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U.S. APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 79231747

MARK: EXATHLON BRASIL WORLD'S MOST

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This is a **PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL** of the request for extension of protection of the mark in the above-referenced U.S. application. See 15 U.S.C. §1141h(c). See below in this notification (hereafter "Office action") for details regarding the provisional full refusal.

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issues below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

**SUMMARY OF ISSUES:**

- Clarification of Identification of Goods and Services
- English Translation Required
- Disclaimer Required
- Explanation of Mark's Significance Required
- Color Claim and Mark Description Required
- Issue Regarding Applicant's Entity Type

**SEARCH OF OFFICE'S DATABASE OF MARKS**

The trademark examining attorney has searched the Office's database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). TMEP §704.02; see 15 U.S.C. §1052(d).

**CLARIFICATION OF IDENTIFICATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES**

In Class 25, the wording "Clothing, including underwear and outer clothing, other than special purpose protective clothing" in the identification of goods is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate specific types of clothing. See 37 C.F.R. §2.32(a)(6); TMEP §1402.01. The wording "mufflers [clothing]" is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that the goods are neck scarves and to remove the brackets. The wording "headgear, hats, caps with visors, berets, caps [headwear], skull caps" is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate specific types of headgear.

In Class 28, the wording "Games and toys" is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate specific goods. The wording "game apparatus and machines for use with an external display screen and monitor, including those coin-operated" is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that electronic game apparatus are produced. The wording "toys for animals" is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that pet toys are produced. The wording "toys for outdoor playgrounds, parks and game parks" is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate specific goods. The wording "gymnastic and sporting articles not included in other classes" is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate specific goods. The wording "rattles (playthings), novelties for parties, dances (party favors), paper party hats" is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that baby rattles, noise makers, and small toys are produced.

In Class 35, the wording “Advertising, marketing and public relations” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that services are provided. The wording “design for advertising” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that advertising materials are designed. The wording “office functions” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that services are provided. The wording “business management, business administration and business consultancy” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that business administration services are provided. The wording “accounting” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that services are provided. The wording “the bringing together, for the benefit of others, of a variety of goods enabling customers to conveniently view and purchase those goods, such services may be provided by retail stores, wholesale outlets, by means of electronic media or through mail order catalogues” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate the field.

In Class 38, the wording “telecommunication services” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate specific services. The wording “news agencies” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that transmission services are provided.

In Class 41, the wording “Education and training” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate specific services. The wording “arranging and conducting of conferences, congresses and seminars” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate that the services are educational. The wording “sporting and cultural activities” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate specific services. The wording “entertainment” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate specific services. The wording “electronic publication services” is indefinite and must be clarified to indicate specific publication services.

The identification of goods and services contains parentheses and brackets. Generally, applicants should *not* use parentheses and brackets in identifications in their applications so as to avoid confusion with the USPTO’s practice of using parentheses and brackets in registrations to indicate goods and services that have been deleted from registrations or in an affidavit of incontestability to indicate goods and services not claimed. *See* TMEP §1402.12. The only exception is that parenthetical information is permitted in identifications in an application if it serves to explain or translate the matter immediately preceding the parenthetical phrase in such a way that it does not affect the clarity or scope of the identification, e.g., “fried tofu pieces (abura-age).” *Id.* Therefore, applicant must remove the parentheses and brackets from the identification and incorporate any parenthetical or bracketed information into the description of the goods and services.

Applicant may adopt the following identification of goods and services, if accurate:

Class 25: “Clothing, including underwear and outerclothing, other than special purpose protective clothing, **namely, {specify, e.g., shirts, pants, dresses};** socks, **clothing being** mufflers **as neck scarves**, shawls, bandanas, scarves, **clothing being** belts, footwear, shoes, slippers, sandals; **headwear, namely**, hats, caps with visors, berets, caps, skull caps.”

