

OPERATING RHYTHM

Install the Cadence That Runs Without You

A map of who owns what is just a picture until there is a rhythm behind it. The rhythm is what keeps the system alive when you step back.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Most founders build the org chart and the SOPs, then stay the glue that holds it together. The Operating Rhythm is what replaces you as the glue: a fixed cadence of short meetings where the team surfaces problems, owns numbers, and makes decisions without waiting for you. No rhythm, no system, just you.

SETUP

Field	Your answer
Team / Department	
Prepared By	
Date	



1. DESIGN YOUR RHYTHM · FILL IN EACH LAYER

Cadence	Purpose	Who	Length	Owner (not you)
Daily Huddle	Blockers and today's priority. Stand up, 15 minutes.	Team	15 min	
Weekly Pulse	Scorecard review, issues solved, owners accountable.	Leads	60 min	
Monthly Review	Numbers vs. plan, trends, one improvement.	Leadership	90 min	
Quarterly Planning	Reset the three priorities for the next 90 days.	Leadership	Half day	

2. GIVE EACH MEETING A JOB · A MEETING WITH NO DECISION IS THEATER

Meeting	The 3 questions it must answer every time
<i>Weekly Pulse</i>	<i>Are we on our numbers? What is stuck? Who owns the fix by when?</i>



THE PART MOST FOUNDERS SKIP

Rhythms die when they become status theater: everyone reports, nobody decides, and you are still the one unsticking things afterward. A rhythm earns its place only when every meeting ends with a decision and a named owner with a date. If you are still the one solving the issues in the room, you have not installed a rhythm, you have scheduled your own bottleneck.

3. MAKE IT REAL

The one meeting my business is missing right now

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Who owns running the Weekly Pulse instead of me

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The first decision I will let the team make without me

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NEXT

Pick the one cadence you are missing and put it on the calendar as a recurring hold this week.

Want help installing an operating rhythm your team actually runs? Scan the code or visit freedomsystems.biz to book a 30-minute diagnostic.

