THE CARTOON BOOK OF

# PICKLEBALL




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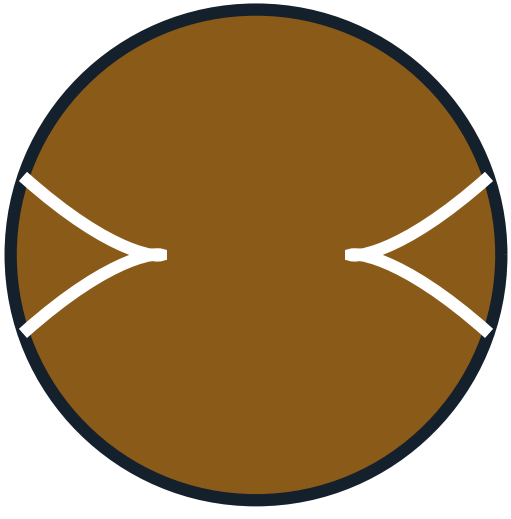
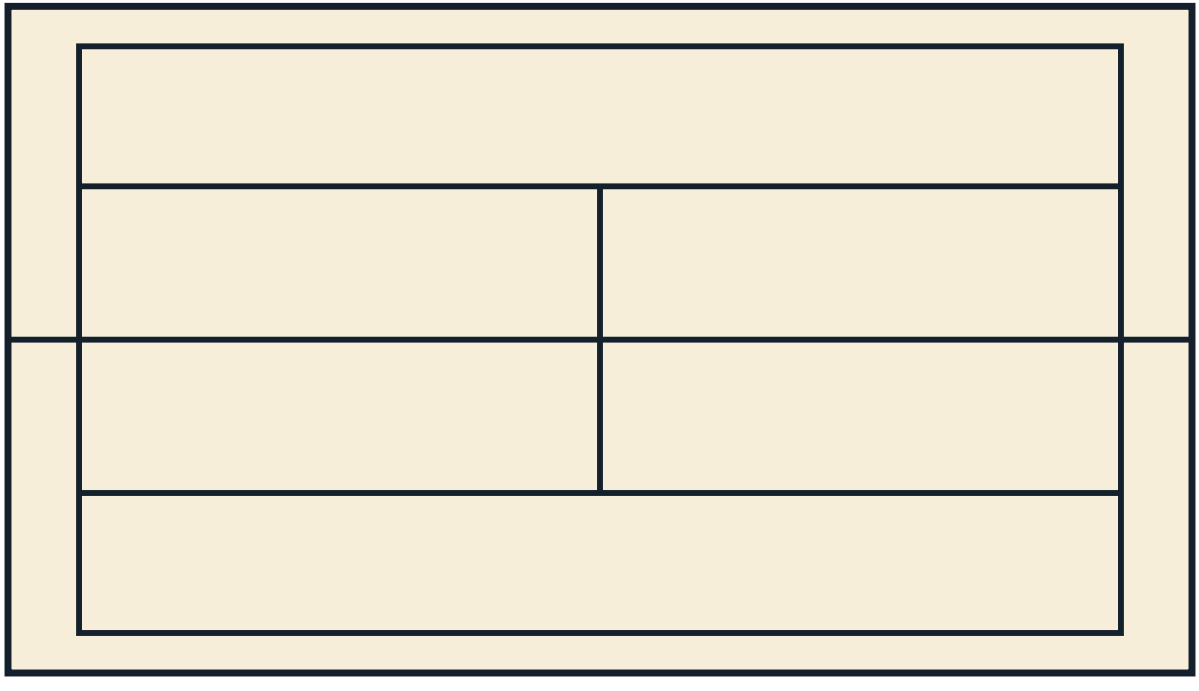
# Meet Pickleball!