Class 28: “Games and toys, **namely, {specify, e.g., board games, card games, action figure toys};** arcade video game machines; **electronic** game apparatus and machines for use with an external display screen and monitor, including those coin-operated; toys for animals, **namely, pet toys**; toys for outdoor playgrounds, parks and game parks, **namely, {specify, e.g., playground slides, sports balls};** gymnastic and sporting articles not included in other classes, **namely, {specify, e.g., gymnastic parallel bars, spring boards};** fishing tackle, artificial fishing bait, decoys for hunting and fishing; Christmas trees of artificial material, ornaments for Christmas trees, artificial snow for Christmas trees; **playthings, namely, baby rattles, novelties for parties being noisemakers, party favors in the nature of small toys being dances, paper party hats.**”

Class 35: “Advertising **services**, marketing **services** and public relations; organization of exhibitions and trade fairs for commercial or advertising purposes; design for advertising **materials**; provision of an online marketplace for buyers and sellers of goods and services; **providing** office functions; secretarial services; arranging newspaper subscriptions for others, compilation of statistics; rental of office machines; systemization of information into computer databases; telephone answering for unavailable subscribers; business management, business administration **services** and business consultancy; accounting **services**; commercial consultancy services; personnel recruitment, personnel placement, employment agencies, import-export agencies; temporary personnel placement services; auctioneering, the bringing together, for the benefit of others, of a variety of goods enabling customers to conveniently view and purchase those goods **in the field of {specify field, e.g., clothing}** provided by retail stores, wholesale outlets, by means of electronic media or through mail order catalogues.”

Class 38: “Radio and television broadcasting services; telecommunication services, **namely, {specify, e.g., telecommunications access services, wireless telephone services, etc.};** providing access to Internet; news agencies, **namely, the transmission of news items to news reporting organizations.**”

Class 41: “Education and training **services, namely, conducting classes and training in the fields of {specify subject matter};** arranging and conducting of **educational** conferences, congresses and seminars; sporting and cultural activities, **namely, {specify, e.g., basketball camps, organizing soccer games, art exhibitions, etc.};** entertainment **services, namely, {specify, e.g., cheerleading, storytelling, soccer games, etc.};** ticket reservation and booking services for entertainment, sporting and cultural events, including ticket reservation and booking services for theatres, cinemas, museums and concerts; publication and editing of printed matter, including magazines, books, newspapers, other than publicity texts; electronic publication services, **namely, electronic publication of {specify e.g., periodicals, magazines, books, etc.};** production of movie films, radio and television programmes; news reporters services; photographic reporting services; photography; translation.”

Applicant may amend the identification to clarify or limit the goods and services, but not to broaden or expand the goods and services beyond those in the original application or as acceptably amended. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.71(a); TMEP §1402.06. Generally, any deleted goods and services may not later be reinserted. *See* TMEP §1402.07(e). Additionally, for applications filed under Trademark Act Section 66(a), the scope of the identification for purposes of permissible amendments is limited by the international class assigned by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (International Bureau); and the classification of goods and services may not be changed from that assigned by the International Bureau. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §§1401.03(d), 1904.02(b). Further, in a multiple-class Section 66(a) application, classes may not be added or goods and services transferred from one existing class to another. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §1401.03(d).

In a Trademark Act Section 66(a) application, classification of goods and services may not be changed from that assigned by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §§1401.03(d), 1904.02(b). Additionally, classes may not be added or goods and services transferred from one class to another in a multiple-class Section 66(a) application. 37 C.F.R. §2.85(d); TMEP §1401.03(d).

For assistance with identifying and classifying goods and services in trademark applications, please see the USPTO's online searchable [U.S. Acceptable Identification of Goods and Services Manual](#). See TMEP §1402.04.

## ENGLISH TRANSLATION REQUIRED

Applicant must submit an English translation of all foreign wording in the mark. 37 C.F.R. §§2.32(a)(9), 2.61(b); see TMEP §809. In the present case, the wording "BRASIL" requires translation.

The following translation statement is suggested:

**The English translation of the word "BRASIL" in the mark is "BRAZIL".**

TMEP §809.03. See attached translation evidence.

