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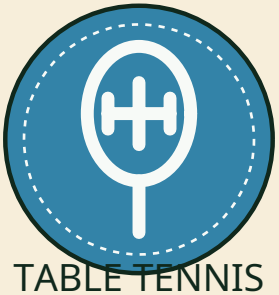
TABLE TENNIS



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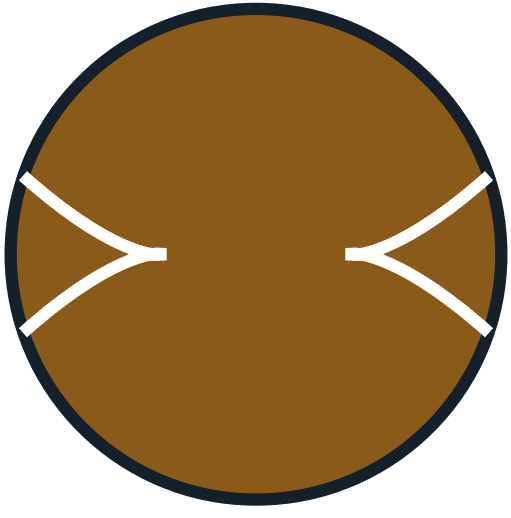
Meet Table Tennis!

A fast game of spin and reflexes; first to 11 points wins a game; best of five or seven games.



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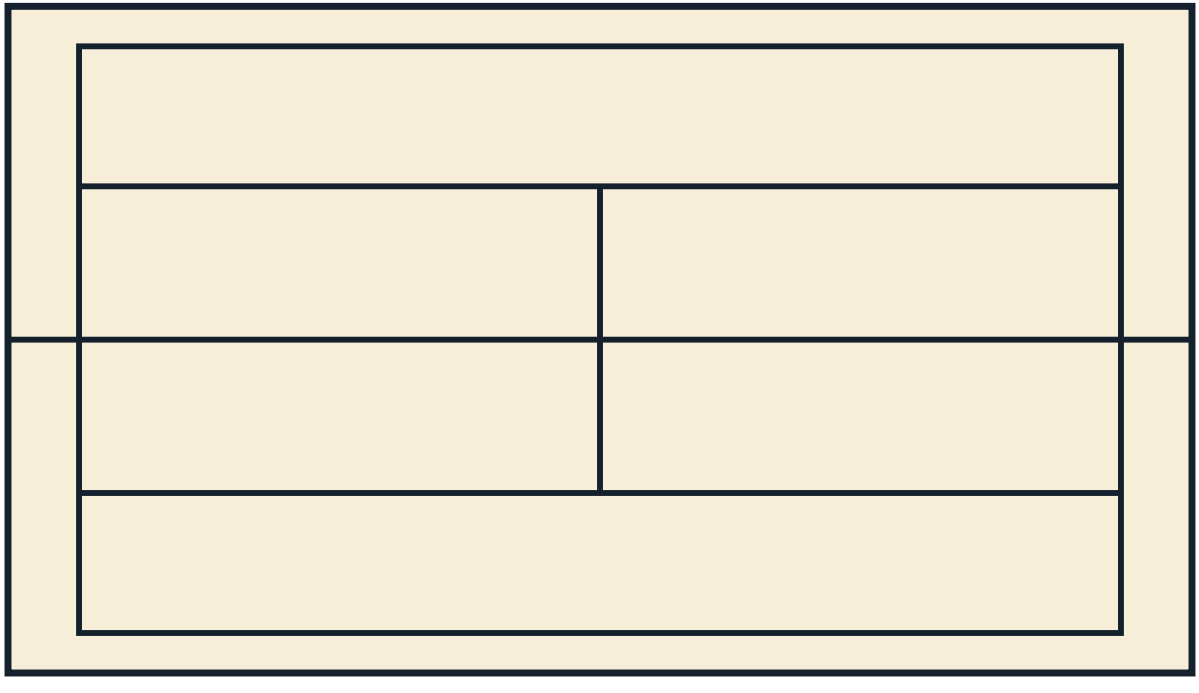
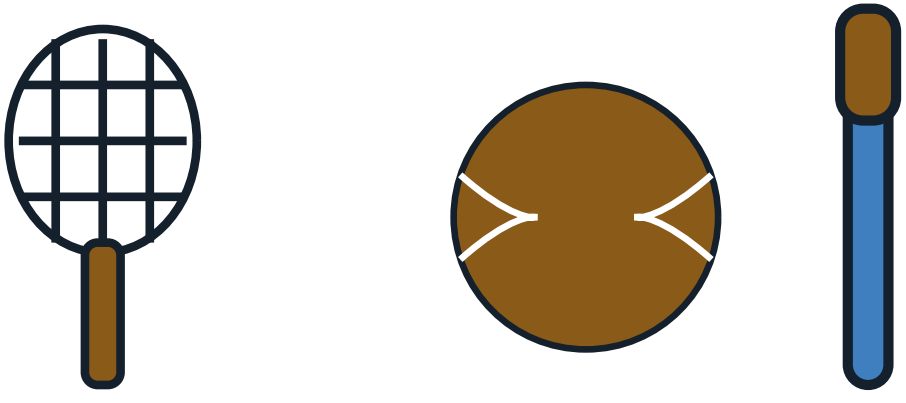


