

# Ideas That Work: Solutions to Persistent Problems

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Here is the plan

- Making sure we are on the same page
- Identifying some problems
- Offering solutions for the problems



# What are . . .

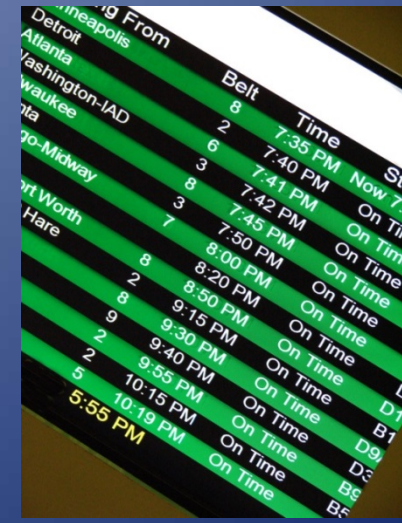
- Some Persistent Problems
- Some Ideas that Work for Me
- Some Solutions



# Identifying Problems

What are Some Problems?

- Unexpected Delays/Meeting Deadlines
- Interruptions
- Procrastination



From	Belt	Time	Status
Chicago-Midway	8	7:35 PM	Now 7:35 PM
Detroit	2	7:40 PM	On Time
Atlanta	6	7:41 PM	On Time
Washington-IAD	3	7:42 PM	On Time
Waukegan	8	7:45 PM	On Time
Chicago-Midway	3	8:00 PM	On Time
Port Worth	7	8:20 PM	On Time
Hare	8	8:50 PM	On Time
Chicago-Midway	2	9:15 PM	On Time
Chicago-Midway	8	9:30 PM	On Time
Chicago-Midway	9	9:40 PM	On Time
Chicago-Midway	2	9:55 PM	On Time
Chicago-Midway	5	10:15 PM	On Time
Chicago-Midway	5	5:55 PM	On Time

# UNEXPECTED DELAYS/MEETING DEADLINES

- Breathe, then dig in
- Organize your workspace – physical and mental
- Delegate
- Take a break
- Do email 3/day



# More UNEXPECTED DELAYS

- Review and recap PODA—parade of daily adventures
- Stand on the phone
- Know some “what-ifs”
- Make deposits in your favor bank
- REPEAT AS NECESSARY



# INTERRUPTIONS

## Ways to Minimize Them

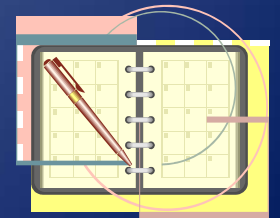
- Post a sign on your door
- “Let’s talk at lunch”
- I can give you 5 minutes now—“I’m working on a project that has a deadline of...”
- Keep your chairs full



# PROCRASTINATION

## An Issue for You?

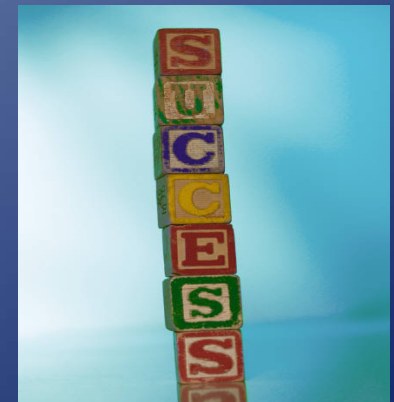
- Acknowledge then accept
- Decide
- Identify—who, what, where, when, how for each task
- Set goals—start small
- Keep track—calendar/planner; add holidays
- Work backwards
- Rebound: Rewards and Penalties
- Identify today's top 3 priorities and “get it done”





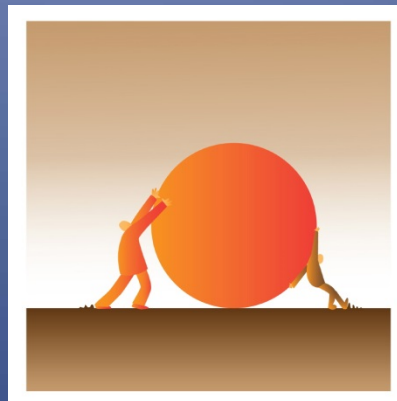
# To Summarize...

