

Squad Master

Guide the
squad
to be magic!



In general the Squad Master...

- ✓ makes sure the team is running an **awesome** Agile development process
- ✓ assists team members in adopting and using Agile
- ✓ helps the team work in the best possible way
- ✓ protects the team from disturbance and external threats
- ✓ is not a project manager, they are a “**servant leader**” with no formal authority
- ✓ has no direct authority over squad members but does have authority over the process they follow.

As a Squad Master you...

- remove impediments
- **facilitate** meetings (sprint planning, retrospective, review, daily stand-up)
- **coach** the team on the Agile development process and make sure the team improves over time
- re-enforce good practices
- **challenge** bad practices and habits, and eliminate them
- make sure people do what they have agreed to do
- ensure the team establish and follow the team ground rules
- make sure that quality is a team effort, and that commitment to the “done” statement is taken seriously
- provide transparency via the product and sprint backlogs, daily stand-ups, demos and a visible workspace
- assist in reaching the sprint goal (help with story creation, testing, making coffee, etc if necessary)
- ensure that a collaborative culture exists within the team
- **support** the Product Owner
- improve the team’s engineering practices and tools
- **communicate**, communicate, communicate
- smile lots, make people laugh.