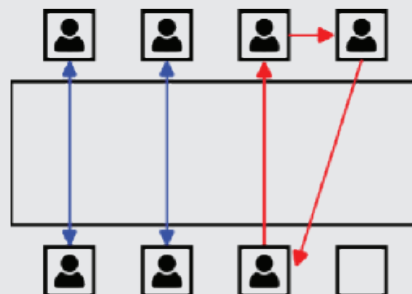


Sealed Deck Verification Process

This document uses bold type to highlight key terms or concepts. The definitions will be provided in the Definitions Key below, and all subsequent appearances will be in bold for easy identification.

Definitions Key:

- **Set Checklist:** The Set Checklist is a complete list of cards that appear in each expansion.
- **Process Overview Guide:** A guide for players to complete the Sealed Deck Verification Process.
- **Sealed Deck Supply Bag:** A bag that contains a **Set Checklist**, a **Process Overview Guide**, a pen, and six booster packs.
- **Card Pool:** Refers to the set of cards available for a player to use in a specific format or event.
- **Verification:** The process of confirming **that** a player's card pool accurately accounts for all cards opened in a sealed deck or picked in a booster draft.
- **Registration:** The process by which players list each card used in their deck on the Set Checklist.
- **Limited:** Limited formats have players create their deck for the event from a limited pool of cards provided by the Tournament Organizer in the form of sealed products.
- **Triangle Pass:** The process by which a Judge instructs three players to pass a pool of cards, allowing each person to verify someone else's card pool. In the example image below, the blue lines represent a standard pass between two players, while the red lines indicate a Triangle Pass between three players.



The *Sealed Deck Verification Process* serves to protect the competitive integrity of **limited** events. Through this process, participants will verify another player's **card pool** to ensure the validity of each card opened in the event. The *Sealed Deck Verification Process* is to be used at all competitive and master tier events. For more information about the different tiers of play please see the *Comprehensive Event Guide*.

To complete the *Sealed Deck Verification Process*, each player must have the following items: a **Set Checklist**, a **Process Overview Guide**, a pen, and six booster packs.

It is highly recommended that the tournament organizer and event staff work together to create a **Sealed Deck Supply Bag** that contains all the necessary components for each participant. This will help expedite the distribution process and minimize the likelihood of players missing any items.

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At the start of this process, the judge should announce that each player should have nothing on the table. Additionally, a player must call for a judge if they need to retrieve any items from their personal bag at any time during this process.

Once all tournament announcements are complete, staff should distribute the sealed product and instruct that no one opens any product until they are instructed to do so.

At this time, the head judge should ask all participants to retrieve the **Process Overview Guide** provided to them. The head judge should briefly walk through the Sealed Deck Verification Process steps and remind participants not to move through these steps until instructed to do so by a judge. The allotted time for this process is 60 minutes, but time extensions are allowed at the judge's discretion.

Sealed Deck Verification Process (detailed breakdown)

1. Opening and Observation: 4 minutes

Note: [While players may feel tempted to review each card in detail during this step, it's important to refrain from doing so, as there will be an opportunity to analyze the cards for deck construction in a later step.]

Each player at the table should retrieve the six booster packs assigned to them. They will open one booster pack at a time, counting each card as they go and spot checking for any irregularities or missing cards. If any problems are noticed, players should immediately call for a judge. The judge will determine the appropriate remedy, which typically involves replacing the pack, or, in rare cases, providing a tournament proxy.

The players opposite them will observe the booster opening process to ensure that each pack is intact and contains the expected number of cards. If a player does not have someone across from them to observe this process, they should call a Judge for assistance. The judge can observe the opening themselves or instruct another player at the table to observe two players opening their packs.

This procedure will be repeated for the remaining players on the opposite side of the table. Once all packs have been opened, all cards should be returned to the **Sealed Deck Supply Bag**. If a supply bag is unavailable for any reason, players must ensure the integrity of the card pool by carefully wrapping it using the **Set Checklist** provided.



Sealed Deck Verification Process (detailed breakdown – CONT.)

2. Passing: 30 seconds

Once everyone has finished the opening and observation step, each player should pass their **card pool** to the player sitting directly opposite them at the table. If a player has no one to pass to, they should call a judge for assistance with a **Triangle Pass**. A judge will provide instructions to players to ensure that each player verifies another player's card pool.

3. Verification: 20 minutes

First, each player verifying the **card pool** MUST fill in their first and last name in the verification portion of the **Set Checklist**. After completing this, players count the cards in the **card pool** to confirm there are 96 cards present.

Sort and organize the pile of cards by aspect (color) and then alphabetically to align with the layout of the **Set Checklist**. Using this checklist, each player will verify the contents of the **card pool** in front of them by recording the total quantity of each card in the Total column. The total amount must be recorded as a numerical value, not with hash marks or any other method.

When calculating the total number of a specific card, do not differentiate based on the card's treatment. For example, if the **card pool** contains three copies of a card—one standard version and two alternative treatments such as foil or hyperspace—these should all be recorded in the Total column of the **Set Checklist** as three copies of the same card.

Once finished, each player should return all components to the **Sealed Deck Supply Bag**. If a supply bag is unavailable for any reason, players must ensure the integrity of the **card pool** by carefully wrapping it using the **Set Checklist** provided.

[Judge Note: Be mindful of individuals who might struggle during this step; it is common for players, especially children, to be unfamiliar with sorting a **card pool**.]

4. Passing: 30 seconds

Once the **Verification** step is complete, each player should pass the **card pool** to the player sitting directly opposite them at the table. If a player participated in a **Triangle Pass**, please call a judge for assistance to ensure each player receives the correct **card pool** back. After passing, each player should have the original **card pool** they opened in front of them. Players SHOULD NOT START deck building until they are instructed to do so.

Sealed Deck Verification Process (detailed breakdown – CONT.)

5. Confirmation: 5 minutes

Once all players have received their original **card pool** back, they should promptly verify it against the **Set Checklist** to ensure there are no errors from the **verification process**. If any discrepancies are found, players should not attempt to make corrections on their own. Instead, they should call a judge for assistance. The judge can help address any mistakes made during the verification step by confirming with the verifier that an authentic error occurred. All corrections should be made solely by the judge, who must initial each correction on the **Set Checklist**.

6. Deck Building & Registration: 30 minutes

Once the Confirmation step is complete, each player MUST enter their first and last name in the "Player Information" section of the **Set Checklist**. Next, players should construct their decks according to the deck construction rules for limited play outlined in the Comprehensive Event Guide. Once their decks are complete, each player must record the deck contents in the Played column of the **Set Checklist**. Each player is responsible for marking each card they play in their deck, as well as indicating which leader and base they have chosen for their deck.