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(54) **Court for ball games**

(57) Court (1) for ball games, comprising a main playing surface (2) substantially rectangular defined by perimeter lines, and limited by a front wall (3), a side wall (4) joined to said front wall (3), and a rear rebounding wall (5). It is **characterized in that** the rear rebounding wall (5) is separated from said side wall (4) determining a passage opening (6). It further include a first external

playing area (7) disposed adjacent to said passage opening (6), and a second external playing area (8) disposed adjacent to the side (9) without a wall, opposite said side wall (4) and said passage opening (6). It manages to improve the playing possibilities with a structurally simple court configuration, also provided the court with good visibility from the outside.

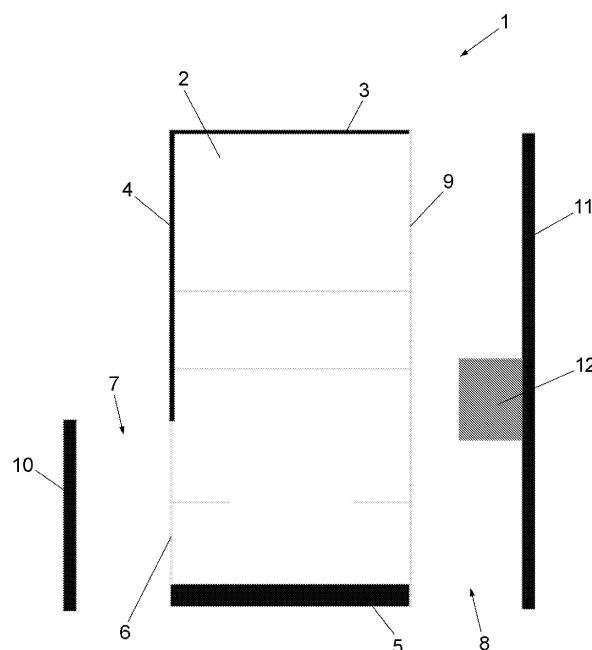


FIG. 1

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1. claims: 1-9, 14, 15

Related to a court with specific playing areas and specific means for setting out the playing area boundaries, solving the problem of versatility of the court, access to the court and visibility.

2. claims: 10-13

Related to a court with lighting means, solving the problem of uniform lighting of the court.

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