

Using Games to Illustrate and Discuss Organizational Focus

Flying Egg

Supplies Needed

Flip Chart paper (2 sheets per team)

Tape

Scissors

Markers

Eggs (raw; 1 per team)

Pens/Pencils

Point of the Game

Build a device to transport the egg pilot safely from a high point (2,5 m or more) to the ground.

Rules

Time limit 45-60 minutes

Use only the provided supplies

Everyone on the team must be involved in some way

Device must fly/fall freely (i.e., no “elevator” constructions to lower it down)

Competition Procedure

Explain Rules

Time for teams to prepare/construct

Judges examine the devices

Each team presents its device and sends the egg down

Judges score

Winner announced

Scoring

Technical

Artistic/aesthetic

Presentation

Function

Survivability

Debriefing

Reflect back over the hour and notice how the different people were involved in the process. Ask people to share what they were thinking and/or feeling at specific points in time. Ask what their attitudes were toward specific tasks/elements of the competition.

Judges may want to take some notes (real or mental) as they observe the teams to help facilitate the debriefing.

Sample Generalizations: Red people just start working on something... anything! Blue and yellow will “move slowly” in an attempt to think it through or make sure all the stuff is working properly. Greens will be the ones who come up with the cool sale/presentation.

A Boat that Floats

Supplies Needed

Each team receives a small bag with 8-10 random items inside, such as:

Aluminum Foil

Piece(s) of Paper

a few Straws

Stick of gum

toothpicks

a balloon or two

a cork or two

small "yogurt container" or plastic cup(s)

Point of the Game

Build a boat that floats on water

(Can also add conditions like "carrying a doll" or something like that)

Rules

Time limit 10-45 minutes

Use only provided supplies

Everyone involved

Competition Procedure

Explain Rules

Time for teams to prepare/construct

Judges examine the boats

Each team presents its boat and launches it

Judges score

Winner announced

Scoring

Technical

Artistic/aesthetic

Presentation

Function

Debriefing

Same as above