- Think of and plan ways to address problems
- Write down your own ideas
- Get organized
- Work smarter
- Believe problems can be successfully solved



# It Has Been Said...

“If you look at an obstacle as an opportunity you will find ways, you will use your creativity and find a solution that will solve the obstacle. Sometimes, obstacles are actually gifts, as they make us look at situations in a different way.”



Walt Disney

# Thank You

Good Luck!!  
Have Fun in Denver

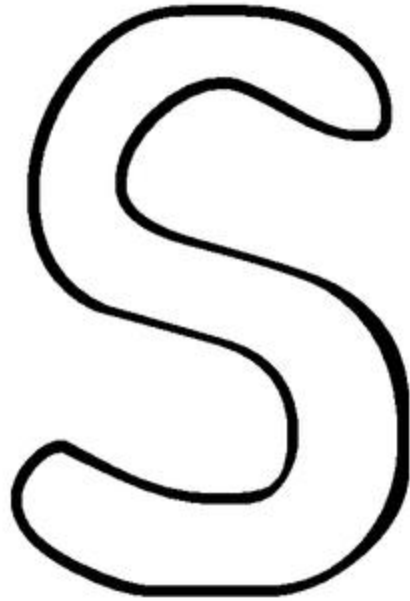


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# The Art of Tackling

Jack Roberts, Michigan High School Athletic Association





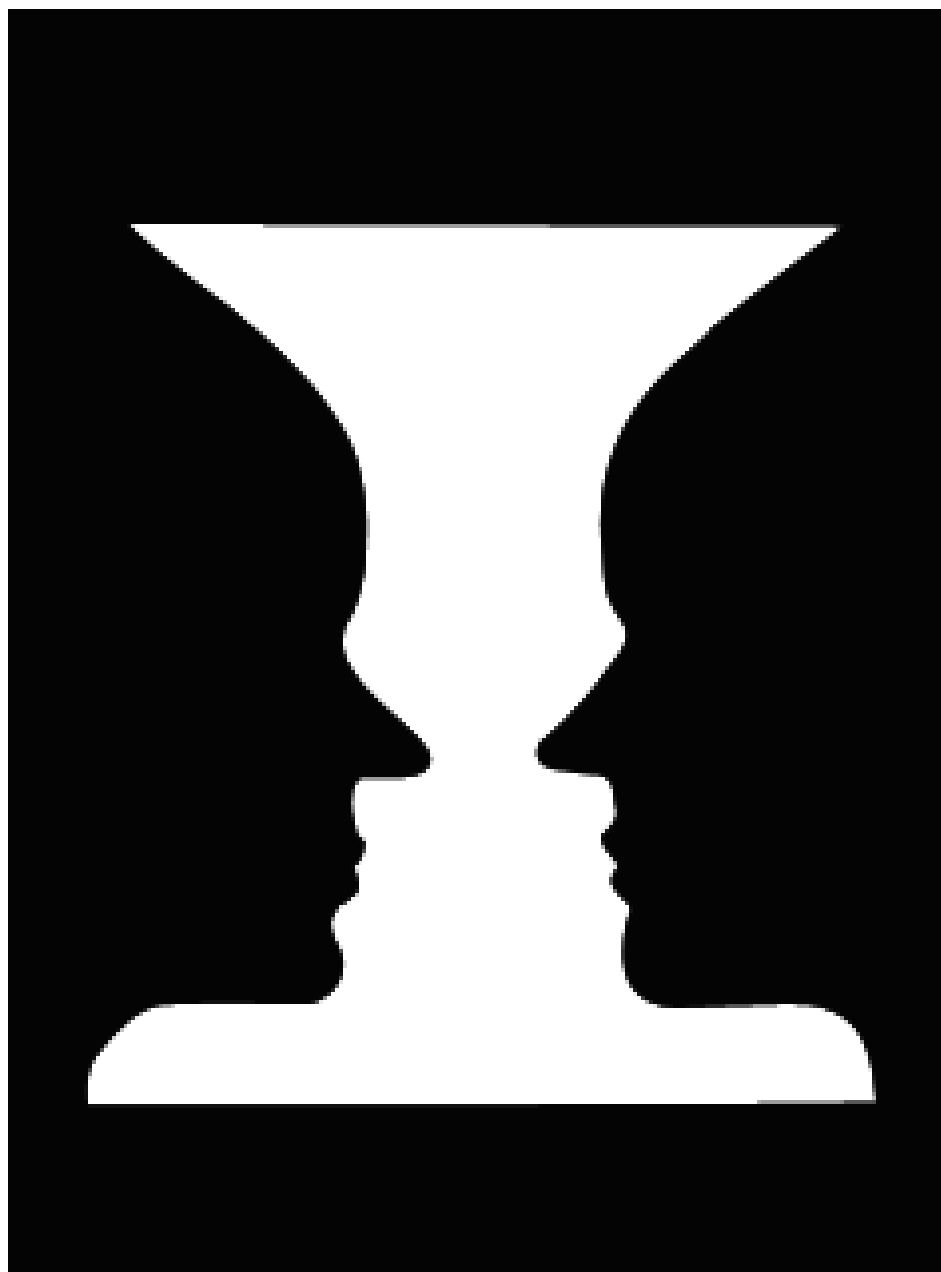
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**SPORTSMANSHIP**

