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Amendments of the Claims:

A detailed listing of all claims in the application is presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. All claims being currently amended are submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to immediate prior version of the claims. The changes in any amended claim are being shown by ~~strikethrough~~ (for deleted matter) or <u>underlined</u> (for added matter).

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72.-106. (Canceled)

107. (New) A computer implemented method for running a tournament on the internet by means of real time and the interactions of a plurality of tournament entrants over the internet with a server, comprising the steps of:

a) a server operating a first process of registering user data submitted by at least one user,

b) the server operating a second process of creating a tournament by accepting tournament data from a user;

c) The server operating a third process of running the tournament by means of real time and the interactions of a plurality of tournament entrants with the server, by:

   1) opening an entry for users to enter the tournament as players;

   2) requesting a user to enter the tournament as player;

   3) registering player entries;

   4) using real time, closing the entry period on a date and time set in the second process;

   5) generating the tournament schedule on closing of the entry period or on receiving entries from a max number of players;

6) assigning to a plurality of tournament entrants the means required to submit results from the matches

7) requesting a tournament entrant with an assigned means to submit results from the matches to submit results from a match.

108. (New) The method of claim 107, wherein the first process further comprises the server

1) requesting the user to select one of the options:

a) international sports association, if representing an International Sports Association governing a sport and the user has the authority to act on its behalf, enabling the user to manage rules of the sport, tournament official certificates, tournament officials, match formats and determine other settings that will impact on the sport, both in the country of the user and in other countrues;

b) national sports association, if representing a national association and the user has the authority to act on its behalf, enabling the user to manage tournament officials, tournament official fees and determine other settings for the sport;

c) regional sports association, if representing a regional sports association and the user has the authority to act on its behalf, enabling the user to manage tournament officials, tournament official fees and determine other settings of the sport;

d) obtain a membership in a community, for the user to obtain membership in a community to participate in the community's internal and open tournaments, and to receive discounts on court bookings if the community offer court booking discounts for its members;

e) player, if the user wants to book a court or enter open tournaments, also enabling the user to obtain memberships in different communities to participate in their community tournaments;

f) workplace, if the user wants to organize sports in a workplace, such as tournaments and court management;

g) sports club, if the user owns a sports club and wants to organize its members, tournaments and courts;

h) other sports community, it the user wants to organize tournaments for friends, family and neighbors;

i) arena, if the user owns or manages an arena and desires a tool for court booking, that also enables the user to create tournaments in vacant times to maximize the use of the courts;

j) tournament official, if the user is a licensed tournament official, enabling the user to enter tournaments as tournament official, and within communities also enabling the user to have a role as a non-licensed tournament official;

k) medical officer, if the user is a licensed medical officer enabling the user to enter tournaments as a medical officer; and

2) accepting a selection by a person of one of the options a-k.

109. (New) The method of claim 107, wherein the first process comprises the steps of:

1) requesting a person to register a community;

2) on receiving a register community response requesting the person to enter community data;

3) on receiving community data from the person

i) if the person is a new user sending a message to the person with login details including at least a username; and

ii) assigning to the username of the person a manager tool for the community giving the user access to a community data register that operates

a) a local time and date for the community for the community to operate tournaments and arenas in any country,

b) a further community data register that accepts assignments from the user, the assignments assigning a plurality of users to roles selected from a group of roles, the group of roles including at least one role assigning the user a corresponding tool required to operate the second process to start the third process of running a tournament.

110. (New) The method of claim 109, wherein the local time and date for the community is based on UTC and a number deviating from UTC for the community to operate tournaments and arenas in any country

111. (New) The method of claim 107, wherein the first process comprises accepting users obtaining multiple roles

112. (New) The method of claim 107, wherein the first process comprises the steps of:

1) requesting a person to register as player;

2) enabling a person who registers as player to enter tournaments as a player

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113. (New) The method of claim 107, wherein the first process comprises the steps of:

> 1) requesting a person to register as tournament official
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> 2) enabling a person who registers as tournament official to enter tournaments as tournament official.

