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POLOCROSSE



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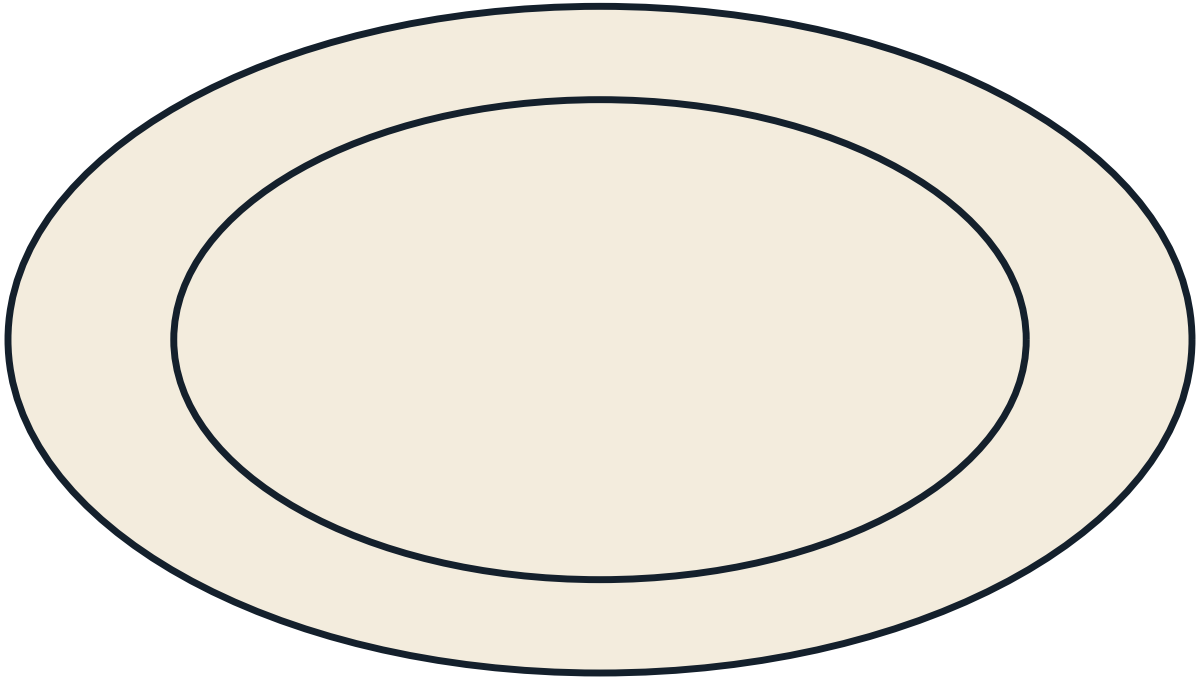
Meet Polocrosse!

Polo and lacrosse hybrid on horseback.



Where It Is Played

A field 55 m x 146.5 m (60 x 160 yards) in three areas — a centre field and a goal-scoring area at each end — with goals 2.5 m wide.



The Gear

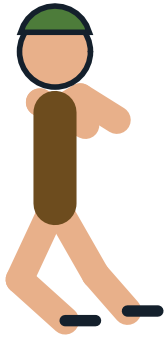
Horse, polocrosse racquet (lacrosse-type stick with a loose net), soft sponge-rubber ball, helmet and team colours; no spurs with sharp rowels.





How It Starts

Join a polocrosse club with a suitable horse, learn to catch, carry and throw with the racquet at a canter, and play graded club chukkas.



How to Play

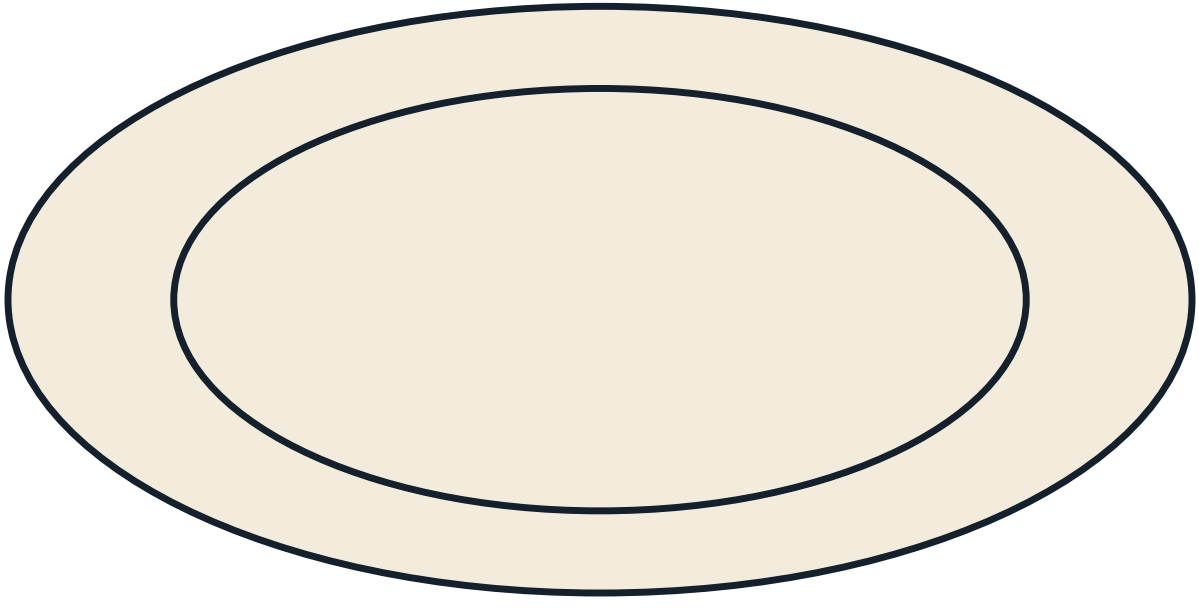
- Format: a team consists of six players divided into two sections of three; the sections from each team alternate on the field across the chukkas of the match.
- The three players in a section have fixed roles: No. 1 Attack, No. 2 Midfield (Centre), No. 3 Defence.
- Chukkas last six minutes in the standard game (tournaments may set six to eight minutes); a match comprises four, six or eight chukkas.
- Play starts and restarts after goals with a line-out in centre field: the two sections line up side by side (No. 1s in front, No. 2s in the centre, No. 3s behind) and the umpire throws the ball in over the players' heads.

