THE CARTOON BOOK OF

SWIMMING



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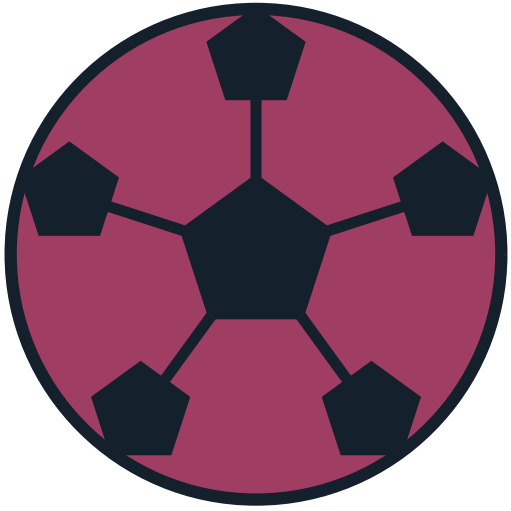
Meet Swimming!

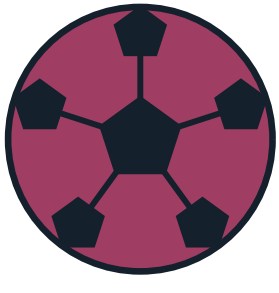
Four strokes (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly) raced over distances from 50 m to 1500 m.

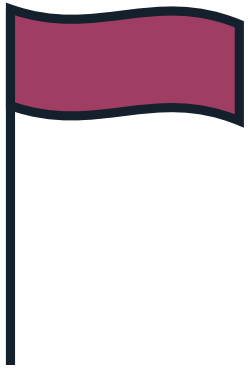


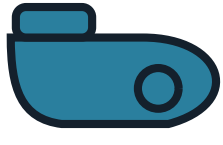
Where It Is Played



The Gear







Meet the Athletics & endurance Family

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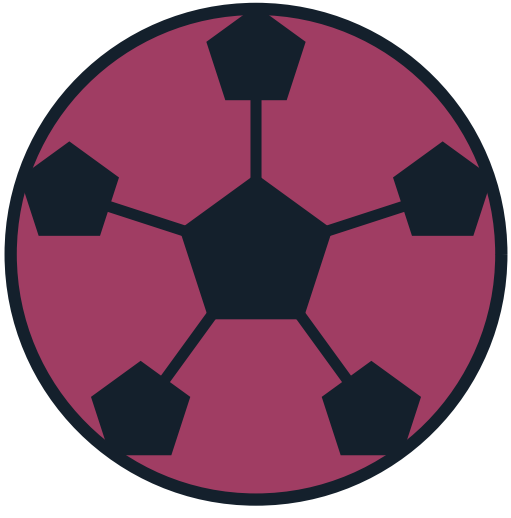
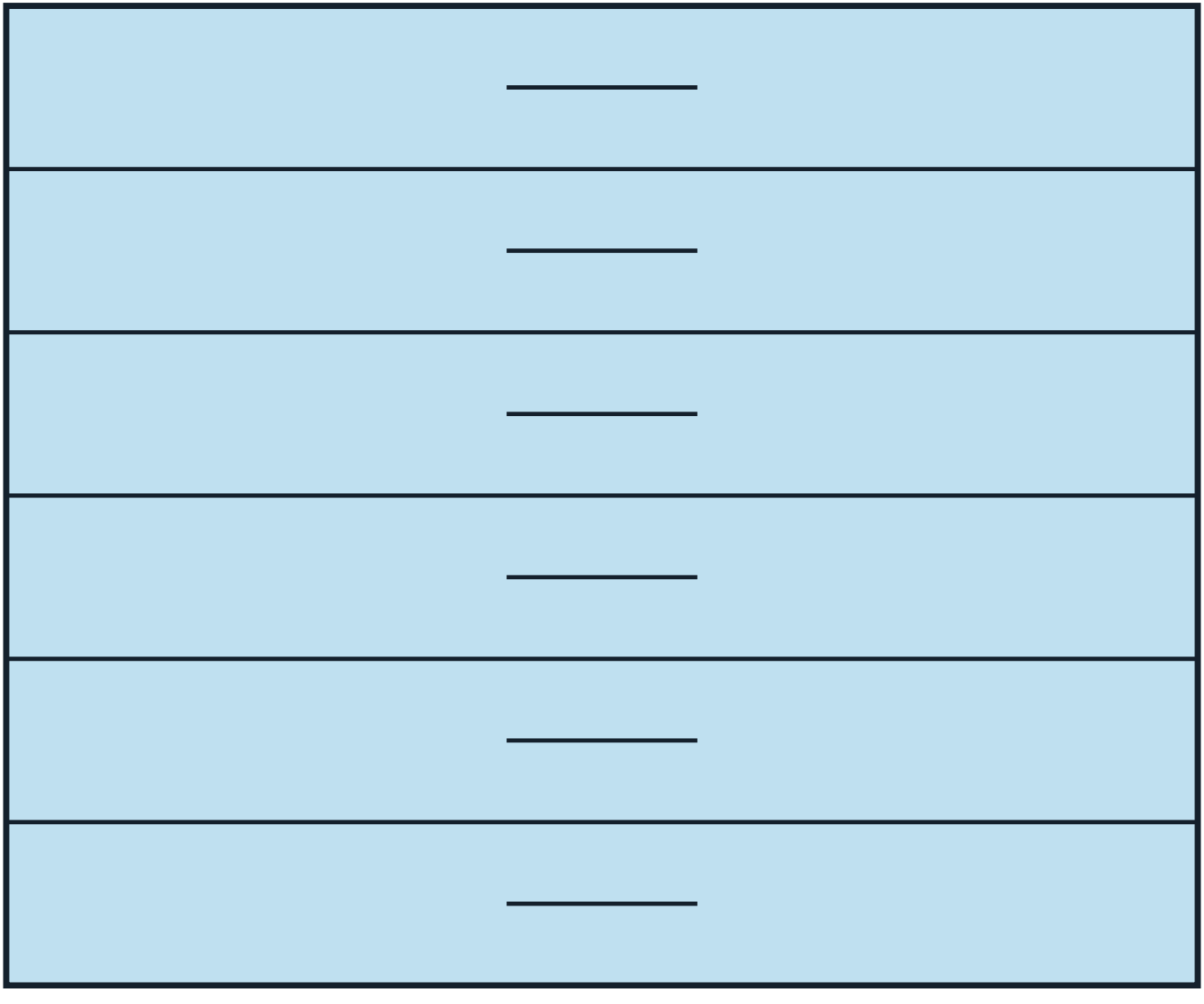
- Adventure Racing — Multi-day expeditions mixing navigation, biking and paddling.