## DISCLAIMER REQUIRED

Applicant must disclaim the wording "BRASIL" and "PERFORMANCE GAME" because it merely describes features of applicant's goods and services, and thus is an unregistrable component of the mark. See 15 U.S.C. §§1052(e)(1), 1056(a); *DuoProSS Meditech Corp. v. Inviro Med. Devices, Ltd.*, 695 F.3d 1247, 1251, 103 USPQ2d 1753, 1755 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (quoting *In re Oppedahl & Larson LLP*, 373 F.3d 1171, 1173, 71 USPQ2d 1370, 1371 (Fed. Cir. 2004)); TMEP §§1213, 1213.03(a).

Non-English wording that is merely descriptive, deceptively misdescriptive, geographically descriptive, generic, or informational in connection with the identified goods and/or services, is an unregistrable component of the mark that is subject to disclaimer. TMEP §§1213.03(a), 1213.08(d); see *Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. v. Overseas Fin. & Trading Co.*, 112 USPQ 6, 8 (Comm'r Pats. 1956). The disclaimer must refer to the actual non-English wording that appears in the mark, not the English translation of that wording. TMEP §1213.08(d).

The attached evidence from wordreference.com shows that BRASIL means BRAZIL in Portuguese. The attached evidence from Columbia Gazetteer of the World shows that Brazil is the largest country in South America. Thus, this wording is merely descriptive of a feature of applicant's goods and services, namely, that they are produced and/or provided in Brazil.

The attached evidence from Merriam-Webster defines "performance" as "the execution of an action" and "game" as "a physical or mental competition conducted according to rules with the participants in direct opposition to each other." Thus, the wording "performance game" merely describes a feature of applicant's goods and services, namely, that applicant provides competitions where competitors must execute specific actions.

An applicant may not claim exclusive rights to terms that others may need to use to describe their goods and services in the marketplace. See *Dena Corp. v. Belvedere Int'l, Inc.*, 950 F.2d 1555, 1560, 21 USPQ2d 1047, 1051 (Fed. Cir. 1991); *In re Aug. Storck KG*, 218 USPQ 823, 825 (TTAB 1983). A disclaimer of unregistrable matter does not affect the appearance of the mark; that is, a disclaimer does not physically remove the disclaimed matter from the mark. See *Schwarzkopf v. John H. Breck, Inc.*, 340 F.2d 978, 978, 144 USPQ 433, 433 (C.C.P.A. 1965); TMEP §1213.

If applicant does not provide the required disclaimer, the USPTO may refuse to register the entire mark. See *In re Stereotaxis Inc.*, 429 F.3d 1039, 1040-41, 77 USPQ2d 1087, 1088-89 (Fed. Cir. 2005); TMEP §1213.01(b).

Applicant should submit a disclaimer in the following standardized format:

**No claim is made to the exclusive right to use "BRASIL" and "PERFORMANCE GAME" apart from the mark as shown.**

For an overview of disclaimers and instructions on how to satisfy this disclaimer requirement online using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) form, please go to <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/law/disclaimer.jsp>.

## EXPLANATION OF MARK'S SIGNIFICANCE REQUIRED

To permit proper examination of the application, applicant must explain whether the wording in the mark "EXATHLON" has any significance in the trade or industry or as applied to applicant's goods and services, or if such wording is a "term of art" within applicant's industry. See 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b); TMEP §814.

Applicant must also provide a written statement specifying whether the goods and/or services come from or originate in Brazil. See 37 C.F.R. §2.61(b); TMEP §§814, 1210.03.

Failure to comply with a request for information is grounds for refusing registration. *In re Harley*, 119 USPQ2d 1755, 1757-58 (TTAB 2016); TMEP §814.

## COLOR CLAIM AND MARK DESCRIPTION REQUIRED

Applicant must clarify whether color is a feature of the mark because, although the drawing shows the mark in color, the application does not explicitly state whether color is claimed as a feature of the mark. Applications for marks depicted in color must include not only a color drawing but also (1) a complete list of all the colors claimed as a feature of the mark and (2) a mark description of the literal and design elements in the mark that specifies where all the colors appear in those elements. 37 C.F.R. §§2.37, 2.52(b)(1); *see* TMEP §807.07(a), (b).