The Gear

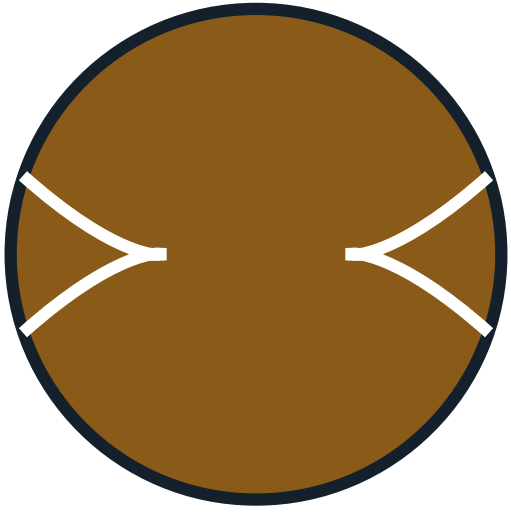


Meet the Bat, stick & racket Family

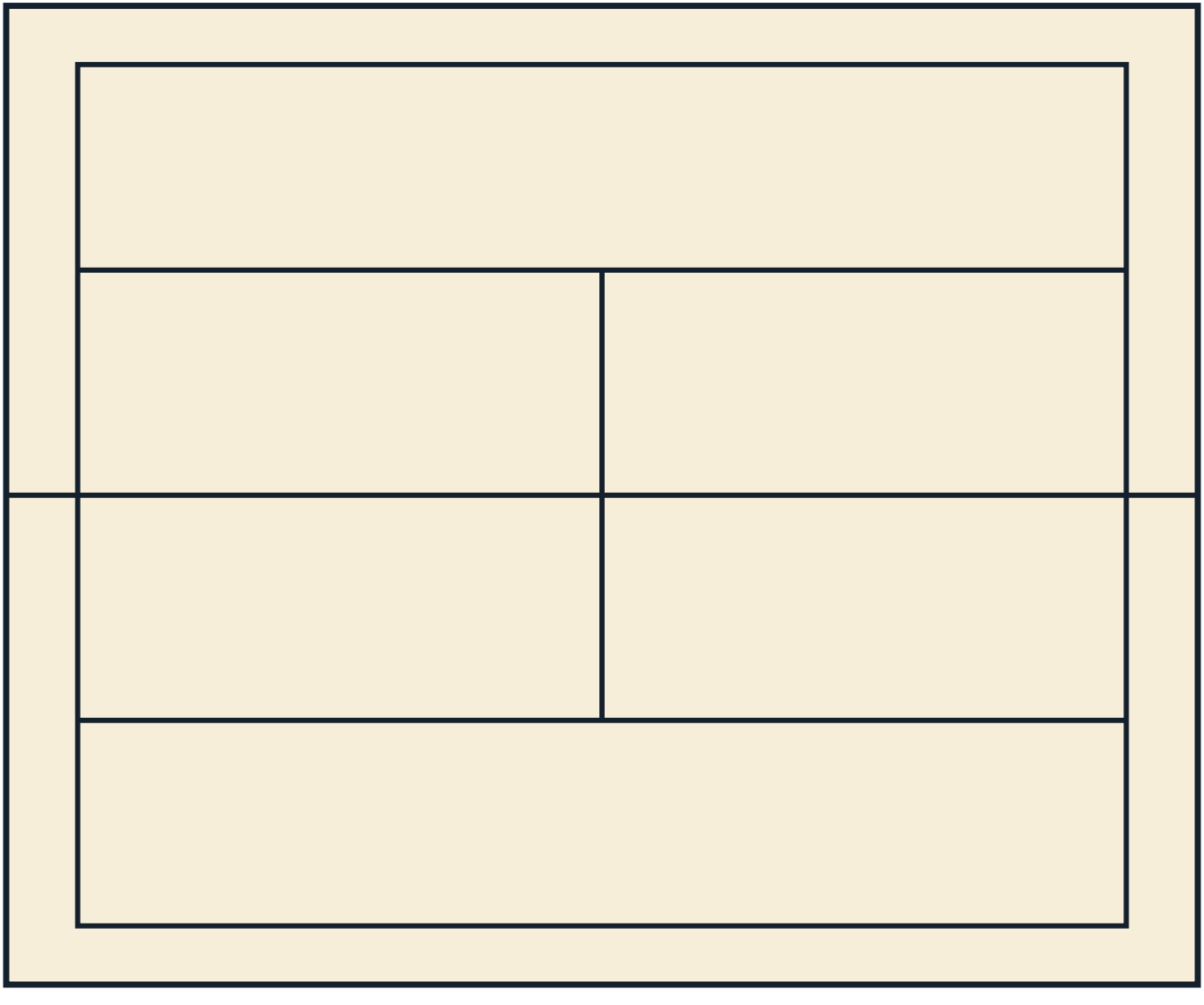
- Cricket — A fielding side tries to dismiss batters and limit runs; batters score by running between wicke.
- Baseball — A pitcher throws to a batter; hit the ball, run the bases, and score runs before three outs.
- Tennis — Players hit a ball over a net into the opponent's court.
- Badminton — Players rally a shuttlecock over a high net. Matches are best of three games to 21.
- Padel — Tennis-squash hybrid played in an enclosed glass court.
- Pickleball — Paddle sport on a small court with a plastic ball.

