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AI for Sales Productivity Playbook (Scoring, Forecasting, Coaching)

A rollout method for AI-driven lead scoring, forecast accuracy, and rep coaching that reps actually trust and use in their daily workflow.

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Overview

Deploy AI lead scoring, forecasting, and coaching tools with a trust-building rollout method that gets reps using model output instead of overriding it by habit.

Which of the three tools — scoring, forecasting, or coaching — should we pilot first?

Whichever has the strongest existing data foundation, usually deal/lead scoring since it draws most directly on CRM history already in good shape. A clean backtest is what makes the trust-build presentation credible, so data readiness should drive the sequencing decision more than perceived business priority.

How do we stop AI call coaching from feeling like surveillance?

Frame it explicitly and repeatedly as an enablement tool, keep it out of performance-review and disciplinary contexts especially in the early rollout period, and have managers use it actively and visibly in coaching conversations rather than only reviewing it after a deal is lost — the first punitive use of the tool is usually what kills engagement for the whole team.

What if the AI forecast is less accurate than the manual forecast in our backtest?

Present that result honestly too — it's useful information about where the model needs more data or where manual judgment genuinely adds value, and a transparent backtest builds more long-term credibility than only rolling out tools that already look good on paper.

How long does it typically take before reps stop overriding the AI score by default?

Most pilots see a meaningful shift in override rate within 6-8 weeks, driven less by the passage of time and more by the midpoint review session where overrides are shown to have been right or wrong against actual outcomes — that specific feedback moment is what changes behavior, not just exposure to the tool.

Should this rollout be mandated top-down or run as a voluntary pilot first?

Start voluntary with one willing team. A mandate issued before any internal evidence exists tends to produce compliance without real adoption — reps technically use the tool while still trusting their own judgment more, which shows up later as a stalled override rate that never improves.

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