114. (New) The method of claim 107, the second process comprises the steps of

> 1) the server requesting the user to create a tournament; and
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> 2) on receiving a create tournament response from the user providing the user with the means required to create a tournament; and
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> 3) the server requesting the user to enter tournament data;
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> 4) the server registering the user provided tournament data;
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> 5) the server accepting tournament data on receiving a submit tournament response from the user;

115. (New) The method of claim 114, the step of requesting the user to enter tournament data 3) further comprising the steps of:

> 1) requesting the user to select a sport and discipline; and
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>> a) to review whether the Real time of the community is correct providing the user with the means required to edit the date and time and;
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>>> i) on receiving an edit the time and date response providing the user with the means required to edit the date and time including a current time and date and a current UTC time and date further requesting the user to select a time deviating from UTC time; and
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>>> ii) on receiving an update response from the user updating the time and date of the community; and
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>> b) to enter a tournament name; and
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>> 2)   a) on receiving at least a select sport and discipline response from the user requesting the user to set tournament details; and
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>>> b) on receiving a set tournament details response further requesting the user to select

tournament details comprising at least rules, gender, openness, a tournament schedule type and a maximum number of entrants; and

3) on receiving a submitted tournament details response from the user requesting the user

a) to set an age class and skill level; and

b) on receiving a set age and skill level response from the user further requesting the user to select at least one age class and one skill level;

4) on receiving a submitted age class and skill level response from the user requesting the user

a) to set tournament official roles; and

b) on receiving a set tournament official roles response from the user further requesting the user to select tournament official roles and a required certification for each selected role in the tournament, and which role to enter results from the tournament;

5) on receiving a submitted tournament official response from the user requesting the user

a) to set prizes; and

b) on receiving a set prizes response from the user

c) providing the user with a prize relation showing information like position of a prize such as 1st or 2nd place, a brief description of a prize such as being a trophy or medal, a cost or value of a prize in a set currency; and

d) requesting the user to add a prize, if prizes are to be added,and on receiving an add prize response further requesting the user to make selections for position of the prize, a brief description of the prize, a more detailed description of the prize and a value in a set currency, further requesting the user to upload one or more photos of the prize of which one is a main photo and then to submit the added prize; and

e) on receiving a submit prize respons from the user adding the prize in the prize relation; and

f) requesting the user to select if the medals or trophies will be engraved; and

g) requesting the user to select if prizes will be handed over in a prize ceremony or sent to players by postal service, money prizes for both selections to be t ransferred to players bank or paypal account ; and

h) providing the user with a diploma relation and, if the diploma is to be edited

requesting the user to edit diploma, and on receiving an edit diploma response from the user requesting the user to select a diploma; and

I) on receiving a submit diploma response from the user making a change in diploma; and

j) requesting the user to select if diplomas shall be generated and emailed automatically to players when results from the last match of the tournament has been processed, if diplomas shall be handed out to players in the prize ceremony or if diplomas shall be sent out to players by postal service

6) on receiving a submitted set prize response from the user requesting the user to

a) set match format for the matches based on the set sport and discipline , match format being the procedure to determine the winner of a match; and

b) on receiving a set match format response from the user requesting the user to set the same match format for all matches in the tournament, to set a match format per round or to set match format per match; and

c) on receiving a response from the user to set the same match format for all matches in the tournament, to set a match format per round or to set match format per match providing the user with a relation showing matches in the tournament further requesting the user to select match format for the matches; and

d)on the basis of the selected match format providing the user with information on a minimum required time and recommended time per match in minutes; and

e)requesting the user to submit the set match format for the matches;

7) on receiving the submitted match format for the matches requesting the user

a) to set a tournament plan being the equivalent of a tournament time-schedule f or the tournament, based on tournament settings including at least:

i) if excluding tournament official roles in the tournament requesting the user to set at least one date and time for the player entry period, a date and time for a preparing for play period being the equivalent of a date and time for when players or teams can enter to or the equivalent of a date and time the tournament is played from, and a further date and time for an in play period; or

ii) if including tournament official roles in the tournament requesting the user to set at least one date and time for a tournament official entry period, a date and time for a player entry period, a date and time for a preparing for play period being the equivalent of a date and time for when players or teams can enter to or

the equivalent of a date and time the tournament is played from, and a further date for an in play period; and

b) requesting the user to submit the tournament plan; and

8) on receiving the submitted tournament plan response requesting the user to set or book times for the matches using at least one arena; and