More of the Game

- Scoring: the No. 1 scores by throwing the ball through the goal posts from outside the 10 m (11-yard) semicircle in front of the goal; the team with the most goals wins.
- The ball must not be carried across the penalty line separating centre field from a goal-scoring area — it must be bounced or passed across the line.
- Only one horse per player is allowed in any tournament or match (a substitute is permitted only for accident or injury with the disputes committee's permission), and two players may not ride the same horse.
- A stallion shall not be played, nor a horse blind in one eye or showing vice or not under proper control; horse height is unrestricted, and performance-enhancing drugs are prohibited for horses and players except as certified and disclosed.

The Shape of a Match

Six-a-side (two alternating sections of three) mounted teams carry, pass and bounce a ball in racquets and throw it through 2.5 m-wide goals; most goals in the chukkas wins.



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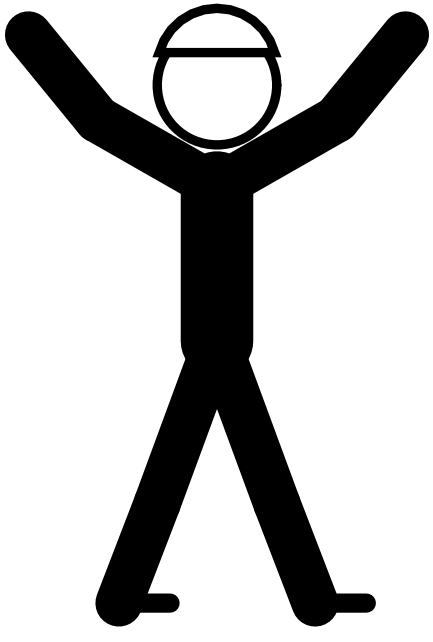
- Sled Dog Racing — Endurance mushing, including the Iditarod.

A Note on the Rules

Polocrosse is governed by national associations under the Australian-written code (1939 tradition): lacrosse-style rackets on horses, sections of three riders, positional zones. A stable heritage code. No major documented rule change is carried for polocrosse.



Colour the Action



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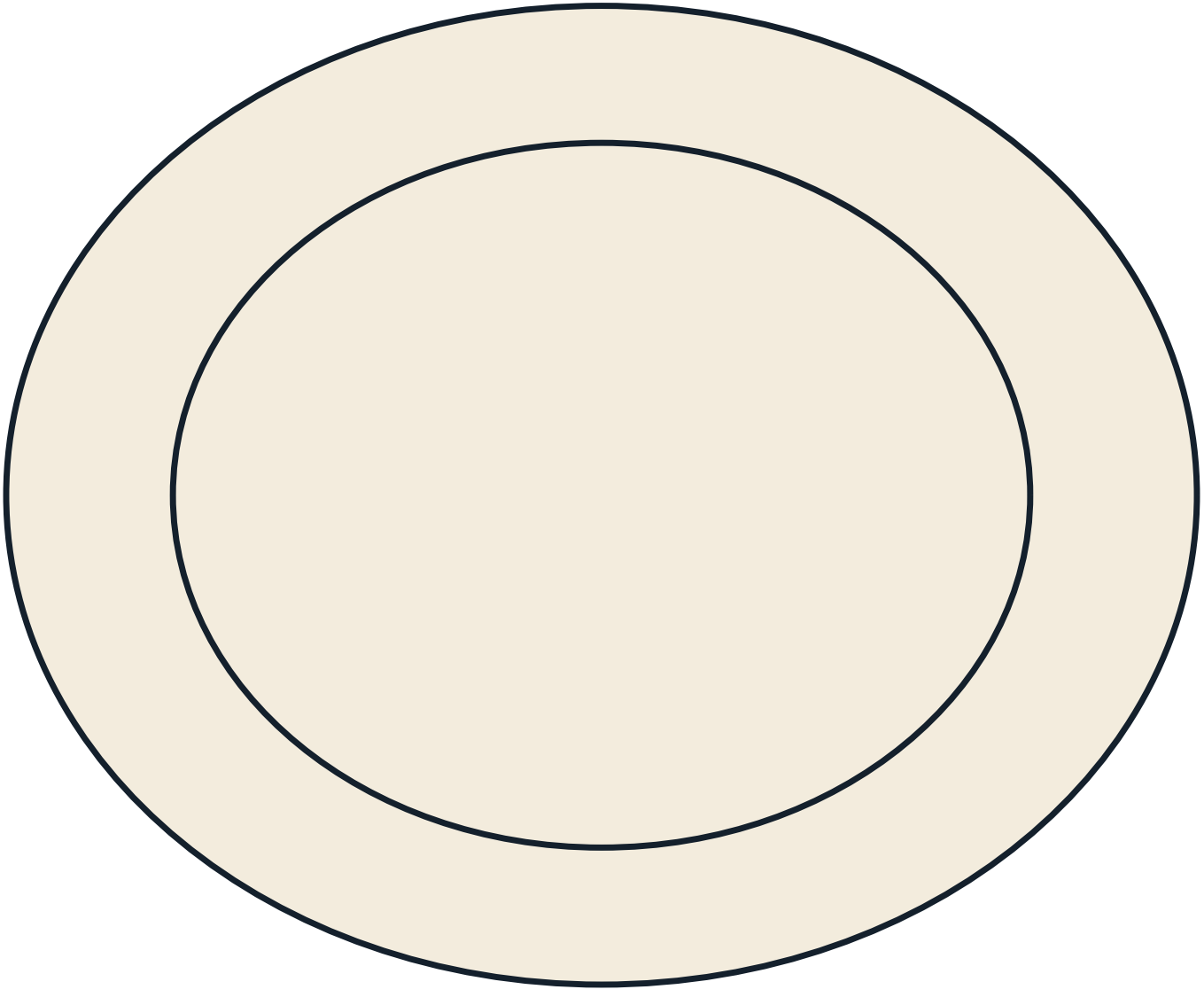

