

TRUE = Yes, the Product Owner is responsible for this thing, or it's true of the role.

FALSE = No, he/she or it isn't.

DEPENDS = It's not really either of the two clearly, depends on situation.

TRUE

PO is the only person allowed to
prioritize the Product Backlog.

TRUE

PO and the Team collaborate to establish best possible plan that accounts for business value, risk, technical challenges, technical opportunities, effort, etc.

TRUE

PO must be able to clearly define the key business criteria for selected work.

TRUE

PO should make sure that they are sufficiently available if the Team has important questions or need for detail during the Sprint.

TRUE

PO, however, is not the only one considering risks in Scrum; the Team and the ScrumMaster partake in risk identification and elimination.

TRUE

PO is responsible for the stakeholder interface, but is not the only person interfacing stakeholders.

TRUE

PO is responsible for balancing the value of the work done against the cost of doing it.

TRUE

PO is responsible for defining and communicating the product vision and key constraints.

TRUE

PO has the final say, though wise
PO's often listen to their Teams
and stakeholders carefully.

TRUE

PO is responsible for longer term planning, including what to release and when. This is continuous activity as things do change over time.

TRUE

However, if the work in the Sprint becomes suddenly worthless, the PO can terminate the Sprint and start a new Sprint with new priorities.

TRUE

The acceptance is formally done in the Sprint Review. It is recommended to inspect the outcomes already during the Sprint, in case small modifications are needed.

TRUE

These two meetings are critical
for the PO.

DEPENDS

Some Teams and PO's find it useful for the PO to be present.

DEPENDS

Sometimes short-term interest, with interest paid on fixing it later, yields higher total business value.

Normally, avoid cutting quality like poison.

DEPENDS

Sometimes there are topics, which require PO to be present. And some teams like to have PO's in all retrospectives, but this isn't standard across all Scrum Teams.

DEPENDS

While sitting in the same room can be very valuable, often it is necessary for other reasons to sit in different locations. Just make sure that communication works well.

DEPENDS

This is primarily the ScrumMaster's responsibility, but PO can be an effective protector to support SM.

FALSE

The Team manages its own work.

FALSE

Much of PO's time is spent with the various stakeholders (customers, users, management, other PO's, etc.) to understand their needs and priorities.

FALSE

Only the Team can provide effort estimates. If the PO doesn't agree or understand, they should ask the team for clarification.

FALSE

Usually anyone can submit new backlog items, but they can't prioritize them.

FALSE

The ScrumMaster is often the person who facilitates the Scrum meetings, although it could be anyone.

FALSE

Requirements, especially at implementation detail, often come through direct communication between stakeholders and the Team, but within agreed scope.

FALSE

Scrum is silent on practices like reporting. Scrum talks about the need to communicate with stakeholders, but doesn't specify how (outside Sprint Review).

FALSE

The Team should be solely responsible for the “How”, within organizational guidelines and other external constraints.

FALSE

The PO only assigns priority of work. The team selects how much can be achieved. Both collaborate to maximize value delivery.

FALSE

PO doesn't have to write all requirements; only ensure that they are aligned with the desired business goals.

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