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AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL



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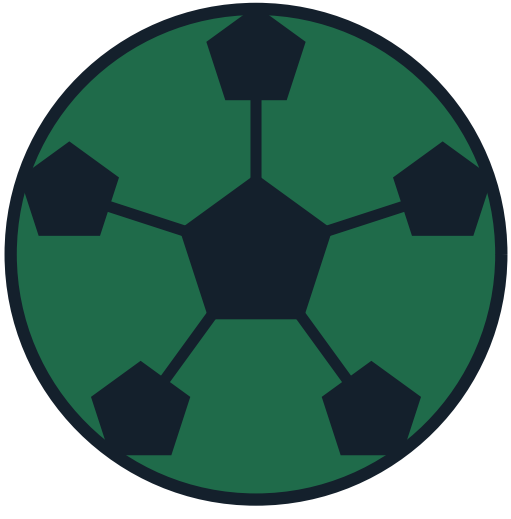
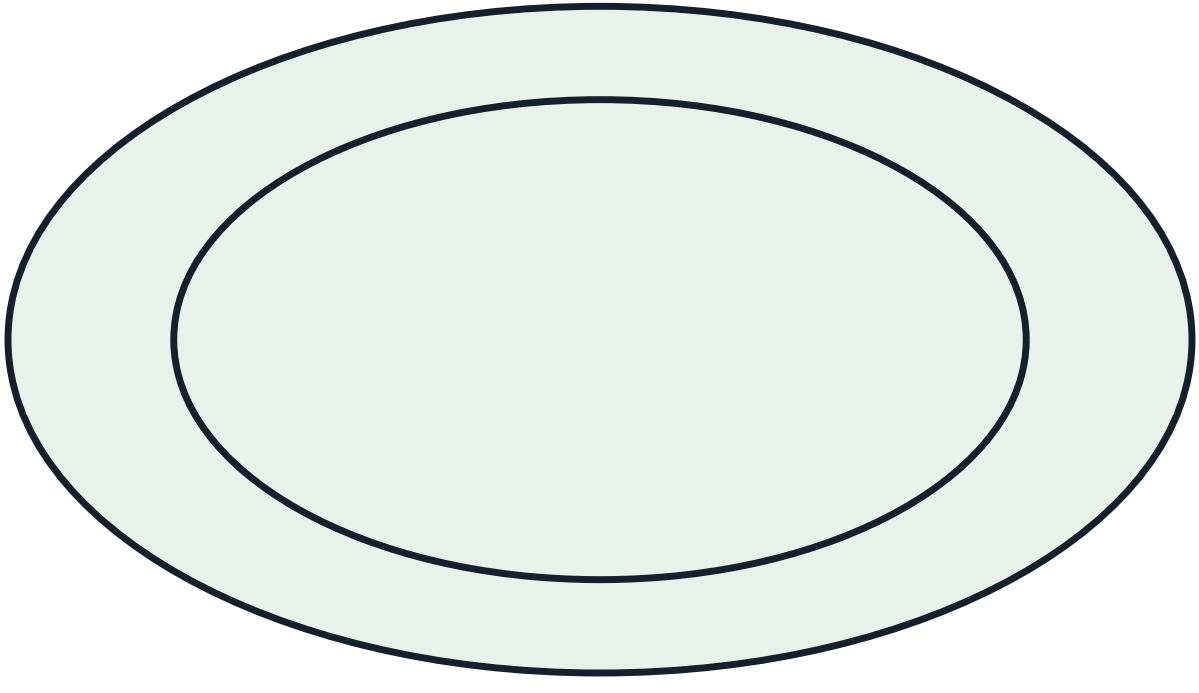
Meet Australian Rules Football!

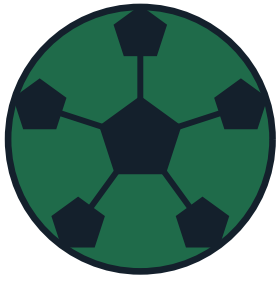
Eighteen a side on a large oval. Kick or handball the ball and score goals (6 points) or behinds (1 point).