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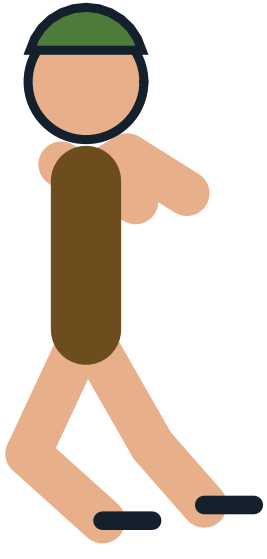
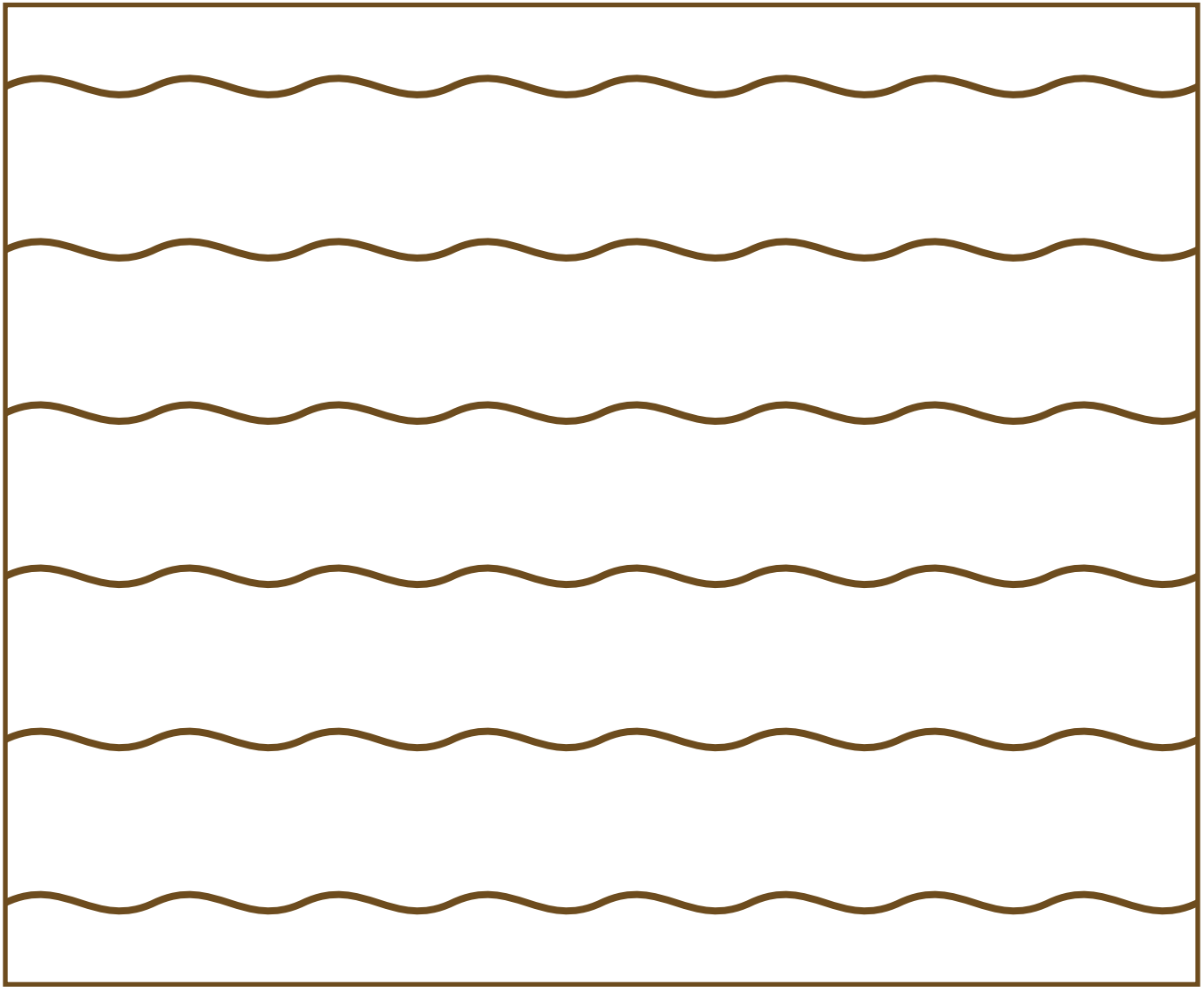
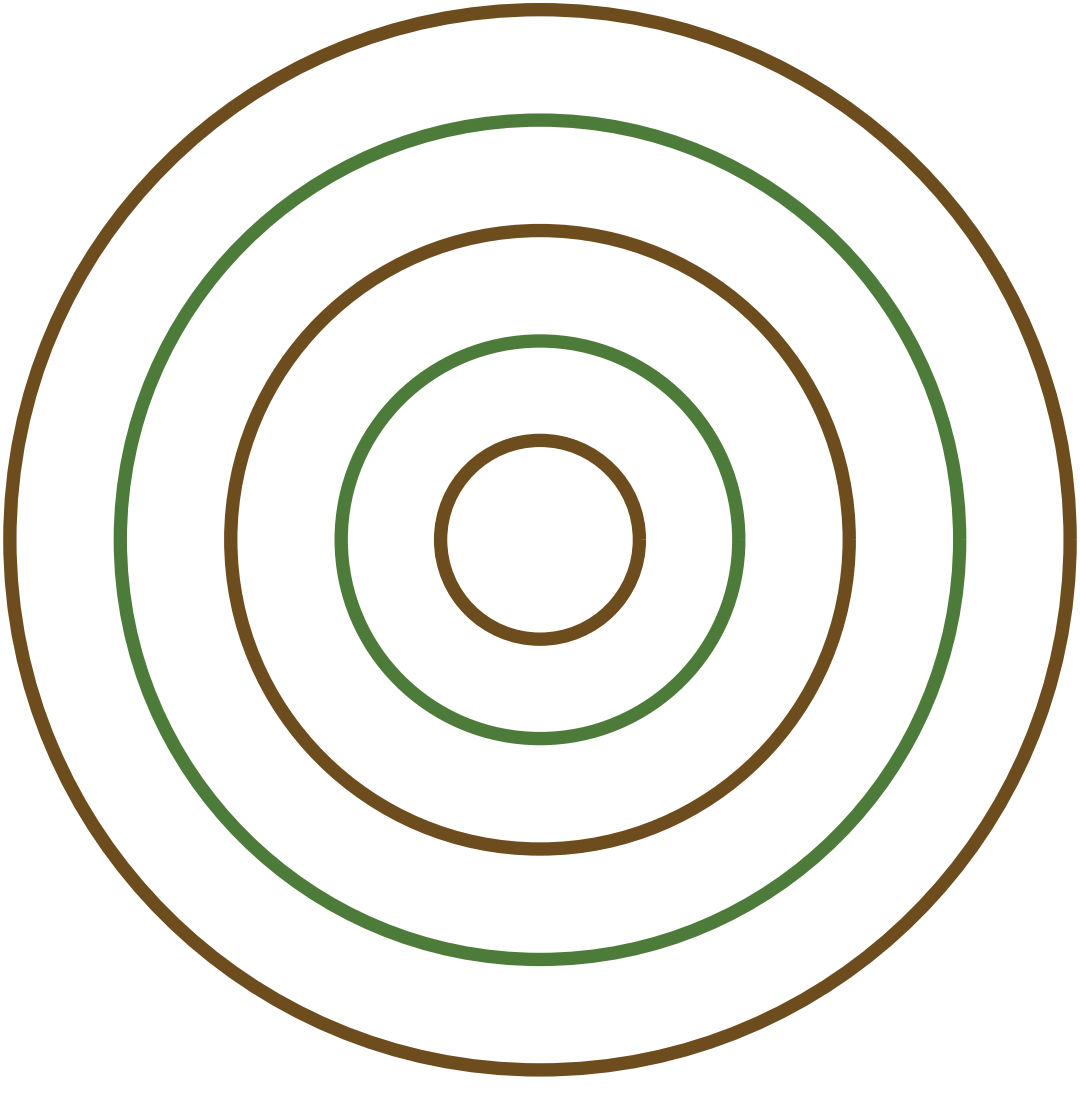


