Data Champion Guide ("Do/Don't" & RACI)

Data Champion Role

"Internal Audit as Data Champions: Support governance, lead risk data interpretation, and define data quality tests. Not Data Stewards or Owners (independence preserved)."

DO:
- Define data quality tests with owners
- Validate controls and evidence
- Assess data lineage and access
- Coordinate with IT/Data/Business
- Document impact of data issues on audit scope

DON'T:
- Own or remediate operational data
- Run production data pipelines
- Accept stewardship accountability
- Bypass privacy/compliance gates

RACI Matrix

Activity	Internal Audit	IT/Data	Business	Compliance /Privacy
Define Data Quality Tests	A/R	C	C	C
Validate Controls/Evidence	R	C	C	C
Escalate Issues	R	A	C	C
Own Operational Data	C	A	C	C
Use Data for Decisions	C	C	A	C

Legend: A = Accountable; R = Responsible; C = Consulted

Top 5 Data Quality Tests

Dimension	Example Test
Completeness	Record count matches source
Accuracy	Key totals/checksums align
Timeliness	Data lag ≤ 24 hours
Consistency	Field formats match across sources
Access	No privileged access without approval

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