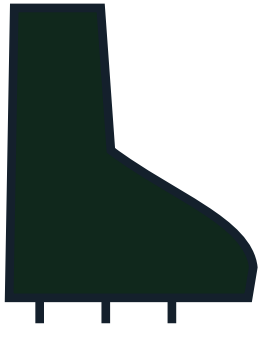


Where It Is Played



The Gear







Meet the Ball & goal Family

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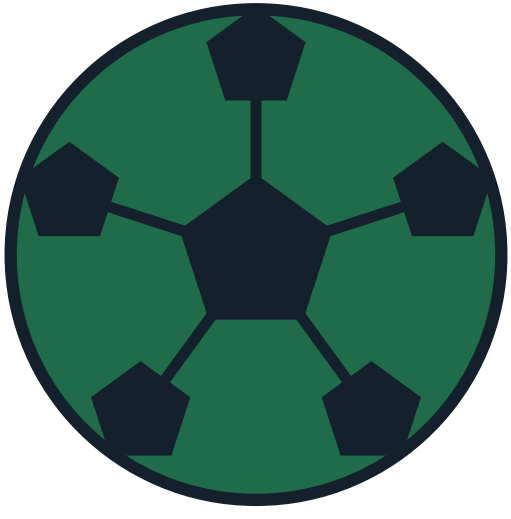
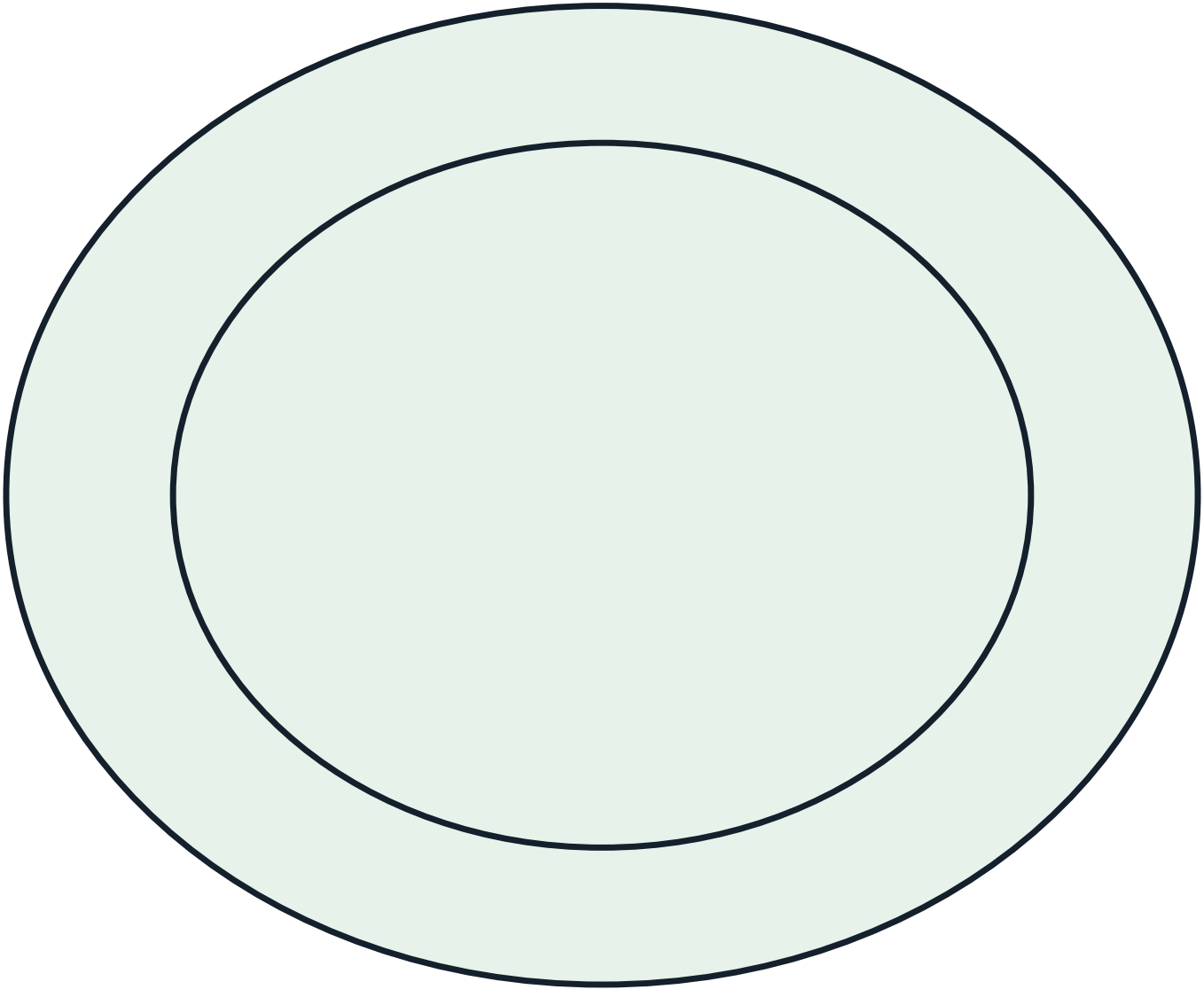
- American Football — Eleven a side; advance the ball 10 yards in four downs or score touchdowns and field goals.
- Canadian Football — Twelve-a-side gridiron game with three downs, run by the CFL.
- Gaelic Football — Irish field sport mixing soccer and rugby, run by the GAA.