How to Play

Table tennis made three changes at the turn of the century, all aimed at the same viewer: the one who couldn't see the ball or follow the score.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

The Story So Far

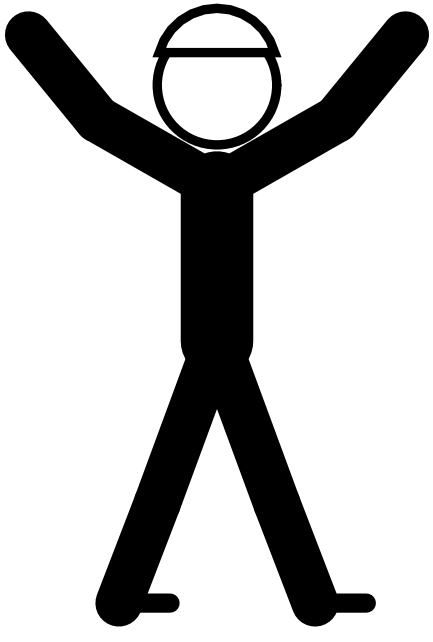
Emerged in Victorian England; Olympic since 1988; China dominates.



Rules That Changed the Game

- 2000 — The Bigger Ball (38 mm → 40 mm): The 40 mm ball is universal; the 38 mm era reads as a different sport on film — faster, spinnier, and played in a blur modern view.
- 2001 — Games to 11 (from 21): Eleven-up is now the sport's heartbeat; expedite-era marathons are history, and the two-serve rotation shapes tactical planning in.
- 2002 — The Open-Palm Serve (Hidden Serve Ban): Serving remains an art — but a visible one; the 'hidden' serve survives as an accusation levelled at borderline tosses, not a lega.

Colour the Action



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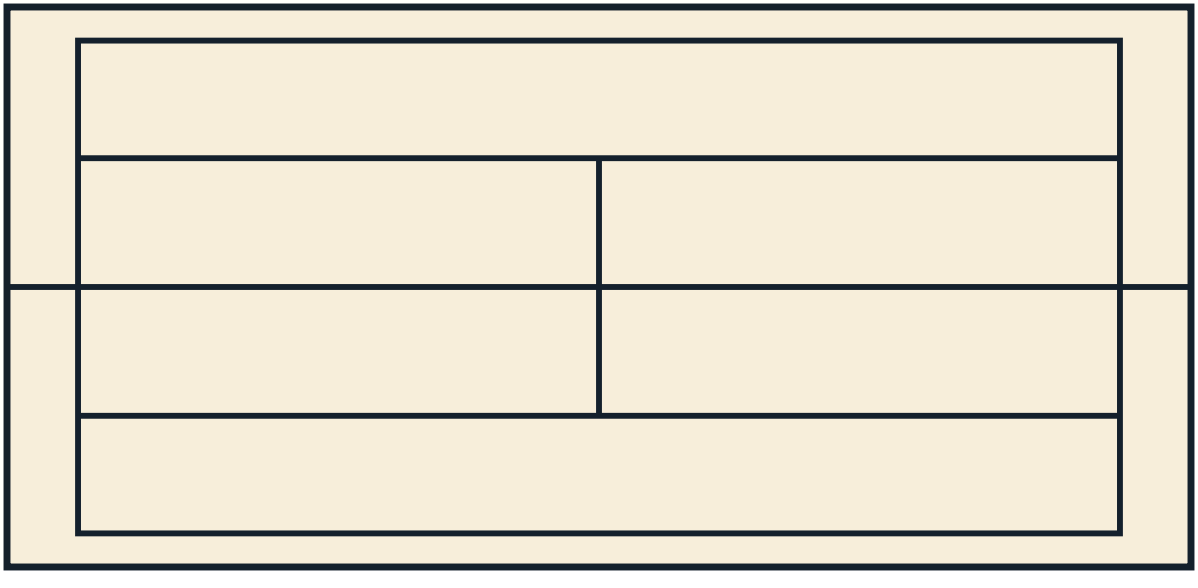
The Sport Today

WTT circuit, Chinese Super League, German Bundesliga, Japanese T.League.



At School and College

School and university competition in Asia and Europe.

Play It Near You

Clubs, offices, schools, and social play.

Through the Year

WTT events year-round; World Championships on a regular cycle.

