

The Stock Market Game™



Team Member Assignments and Roles

The following are suggested team responsibilities for a cooperative learning effort.

Responsibilities can be combined as best suits the age and experience of the team members. These are only suggestions. Teachers should find a mix of tasks and titles that suits their class.

The SMG's portfolio management is very much like the real life situation faced daily by the investment advisory committee or board of a company, pension fund or mutual fund. The money is not an individual's personal fortune. The management team is charged with trying to obtain the best possible return. Students should think in terms of managing the equity of the TEAM.

Teacher-advisors using The SMG Program might present the SMG team concept within the framework of an imaginary investment advisory committee with specific roles assigned to each team member. See the document [Using Cooperative Learning Teams](#) for additional information on this strategy.

Director/Chair:

Also known as team captain, the director coordinates efforts of the entire team. This person ensures that all team members are doing their jobs. If one team member fails to do their job as requested, the Director/Chair can call a meeting to discuss role reassignment.

Basic Economic Research Coordinator:

Coordinates team research efforts on basic or fundamental economic data about the overall economy, or relevant current events which could effect markets for products of companies whose stock the team owns, or is thinking of buying. This person coordinates the selection, finding and interpretation of the relevant stock market data. Additionally, this person could be in charge of newspaper or research distribution for his/her team.

Technical Economic Research Coordinator:

Coordinates team research on market data on companies whose stock is owned by the team, or is considered for purchase or sale. Data could include highs, lows, and closing prices.

Record Keeper:

Records all team decisions on a worksheet or spreadsheet, at the direction or suggestion of the teacher. This record provides the team backup documentation of all the stock it buys and sells as well as the cost and approximate amount of money remaining in cash. This person might file daily or weekly printouts of some critical portfolio pages or rankings reports, at the direction of the teacher.

Transaction Reporter:

Completes the transaction to carry out the team's investment decisions. This person must open the team's SMG Internet account and submit to the system the stock transaction, or order, under the direction of the entire team. Reports to the team what the actual price was on trades submitted – which may not be known until the following business day.

Chart Maker:

The Chart Maker charts on graph paper or spreadsheet, the daily ups and downs of each stock the team owns, and others they might be thinking of adding to their portfolio.