How to Play

The AFL amends its laws almost every season in public, arguing with itself about congestion and scoring. Its modern era of intervention begins with the interchange cap and peaks with the 2019–21 package.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

The Story So Far

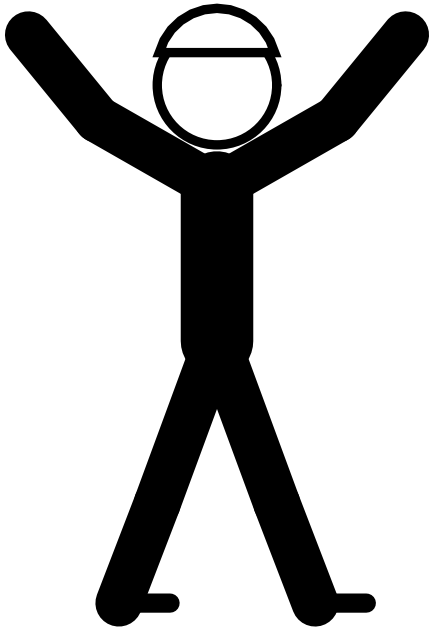
Developed in Melbourne in 1858 and 1859; the VFL formed in 1897 and became the AFL in 1990.



Rules That Changed the Game

- 2019 — 6-6-6 Starting Positions: 6-6-6 guarantees a few seconds of open structure after every centre bounce before formations dissolve; its measurable scoring effe.
- 2021 — The 2021 Package: the Stand Rule and the 75 Cap: The stand rule measurably sped ball movement (play-on rates rose) and is now simply how marks work; the 75-cap's fatigue logic rem.

Colour the Action



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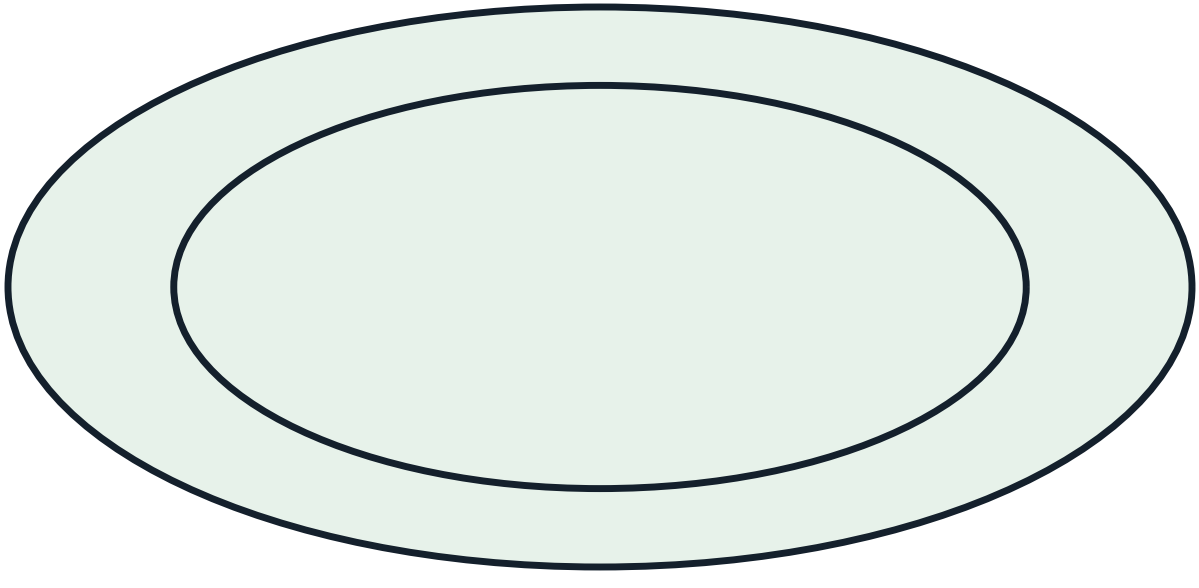
The Sport Today

AFL and AFLW, plus state leagues like the VFL and SANFL.



At School and College

Junior pathways via school and local clubs, then the national draft.

Play It Near You

Community clubs and Auskick for kids.

Through the Year

AFL season March to September, ending with the Grand Final.

The Ball & goal Family

Every sport belongs to a family of games that share its shapes and skills. Here are some of this book's closest relatives — each with a cartoon book and a colouring book of its own.