Play It Near You



Through the Year



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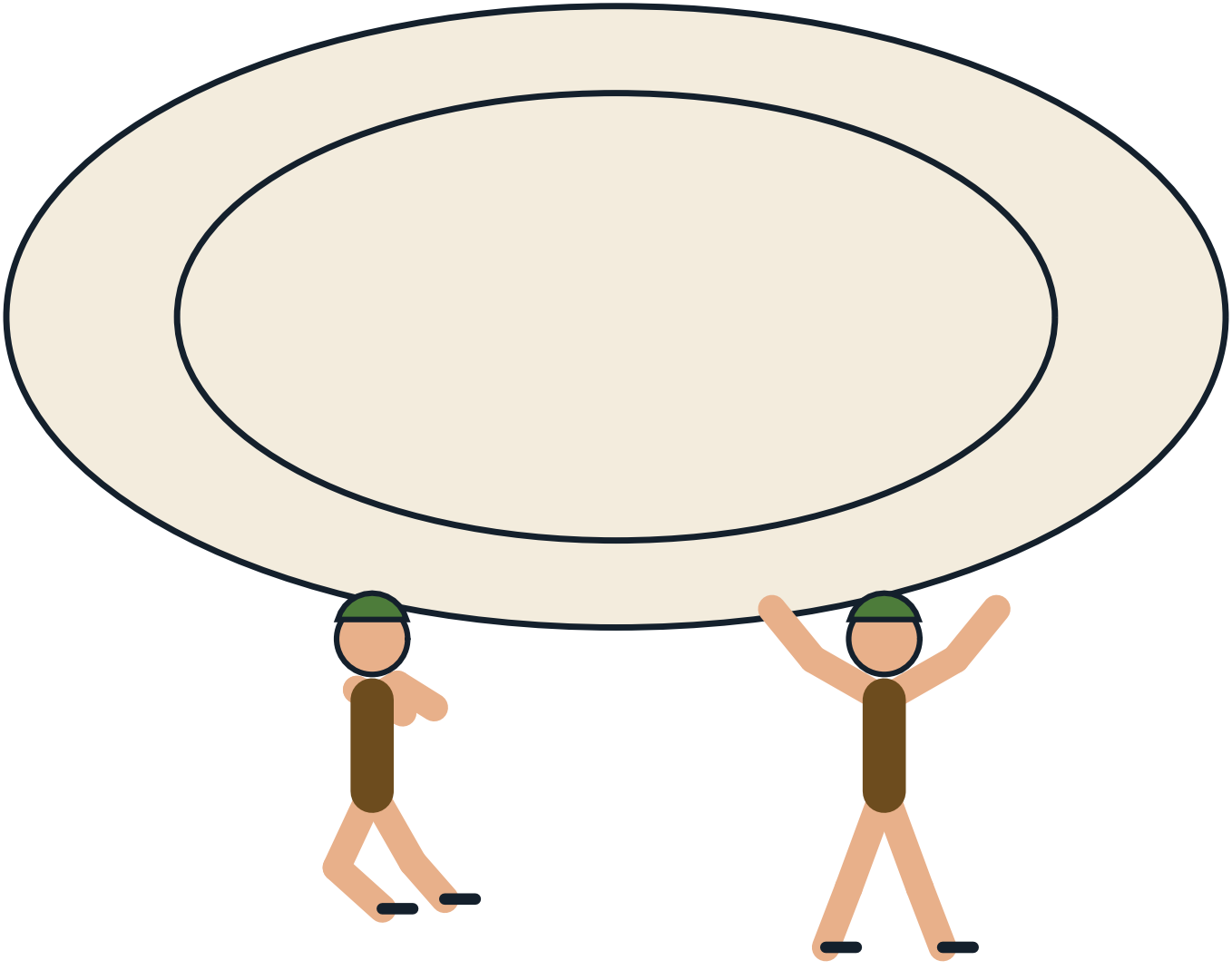
Game Day!



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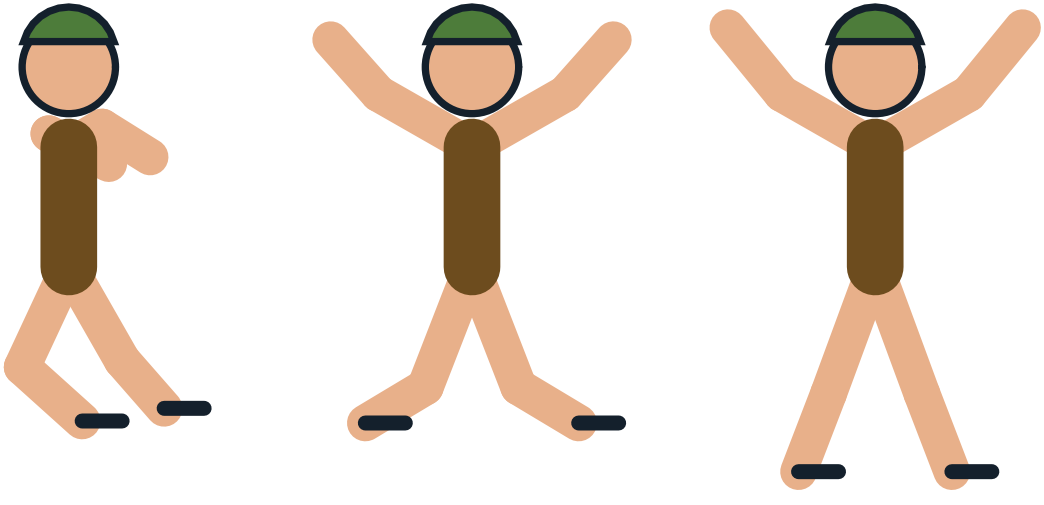
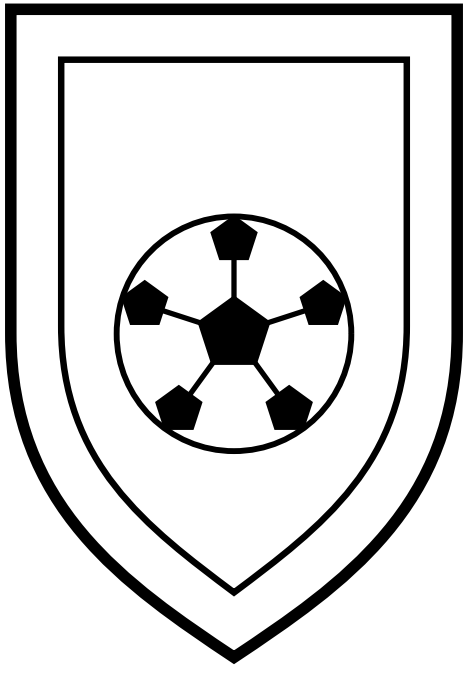
Moves of the Game