Therefore, applicant must clarify whether color is claimed as a feature of the mark by satisfying one of the following:

- (1) If **color is not a feature of the mark**, applicant must submit (a) a substitute black-and-white drawing of the mark to replace the color drawing of record, (b) a statement that no claim of color is made with respect to the mark in the international registration, and (c) an accurate and concise description of the literal and design elements in the mark, omitting any reference to color. 37 C.F.R. §2.37; TMEP §§807.07(b), 807.12(c); *see* TMEP §§808 *et seq.* The following mark description is suggested, if accurate:

**The mark consists of a diamond containing five stars above the word “EXATHLON” with a figure of a man in between the letters “TH” in “EXATHLON” above the word “BRASIL above the wording “WORLD’S MOST CHALLENGING” above the word “PERFORMANCE” above the word “GAME.**

- (2) If **color is a feature of the mark**, applicant must submit (a) a statement listing all the colors that are claimed as a feature of the mark and (b) a statement describing the literal and design elements in the mark that specifies where the colors appear in those elements. 37 C.F.R. §§2.37, 2.52(b)(1); TMEP §§807.07(b), 807.12(c). Generic color names must be used to describe the colors in the mark, e.g., magenta, yellow, turquoise. TMEP §807.07(a)(i)-(ii). If black, white, and/or gray are not being claimed as a color feature of the mark, applicant must exclude them from the color claim and include in the mark description a statement that the colors black, white, and/or gray represent background, outlining, shading, and/or transparent areas and are not part of the mark. *See* TMEP §807.07(d), (d)(iii). The following color claim and mark description are suggested, if accurate:

Color claim: **“The colors black and yellow are claimed as a feature of the mark.”**

Mark description: **“The mark consists of a yellow and black diamond with a yellow outline and a black outline containing five yellow and black stars above the word “EXATHLON” in black and outlined and shadowed in yellow with a figure of a man in black in between the letters “TH” in “EXATHLON” above the word “BRASIL in black outlined in yellow above the wording “WORLD’S MOST CHALLENGING” in yellow above the word “PERFORMANCE” in yellow above the word “GAME in yellow. The color white represents transparent background and is not claimed as a feature of the mark.”**

## ISSUE REGARDING APPLICANT’S ENTITY TYPE

Applicant’s business name includes the foreign business designation “GMBH”; however, applicant set forth “Limited Company” as the legal entity in the application. This business designation is generally considered the equivalent of a “Limited Liability Company.” *See* TMEP app. D. Therefore, applicant must clarify the entity type in the application. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.32(a)(3), 2.61(b); TMEP §803.03(i). Applicant may satisfy this requirement by amending the legal entity to one of those immediately listed above from Appendix D of the *Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure* (TMEP) for this business designation, as appropriate. *See* TMEP §803.03(i).

Alternatively, if applicant maintains that the legal entity in the application properly identifies applicant’s entity type, applicant must provide an explanation as to why the identified entity type is more similar to a “GMBH” in this instance than to the legal entities listed in TMEP Appendix D. *See id.*

## RESPONSE GUIDELINES

For this application to proceed further, applicant must explicitly address each refusal and/or requirement raised in this Office action. If the action includes a refusal, applicant may provide arguments and/or evidence as to why the refusal should be withdrawn and the mark should register. Applicant may also have other options specified in this Office action for responding to a refusal, and should consider those options carefully. To respond to requirements and certain refusal response options, applicant should set forth in writing the required changes or statements. For more information and general tips on responding to USPTO Office actions, response options, and how to file a response online, see [“Responding to Office Actions”](#) on the USPTO’s website.

If applicant does not respond to this Office action within six months of the date on which the USPTO sends this Office action to the International Bureau, or responds by expressly abandoning the application, the application process will end and the trademark will fail to register. *See* 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.65(a), 2.68(a); TMEP §§711, 718.01, 718.02.

