

# Coaching Agreements 201

Challenges in Setting the Coaching Agreement

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- 1. Interrupt well
- 2. Share intention to clarify direction of the coaching session.
- 3. Reflect on Areas and/or Result

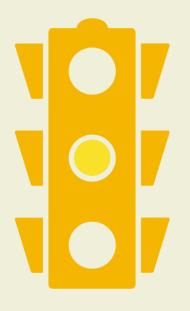


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- Let the client know about need to discuss making the most of coaching
- 2. Reiterate the nature of coaching and need of less focus on details
- 3. Co-design an interrupting process



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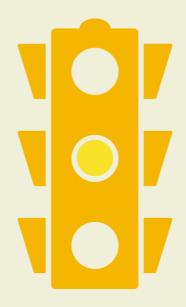
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- Follow the process of coaching the "I Don't Know's"
- 2. Leverage silence, and clarify the purpose of the silence
- 3. Consider highlighting their lack of responsiveness and ask questions around the pattern.

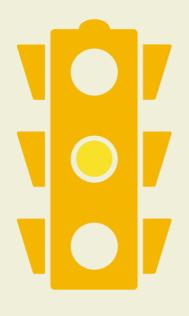
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# **Coach Is Not Clear on Details**





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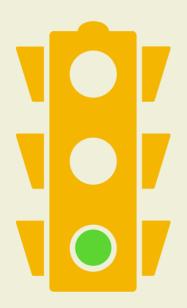


- 1. Grow in being comfortable with ambiguity while trusting the client.
- 2. "How much should I know about the situation to best help?"
- 3. Ask exploration questions on T/A/R and/or significance of client language





# Setting the Coaching Agreement

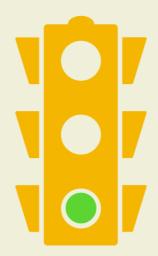


- **S S**ubject for Today's Session
- T Potential for Transformation
- A Areas to Address
- R Result and Measurable Outcome
- T Teaming Up with the Client



#### **Result:**

Where is this conversation headed?





# No Result Recovery

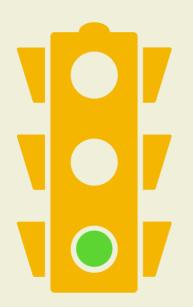


- 1. Have we established the measurable result?
- 2. If not, partner to pause and recover.
- 3. Then ask a question or two to uncover the measurable result.





### Step By Step Agenda Settings



Step 1: **S** - **S**ubject for Today's Session

Step 2: **T** - Potential for **T**ransformation

Step 3: A - Areas to Address

Step 4: **R** - **R**esult and Measurable Outcome

Step 5: **T** - **T**eaming Up with the Client



# How can I focus less on a step by step process, and be more natural in my agenda setting?





# 1. What is next needed to make this a full agreement?

Transformation?
Areas?
Results?



# 2. What has already come up naturally?

Instead of asking the next sequential question, confirm what they have already expressed.





1. Have you ever done my work before?



- Re-clarify the nature of coaching
- Also focus on any experience you have had working with professionals like them.



2. I'm not a poor performer!



- Reiterate the developmental nature of coaching (as opposed to remedial)
- Express the concept of pushing towards
   1% areas of improvement.
- Consider the analogy of Olympic Coaching



3. Counseling hasn't worked in the past.



- Acknowledge how coaching can seem similar, but highlight differences.
- Clarify how coaching pushes towards optimal stress and flow instead of seeking healing.
- Also highlight how the coach can adjust the approach.

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4. Have you coached someone similar?



- Highlight experience as you can. Be honest
  if this is a unique situation (this is where
  coaching can work best!).
- Share that you are trained to leverage tools/resources that may be helpful.

