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Scrum Master Journal

Sprint Planning - I would make sure the team knows what is to be accomplished on this sprint and show them the backlog. Then I would help them break the backlog apart into 1 person per day stories that are the basis of the sprint.

Daily Scrum - During the daily scrum I would get each team member to answer the three questions- What did I do yesterday? What am I going to do today? What is impeding me? I would also make sure that the meeting stays on topic and on time.

Backlog Refinement - I would be constantly refining the backlog as new information becomes available. This would help with being able to get the next sprints ready to be worked on faster and make sure there is no unneeded delay between the end of one sprint and the start of another.

Sprint Review - I would make sure the team, the product owner, and the stakeholders see the new features that we had accomplished during the sprint, what we were not able to accomplish, any impediments that we encountered, and whether we accomplished the sprint goal.

Sprint Retrospective - I would ask each team member 3 questions about the sprint- What went well? What didn’t go well? What can be improved and how?

Why do you think these events are so important? These events help to build teamwork and hold the entire team accountable. It also keeps the team organized and accomplish more.

What would you want the team to gain from them? The team members should feel more organized, efficient, and feel important to the team.

How would you ensure the events achieve those goals? I think the most important part of being a scrum master in any of the events is to keep everything on track, and to make sure everyone gets their turn. Basically, moderating and putting in technical advice when needed.