

## **PEN GAME**

**Learning Objective:** This game will help the participants appreciate the importance of the role of citizens.

**Material Required:** 2 pens

### **Instructions:**

1. Start the game without giving proper detailed instructions.
2. Ask all the participants to be divided into two lines, this should be done in a quick and rough manner. It helps in the game if both lines are not equal.
3. A pen should be handed over to the first participant of each line.
4. Announce that both the lines should try to bring the pen back (to the first participant) first.
5. Give a pen to one person and ask them to start the game by passing the pen to the next person in the line.
6. While the pen is being passed, announce that the passer has broken a rule, and say what the rule was.
7. It can be any arbitrary thing. Arbitrary rules can be like- passing the pen with the left hand, passing the pen with the tip forward, passing the pen with the cap off, passing the pen while jumping and saying 'Bam!', and passing the pen with their legs crossed.
8. Every so often, announce another arbitrary rule; continue the game for some time till participants get a bit irritated and start raising their voices against these rules. Finally, let the pen pass and return to the participant who started the game.
9. Facilitator should announce the losing team as the winner saying that they like the height of a participant/participants, or there are more participants wearing specs because of weak eyesight (on the basis of something which is totally unconnected to the pen game).
10. Ask the participants: Hope you enjoyed the game, are both the parties of the game happy with the result? And take responses from the losing team who actually is a winner if they have issues.
11. List down all the problems on the basis of the responses.

**Note-** Responses may be - facilitator was unfair, rules were changing, and the wrong party won the game as the facilitator was acting in an arbitrary manner

12. Ask: What could have been done to ensure fair play? Make a list of all the responses

**Note-** Responses may be - Rules should have been clear-written- we should have been told about all the rules in the beginning, the winning and losing should have been based on merits rather than on arbitrary things.

13. Conclude the discussion with the following points given in key messages.

**Key Messages:**

1. Citizens have an important role to play.
2. If you feel violated you should take a stand. Those who are getting benefits may not understand your situation.
3. Rules/Laws should be just, fair and in accordance with constitutional values and rights.
4. Laws/rules should be written.