The Bat, stick & racket 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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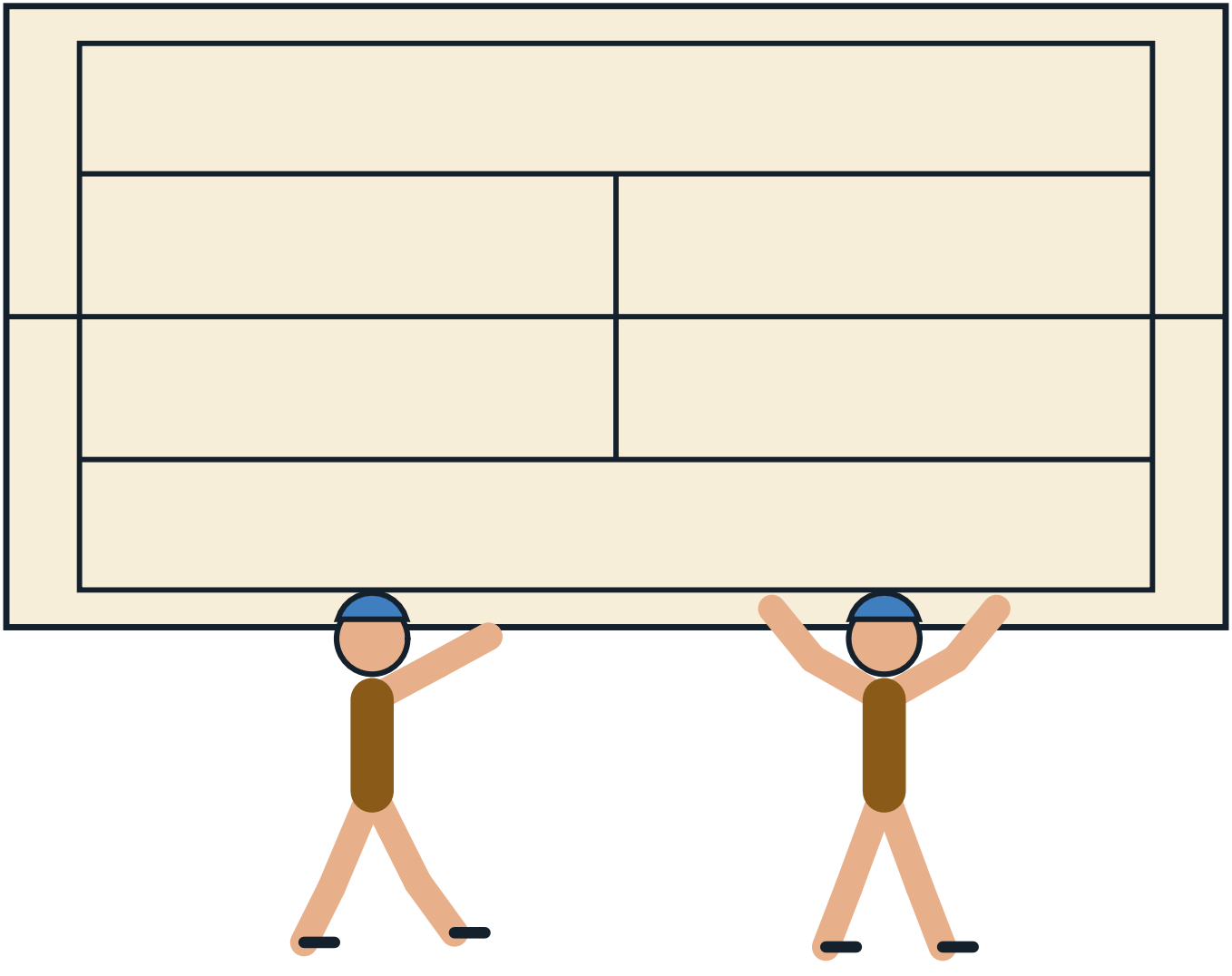
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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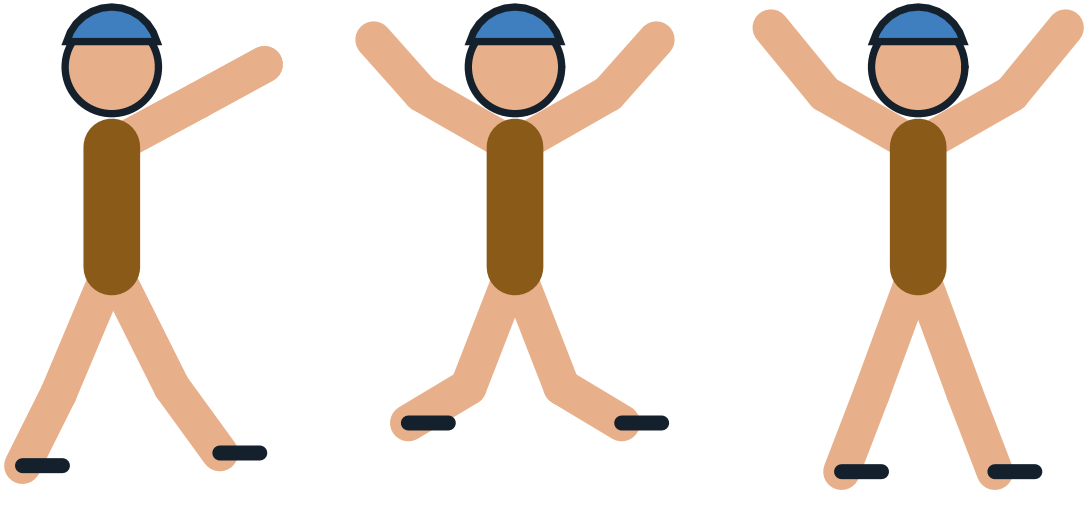
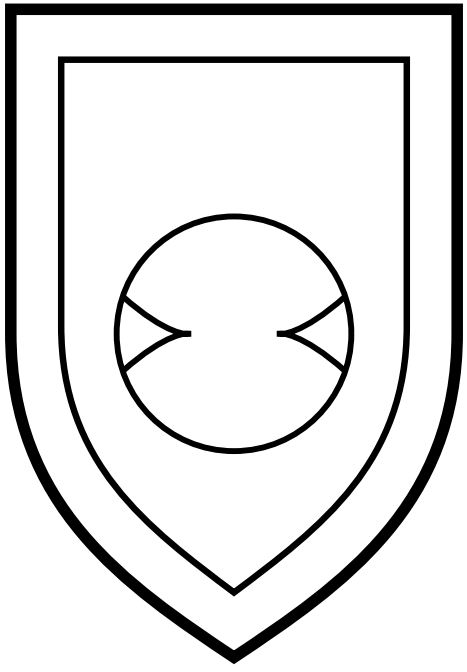
Moves of the Game

