

Stacked Deck

Objective: To introduce basic concept of organizing to be better prepared.

Group Size: Any size

Materials:

- Three decks of cards
 - One sequenced in order
 - One shuffled
 - One shuffled for the facilitator (the bigger the cards, the better)

Description:

Ask for three volunteers to come forward.

Give one participant the sequenced deck of cards without telling him/her they are sequenced.

Give one participant the shuffled deck of cards without telling him/her they are shuffled.

Ask the third participant to be the one to pull cards from the facilitator's deck when asked.

The facilitator holds up his/her deck of cards.

“This volunteer will pick a card and hold up for you to see. Your job is to find it in your deck and remove it from the deck. Then another card will be picked for you to see, and you will do the same. This will continue and increase in speed.”

Try this for 15-30 seconds.

Have each participant see how many cards he/she correctly pulled from the deck.

Discussion Prompts:

1. What contributed to your success or frustrations? Why?
2. Are knowing and using consistent methods better for locating things?
3. How does this relate to your being a local officer in your CTSO?
4. How does this relate to your being in a competitive event in your CTSO? (Some events require you bring your own tools or equipment or presentation. It is better to have them organized so you may find them when you need them.)
5. Even if you are provided the tools and supplies, it is a good idea to familiarize yourself with where everything is located so you can complete the task efficiently.
6. How does this relate to Career Success?

Variation:

Divide the group into two even teams.

If there is an extra person, have that one be the one to read the script.

Give each team an identical deck of cards and the same type of box.

Give each team 5 minutes to plan how they want to organize their cards in their box.

Then place each box at the end of the room.

Using a relay system so members take turns, read this script:

Find the 7 of hearts and bring it back here.

Find the 9 of clubs and bring it back here.

Find the king of spades and bring it back here.

Find the ace of spades and bring it back here.

Take the 9 of clubs back to the box.

Find the ace of hearts and bring it back here.

Find the queen of diamonds and bring it back here.

Take the 7 of hearts, the king of spades, and the ace of hearts back to the box.

Find the 8 of diamonds and the 2 of clubs and bring them back here.

Find the 10 of spades and the 3 of hearts and bring them back here.

Take the queen of diamonds and the ace of spades back to the box.

Find the 2 of diamonds, the 2 of hearts, and the 2 of spades and bring them back here.

Find the 9 of hearts, the 10 of diamonds, the jack of spades, and the queen of clubs and bring them back here.

Find the 4 of diamonds, the 6 of hearts, the 6 of diamonds, and bring them back here.

Take the 2 of diamonds, the 4 of diamonds, the 6 of diamonds, and the queen of clubs back to the box.

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