How to Play

Swimming's rule changes are about the water's physics: how long you may stay under it, and what you may wear while moving through it.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

The Story So Far

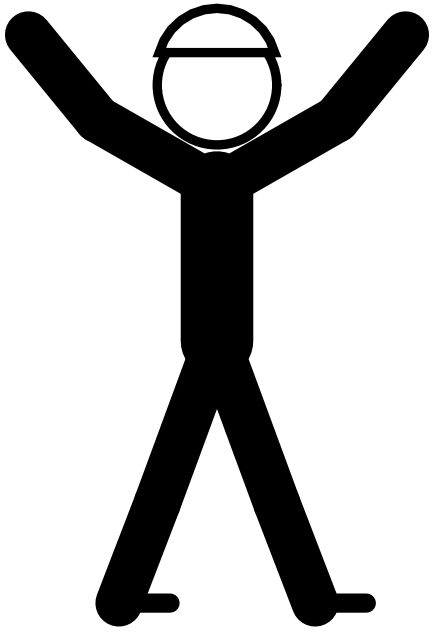
Competitive swimming grew in the 1800s; part of the first modern Olympics in 1896.



Rules That Changed the Game

- 1988 (backstroke); extended 1991 — The 15-Metre Underwater Rule: The underwater phase is now a coached 'fifth stroke' bounded at exactly 15 metres; every elite starter's breakout is measured agai.
- approved 2009, effective 1 January 2010 — The Supersuit Ban: The 'shiny suit' records haunted the books for a decade (several, like the men's 200 m freestyle mark, long outlived textile expec.

Colour the Action



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The Sport Today

World Aquatics Championships, Olympics, and professional leagues such as the ISL.



At School and College

NCAA swimming and diving; school meets in Australia and the UK.

Play It Near You

Swim clubs, masters swimming, open-water swims.

Through the Year

World Aquatics Championships and Olympics; national trials early in the year.