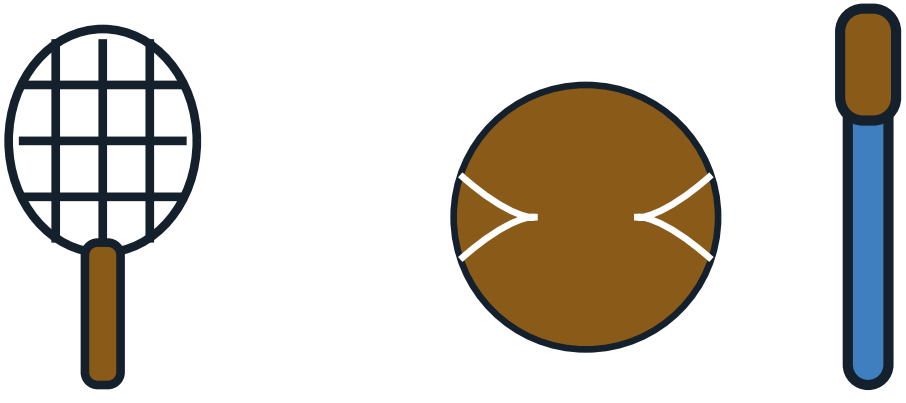
Paddle sport on a small court with a plastic ball.



# Where It Is Played



# The Gear



# Meet the Bat, stick & racket Family

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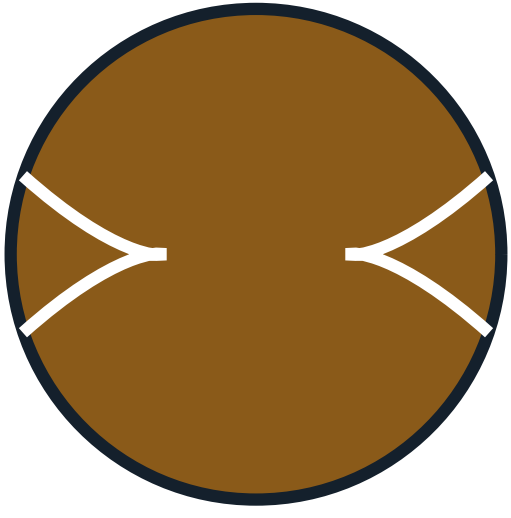
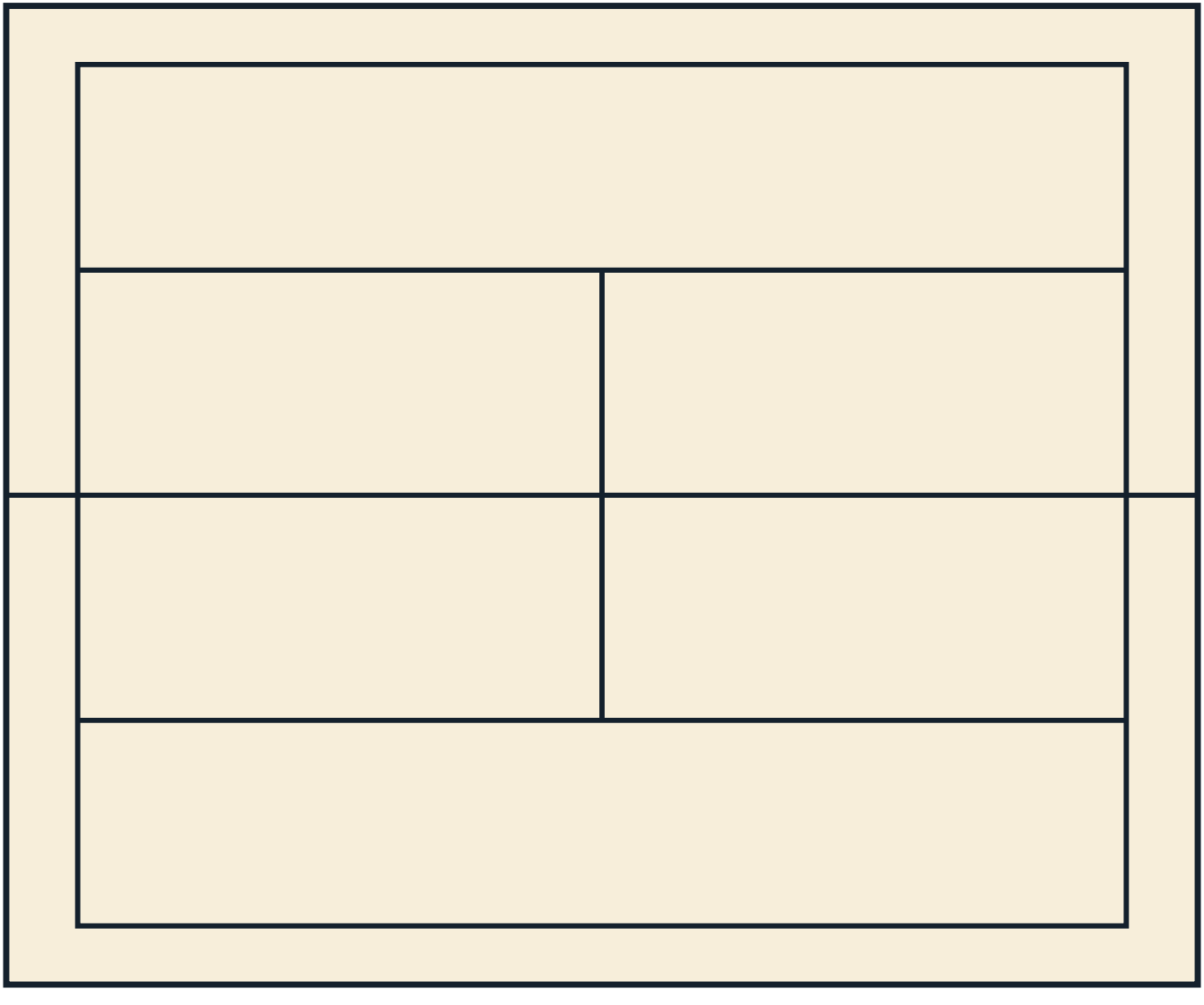
- Table Tennis — A fast game of spin and reflexes; first to 11 points wins a game; best of five or seven games.
- Padel — Tennis-squash hybrid played in an enclosed glass court.

