

# W.O.W.

Words Of Wisdom for FPS Coaches and Students



## Problem #1 Scoresheet: One key to improving your FPS Skills

Carefully reading through your evaluator's comments on your scoresheet can help you improve your skills for problem #2 (Processed Foods). Below are some specific ways you can practice the process by analyzing each step and

### CHALLENGES

For every challenge that got a P (perhaps) or W (why), try rewriting it, keeping the evaluator's suggestions in mind. For example:

- Why didn't the evaluator understand what you meant? How can you make it more clear?
- What information did you have in your head that didn't get written down?
- What made an idea too extreme? How can you tone it down so that it seems more probable?
- If your cause/effect/consequence relationships don't connect, how can you make them more logical?
- For each duplicate, can you think of another challenge? Did you mean something different than the challenge it is similar to? If so, how can you make that difference more clear?
- If your challenge doesn't relate to the FS, can you tweak it so that it does?

### UNDERLYING PROBLEM

The UP is your most important step, since everything that follows stems from it. Analyze each scoring element and try rewriting your UP as follows:

- Change the C so that it uses accurate information from the FS or research.
- If you had two verbs or modifiers in your KVP or P, rewrite it so that there is only one.
- If you didn't have a purpose, try adding one that is appropriate.
- If your purpose doesn't relate to your KVP, can you think of one that does?
- If your UP was missing a parameter, how/where can you include it?
- Analyze your Focus score. Was your UP too broad or narrow? What issue would be more appropriate?
- Analyze your Adequacy score (the significance of your UP given all of the information in the FS). What might be a more appropriate,

### SOLUTIONS

Remember, solutions must be relevant to your UP -- you should not be solving each individual challenge from Step 1. Solutions must help solve the KVP and should also address the purpose.

- For each solution that got a P or W, how can you rewrite it so that it is relevant to your UP?
- If your flexibility was low, can you think of some solutions in additional categories?
- What can you do to improve your elaboration/clarity score? (E.g., add a more appropriate WHO; explain, not just say, how or why your solution works to help solve your UP; if you wrote too much information, try expressing the solutions more concisely; if you didn't tell enough information, add some details to make it more clear/relevant)

### OVERALL

- **Research** -- Can you add terms in your challenges and solutions? Is there any research you can cite that would strengthen an idea?
- **Creative Strength/Futuristic Thinking** -- Can you project your ideas into the future and think of how future societies will be affected? Can you add an original twist to one or more of your solutions?
- **Overall Expression of Ideas** -- Were you too wordy? If so, where could you be more concise? Too brief? Where could you have added more information?

