

# Azimuth Check Questions

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Land Navigation is a fundamental skill for a Special Operations warrior. This includes learning to read a map and compass to determine where he is, where he needs to go, and the best direction for getting there. After plotting a path to the target, the navigation begins. While on the journey, the warrior will occasionally take out his compass and conduct an Azimuth Check to ensure he is still heading on the correct bearing towards his target.

These same principles apply to a coach leading a team. The questions below are similar to an Azimuth check that will measure your team's current position in relation to your pre-season goals. Your answers to these questions will allow you to be intentional about any adjustments you need to make to ensure you are heading in the right direction. This simple practice will keep you on your pathway towards your desired destination.

1. Where are you experiencing unanticipated success?
  - How can we exploit this strength further?
  - Will teams be able to counter this success in the second half of the season? How?
2. Where have you failed to meet expectations?
  - Is it due to an unforeseen circumstance (injury)?
  - Is it due to underperforming personnel (coach or player)?
  - What resources can be applied to correct this area of weakness?
3. Players typically fall into one of three categories. They need to be challenged, corrected, or encouraged. What do each of your players need at this point of the season? Take time to deliver the required message.
4. If everything remained the same, what is one change we should make that will have the greatest impact on the rest of the season?