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(54) **Title:** SYSTEM FOR OPERATING A LOTTERY

(57) **Abstract:** The invention is a computerised game, computerised gaming system, a method of conducting a gaming system, or a ranking engine wherein participants select at least one of a range of symbols, usually numbers. The result of the game is determined by ranking the symbols based on the rules of the relevant game, most preferably by the number of times participants select each symbol. Ranking means are provided to rank the number of times each symbol is selected by participants, and the ranking is determined by the number of times participants select each symbol. The result of the game is determined by comparing the entries of all or at least some of the participants in the game against the ranking of the symbols. Typically the winner is the participant who holds the entry having symbols thereon which are the least picked in or on entries. Typically a number of symbols are picked from an available range of numbers, say 6 symbols are picked from 20 available symbols. The odds of picking 6 symbols from 20 available symbols in order are 1 in 27,907,200 meaning that the odds of a single winner of the lottery are very high. However methods are described to guarantee a winner of the lottery, and that a sole or single winner can be 'virtually' guaranteed.