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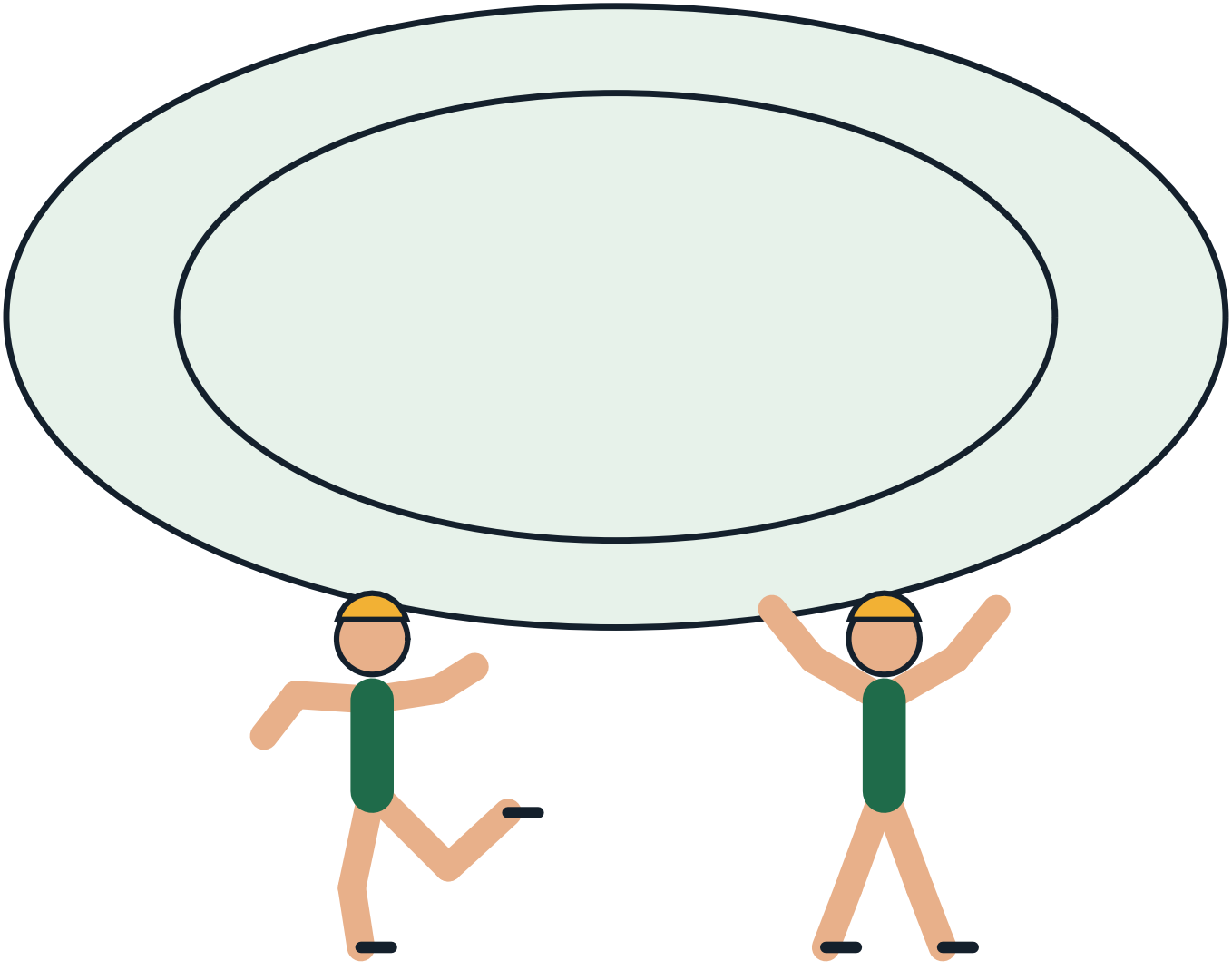
Game Day!