Design a Badge



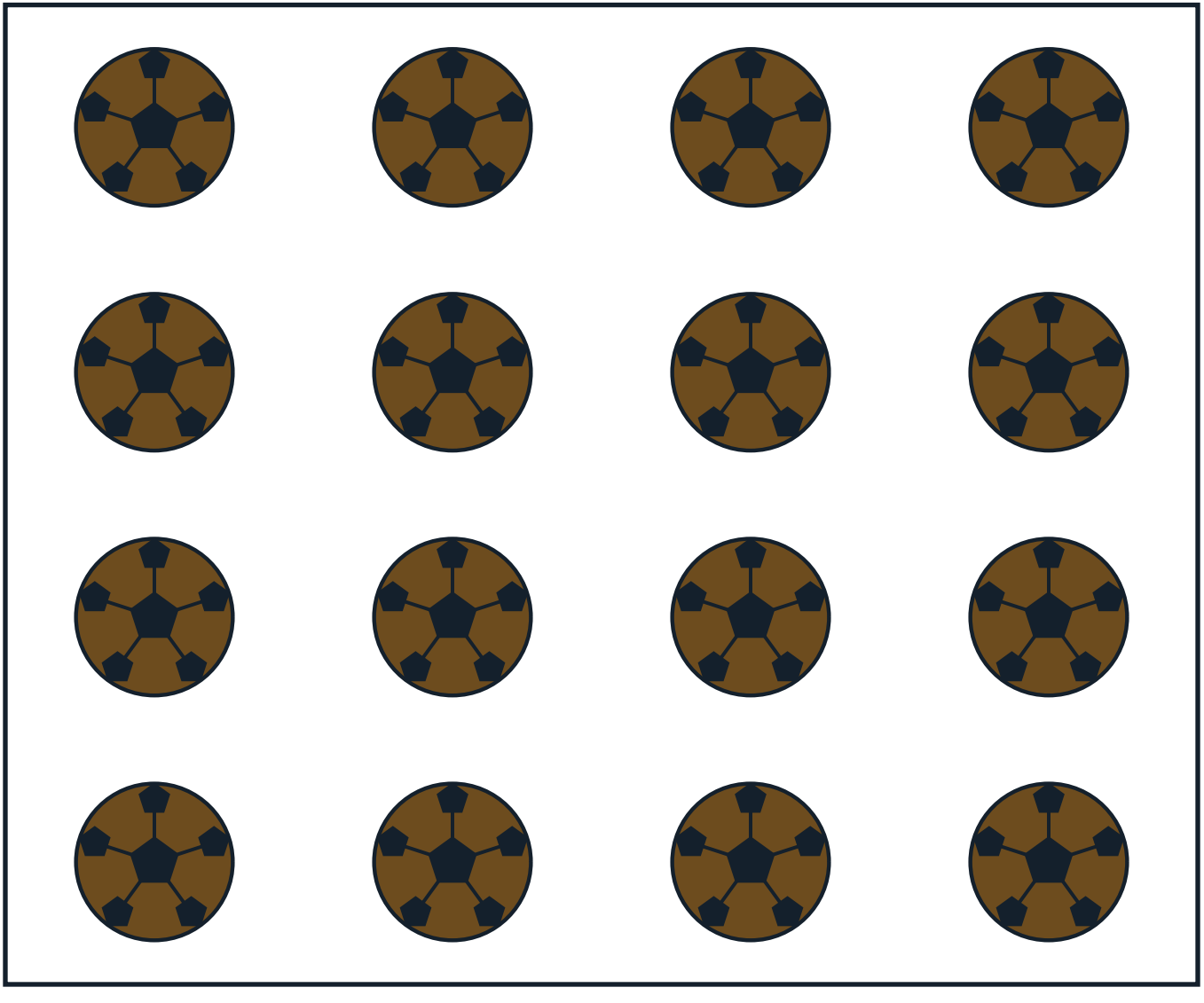
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