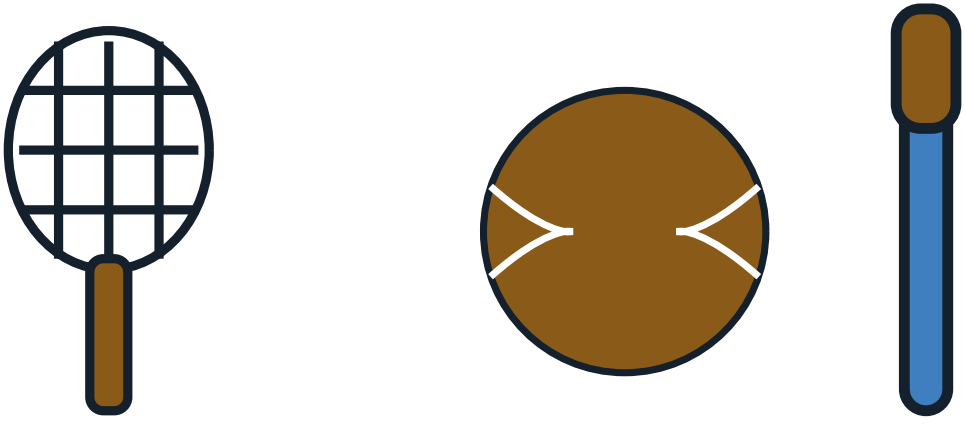


Design a Badge

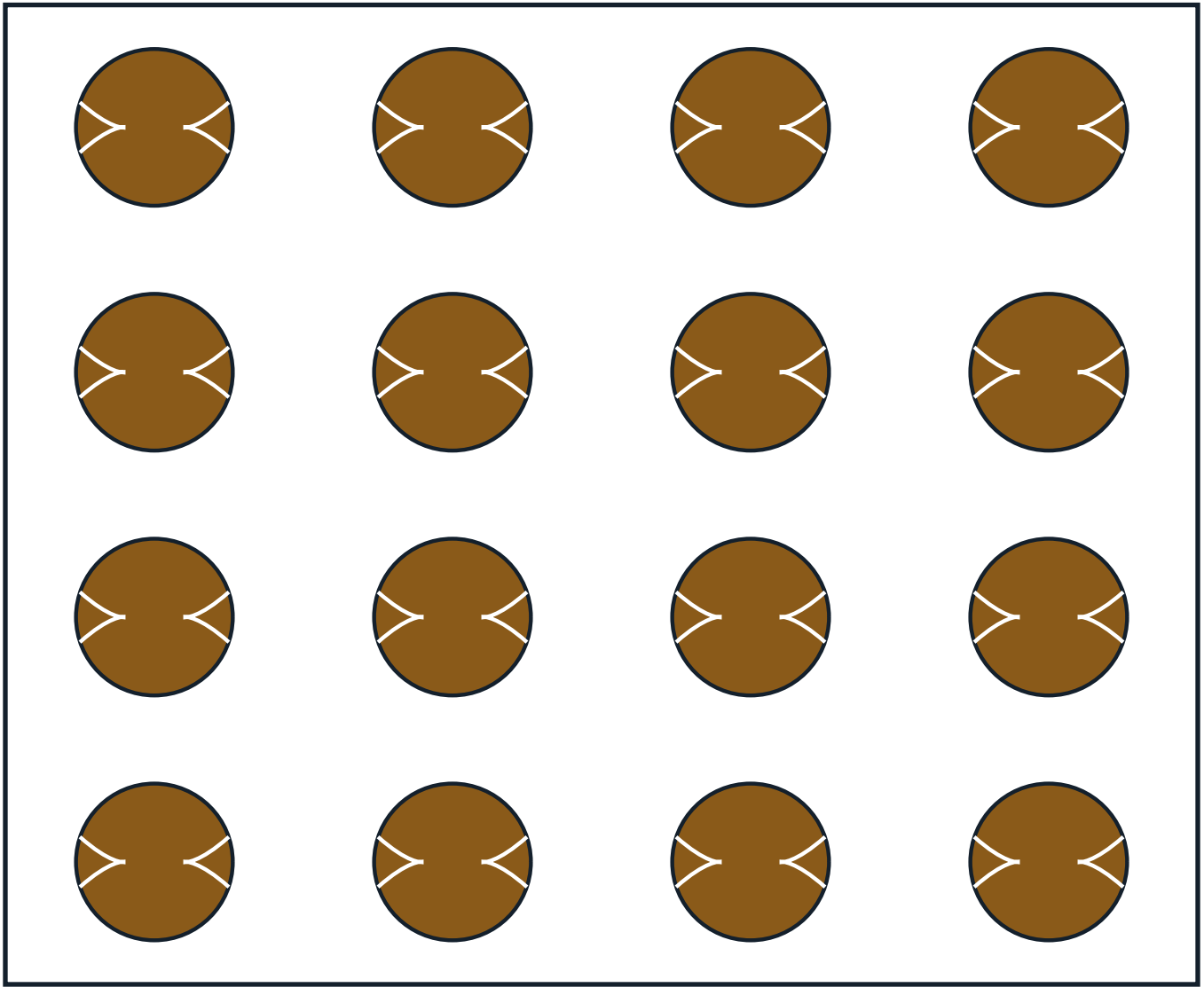


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