The Athletics & endurance 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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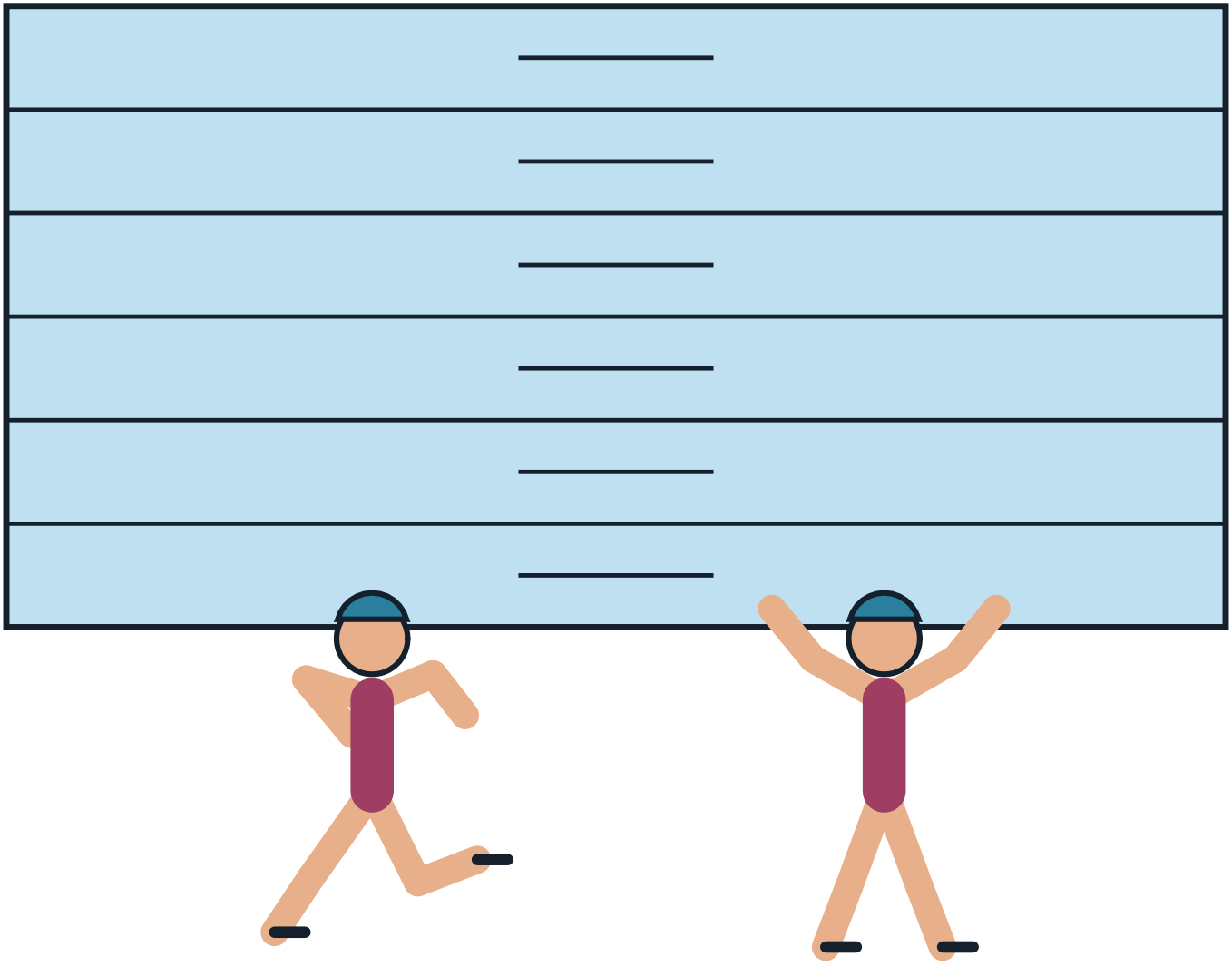
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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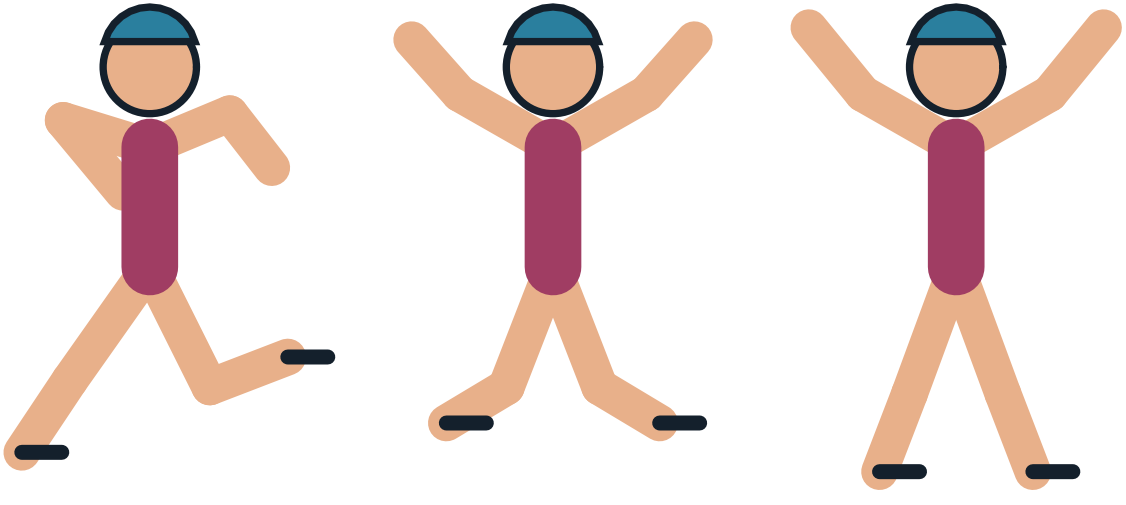
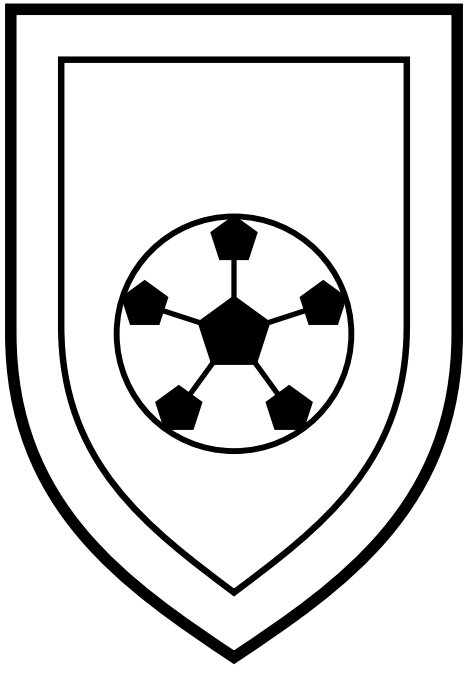
Moves of the Game