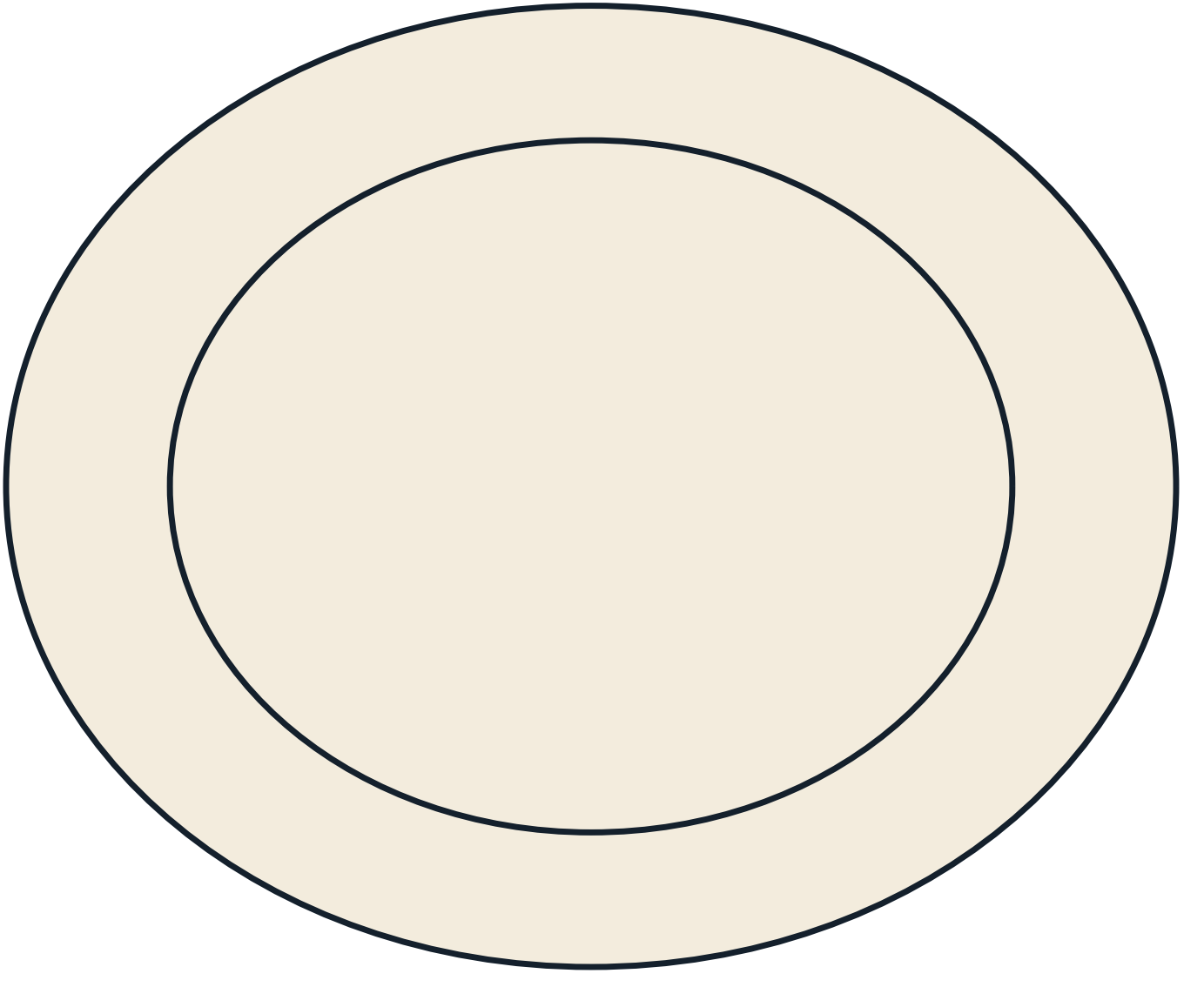




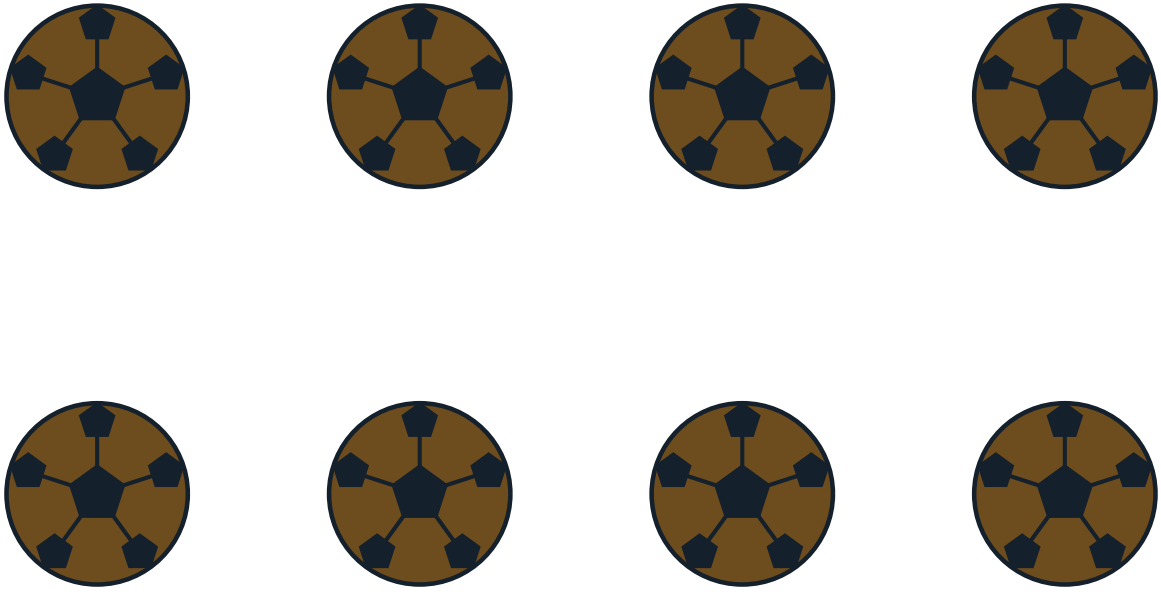
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



