

# *OSD TEAM DEVELOPMENT -- Things to Consider*

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In determining whether you what you need to make a team and for some first steps as a team, here are a few important things you should consider:

## **Overall:**

- Study the rules and requirements of the particular competition. With first focus on the *Assistance rule* and its interpretation. Advocate for the broadest read in favor of coaching/advisor assistance as possible with your coach/adviser once you and your team mate(s) are in agreement about a read of that rule.
- Per Opportunities for Student Distinction (OSD) program requirements, your selection requires a one year full academic year commitment with team members in Boston at all relevant times
- What, if any, are my other competing commitments (i.e. will I have the necessary time to devote)?
- What are my motives for participating (i.e. resume booster insufficient)?

## **Making a Team -- Selecting a Partner:**

- What exactly are our mutual goals for doing this competition?
- What strengths do each of you possess already (e.g. organization, research skills, writing, oral advocacy, administrative skills, etc.)?
- What complementary attributes of both you and your partner would be supportive in this endeavor (e.g. general temperament, time management skills, conscientiousness, work ethic, communication skills, transparency, ability to give and receive honest critique, ability to balance interest, needs, demands, accessibility, etc.)?
- What is each of your learning /communication styles?
- How does each of you deal with challenges when working with others?
- What will your commuting situation be?
- My best learning environment is [e.g. talking things out before/after/during worming together, working silently alone, writing things out to get them straight for myself then talking them out, etc.]
- I am most productive at [enter time of day/night].
- What rotation will you be on (summer-winter /fall-spring); your partner?
- If you can answer each of these bullets to your mutual satisfaction THEN COMMIT to being fully accountable to one another as a true team for the entire duration of the competition.