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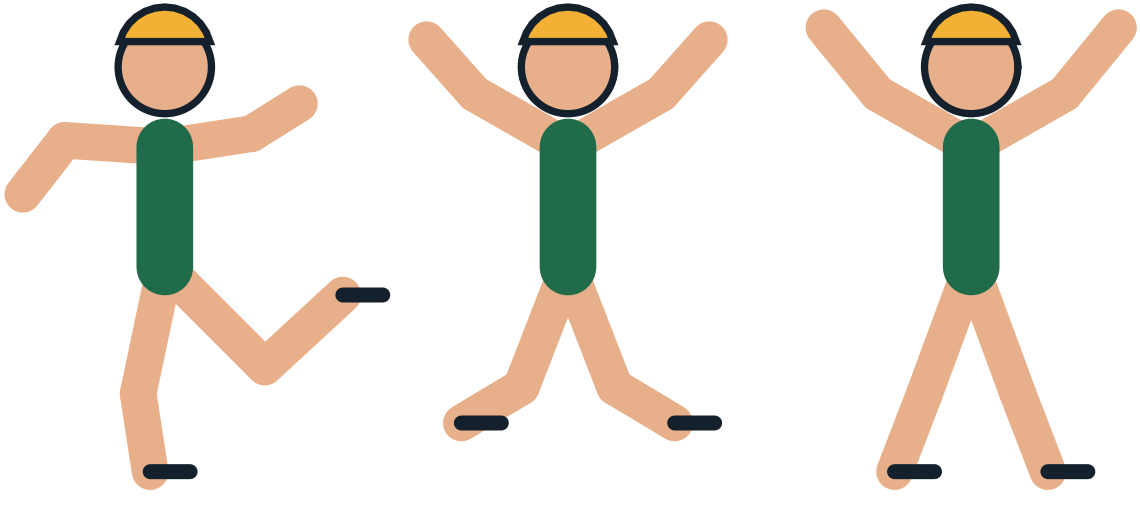
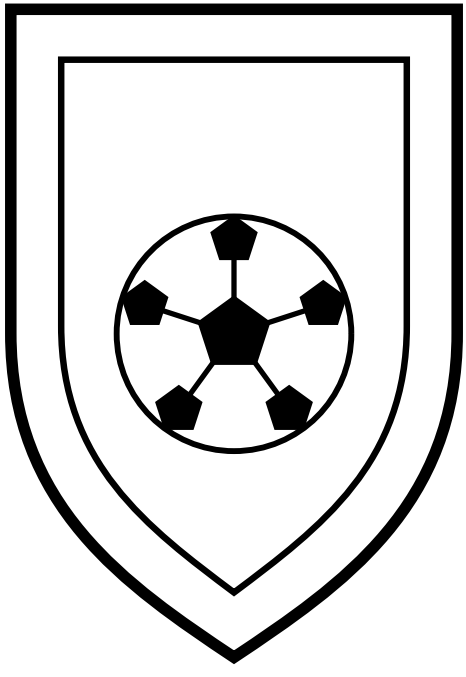
Moves of the Game



