## EVENT 2: TOWER OF CARDS

(Modified 2/6/2021)

**OBJECTIVE:** To construct the tallest freestanding tower of playing cards using the fewest number of cards.

RULES:

1. Each team will use one box of standard size Bicycle brand playing cards, dimensions approximately 63mm x 88mm, 2.5" x 3.5", or comparable brand, to build their tower.
2. The tower may only be constructed of playing cards and must be freestanding.
3. The cards may be folded but not cut or ripped.
4. No tools or forms may be used while constructing the tower.
5. The team will construct their tower so that the judges and spectators can view the construction and measuring process virtually using zoom meeting.

COMPETITION AND SCORING:

1. The team will have up to twenty (20) minutes to build their tower.
2. Only one team member may build the tower. No assistance from other team members other than verbal communication, either in-person or virtually, is allowed. Teams that meet in-person must socially distance and wear facemask.
3. The team will count the number of cards used to construct their tower and report this number to the judge(s)
4. Once the team has completed their tower they will notify the judge(s).
5. To determine height of the tower, the number of cards from the base of the tower to the tower’s highest point will be remotely counted by the judge(s). This number will by multiplied by the length of one card. Vertical positioned cards will be differentiated from horizontally placed cards and measured accordingly. Flat positioned cards will not count towards the height of the tower.
6. Tie breaker: In case of a tied score (as outlined below), the team whose officially entered tower uses the fewest cards (including flat positioned cards) wins, (i.e., two towers each of 60 centimeters, the tower using the fewest cards wins).

SCORE: The winning score will be calculated as follows. The score for the height of the team’s officially entered tower will be multiplied by 50%. The score for each of the two required video recorded towers will be determined by multiplying the recorded tower’s height by 25%. The three scores will be added together to calculate the team’s total score for this event. Only video recorded towers that fit the rules and the applicable competition and scoring guidelines are eligible to be entered into the competition.

*Updates to the rules and frequently asked questions with answers will be posted on the NJAAPT Wild Apricot website. It is the team’s responsibility to keep team members updated about changes and clarifications to the rules.*