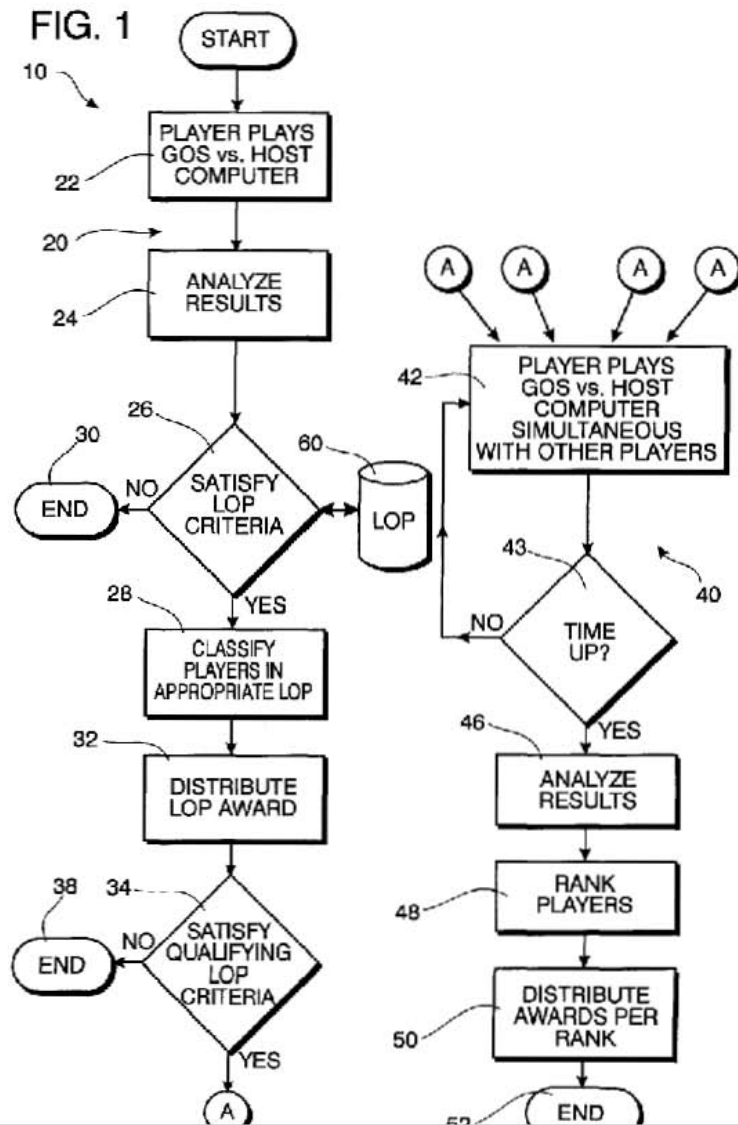


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TABLE I

Level	Minimum Points	Award
Bronze	200	X
Silver	300	2X
Gold	400	3X
Platinum	500	4X

Points are earned based on winning rounds of play. The qualifying levels of performance include the Gold and Platinum levels. Four players start the qualifying round against the host computer. Since the tournament is played over the Internet, each player is able to participate at a variety of locations at the time of their choosing prior to noon on Saturday.

The host computer is represented by a computer system having compatible hardware and software. The location of the host computer system can be a different location than those locations of each player. Through a series of two-way communications, the game of skill is conducted between the players and the host computer system.

After each player has completed the qualifying round, the

interactive computer system having a host computer and computing the following steps:

- a. playing a game of skill between a single player and the host computer;
- b. evaluating the performance of said player to determine if said player meets a specific performance level; and
- c. evaluating the performance of said player to determine if said player meets a qualifying performance level.

a. playing a game of skill in a qualifying round between a single player and the host computer;

After each player has completed the qualifying round, the host computer system analyzes the results of the game of skill and distributes awards to the players based on their performance. Thus, Player A is eliminated from the tournament. Player B meets the criteria for the Bronze level of performance. Player C meets the criteria for the Gold level of performance. Player D meets the criteria for the Platinum level of performance. Host computer system distributes level of performance specific awards to Players B, C and D. However, only players C and D advance to the playoff round against other qualified players of equal level.

At the predetermined time on Saturday, Player C then plays the game of skill in the playoff round against the host computer simultaneously with other Gold level players. Player D plays the game of skill in the playoff round against the host computer simultaneously with other Platinum level players. Host computer system analyzes the results of the Gold and Platinum level playoff rounds. The players are then ranked according to their specific performance during the playoff round.

Assume Players C and D are ranked first and third in their respective divisions. Host computer would then distribute an award to Player C specific to his first place ranking in the Gold playoff round and an award to Player D specific to his third place ranking in the Platinum playoff round.

While the foregoing detailed description has described several embodiments of the method in accordance with the present invention, it is to be understood that the above description is illustrative only and not limiting of the disclosed invention. Thus, the invention is to be limited only by the claims as set forth below.

What is claimed:

1. A method of playing a game of skill tournament having a qualifying round and a playoff round, and played over an

individual game.

4. The method of award increases as a level classifications.

5. The method of performance level as received as being the highest.

6. The method of performance levels is medium-low performance level to a high performance level.

7. The method of performance level is further highest performance.

8. The method of (c) are performed sequentially.

9. The method of further defined as a edge.

10. The method of selected from the group poker, bridge, pinball, bocce, cribbage, can

handout, pool five, seven, auction pitch, seven and a half, ten

baccarat, skin game, gin, doctor videtti, to

11. The method of further defined as a skill and knowledge.

Claim Construction

– MPEP§2111.01: “Plain Meaning”

- Heading I: “The words of the claim **must be given their ‘plain meaning’ unless such meaning inconsistent with the specification.**” (emphasis added).

“Playing a Game... Between a Single Player and the Host Computer”

- “Between” defined as “by the common action of: jointly engaging”
 - *Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, 109 (10th ed. 1993), Ex 2009 at 109.

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