When an application has abandoned for failure to respond to an Office action, an applicant may timely file a petition to revive the application, which, if granted, would allow the application to return to active status. *See* 37 C.F.R. §2.66; TMEP §1714. The petition must be filed within two months of the date of issuance of the notice of abandonment and may be filed online via the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS) with a \$100 fee. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.6(a)(15)(ii), 2.66(a)(1), (b)(1).

## UNITED STATES QUALIFIED COUNSEL

Because of the legal technicalities and strict deadlines involved in the USPTO application process, applicant may wish to hire a qualified U.S. attorney specializing in trademark matters to represent applicant in this process and provide legal advice. Although the undersigned trademark examining attorney is permitted to help an applicant understand the contents of an Office action as well as the application process in general, no USPTO attorney or staff is permitted to give an applicant legal advice or statements about an applicant’s legal rights. TMEP §§705.02, 709.06. For attorney referral information, applicant may consult the [American Bar Association’s Consumers’ Guide to Legal Help](#) or an online directory of legal professionals, such as

FindLaw®. The USPTO, however, may not assist an applicant in the selection of an attorney. 37 C.F.R. §2.11.

Please note that foreign attorneys, other than authorized Canadian attorneys, are not permitted to represent applicants before the USPTO (e.g., file written communications, authorize an amendment to an application, or submit legal arguments in response to a requirement or refusal). See 37 C.F.R. §§2.17(e), 11.14(c), (e); TMEP §602.03-.03(c).

## **ASSISTANCE**

If applicant has questions regarding this Office action, please telephone or e-mail the assigned trademark examining attorney. All relevant e-mail communications will be placed in the official application record; however, an e-mail communication will not be accepted as a response to this Office action and will not extend the deadline for filing a proper response. See 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(c), 2.191; TMEP §§304.01-.02, 709.04-.05. Further, although the trademark examining attorney may provide additional explanation pertaining to the refusals and/or requirements in this Office action, the trademark examining attorney may not provide legal advice or statements about applicant's rights. See TMEP §§705.02, 709.06.

**WHO IS PERMITTED TO RESPOND TO THIS PROVISIONAL FULL REFUSAL:** Any response to this provisional refusal must be personally signed by an individual applicant, all joint applicants, or someone with legal authority to bind a juristic applicant (e.g., a corporate officer or general partner). 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(b), 2.193(e)(2)(ii); TMEP §712.01. If applicant hires a qualified U.S. attorney to respond on his or her behalf, then the attorney must sign the response. 37 C.F.R. §§2.193(e)(2)(i), 11.18(a); TMEP §§611.03(b), 712.01. Qualified U.S. attorneys include those in good standing with a bar of the highest court of any U.S. state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. commonwealths or U.S. territories. See 37 C.F.R. §§2.17(a), 2.62(b), 11.1, 11.14(a); TMEP §§602, 712.01. Additionally, for all responses, the proper signatory must personally sign the document or personally enter his or her electronic signature on the electronic filing. See 37 C.F.R. §2.193(a); TMEP §§611.01(b), 611.02. The name of the signatory must also be printed or typed immediately below or adjacent to the signature, or identified elsewhere in the filing. 37 C.F.R. §2.193(d); TMEP §611.01(b).

In general, foreign attorneys are not permitted to represent applicants before the USPTO (e.g., file written communications, authorize an amendment to an application, or submit legal arguments in response to a requirement or refusal). See 37 C.F.R. §11.14(c), (e); TMEP §§602.03-.03(b), 608.01.

**DESIGNATION OF DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVE:** The USPTO encourages applicants who do not reside in the United States to designate a domestic representative upon whom any notice or process may be served. TMEP §610; see 15 U.S.C. §§1051(e), 1141h(d); 37 C.F.R. §2.24(a)(1)-(2). Such designations may be filed online at <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/teas/correspondence.jsp>.