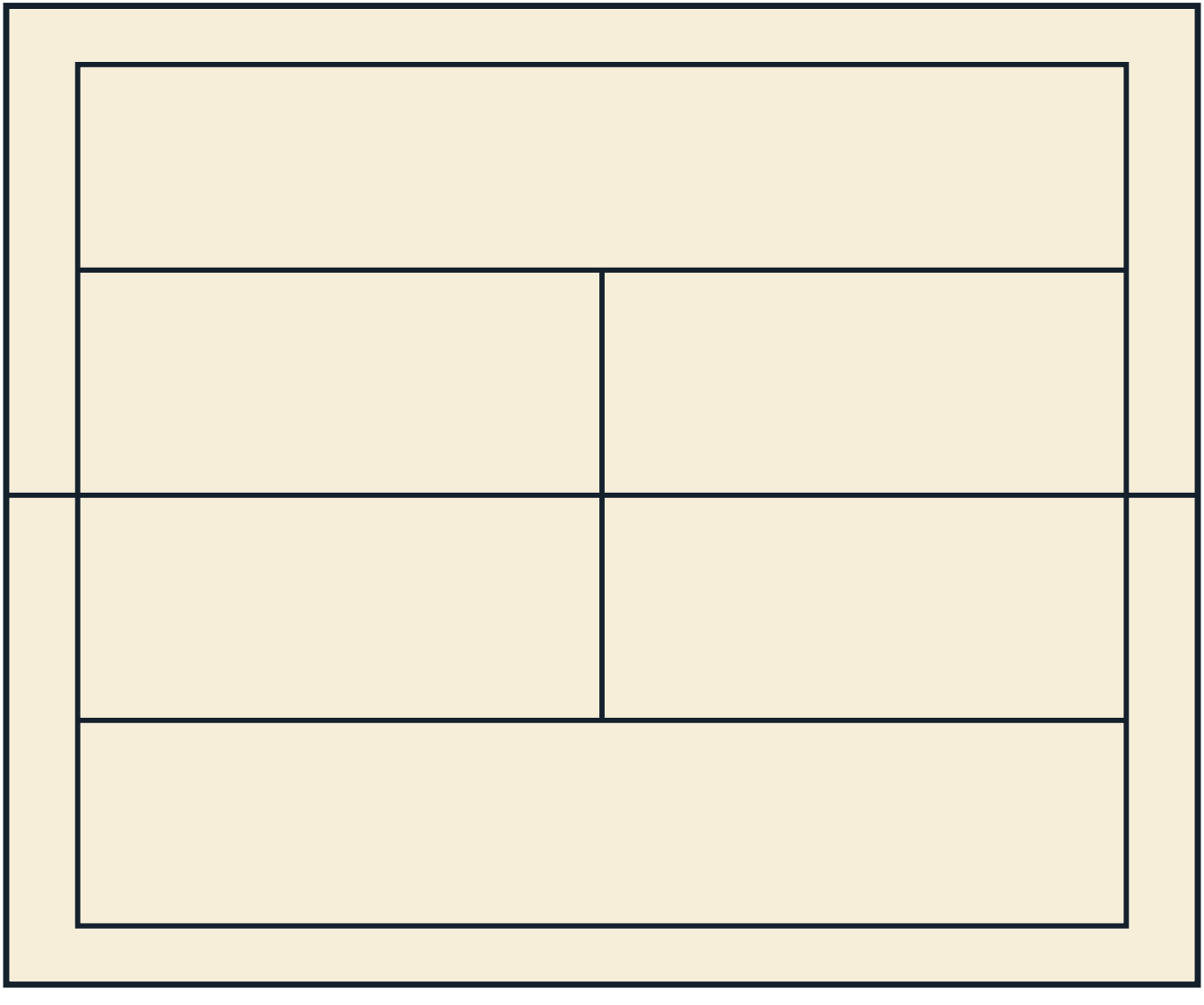
The Gear Parade



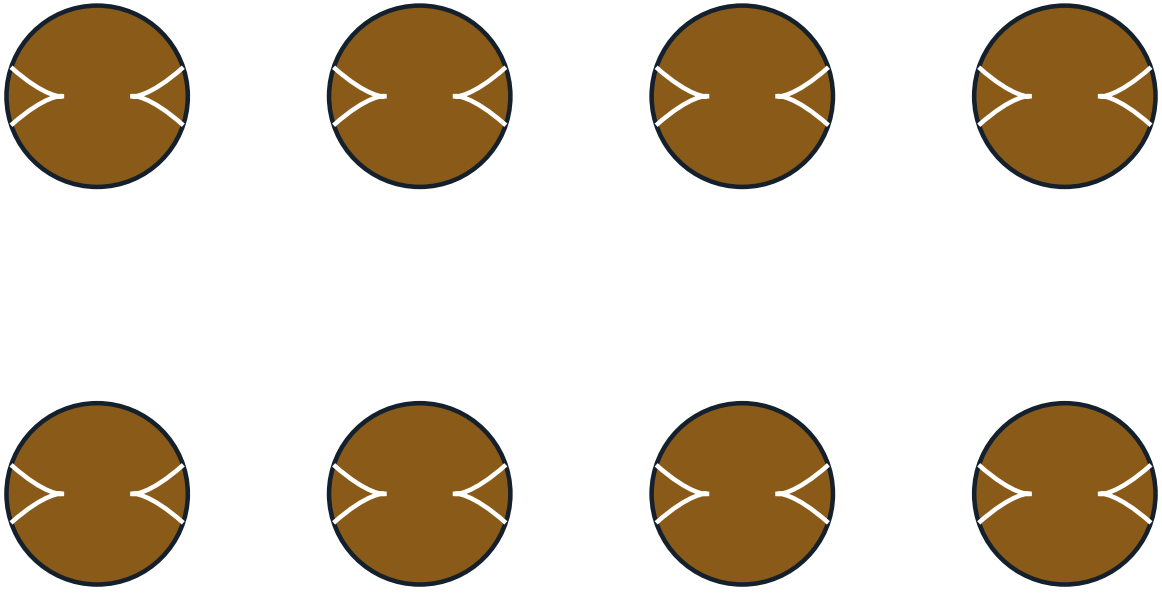
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



