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Fun and excitement – this is what we expect from games and contests. Whether it's about sport, dexterity or artistic talent – the pleasure is common to almost all the world's cultures. Many contests are based on ancient traditions, others are of more recent provenance. But for all their differences, they have one thing in common: they bring people together. Alongside our urge to play, they also fulfill our **Need to Compete**.

01 Cabers, Hammers and Kilts – The Highland Games in Scotland VoD HD

Highland Games are held every year across Scotland's rugged north. In what are known as "gatherings", members of Scottish clans come together to compete in disciplines such as caber tossing and Highland dancing. Although it may at first look rather odd to outsiders, these games have deep historical roots. The traditions go back centuries.

02 A Racing Driver for a Day – Push Cart Derbies in Jamaica VoD HD

Push carts are an integral feature of street life in Jamaica. The homemade wooden carts are used to transport goods or serve as mobile snack stands. Once a year, owners spruce up their push carts for a special derby: Who can steer their cart the fastest through the bustling streets?

03 For the Honor of the Neighborhood – Old-Style Soccer in Italy VoD HD

Every year in June, the Piazza Santa Croce in the heart of Florence is turned into a sand-covered sports pitch. In a game of calcio storico, teams from the city's four districts fight for possession of the ball. The rules and costumes date back to the late 16th century. Injuries are not infrequent. What matters is victory, and the honor of representing your neighborhood in the contest.

04 Betting on Insects – Cricket Fighting in China VoD HD

Cricket fighting is a traditional Chinese pastime that dates back more than a thousand years. Male field crickets from a small area in the northeast of China are said to be the most combative. The insects are sold at street markets all over the country, and prize fighters can cost up to a thousand Euros. The battles take place in small transparent boxes. Spectators place bets and, nowadays, can follow the action on a large screen. The cricket that throws its opponent out of the ring three times is declared the winner.

05 Fireworks for the Gods – Rocket Festivals in Thailand VoD HD

People living in Isaan province in northeast Thailand gather every year to celebrate the Bun Bang Fai festival: huge homemade rockets are fired into the sky to impress the gods. In return, it is hoped the gods will then start the rainy season, which is crucial for the harvest. Festival participants spare no effort or cost in making their brightly decorated rockets, some of them more than five meters long. People believe that the owner of the highest-flying rocket can be certain of winning the gods' favor.