

# Grammar for Language Describing Game Structures

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## Pretty-printed EBNF grammar:

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 $\langle game \rangle ::= \text{'Players:'} \langle teamList \rangle \text{'Rounds:'} \langle roundList \rangle \text{'Win:'} \langle winConditionList \rangle$   
 $\langle teamList \rangle ::= (\langle team \rangle \{ \text{'}, ' } \langle team \rangle \} \mid \langle playerList \rangle \mid \text{'randomly divide'} \langle playerList \rangle \mid \text{'into'} \langle nameList \rangle) [\text{'all with'} \langle attributeList \rangle]$   
 $\langle team \rangle ::= \text{'team'} \langle name \rangle \text{'::'} \langle playerList \rangle$   
 $\langle playerList \rangle ::= \langle player \rangle \{ \text{'}, ' } \langle player \rangle \}$   
 $\langle player \rangle ::= \langle name \rangle [\text{'with'} \langle attributeList \rangle]$   
 $\langle attributeList \rangle ::= \langle attribute \rangle \{ \text{'}, ' } \langle attribute \rangle \}$   
 $\langle attribute \rangle ::= \text{'affiliation called'} \langle name \rangle \mid (\text{'score'} \mid \text{'resource'} \mid \text{'counter'}) \mid \text{'called'} \langle name \rangle [\text{'starting at'} \langle number \rangle] [\text{'with minimum of'} \langle number \rangle] [\text{'with maximum of'} \langle number \rangle]$   
 $\langle roundList \rangle ::= \langle round \rangle \text{';' } \{ \langle round \rangle \}$   
 $\langle round \rangle ::= \langle phaseList \rangle [\text{'repeated'} \langle number \rangle \text{'times'} [\text{'with modifications'} \text{'::'} \langle modifierList \rangle]]$   
 $\langle modifierList \rangle ::= \langle modifier \rangle \text{';' } \{ \langle modifier \rangle \}$   
 $\langle modifier \rangle ::= [\text{'just'} \mid \text{'from'}] (\langle roundReference \rangle (\text{'before'} \mid \text{'after'} \mid \text{'instead of'}) \langle phaseReference \rangle \text{'insert'} \langle phase \rangle)$   
 $\langle roundReference \rangle ::= \text{'round'} \langle number \rangle$   
 $\langle phaseReference \rangle ::= \text{'phase'} \langle number \rangle$   
 $\langle phase \rangle ::= \langle action \rangle \mid \langle progression \rangle$ 
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$\langle phaseList \rangle ::= \langle phase \rangle \{ '\backslash n' \langle phase \rangle \}$   
 $\langle action \rangle ::= \langle competition \rangle \mid \langle decision \rangle$   
 $\langle competition \rangle ::= [ 'scored' ] [ 'team' ] 'competition between' \langle identifierList \rangle$   
 $\langle decision \rangle ::= [ 'self-included' ] 'vote by' \langle identifierList \rangle 'between' \langle identifierList \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid [ 'self-included' ] 'nomination of' \langle number \rangle 'by' \langle identifierList \rangle 'between'$   
 $\quad \langle identifierList \rangle \mid 'allocation of' \langle name \rangle 'by' \langle identifierList \rangle \mid [ 'self-included' ]$   
 $\quad 'directed vote by' \langle identifierList \rangle 'between' \langle identifierList \rangle \mid 'uses?' \langle identifier$   
 $\quad 'then' '(' \langle phaseList \rangle ') ' [ 'otherwise' '(' \langle phaseList \rangle ') ']$   
 $\langle progression \rangle ::= (\langle affiliationUpdate \rangle \mid \langle counterUpdate \rangle) ('for' \mid 'of') \langle identifierList \rangle$   
 $\langle affiliationUpdate \rangle ::= 'elimination' \mid ('add' \mid 'remove') \langle name \rangle \mid [ 'number preserving'$   
 $\quad 'swap' \langle nameList \rangle [ 'adding' \langle nameList \rangle ] \mid 'change' \langle name \rangle 'to' \langle name \rangle \mid$   
 $\quad 'merge' \langle nameList \rangle [ \langle name \rangle ]$   
 $\langle counterUpdate \rangle ::= ('increase' \mid 'decrease') \langle name \rangle 'by' \langle value \rangle \mid 'set' \langle name \rangle$   
 $\quad 'to' \langle value \rangle$   
 $\langle value \rangle ::= \langle number \rangle \mid \langle name \rangle \mid 'results' 'of' (\langle compReference \rangle \mid \langle allocateReference \rangle$   
 $\quad \mid \langle voteReference \rangle)$   
 $\langle identifierList \rangle ::= \langle idValList \rangle [ 'except' \langle idList \rangle ]$   
 $\langle idList \rangle ::= \langle identifier \rangle \{ ', ' \langle identifier \rangle \}$   
 $\langle idValList \rangle ::= \langle identifierVal \rangle \{ ', ' \langle identifierVal \rangle \}$   
 $\langle identifierVal \rangle ::= \langle identifier \rangle [ '*' \langle value \rangle ]$   
 $\langle identifier \rangle ::= 'everyone' \mid \langle name \rangle \mid 'chance' '(' \langle identifierList \rangle ') ' \mid 'nominated'$   
 $\quad \mid 'tied' \mid 'eliminated' \mid ('winner' \mid 'loser') 'of' \langle compReference \rangle \mid ('majority'$   
 $\quad \mid 'minority') 'of' \langle voteReference \rangle [ \langle tiebreaker \rangle ] \mid ('highest' \mid 'lowest' \mid$   
 $\quad 'most' \mid 'least') \langle name \rangle '(' \langle identifierList \rangle ') ' [ \langle tiebreaker \rangle ]$   
 $\langle compReference \rangle ::= 'competition' [ \langle number \rangle ]$   
 $\langle allocateReference \rangle ::= 'allocation' [ \langle number \rangle ]$   
 $\langle voteReference \rangle ::= 'vote' [ \langle number \rangle ]$   
 $\langle tiebreaker \rangle ::= 'tiedbroken by' ([ \langle action \rangle ] \langle identifier \rangle)$   
 $\langle name \rangle ::= ('a' \mid \dots \mid 'z' \mid 'A' \mid \dots \mid 'Z') \{ 'a' \mid \dots \mid 'z' \mid 'A' \mid \dots \mid 'Z' \mid '0' \mid \dots \mid '9' \}$

$\langle nameList \rangle ::= \langle name \rangle \{', ' \langle name \rangle\}$

$\langle number \rangle ::= [-] ('0' | \dots | '9')^+$

$\langle winCondition \rangle ::= [\text{team}] \text{reach} \langle name \rangle \text{of} \langle number \rangle | [\text{team}] \text{competition}$   
 $| [\text{team}] (\text{highest} | \text{lowest} | \text{most} | \text{least}) \langle name \rangle | \langle number \rangle \text{member jury vote}$   
 $| \text{survive}$

$\langle winConditionList \rangle ::= \langle winCondition \rangle \{', ' \langle winCondition \rangle\}$

Notes:

- make grammar unambiguous
- should allocate be a decision and progression or just progression? Both, but decision will automatically also do the progression. The progression exists for non-decision related resource updates, such as awarding a player more of a resource for winning a competition.