Task 5: Curve Balls

# Scenario 1

The team has a scheduled daily stand-up at 9 am in the morning. The meetings usually take over an hour. A lot of time is spent discussing a tricky dependency between several tasks that requires extensive conversation.

## Diagnosis – Daily stand-ups must be short within 15 minutes. If it takes more than 15 minutes every day, then the sprint delivery will be delayed

## Remedy – If the sprint needs more time to discuss about the tricky dependencies, then the development team should meet up with the scrum master to arrange a meeting and sort it out. The sprint delivery time should be re calculated and modified in the system.

# Scenario 2

In the beginning of the sprint the tasks were picked up by the development team. However, by the middle of the sprint, development team starts to look to Scrum Master to assign tasks to individual developers.

## Diagnosis - Tasks to be assigned based on the order of the sprint backlog. No one can decide the assignment of the task.

## Remedy- Development team should not wait for scrum master to assign a task until unless if there is a sprint block. Team members can assign the task themselves based on the order of the sprint backlog.

# Scenario 3

If a development team member needs to discuss a task with the Product Owner, the developer approaches Scrum Master to help set up a meeting with the Product Owner.

## Diagnosis – Developer can directly contact the product owner for a meeting and no need to approach through Scrum master as all the product owner, scrum master and development team are together. And product owner continuous participation is integral part of agile.

## Remedy - The product owner must make sure that there are open lines of communication with all participants.

# Scenario 4

The team is using the latest Agile Application Lifecycle Management tool because it is supposed to be most effective. However, most of the team is having hard time getting used to the tool.

## Diagnosis – Scrum master must coach the team before start using the new Agile application.

## Remedy – As there are many different ALM and each differ from their own enhancement tools. So, it is important to focus on the individual’s interactions and team collaborations rather than tools.