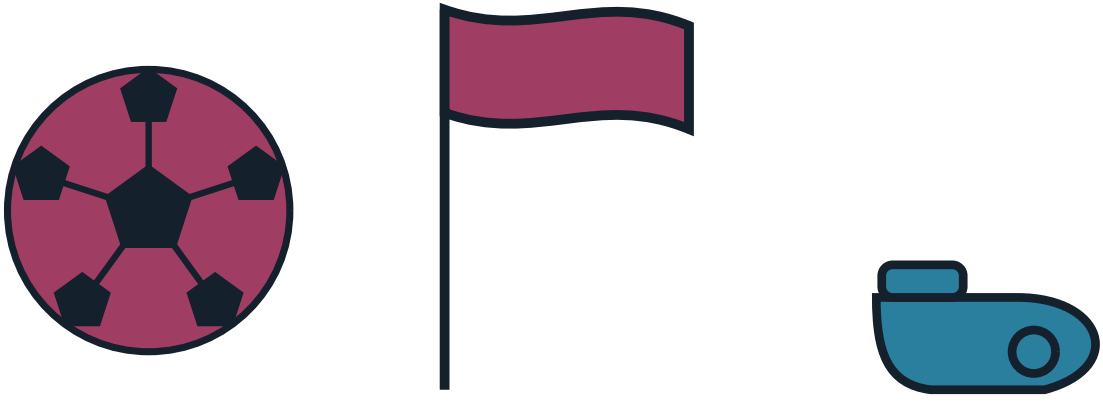


Design a Badge

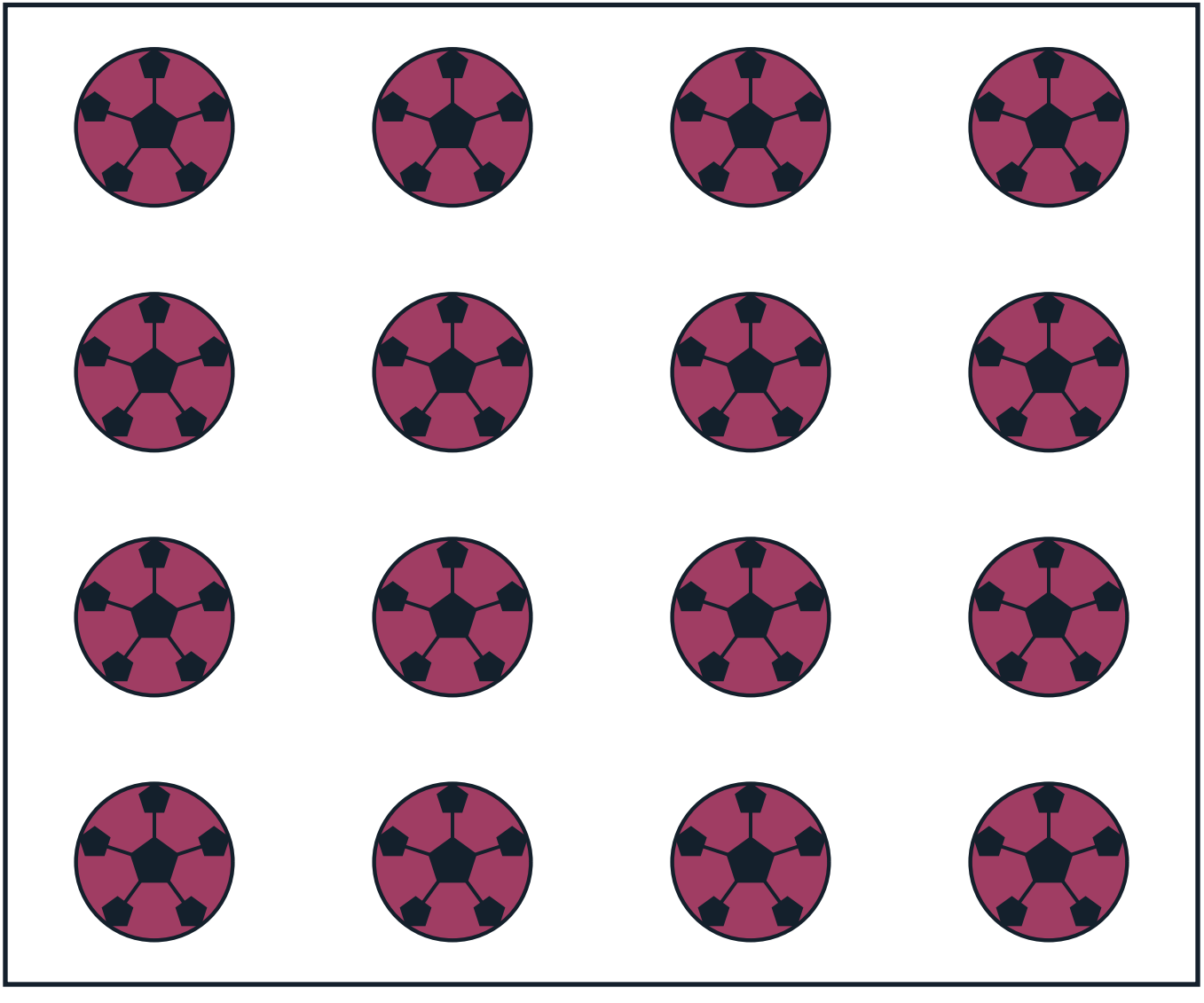


