

# BE DECISIVE

Effective decision-making is a key skill, especially when planning events where time is limited and many factors must be considered. Leaders often need to make tough calls quickly and confidently, like deciding whether to move an outdoor event indoors due to bad weather or selecting a vendor based on value and quality. By practicing decision-making, participants learn how to evaluate options, take action, and make confident choices, rather than overthinking or waiting for the “perfect” solution.



**Conversation Starter:** Do you consider yourself a bit of a perfectionist? Or do you fly by the seat of your pants?

## FAST CARD GAMES

### KEY OBJECTIVES

- Understand the importance of making quick, confident decisions and moving forward without hesitation.

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A set of Anomia Cards or Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza Cards (both games require fast thinking and quick decision-making).

### Introduce the Game

- Explain the rules of Anomia or Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza to the group. These games require players to make decisions quickly, without hesitation, and react fast to win.
  - Anomia: Players take turns flipping cards. When the symbols on two players' cards match, they must quickly call out the word associated with the symbol. The first player to call out correctly wins the round.
  - Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza: Players take turns saying the words “taco,” “cat,” “goat,” “cheese,” and “pizza” while flipping cards. When a spoken word matches the card, the first player to slap the pile wins the round.

### Play the Game

- Split participants into smaller groups of 5–6 people or play with the whole group depending on the number of participants.
- Play until everyone has plenty of opportunities to practice making quick decisions without hesitation.

### FACILITATION TIPS

- For teams that are new to fast decision-making, guide them through an initial round of the game by giving them simple prompts to encourage quick choices.
- Model Decision-Making. Show participants how to make choices confidently, even when not all the information is available.



## REFLECTION

- What happened when you hesitated during the game? How did it affect the outcome?
- Why is it important to decide quickly instead of getting stuck in overthinking?

## APPLICATION

- How can quick, decisive decision-making help avoid delays in event planning?
- What are the consequences of waiting for the "perfect" decision instead of going with a good, workable solution?
- Why do we hesitate when making decisions, and how does hesitation affect a team's success?
- Dive Deeper: What's the difference between a quick decision and a rushed one? How can we make sure we're making smart choices without overthinking?

## CHECK UNDERSTANDING

Were participants able to identify the importance of making quick, confident decisions and moving forward?

- **KEY TAKEAWAY:** In event planning and leadership, there's no time for hesitation or second-guessing. Teams must commit to decisions quickly and confidently, knowing that waiting for the "perfect" solution can lead to missed opportunities. Taking action—even when a decision isn't perfect—leads to progress and success.