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**WHO MUST SIGN THE RESPONSE:** It must be personally signed by an individual applicant or someone with legal authority to bind an applicant (i.e., a corporate officer, a general partner, all joint applicants). If an applicant is represented by an attorney, the attorney must sign the response.

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### Conclusion

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## History to 1800

History of the Nation

### Historical Background

### History and Present

### Qualifications

## Country Flag



## Brazil

TYPE OF PLACE country, republic

LOCATION	Brazil
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POPULATION	190,010,647
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**Brazil** (bräh-zil; Portuguese: Brasil). Historical and Popular name: *Brasil*. Republic (1,328,670 sq mi/3,419,065 sq km). 2004 estimated population 184,100,000; 2007 estimated population 190,010,617. E *South America* • *Brazil*

## Geography

The largest of the Latin American countries, Brazil occupies nearly half the continent of South America. Stretching from the Atlantic Highlands and the Amazon River basin in the N to the plains of Paraguay and Uruguay in the S, and from the W to spreads to the easternmost rain forest bordering on Surinam, Guayana, and Guayana in the E, it is cut into three main climatic zones, each with a different general pattern of soil, type of land and climate. The majority of Brazil is located in the tropics (the equator crosses it in the N and the Tropic of Capricorn crosses it in the S), however the S part of the country is temperate. Most of Brazil's great cities are on the Atlantic coast or the banks of the great rivers. *Manaus*, the chief city within the Amazon region, is Brazil's fastest growing city; other major cities include São Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Campinas, Recife, Salvador, and Belo Horizonte. Of the twenty six states, the fastest growing are Pernambuco, Piauí, Ceará, Alagoas, Paraíba, and Rondônia. The "Bajío" of Brazil reaches its turning point at the Cape of Good Hope. The islands of *Fernando de Noronha* lie to the NE. S of the "corner" of Brazil the characteristic pattern of Brazilian geography becomes noticeable: the narrow, coastal lowlands are for the most part bordered on the W by an escarpment. Above the escarpment is the great Brazilian plateau, which tapers off in the S state, *Pernambuco* to *SC*, where it is succeeded by the plains of the Rio de la Plata country. The escarpment appears from the sea as a mountain range, generally called the Serra do Mar (Portuguese=sest range), and the plateau is interrupted by mountainous regions, such as that in *PA*, which separates E Bahia from the valley of the São Francisco River. *Paraíba* state in the W runs out to the "corner" where Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay meet at the natural divide of the "Brazil Table". At the mouth of the Amazon is the city of Belém, chief port of N Brazil. S of the Amazon mouth is the great wooded outthrust of Brazil known as the Northeast; it was the center of the great sugar culture that once dominated Brazil (Ceará, Rio Grande do Norte, Paraíba, Pernambuco, Alagoas, Sergipe). Here, the General



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## Definition of GAME

- a (1) : activity engaged in for diversion or amusement : [PLAY](#) (2) : the equipment for a game  
b : often derisive or mocking jesting : [FUN](#), [SPORT](#) + make game of a nervous player
- a : a procedure or strategy for gaining an end : [TACTIC](#)  
b : an illegal or shady scheme or maneuver : [RACKET](#)
- a (1) : a physical or mental competition conducted according to rules with the participants in direct opposition to each other (2) : a division of a larger contest (3) : the number of points necessary to win (4) : points scored in certain card games (as in all fours) by a player whose cards count up the highest (5) : the manner of playing in a contest (3) : the set of rules governing a game (7) : a particular aspect or phase of play in a game or sport + a football team's kicking game  
b games plural : organized athletics

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- a : the execution of an action

b : something accomplished [DEED](#) [FEAT](#)
- : the fulfillment of a claim, promise, or request : IMPLEMENTATION
- a : the action of representing a character in a play

b : a public presentation or exhibition : a benefit *performance*
- a : the ability to [perform](#) [EFFICIENCY](#)

b : the manner in which a mechanism performs : engine *performance*
- : the manner of reacting to stimuli : BEHAVIOR
- : the linguistic behavior of an individual [PAROLE](#) also : the ability to speak a certain language

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