Design a Badge

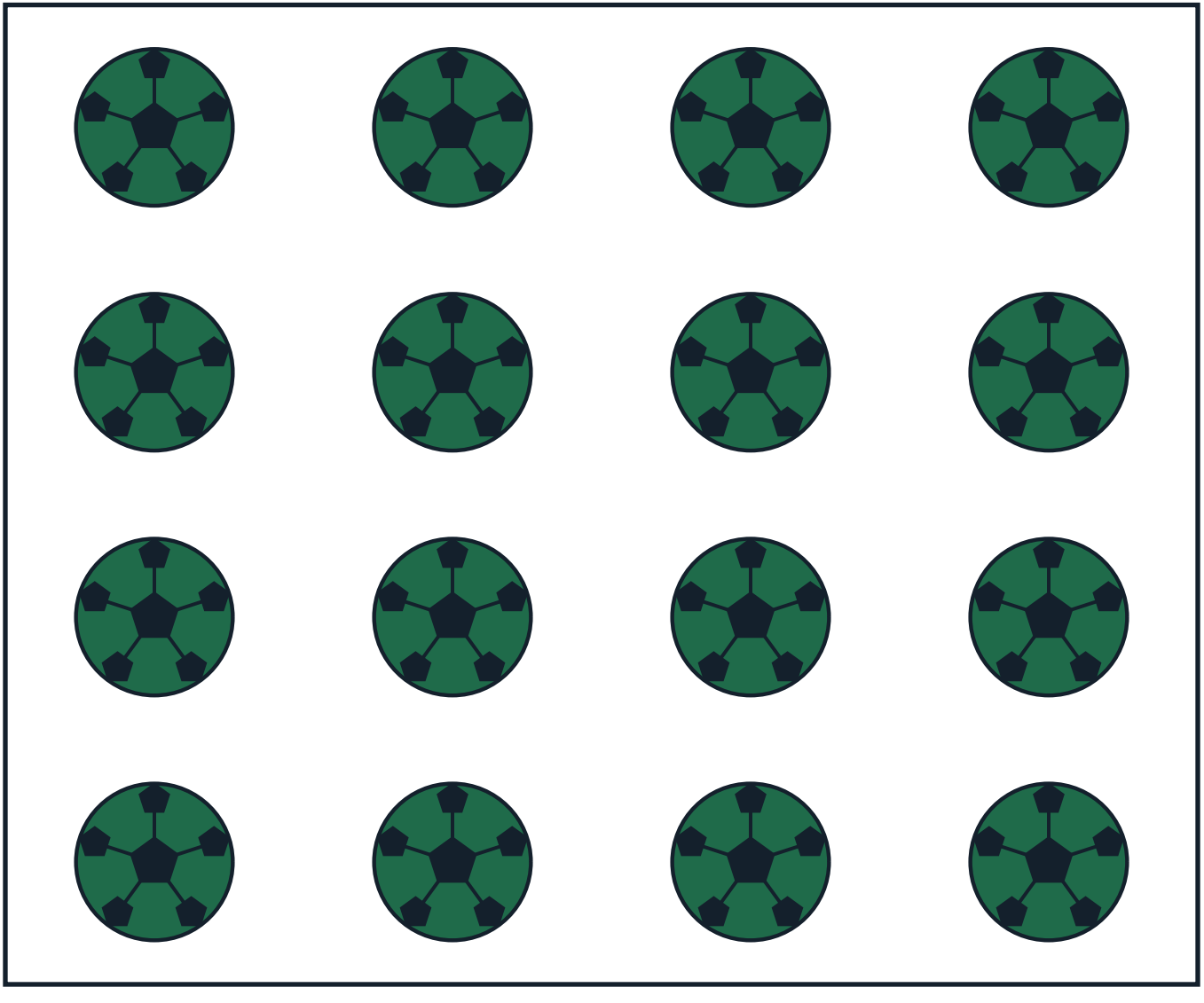


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

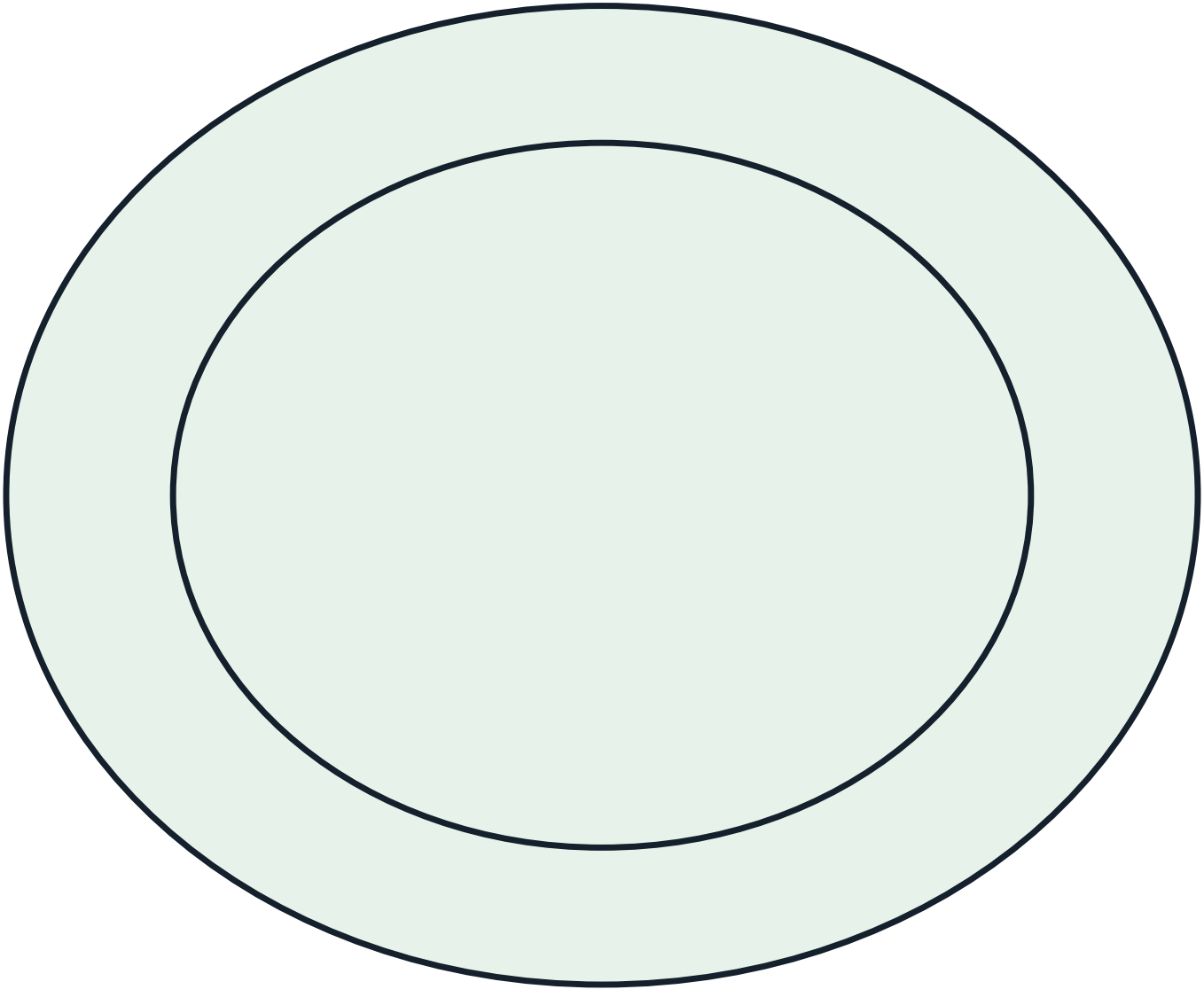
The Gear Parade



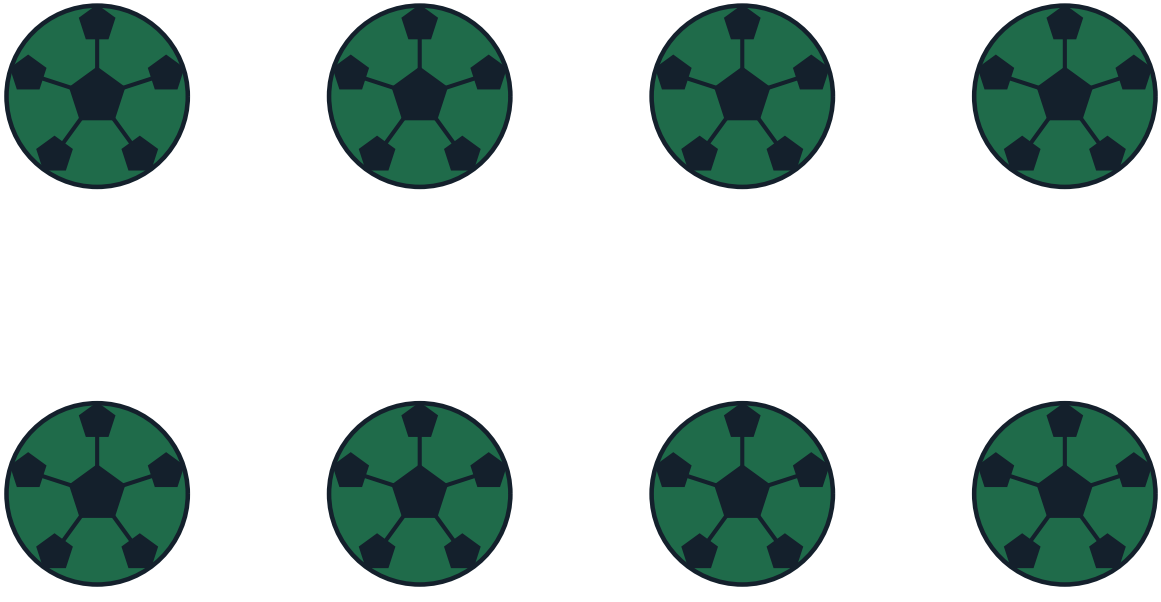