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

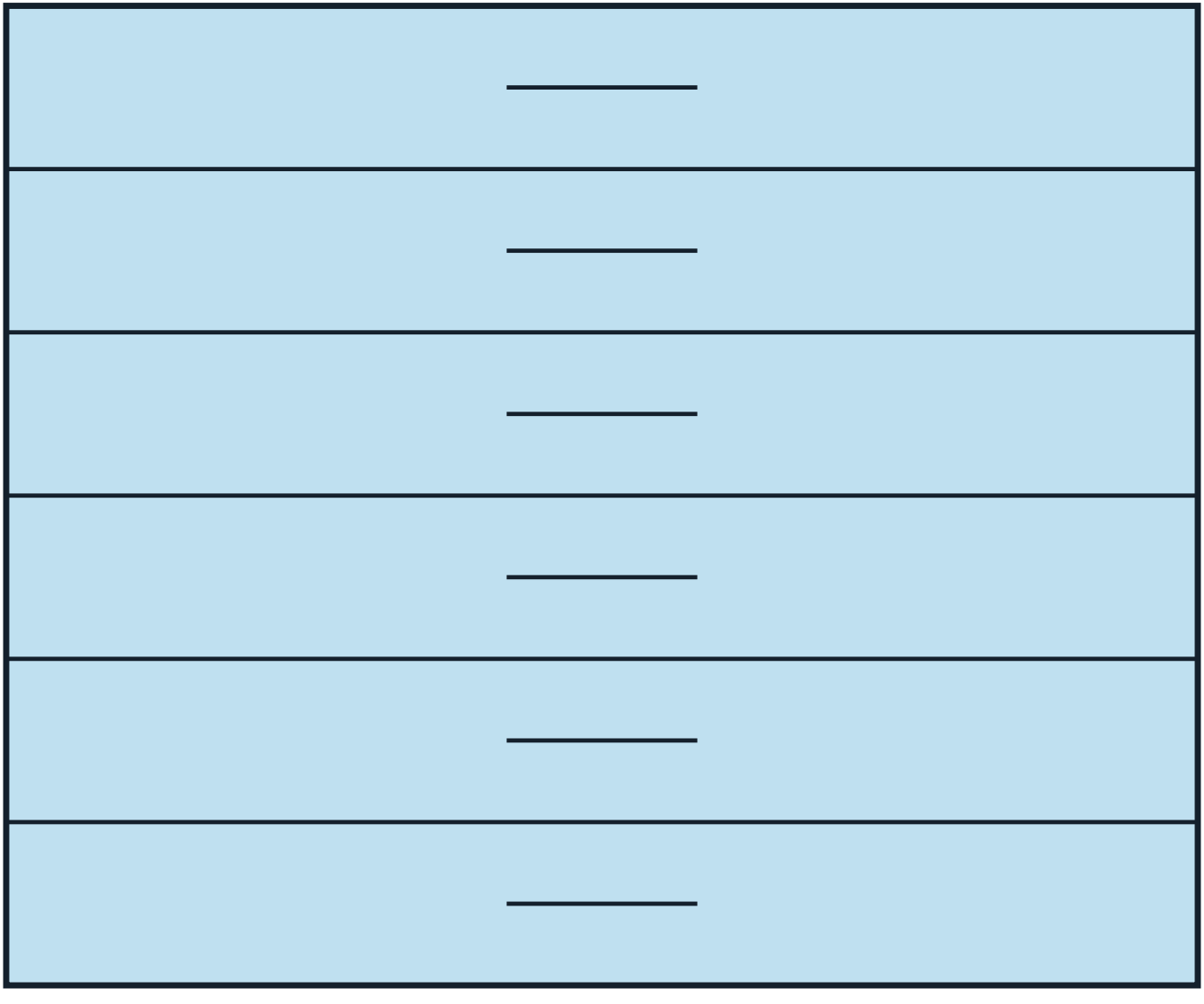
The Gear Parade



