package contained, not food, but a mousetrap. The mouse ran to the farmyard warning everyone. “There’s a mousetrap in the house, there’s a mousetrap in the house!”

The chicken raised his head and exclaimed, “Mr. Mouse I can tell this trap is of grave concern to you, but it has no consequences to me and I cannot be bothered with it.” The mouse turned to the pig... “I am so very sorry Mr. Mouse, but the trap is no concern of mine either.” The mouse then turned to the bull “Sounds like you have a problem Mr. Mouse, but not one that concerns me.”

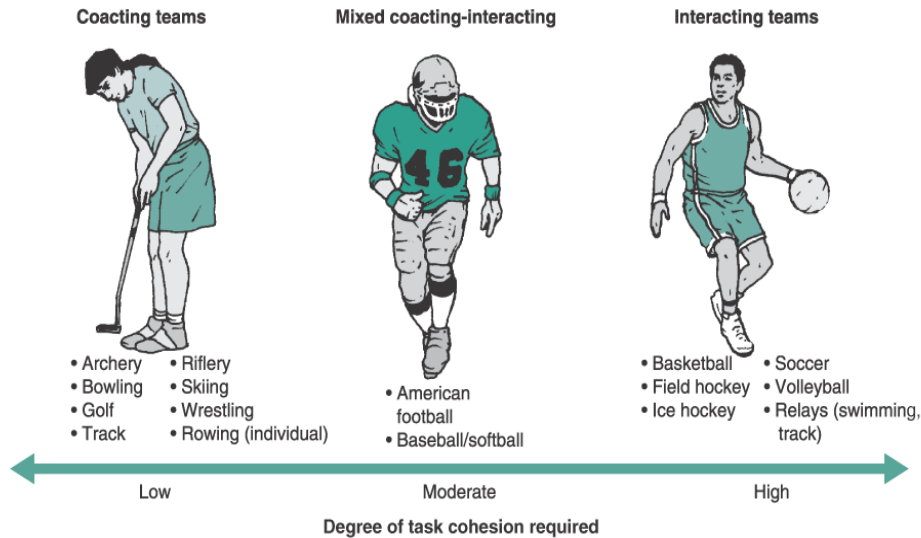
The mouse returned to the house dejected that no one would help him or was concerned with his dilemma. He knew he had to face the trap on his own. That night the sound of the trap catching its prey was heard throughout the house. The farmer’s wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness she could not see that it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer’s wife. The wife caught a bad fever and the farmer knew the best way to treat a fever was with chicken soup. He took his hatchet to the farmyard to get the soup’s main ingredient. The wife got sicker, and friends visited her around the clock. The farmer had to feed them, so he went out for the pig. The farmer’s wife got worse and died. So many friends came to her funeral that the farmer had to use the bull to feed them all.

So the next time we hear that one of our teammates is facing a problem and think it does not concern or affect us, let’s remember this: When one of our teammates is in trouble, we are all at risk.

What is a team?—A group of people working towards a common goal, working together and with common goals.

What is team cohesion?—The way a group sticks together and remains united in the pursuit of its goals and objectives, through attraction, commitment, & involvement.

The key to being successful as a team is to communicate. When teams communicate, they know what each other is thinking and can adjust their opinions, behaviors, or performance instead of guessing, not getting along, and having bad performances due to poor communication.



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