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



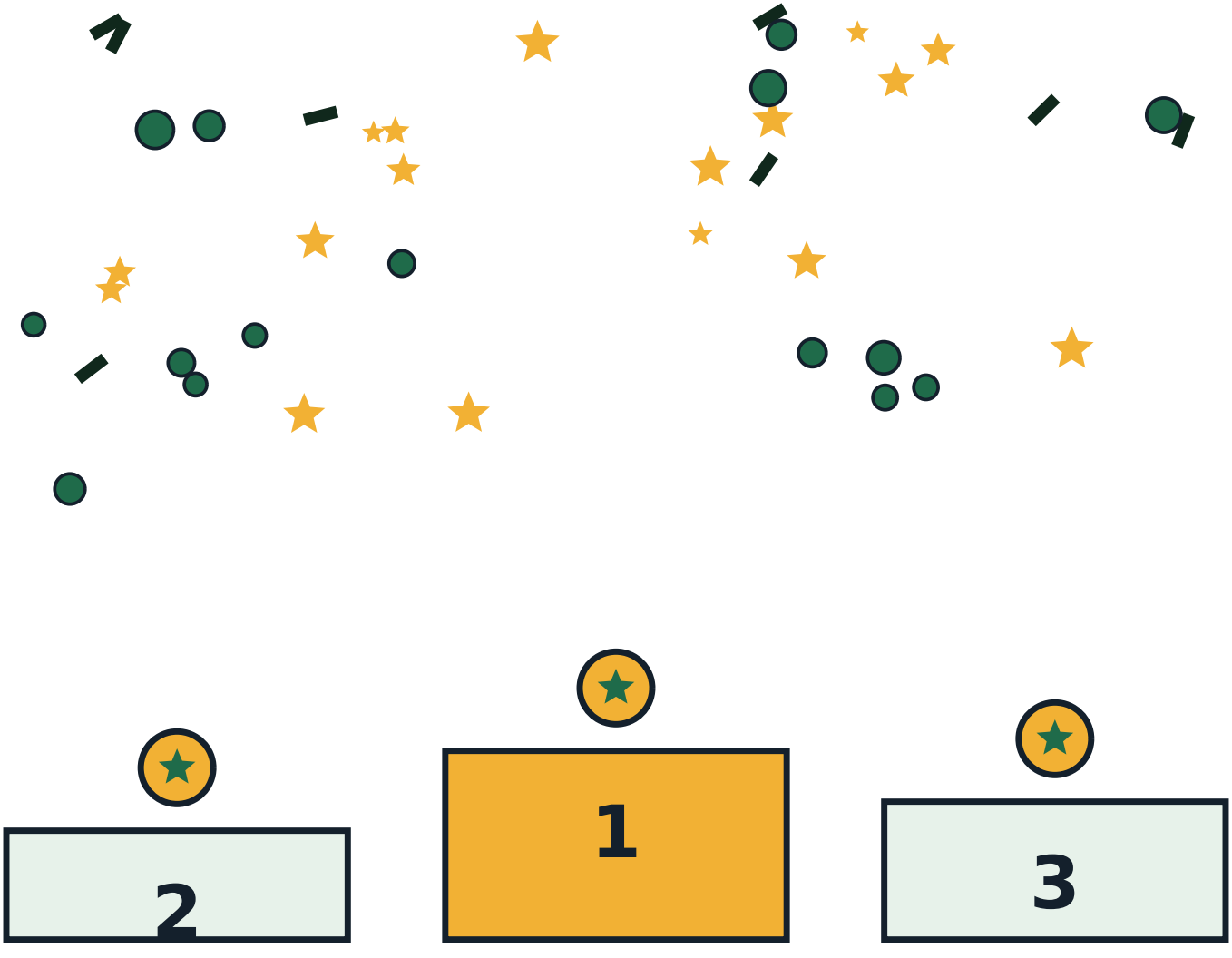
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Australian Rules Football