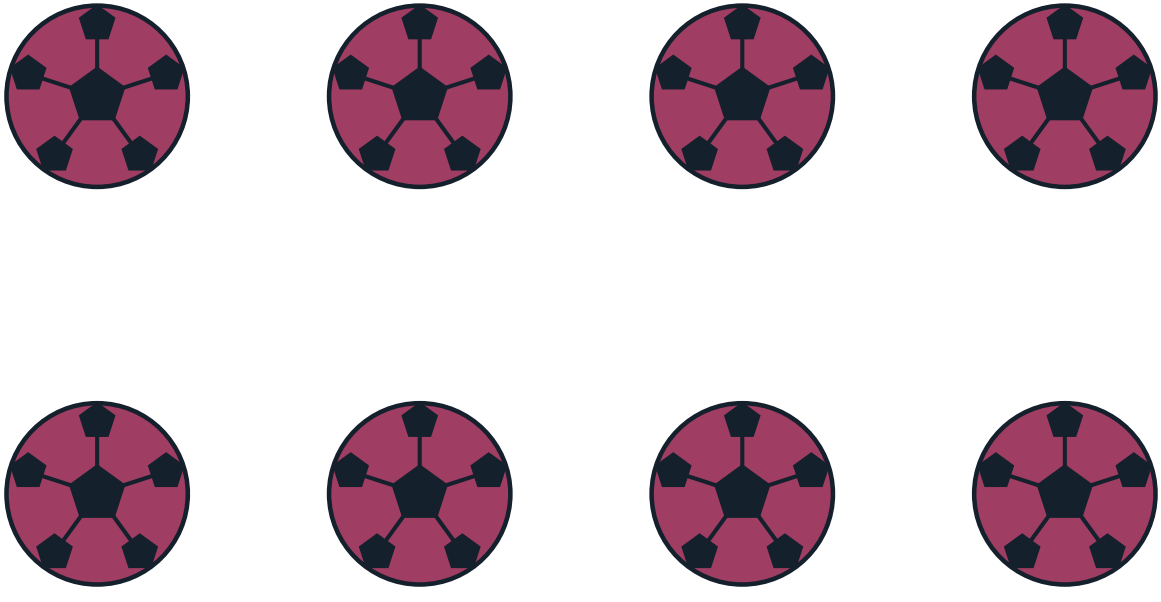
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