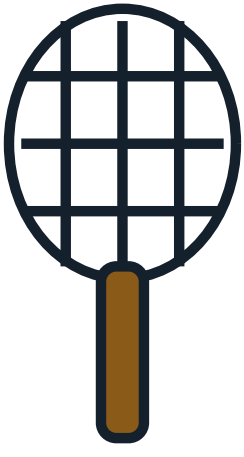
Count the Balls!



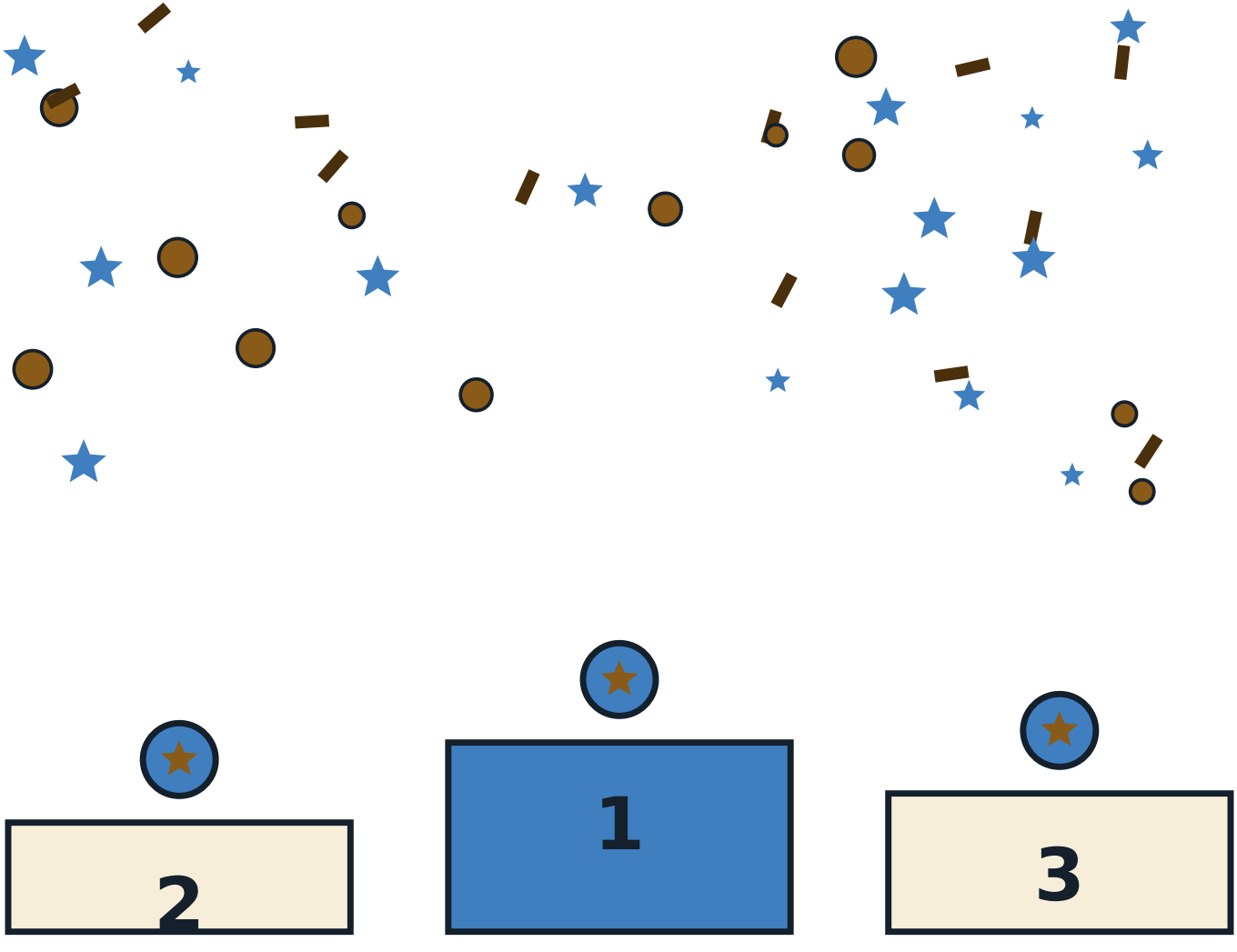
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Table Tennis

