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**Title:** Building Blocks to Championship

**Logline:** As the classic Tetris game grows into popularity, fiercely determined players from across the world like Alex Thach push themselves to the limit, shooting for glory at the 2025 Classic Tetris World Championship. This high-stakes, interview driven documentary dives into the strategy, dedication, and rivalry that accompanies the drive to become the best.

**Synopsis:** Through the stories of Alex Thach, Michael Artiaga, and others, the Classic Tetris World Championship competition is broken down into the intricate preparations that competitors go through at a chance to win the title of world champion. Each character brings a unique perspective on the game and what they have done to progress the growing attention to classic Tetris. The stakes are high as we follow these stories to the 2025 Classic Tetris World Championship competition.

**Theme:** The determination for redemption and the dedication and resilience to follow a passion through consistent challenges

**Characters/Subjects:**

*Competitors* – Alex Thach and Michael Artiaga

Both determined and driven teenagers, ready to fight for the 2025 World Championship title. Alex Thach, the reigning champion, is ready to face his opponent, Michael Artiaga, again head-to-head, determined to defeat him like he did in 2024. Michael Artiaga, a previous champion, is coming for vengeance as he doesn't want to feel the weight of losing for another year.

*Announcers* – Chris Tang and James Chen

Both excited and ready provoke the same delight for the competition that they have to others. Each brings a dynamic energy to the competition setting, creating an enthusiasm no one has been able to replicate. They each have seen the legends compete and continue to see legends be born.

## *Previous Competitors* – Jaseph Saelee and Harry Hong

Previous competitors, legends amongst the community. Each has become champions multiple times, ready to see the new legends be created. They share their wisdom, techniques, and strategies to feed the fiercely competitive environment.

### **Story Structure:**

#### ***Act 1***

*Scene 1* – Introduction of competitors, and seeing them practice in their home environment

*Scene 2* – Previous year's competition footage of current competitors and legends they look up to

*Scene 3* – Interviews with previous competitors/champions and the announcers to set how high the stakes are

#### ***Act 2***

*Scene 4* – The introduction of the strategies and why they continue to compete after failure

*Scene 5* – The first round of qualifying to get to the top 8 with interviews of competitors as they progress

*Scene 6* – The preparation for the final 8 bracket, leading to the streamed competition with the audience present

*Scene 7* – The final round, the one that determines the winner of the 2025 Class Tetris World Championship title

#### ***Act 3***

*Scene 8* – Reflection from the competitors and announcers about the competition

*Scene 9* – The contrast between the winner versus the loser within interviews and after competition reflections about next steps

*Scene 10* – Round out with lessons learned and circling back to the theme of dedication and determination

### **Visual Style and Approach:**

Interviews, archival footage, close-ups of hands, fast-paced handheld competition footage

**Conclusion:** Through the countless hours of practice to making it on the mainstage, the stories from the individual competitors show the resilience they need to have to continue going and working to become a champion. The issues of coming face-to-face with loss and competitors who have won before bringing forth the strength it takes to compete, no matter the kind of competition. The audience is left to contemplate the strength, determination, and resilience it takes to get through the failures they face within following their dream – no matter how big or small that dream may be.