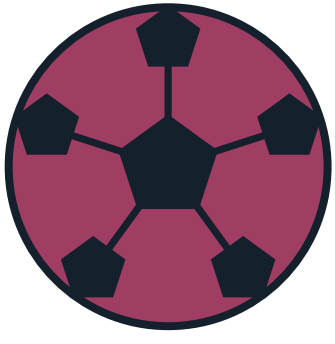
Count the Balls!



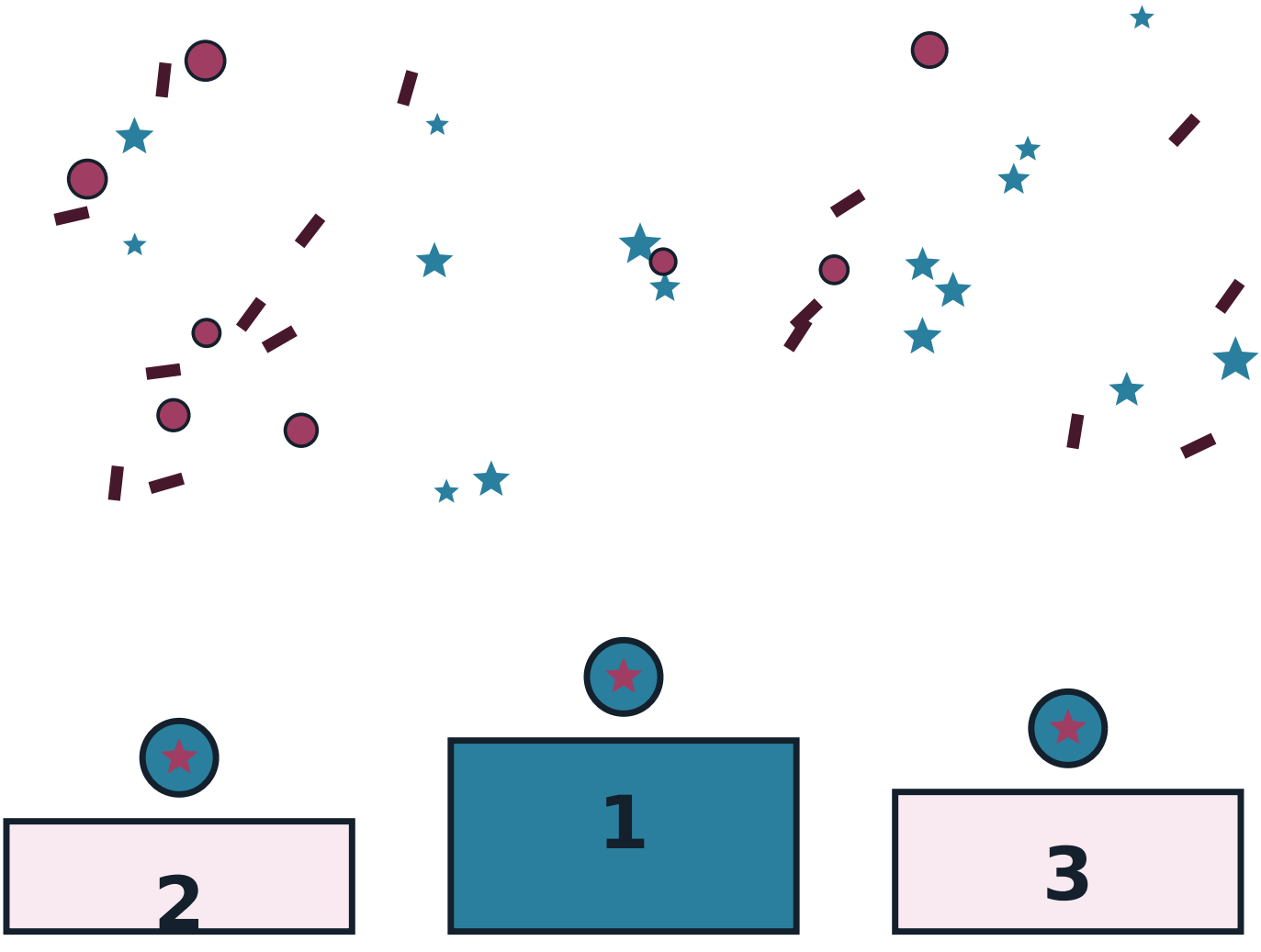
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Swimming