# How to Play

Pickleball, the fastest-growing sport in America, spent 2021–2023 in a public fight about how a serve may legally start a rally.



# The Playing Area



# Good to Know

# Moments That Shaped the Game

- 2021 (drop serve); 2023 (spin serve prohibited) — The Drop Serve — and the Spin-Serve Ban: In 2021 USA Pickleball provisionally legalised the DROP SERVE — dropping the ball and striking it after the bounce, free.

# Rules That Changed the Game

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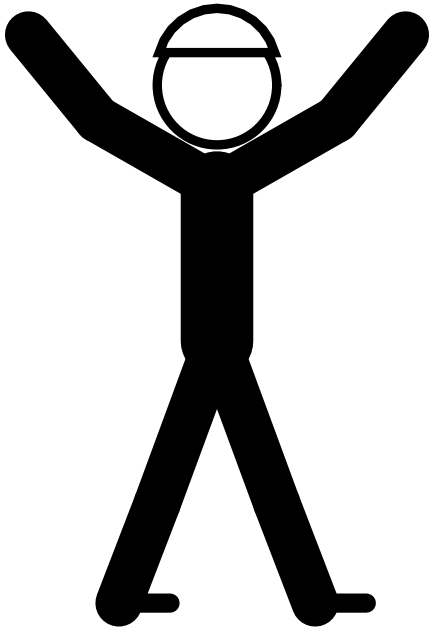
# Colour the Action