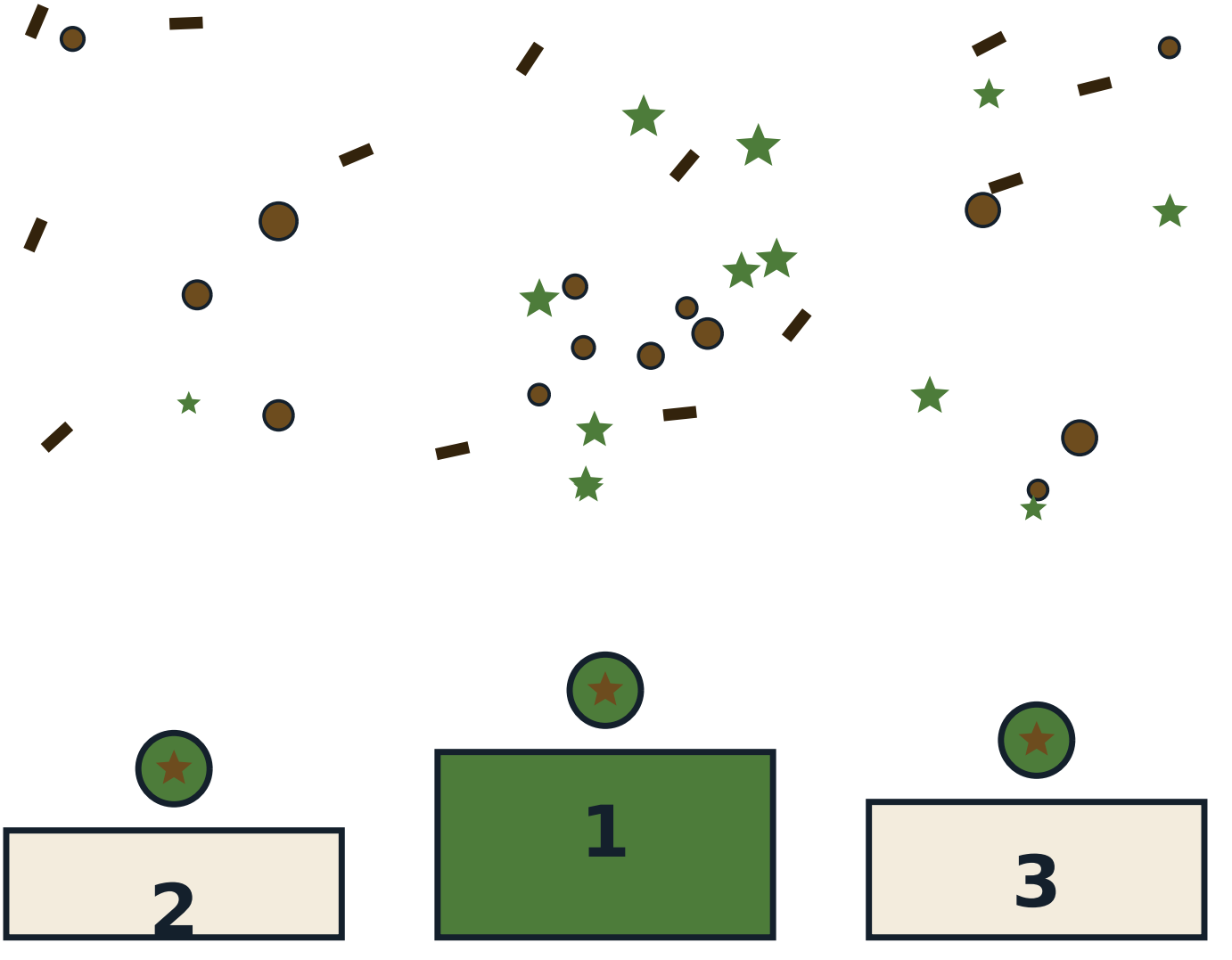
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Polocrosse

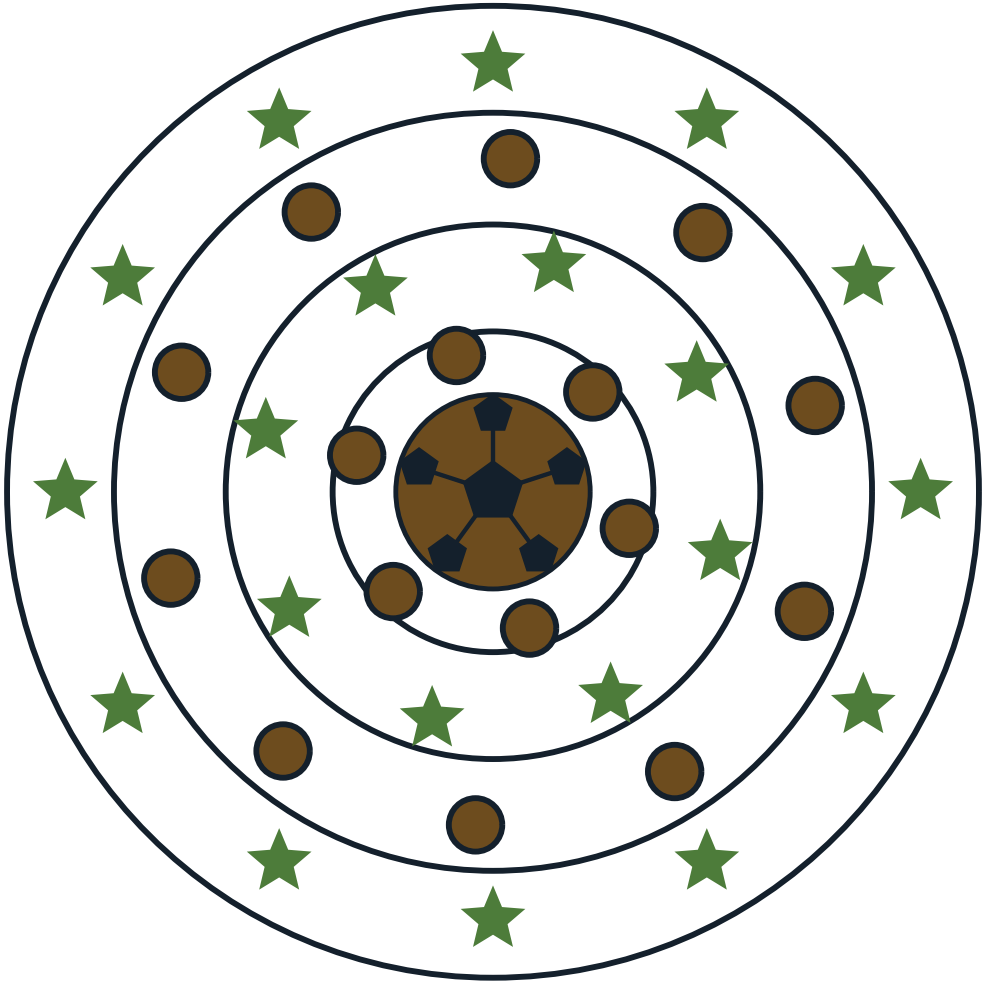
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



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