

## Tech Challenge Guide 2016

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### Props

The running crew sets up the scenery and props for each scene. If a set piece or prop is missing or incorrectly placed, it can ruin an entire production. The running crew often has a very short amount of time to work.

#### Tech Challenge Event: Strike and set

*Pair event*

*One pair per team*

In this challenge, each team will have to change the set quickly and efficiently. This is a quick change from a lunch setting to an office setting. The onstage table should be set for the lunch scene (tablecloth, plates, cups, utensils, etc.) The offstage table should be set up for the office scene with typewriter, mug, pencils, etc. on their marks. Each team must provide one pair of students to compete in this event that will change the lunch table set-up to the office table set-up, and then reset back to the lunch set-up.

The maximum time allotted for this event is **three minutes**. For a video demonstration of a similar but not identical event, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYNB5ymSRA8>.

#### Rules

1. Participants must not drop props or place them in pockets.
2. Participants must move quietly and efficiently.
3. Participants must not rough handle or be careless with props.
4. Participants must place tablecloth straight with no corners flipped and in the proper orientation, US/DS.
5. Participant must place items correctly and right side up.
6. Follow the sequence and additional instructions below.

#### Required sequence

1. Review table setting diagrams before starting event
2. Leave the start line.
3. Clear the on-stage table—all items including the tablecloth.
4. Place props on the pre-set marks on the off-stage table.
5. The office setting props should be taken from the off-stage table and moved to the correct spike marks that are already on the on-stage table.
6. Reset from Act II setting to the Act I setting
7. Once set, the contestants run to the finish line.

#### Penalties: Strike and set

Add the following time for:

Dropped prop	10 seconds each
Prop(s) put in pocket	5 seconds
Noisily handling props	5 seconds
Carelessly handling props	5 seconds
Placing any item in the mouth	5 seconds
Excessive noise on/off-stage	5 seconds
Wrong prop placed on table	5 seconds per item
Improper position, missed mark on set table	5 seconds per item
Tablecloth not set in proper orientation-US/DS	3 seconds
Tablecloth not straight on set table, corners flipped	5 seconds
Silverware upside down or turned around	3 second per item
Failure to follow the sequence	5 seconds
Blatant disregard for the rules	disqualified