9) on receiving the submitted set times for the matches using at least one arena requesting the user to set sport specific details or equipment for the tournament;

a) for an 8-ball pool tournament requesting the user

i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players must bring their own cues; the tournament director will provide players with cues; and players will use cues belonging to the court; and

ii) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players shall bring their own chalk; the tournament director shall provide players with chalk at the matches; and players shall use chalk provided by the court; and

iii) to provide other notes about equipment;

b) for a badminton tournament providing the user with information about standard shuttle pace in different countries and requesting the user:

i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players must bring their own rackets; the tournament director will provide players with rackets; and players will use rackets provided by the court; and

ii) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players must bring two shuttles each; the tournament director will provide players with shuttles at each match; and players will use shuttle provided by the court; and

iii) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of the shuttle skirt made by feathers; the shuttle skirt made by nylon; the shuttle skirt made by plastic; and no specific shuttle skirt; and

iv) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of the shuttle base made by cork; the shuttle base made by eva foam; the shuttle base made by plastic; and no specific shuttle base; and

v) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of no specific shuttle speed; wt.-grain 73; wt.-grain 74; wt.-grain 75, metric

48, int 1, slow shuttle speed for use in highland; wt.-grain 76, metric 49, int 2, medium slow shuttle speed for use in hotter area; wt.-grain 77, metric 50, int 3, medium speed for use at most sea level area; wt.-grain 78, metric 51, int 4, medium fast speed for cold area; wt.-grain 79, metric 52, int 5, fast speed for cold area below sea level; and wt.-grain 80; and

vi) to provide other notes about equipment;

c) for a basketball tournament requesting the user:

i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of the teams must bring one ball each; the tournament director will provide the teams with balls at each match; and the teams will use a ball provided by the court; and

ii) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of regulation size, boys and men, 29.5"-30", international size 7, weitght 20-22 oz. ; official women's, girls and women, 28.5"-29", new international size 6, weight 18-20 oz. ; intermediate size, girls, 27.75"-28.5" original size 6, weight 16-18 oz. ; junior size, boys & girls, 27.25"-27.75", international size 5, weight 14-16 oz.; mini basketball, pop a shot games and small children's play, 22"- 22.5", intermediate size 3, weight 10.5-1 1.25 oz. ; big ball for shot training, men's, 36", weight 20-22 oz.; big ball for shot training, women's, 33.5", weight 20-22 oz.; weighted balls, men's, 29.5", weight 40oz.; and weighted balls, women's, 28.5", weight 40oz; and

iii) to provide other notes about equipment;

d) for a bocce tournament requesting the user:

i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of the tournament director will provide the players with balls at each match; and the players will use balls provided by the court; and

ii) to provide other notes about equipment;

e) for a chess tournament requesting the user:

i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of the tournament director will provide the players with chess boards, pieces and chess clock at each match; and the players will use chess board, pieces and chess clock provided by the arena; and

ii) to provide other notes about equipment;

f) for a tournament requesting the user:

    i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of the tournament director will provide players with mallets and balls at each match; and players will use mallets and balls provided at the court; and

    ii) to provide other notes about equipment;

g)for a darts tournament requesting the user:

    i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players must bring their own darts for the matches; tournament director provide players with darts and dartboards for the matches; and players will use the court's darts and dart board; and

    ii) to provide other notes about equipment;

h) for a floorball tournament requesting the user:

    i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players shall bring their own sticks; the tournament director shall provide players with sticks; and players shall use sticks provided by the court; and

    ii) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of the teams must bring one ball each; and the tournament director will provide the teams with balls at each match; and

    iii) to provide other notes about equipment;

I) for a squash tournament requesting the user:

    i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players must bring their own rackets; the tournament director will provide players with rackets; and

    ii)to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players must bring one ball each; the tournament director will provide players with balls at each match; and players will use balls that belong to the court; and

    iii) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of red; yellow; and green or blue; and

    iv) to provide other notes about equipment;

j) for a table tennis tournament requesting the user:

i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players must bring their own rackets; the tournament director will provide players with rackets; and players will use rackets that belong to the court; and;

ii) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players must bring 4 balls each; the tournament director will provide players with balls at each match; and players will use balls that belong to the court; and

iii) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of 0 star ball, 1 star ball, 2 star ball, 3 star ball, 3 star premium ball; and no specific type; and

iv) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of ball color; and

v) to provide other notes about equipment; and

k) for a tennis tournament requesting the user:

i) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players must bring their own rackets; and the tournament director will provide players with rackets; and

ii) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of players must bring 4 balls each; and the tournament director will provide players with balls at each match; and

iii) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of type 1 ball, fast-speed ball; type 2 ball, standard ball; type 3 ball, slow speed ball; and no specific ball type; and

iv) to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of ball color; and

v) to provide other notes about equipment; and

further requesting the user to submit the set sport specific details or equipment for the tournament; and

