

IPRO 360 Ethics Code

The team members are going to relate to each other in a manner that is fair, equitable and honest by following the chain of command and the golden rule. The chain of command is three steps that deal with conflict resolution. The first step is to resolve the problem within the subgroup. If that does not solve the problem, the second step is to ask other members in the IPRO for advice and solutions. If the conflict still exists, the final step is to contact the IPRO instructors.

The golden rule is “do unto other as you would have them do unto you.” If you want to be treated in a manner that is honest, fair and equitable, you would treat someone else the same way. If everyone in the IPRO follows this rule, then the whole IPRO group would be just. Also, if a conflict arises, try to think about the situation in the other person’s shoes. That might help with the conflict resolution and keep the chain of command in the first step.

The ethical issues embedded in this particular IPRO are being non-biased, time vs. quality, and competition with the other group. We have to be non-biased when exploring different schemes and materials of the building. If the team favored one option over another, the data could be skewed so that the owner chooses that alternative. This should be avoided and all viable options should be presented equally.

The same ideas should be considered with speed vs. quality. We have a deadline to design and estimate the price of the building. However, we should not cut corners just to meet the deadlines. The quality of the work should be maintained at a high level, and we should be proud of our work.

Finally, we are in a competition with another IPRO group. We have ethical decision regarding sharing our information with them. We shouldn’t give the other group all the information we’ve obtained ourselves, however, we should not hold out on crucial information.

For example, if we found out that the site is not suitable for a certain type of material, which would make the building unsafe; we should inform the other group.