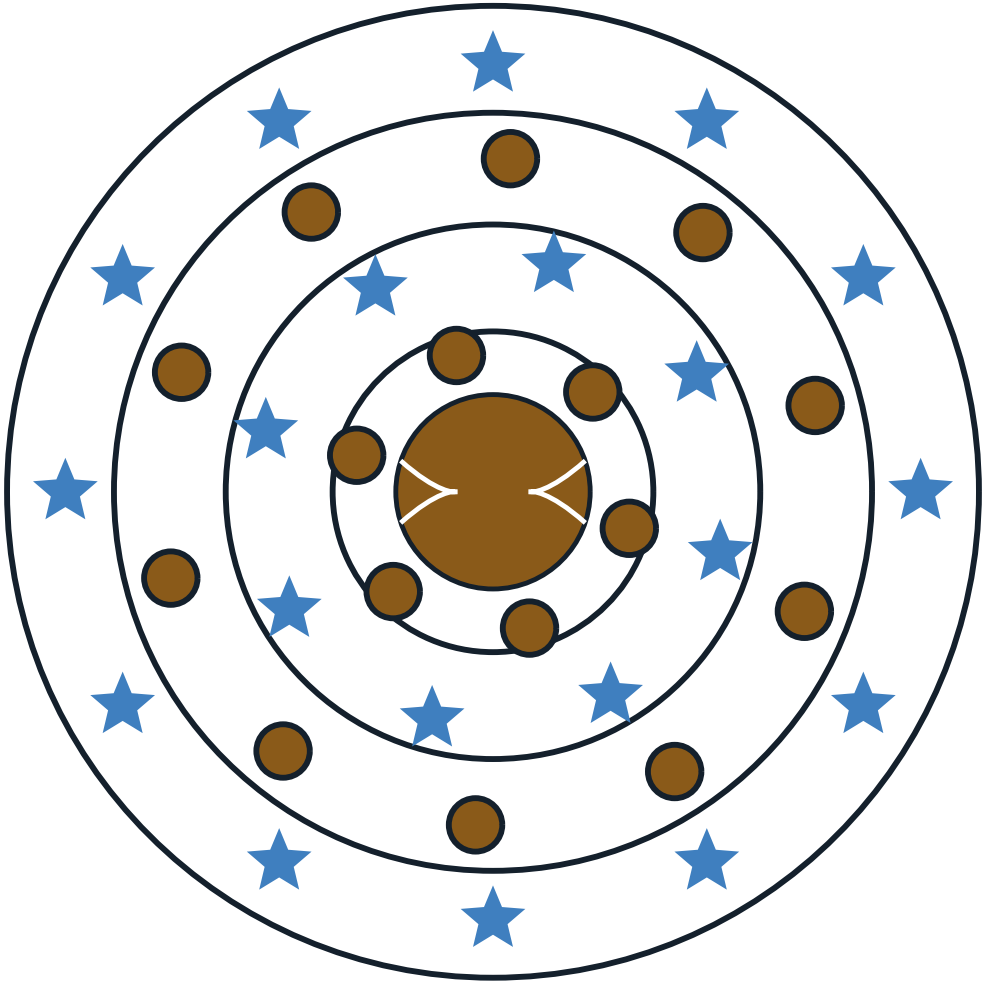
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



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