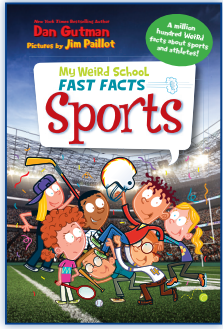


PIN FEVER



In Dan Gutman's *My Weird School Fast Facts: Sports*, A.J. and Andrea discuss some weird-but-true Olympic sports. But did you know that the hobby of collecting and trading Olympic souvenir pins is *like* an Olympic sport for some fans of the Games? These fans are even called "pin heads" because they have pins on the brain. Let's catch Olympic pin fever and collect some pins of our own design, using the guidelines below.

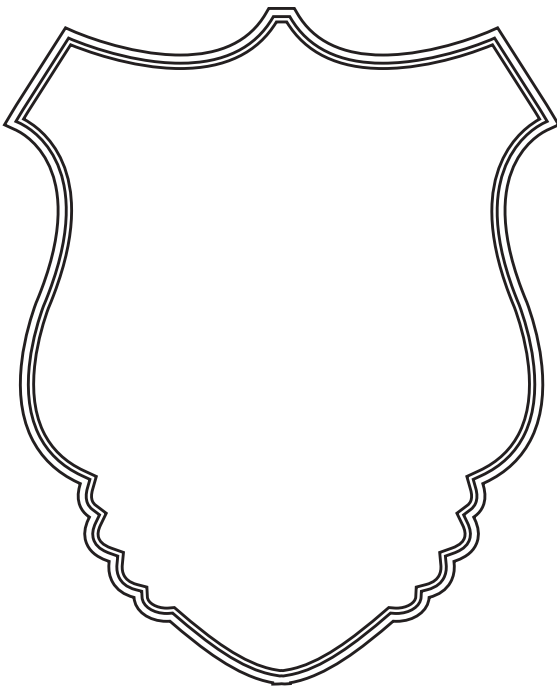


- 1 Select a weird-but-true Olympic sport to research on the internet. Examples include: trampoline, dressage, rhythmic gymnastics, luge, biathlon, skeleton, curling, handball, racewalking, canoe slalom, water polo, badminton, or steeplechase.
- 2 Design a pin to illustrate your weird Olympic sport. Use the badge template below.
- 3 Write a description of your sport explaining its unusual nature and history. Use the notecard below.

- 1 Share your pin and research with fellow pin heads in your class, and then trade pins.
- 2 Remember your pin etiquette:
 - Always be polite so you don't give pin collectors a bad name.
 - Always educate a potential trader about your pin.
 - Never be too aggressive about obtaining a pin, even if you have pin fever.
 - Most important, **HAVE FUN!**



MY PIN DESIGN



MY OLYMPIC SPORT

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