

Sports vocabulary

We use many various types of equipment and clothing to play different sports. Decide whether the sport is played with the following types of equipment and clothing. Some of the words are used more than once:

ball, puck, racket, stick, piece, paddle, gloves, stirrup, costume, board, bat, cleats, spikes, pads (knee-pad, shoulder-pad, etc.), club, saddle, suit, shuttlecock, ring, net

- Wrestling
- American Football:
- European Football:
- Tennis:
- Chess:
- Swimming:
- Horse Racing:
- Ice Hockey:
- Boxing:
- Volleyball:
- Surfing
- Athletics:
- Baseball:
- Ping Pong:
- Racketball:
- Squash:
- Badminton
- Golf:

Sports idioms used in business language

Closing a Deal

(In a typical office somewhere in New York)

Bob: Well, is Trevisos going to play ball or are we going to strike out on this deal?

Pete: The latest locker talk is that our game plan is a real contender for the contract.

Bob: Yeah, the other team has two strikes against it after they fumbled last week.

Pete: They had a great chance of scoring but I think Trevisos thought they weren't up to scratch on some of the details.

Bob: They pretty much put themselves into a no win situation by stalling for time on the figures from Smith's and Co. If we can get to home at the next meeting I think that we should be able to take the ball and run.

Pete: If our numbers are right, we should be able to call the shots from here.

Bob: We just need to jockey ourselves into position to close the deal.

Pete: Make sure that you take along your team players next week. I want to be sure that everyone is playing with a full deck and that everyone can field any question asked.

Bob: I'll take Shirley and Harry along. They are no second stringers, they can present the ballpark figures and then I will bring it on home.

Pete: Great, good luck with the pitch!

Translation...

Bob: Well, is Trevisos **going to play ball** (*baseball-play a game, idiom-do business with*) or are we going to **strike out** (*baseball-go out, idiom-fail*) on this **deal** (*idiom-contract*)?

Pete: The latest **locker talk** (*general sports-talk among the players, idiom-gossip, rumours*) is that our **game plan** (*American football-plan which plays to make, idiom-plan of action*) is a real **contender** (*boxing- very possible winner, idiom-person with a good chance of success*) for the contract.

Bob: Yeah, the other team has **two strikes against it** (*baseball-one step from going out or loosing, idiom-close to not succeeding*) after they **fumbled** (*American football-lose possession of the ball, idiom-make a serious mistake*) last week.

Pete: They had a great chance of **scoring** (*any sport-to make a point, idiom-to succeed*) but I think Trevisos thought they weren't **up to scratch** (*horse-racing-not capable of winning, idiom-not having the right qualities*) on some of the details.

Bob: They pretty much put themselves into a **no-win situation** (*baseball-impossible to win, idiom-impossible to succeed*) by **stalling for time** (*American football-to delay the game, idiom-to delay information or a decision*) on the figures from Smith's and Co. If we can **get to home** (*baseball-score a run, idiom-complete the desired action*) at the next meeting I think that we should be able to **take the ball and run** (*American football-continue to go forward, usually a long distance, idiom-continue in the right direction*).

Pete: If our numbers are right, we should be able to **call the shots** (*basketball-to decide who shoots, idiom-to make the decisions*) from here.

Bob: We just need to **jockey ourselves into position** (*horse-racing-put yourself into a good position to win the race, idiom-to move into position to succeed*) to close the deal.

Pete: Make sure that you take along your **team players** (*general sports-players who work together with other players, idiom-people who work together with other staff*) next week. I want to be sure that everyone **is playing with a full deck** (*cards-having all the necessary cards, idiom-having the correct mental abilities, not stupid*) and that everyone **can field** (*baseball-to stop a hit ball, idiom-to handle or deal with*) any question asked.

Bob. I'll take Shirley and Harry along. They are no **second stringers** (*team sports-second class members of the team, idiom-less important workers*), they can present **the ballpark** figures (*baseball-the place where the game is played idiom-general financial numbers*) and then I will **bring it on home** (*baseball-to score a run, idiom-to finish with success*)

Pete: Great, good luck with the **pitch** (*baseball-to throw the ball to the batter, idiom-to present the subject*)!

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