

### This is a league based challenge.

For this challenge, multiple leagues for the same game are available. Once you have proven yourself against the first Boss, you will access a higher league and harder opponents will be available.

**NEW:** In wood leagues, your submission will only fight the boss in the arena. Win a best-of-five to advance.

## 🎯 Goal

End the game with a higher **score** than your opponent.  
Three players are pitted against one another in the **arcade olympics**.

Each player controls a character in **four** mini-games **simultaneously**. Earn a maximum of **medals** in all four games to acquire the highest **score**.

## ✓ Rules

Each player is hooked up to **four** different arcade machines, and each of these machines is running the Hurdle Race **mini-game**. Your code can read the 8 **registers** used internally by the machines: **GPU**, containing a string and **reg0** to **reg6** containing integers. What those values represent is different for each game.

The game is played in turns. On each turn, all three players perform one of four possible actions: **UP**, **DOWN**, **LEFT**, or **RIGHT**.

When an action is performed by a player, their agent in **each** mini-game performs that same action, because the controls have been wired to all 4 machines at once.

## Earning medals

The four mini-games play on loop throughout the game. In each run of a mini-game you may acquire a gold, silver or bronze **medal**. In between runs is a **reset** turn where the mini-game is inactive.

At the end of the game, each player's score for each mini-game is calculated based on the number of medals earned in total, with this formula:

**mini\_game\_score = nb\_silver\_medals + nb\_gold\_medals \* 3**

The scores for all **four** mini-games are **multiplied together** to determine the **final score**.

During a reset turn, the **GPU** register will show **"GAME\_OVER"**.

If there are ties in a mini-game, tied players will win the same highest medal. For instance, if two players tie for first place, they will both win gold and the third player will receive **bronze**.

## Mini-game 1: Hurdle Race

This mini-game is a race between the three agents. Each agent is on the same randomly generated race track. The racetrack is composed of **30 spaces**, agents start on the first space, and the last space is the finish line. A space may contain a **hurdle** which the agents must **jump** over or else they will **collide** with it and be **stunned** for the next **3** turns. A stunned agent will not move regardless of the action performed.

On each turn, the agents can perform one of the following actions:

- **UP**: jump over one space, ignoring any hurdle on the next space and moving by **2** spaces total.
- **LEFT**: move forward by **1** space.
- **DOWN**: move forward by **2** spaces.
- **RIGHT**: move forward by **3** spaces.

Moving into a hurdle will interrupt the agent's movement, stopping on the same space as the hurdle.

When either agent reaches the **finish**, the run ends. The players are awarded a medal based on their positions in the race, and the next run begins after a **reset** turn.

Register	Description	Example
GPU	ASCII representation of the racetrack. <code>.</code> for empty space. <code>#</code> for hurdle. <code>.....#...#...#.....</code>	
reg0	position of player 1	0
reg1	position of player 2	6
reg2	position of player 3	12
reg3	stun timer for player 1	1
reg4	stun timer for player 2	0
reg5	stun timer for player 3	2
reg6	<i>unused</i>	

The **stun timer** is the number of turns remaining of being stunned (**3**, then **2**, then **1**). **0** means the agent is not stunned.



#### Victory Condition

You have a higher **final score** after **100** turns.



#### Defeat Condition

Your program does not provide a command in the allotted time or it provides an unrecognized command.

### ☐ Debugging tips

- Press the gear icon on the viewer to access extra display options.
- Use the keyboard to control the action: space to play/pause, arrows to step 1 frame at a time.

## 📖 Game Protocol

### Initialization Input

First line: `playerIdx` an integer to indicate which agent you control in the mini-games.

Next line: the number of simultaneously running mini-games. For this league it's **4**.

### Input for One Game Turn

Next **3** lines: one line per player, ordered by `playerIdx`. A string `scoreInfo` containing a breakdown of each player's final score. It contains **13** integers. The first integer representing the player's current **final score points** followed by three integers per mini-game: `nb_gold_medals`, `nb_silver_medals`, `nb_bronze_medals`.

Next `nbGames` lines: one line for each mini-game, containing the eight space-separated registers:

- `gpu` a string
- `reg0` an integer
- `reg1` an integer
- `reg2` an integer
- `reg3` an integer
- `reg4` an integer
- `reg5` an integer
- `reg6` an integer

Unused registers will always be `-1`.

## Output

One of the following strings:

- `UP`
- `RIGHT`
- `DOWN`
- `LEFT`

## Constraints

$0 \leq \text{playerIdx} \leq 2$

$1 \leq \text{nbGames} \leq 4$  (*across all leagues*)

Response time per turn  $\leq 50$  ms

Response time for the first turn  $\leq 1000$  ms

## What is in store for me in the higher leagues?

- 4 entirely different mini-games will be played simultaneously!