**Method and apparatus for playing a wagering game**

## ABSRACT

A method and apparatus for playing a wagering game is provided. The method includes providing the wagering game comprising wagering elements that include any one or more of playing cards, dice, and roulette wheel and ball, and an associated wagering field, wherein the wagering game will be carried out in multiple rounds of game play within a game, with a predetermined highest possible round of game play. A Round One game play is conducted through one of the wagering elements. A Round Two game play is conducted for the player who wins Round One. The player who wins Round One but loses Round Two is rewarded a predetermined base odds payout. A Round Three game play is conducted for the player who wins Round Two. The player who wins Round Two but loses Round Three is rewarded a predetermined step-up 1 odds payout. Further subsequent rounds of game play are conducted, if and where possible. A predetermined step-up 2 odds payout is rewarded to the player who wins Round Three but loses Round Four, and so forth, until the predetermined highest possible round of game play. Methods of playing the wagering game using different wagering elements and wagering fields are provided.

FIG. 14

## Abstract of the Invention

A method and apparatus for conducting a wagering game having a first round and a predefined quantity of additional rounds in sequence include a base odds payout associated with the first round and step-up odds payouts associated with additional rounds, which may increase for each round in sequence. A wager is received selecting a possible first round outcome. A first round outcome is generated. Losing wagers are collected. For a wager that matches the first round outcome, at least one additional round is conducted. An outcome is generated for each additional round. For a losing outcome, a payout associated with the immediately preceding round in sequence is issued. For a winning outcome, a further additional round is conducted if the final round has not been conducted, or a payout associated with the present round is issued if the final round has been conducted.