10) requesting the user to set messages to be generated throughout the tournament concerning:

a) for community tournaments invitations to be sent to members of the community

with the criteria of the tournament, requesting the user to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of email; no; SMS; and email and sms.

b) for open tournaments invitations to be sent to all players
with the criteria of the tournament, requesting the user to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of email; no; SMS; and email and sms; and

c) after entry sending to players a confirmation message about their entry requesting the user to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of email; no; SMS; and email and sms; and

d) after tournament officials entries sending a confirmation message about their entry, with information about where and when the match is played, requesting the user to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of email; no; SMS; and email and sms.

e) when a tournament schedule has been generated, sending messages to players on when and where the first match is played and about their oponent, requesting the user to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of email; no; SMS; and email and sms; and

f) when a match has been played and results submitted sending a message to the winner of the match about when and where to play the next match, requesting the user to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of email; no; SMS; and email and sms; and

g) if the tournament is cancelled for any reason, sending a message to the entrants, players and tournament officials about the tournament being cancelled, requesting the user to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of email; no; SMS; and email and sms; and

h) if the tournament has a prize ceremony, when results for the final match has been submitted, sending a message to the players about where and when the prize ceremony will take place, requesting the user to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of email; no; SMS; and email and sms; and

I) if the tournament has a bronze final, when results for the bronze final has been submitted, sending a message to the players about where and when the bronze final will take place, requesting the user to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of email; no; SMS; and email and sms; and

further requesting the user to submit the set messages settings for the tournament; and

11) requesting the user to review a summary of the income and costs for the tournament including

    i)   an income from entry fees; and

    ii) a total income; and

    iii) a cost of courts; and

    iv) a cost of tournament officials; and

    v) a total cost for the tournament; and

    vi) a result being the costs substracted from income; and

    requesting the user to make the selection of accepting the income and costs data and to submit the accepted data; and

12) on having set all the steps from 1) through 12) requesting the user to submit the tournament; and

13) on receiving a submit response from the user the server starting the third process of running the tournament.

116. (New) The method of claim 114 the second process further comprises

aa) on receiving a set or book times response from the user the server providing the user with match data from the tournament schedule including prize ceremony data, match format data, the minimum required time per match and recommended time per match data, and for each match a date, time and place field for the time and place data;

ab) the server requesting the user to set or book a time for a match;

ac) the server accepting a response from the user for setting or booking a time for a match;

ad) the server requesting the user to use a pre-booked time or to select an arena; and

ae) on receiving a select an arena response from the user providing the user with arena data from the arena database, requesting the user make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of list arenas by area; search arenas by keyword; and list arenas managed by the server;

af) the server accepting a response from the user from a group consisting of list arenas by area; search arenas by keyword; and list arenas managed by the server;

ag) the server providing the user with arena data from the arena database, including arena name, location data;

ah) the server requesting that the user select an arena; and

aj) the server accepting a selection of an arena from the user; and

ak) the server requesting the user to submit the selection; and

al) the server accepting a submit response from user; and

am) the server providing the user with arena-specific data based on the selection of an arena from the user.

an) the server requsting the user to make a selection between options selected from a group consisting of about arena; courts; booking; request an offer; and contact arena and location;

ao) the server accepting a selection of online booking option from the user;

ap) the server opening the arena's booking registry;

aq) the server providing the user with an online booking registry on a date in time, with court and booking information including time intervals, court names, cost data, and court availability;

ar) the server providing the user with match data from ac) and a pre-selected match from ad) and ae);

as) the server providing the user with an autofill option;

at) the server requesting the user to book a time for the selected match;

au) the server accepting a selection of a booked time from aq) for a selected match in ar) by the user;

av) the server making a change in the status of the booked time in the arena booking registry based on the selection of booked time from the user.

aw) The server adding the booked time in the match data of ar;

ax) the server requesting the user to book another time for the same match or to select another match to book a time for;

ay) the server requesting the user to go to payment to pay for the booked times on the arena;

117. (New) The method of claim 116 wherein the second process further comprises receiving an autofill response from the user for time and place for all matches to be set automatically in the tournament on the basis of:

    a) the minimum required time per match and recommended time per match from the match format data; and

    b) the tournament plan data

118. The method of claim 107 further comprises the server running the steps of the third process and generating the tournament schedule.

