cal with a main cross-sectional axis extending upright to provide for a spin of the ball (4) about a substantially horizontal axis.

4. A ball launcher according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said non-circular cross-sectional conture of the launch tube (6,7) is a polygonal concave contour and/or a rhomp-shaped cross-section and/or lozenge contour with a main cross-sectional axis extending upright to provide for a spin of the ball (4) about a substantially horizontal axis.

5. A ball launcher according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said launch tube is configured to provide for an obstacle-free, non-stop passage for the ball (4) from the ball gate (8) into the playing area.