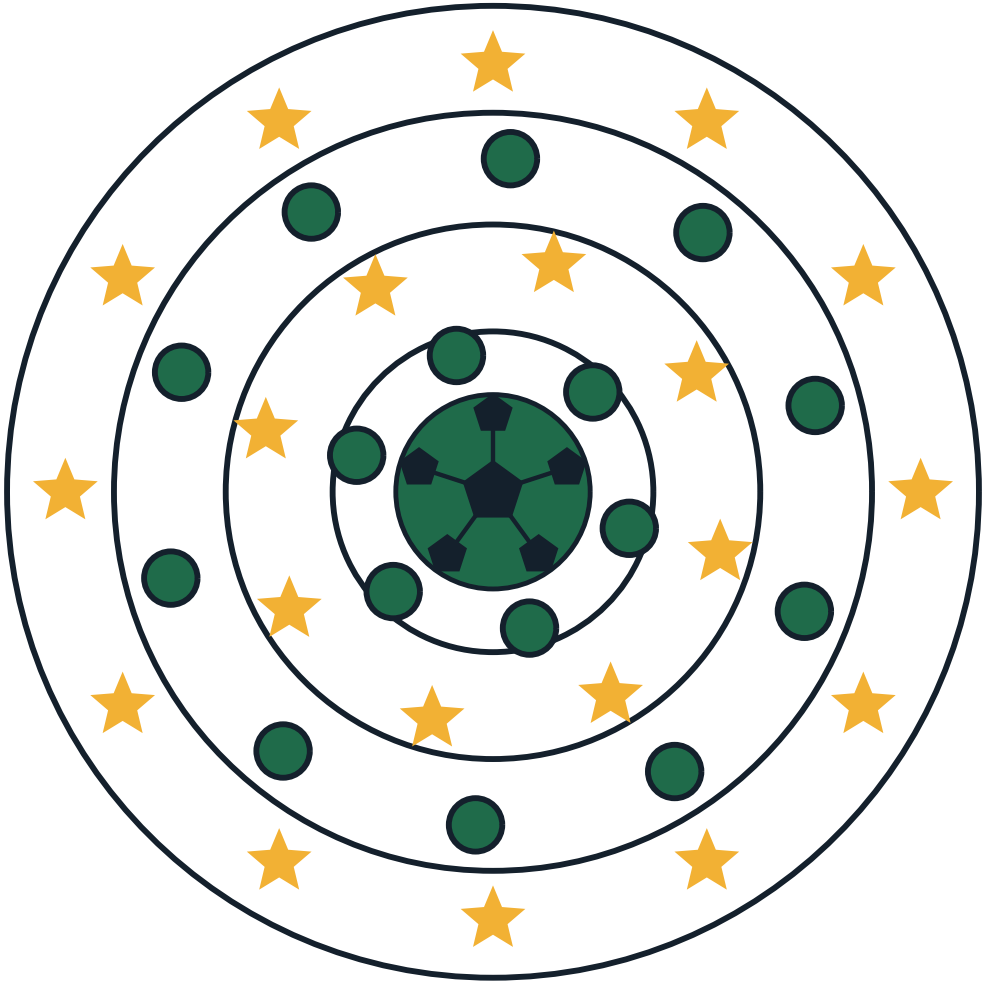
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Rule-change history: AFL Laws of the Game change announcements (2019, 2021); AFL Football Operations briefings.. Everything in this book comes from Sport on Earth's own verified sport files — the same words you can read on the sport's page at Sport on Earth. The illustrations are original artwork drawn by computer for this book series. They are not pictures of real players, real teams or anybody else's characters.

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