119. The method of claim 107 wherein a tournament entrant is a player.

120. The method of claim 107 further wherein a tournament entrant is a user having another role.

121. The method of claim 107 wherein the third process further comprises tournaments for team sports.

122. The method of claim 114 wherein the second process further comprises the server, after receiving a submit tournament response from the user

    1) requesting acceptance by a National or International Association;

    2) on receiving an acceptance response starting the third process.

123. (New) The method of claim 107, wherein the third process further comprises an entry period for tournament officials, operating at least one entry register for tournament officials, comprising the steps of;

    1) starting the third process by opening an entry for users to enter the tournament as tournament official;

    2) requesting a user to enter the tournament as tournament official;

    3) registering the tournament official entries;

    4) continuing the third process when tournament officials have entered the tournament, or real time closing an entry for users to enter the tournament as tournament official on a date and time set in the second process

124. (New) The method of claim 107 wherein the third process further comprises the steps of:

    a) the server operating a rating formula;

    b) on receiving match results data, the server using the rating formula to generate rating data based on the match results data.

    c) the server using the rating data to seed players in a tournament schedule.

    d) if byes are in the tournament schedule rules giving at least one player a byes.

125. (New) The method of claim 107 wherein the third process further comprising:

   c) the server using the rating data to seed teams in a tournament schedule.

   d) if byes are in the tournament schedule rules giving at least one team a byes.

126. (New)The method of claim 107 wherein the third process further comprises, the server updating a photo of the winner of a last match on a website on receiving match results data,.

127. (New)The method of claim 107 wherein the third process further comprises the server adding reports for online filing to users' task lists after generating the tournament schedule.

128. (New)The method of claim 107, wherein the third process further comprises the steps of:

   1. after the server generates the tournament schedule, the server adding match result reports to a task list of a user having the role which was assigned the task of submitting results in step (4b) of the second process;

   2. the server accepting submitted results from the user having the role which was assigned the task of submitting results, the submitted results including at least an indication of a winner of a match; and

   3. based on the submitted results, the server updating the tournament schedule by indicating a winner for the match on the tournament schedule.

129. (New) The method of claim 107, wherein the third process further comprises, if tournament official roles were set for the tournament, the server requesting at least one user to state whether a tournament official was absent or present during a match.

130. (New)The method of claim 107, wherein the third process further comprises the steps of:

   a) if players are set to provide match results, then the server adding reports to players' task lists;

   b) if match referees are set to provide match results, then the server adding reports to match referees' task lists; and

   c) if tournament directors are set to provide match results then the server adding reports to the tournament director's task lists.

131. (New)The method of claim 107, wherein the third process further comprises the steps of:

a) the server requesting at least one tournament director to send a tournament director report to the server from the tournament;

b) the server requesting at least one tournament referee to send a tournament referee report to the server from the tournament; and

c) the server requesting at least one match referee to send a match referee report to the sever from the match.

132. (New)The method of claim 107 further comprises the server sending messages to users:

1) sending invitations to tournament officials when the entry is open for tournament officials; and

2) sending invitations to teams or players when the entry is open for teams or players; and

    a) for community tournaments, invitations to be sent to members of the community with the criteria of the tournament, on the basis of message settings in the second process;

    b) for open tournaments invitations to be sent to all players with the criteria of the tournament, on the basis of message settings in the second process; and

    c) after entry sending to players a confirmation message about their entry, on the basis of message settings in the second process; and

3) sending messages to teams, players and tournament officials about where and when to meet for the matches;

    d) after tournament officials entries sending a confirmation message about their entry, with information about where and when the match is played, on the basis of message settings in the second process.

    e) when a tournament schedule has been generated, sending messages to players on when and where the first match is played and about their oponent, on the basis of message settings in the second process; and

4) sending messages about where and when to meet for a next match

    f) when a match has been played and results submitted sending a message to the winner of the match about when and where to play the next match, on the basis of message settings in the second process; and

5) sending other messages;

      g) if the tournament is cancelled for any reason, sending a message to the entrants, players and tournament officials about the tournament being cancelled, on the basis of message settings in the second process; and

      h) if the tournament has a prize ceremony, when results for the final match has been submitted, sending a message to the players about where and when the prize ceremony will take place, on the basis of message settings in the second process; and

      I) if the tournament has a bronze final, when results for the bronze final has been submitted, sending a message to the players about where and when the bronze final will take place, on the basis of message settings in the second process; and

      j) sending a diploma to players on the basis of prizes and diploma settings in the second process.