**SAFETY**

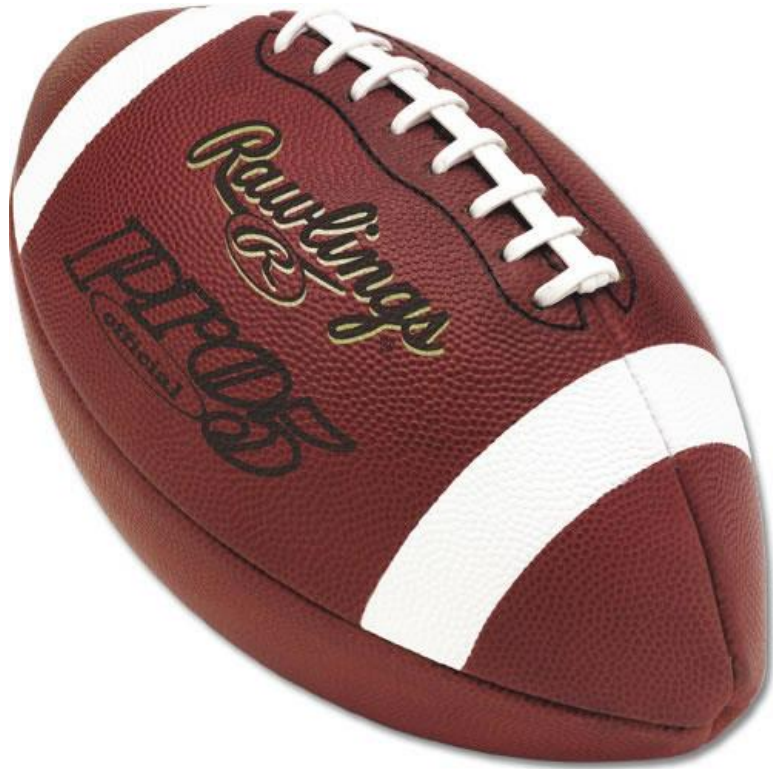
**SCOPE**









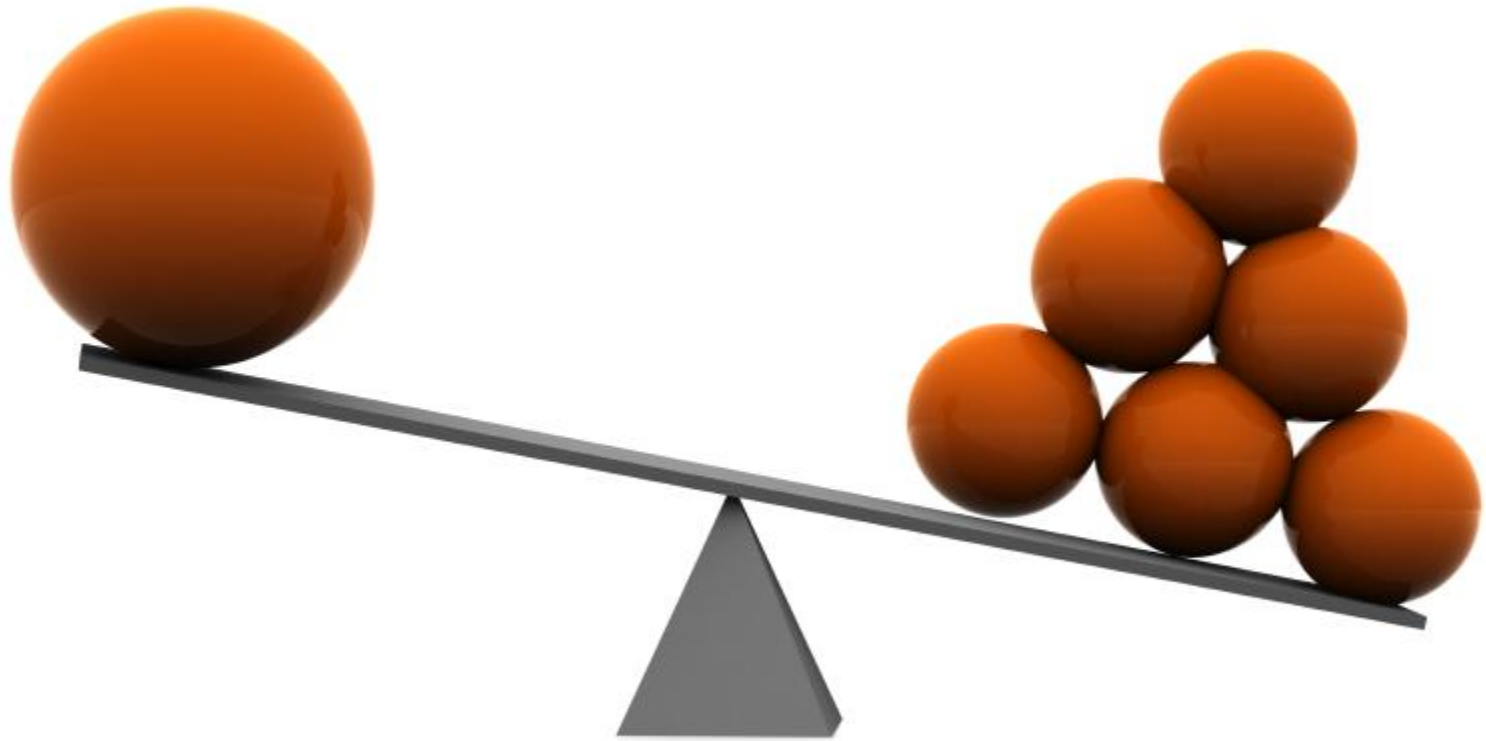


**Practice Policies**

**Playing Rules**

**Promotions**

# FACILITATION



Great achievers solve problems  
whose real nature emerges only  
as they tackle them.

Paraphrased from John Kay, author,  
Obliquity: Why Our Goals Are Best Achieved  
Indirectly Penguin Press (2010)