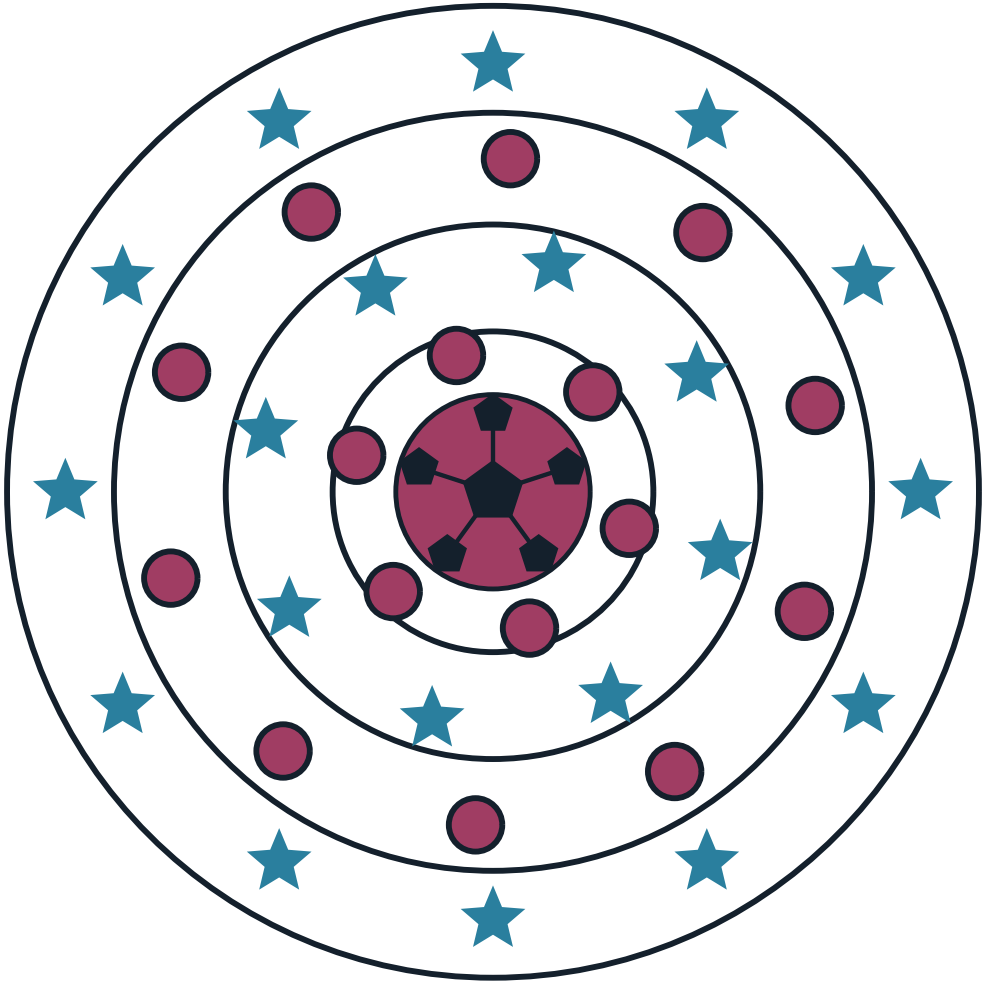
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Rule-change history: World Aquatics (FINA) rule histories: the 15-metre rule (1988–1991), the 2009–10 suit decisions and the Rome 2009 record analysis.. 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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