133. (New) A computer apparatus that includes tournament management, arena management, member management and rating for running a tournament on the internet by means of real time and the interactions of a plurality of tournament entrants over the internet with a server, the apparatus comprising a server and one or more databases, wherein the apparatus further comprises a server programmed to perform a method comprising:

a)   a server operating a first process of registering user data submitted by at least one user,

b) the server operating a second process of creating a tournament by accepting tournament data from a user;

  b) c) The server operating a third process of running the tournament by means of real time and the interactions of a plurality of tournament entrants with the server, by:

      1) opening an entry for users to enter the tournament as players;

      2) requesting a user to enter the tournament as player;

      3) registering player entries;

      4) using real time, closing the entry period on a date and time set in the second process;

      5) generating the tournament schedule on closing of the entry period or on receiving entries from a max number of players;

6) assigning to a plurality of tournament entrants the means required to submit results from the matches

7) requesting a tournament entrant with an assigned means to submit results from the matches to submit results from a match.

134. (New) A computer apparatus that includes tournament management, arena management, member management and rating for running a tournament on the internet by means of real time and the interactions of a plurality of tournament entrants over the internet with a server, the apparatus comprising a server and one or more databases, wherein the apparatus further comprises a server programmed to perform a method comprising:

a) a server operating a first process of registering user data submitted by at least one user,

b) The server operating a second process of creating a tournament by accepting tournament data from a user;

c) The server operating a third process of running the tournament by means of real time and the interactions of a plurality of tournament entrants with the server, by:

1) opening an entry for teams to enter the tournament;

2) requesting a team to enter the tournament;

3) registering team entries;

4) using real time, closing the entry period on a date and time set in the second process;

5) generating the tournament schedule on closing of the entry period or on receiving entries from a max number of teams;

6) assigning to a plurality of tournament entrants the means required to submit results from the matches

7) requesting a tournament entrant with an assigned means to submit results from the matches to submit results from a match.

135. (New) A computer apparatus that includes tournament management, arena management, member management and rating for running a tournament on the internet by means of real time and the interactions of a plurality of users over the internet with a server, the apparatus comprising a server and one or more databases, wherein the apparatus further comprises a server programmed to perform a method comprising:

a) a server operating a first process of registering user data submitted by at least one user,

b) the server operating a second process of creating a tournament by accepting tournament data from a user;

c) The server operating a third process of running the tournament by means of real time and the interactions of a plurality of users with the server, by:

       1) opening an entry for teams;

       2) requesting a team to enter the tournament ;

       3) registering team entries;

       4) using real time, closing the entry period on a date and time set in the second process;

       5) generating the tournament schedule on closing of the entry period or on receiving entries from a max number of teams;

       6) assigning to a plurality of users the means required to submit results from the matches

       7) requesting a user with an assigned means to submit results from the matches to submit results from a match.

136. (New) A computer apparatus that includes tournament management, arena management, member management and rating for running a tournament on the internet by means of real time and the interactions of a plurality of users over the internet with a server, the apparatus comprising a server and one or more databases, wherein the apparatus further comprises a server programmed to perform a method comprising:

a) a server operating a first process of registering user data submitted by at least one user,

b) the server operating a second process of creating a tournament by accepting tournament data from a user;

c) The server operating a third process of running the tournament by means of real time and the interactions of a plurality of users with the server, by:

       1) opening an entry for teams to enter the tournament;

       2) requesting a team to enter the tournament;

       3) registering team entries;

4) using real time, closing the entry period on a date and time set in the second process;

5) generating the tournament schedule on closing of the entry period or on receiving entries from a max number of teams;

6) assigning to a plurality of users the means required to submit results from the matches

7) requesting a user with an assigned means to submit results from the matches to submit results from a match.

Amendment of the Title:

The change in the title is being shown by ~~strikethrough~~ (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

Title (currently amended):

A computer implemented method using real time to run a tournament on the internet

~~A computer implemented method using a real-time clock to run a tournament over a network~~

REMARKS

The International Application was filed on April 26, 2012. Article 34 Amendments were filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on June 17, 2013 and July 4, 2013. The National Application was filed on October 21 2013.

Claims 107 through 136 remain in this case, claims 37-71 being cancelled and claims 107-136 being added by this response. The title is also edited.

The new claims are being filed to to better clarify and define the invention being claimed. Applicant states that the new claims are consistent with the specification and drawing in the International Application, no new matter being added by the amendment.

Applicant believes the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicant would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file.

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