

# Rising to the challenge: 21st-century games of wit and endurance

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Already finished *Angry Birds: Star Wars* and looking for a new challenge? Healthy competition comes in all shapes and sizes -- and isn't only to be found on a screen.

Take on a few contenders in this selection of 21st-century games of wit and endurance, curated by Wired.

## **Brompton World Championship**

*Oxfordshire*

This folding-bike race demands formal garb as competitors from 30-odd nations rip around Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire.

[brompton.co.uk](http://brompton.co.uk)

## **World's Fastest Drummer Championships**

*California*

Can you tap up to 1,000 times a minute on a "Drumometer"? Then the title of World's Faster Drummer could be yours. Drum roll, please...

[extremesportdrumming.com](http://extremesportdrumming.com)

## **Chess Boxing Championships**

*Berlin, London, LA, Krasnoyarsk*

Alternating rounds of chess and boxing for up to 11 rounds.

If Kasparov would take on a Klitschkos, we'd definitely get a ringside seat.

[wcbo.org](http://wcbo.org)

### **Evo (Evolution) Championship Series**

*Las Vegas*

The world's largest fighting game tear-up attracts hardcore gamers spoiling for the ultimate virtual scrap, before a baying crowd.

[evo.shoryuken.com](http://evo.shoryuken.com)

### **National Siesta Championships**

*Madrid*

Held in a shopping centre, scientists ascertain which competitor gets to sleep quickest and for longest. You snooze, you win.

[campeonato-de-siesta.com](http://campeonato-de-siesta.com)

### **World Body Painting Championships**

*Pörtschach*

Get imaginative in Austria, where the flesh is the canvas for body-painting avatars from 40 nations. Not for the prudish, though. [bodypainting-festival.com](http://bodypainting-festival.com)

### **National Speed SMS Championships**

*Bangalore*

Join thumb-warriors from across India in a regular quest to out-text each other in a keypad-melting 140-character challenge.

[go-nxg.com](http://go-nxg.com)

### **World Solar Challenge**

*Australia*

College teams build eco vehicles and compete to get the furthest across the dry plains of Oz on 5kWh of solar or kinetic power.

[worldsolarchallenge.org](http://worldsolarchallenge.org)