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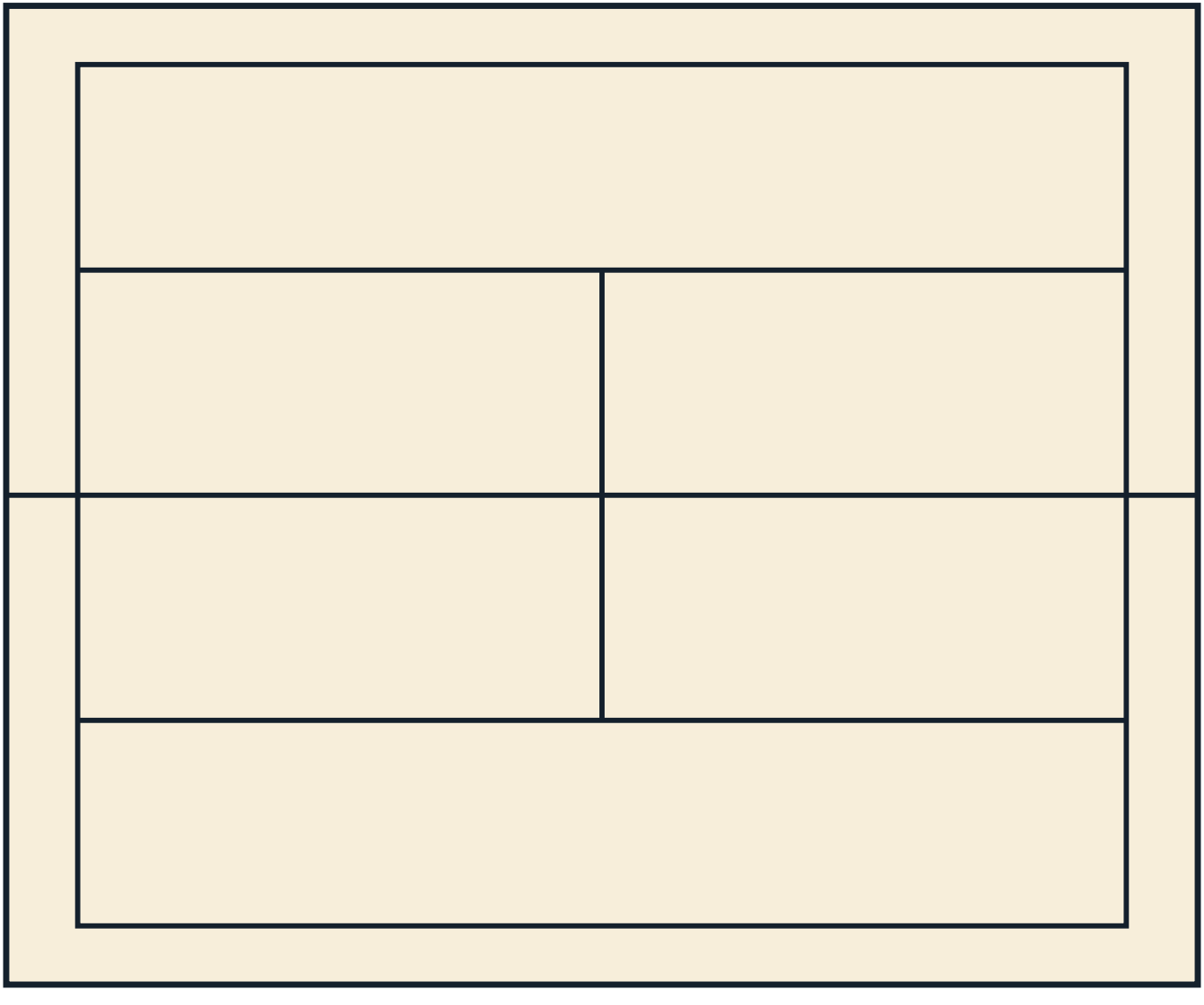
# The Sport Today



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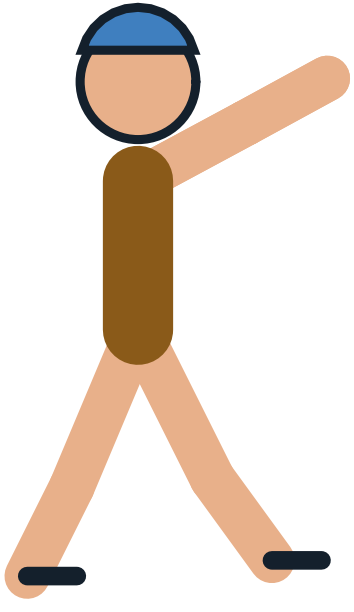
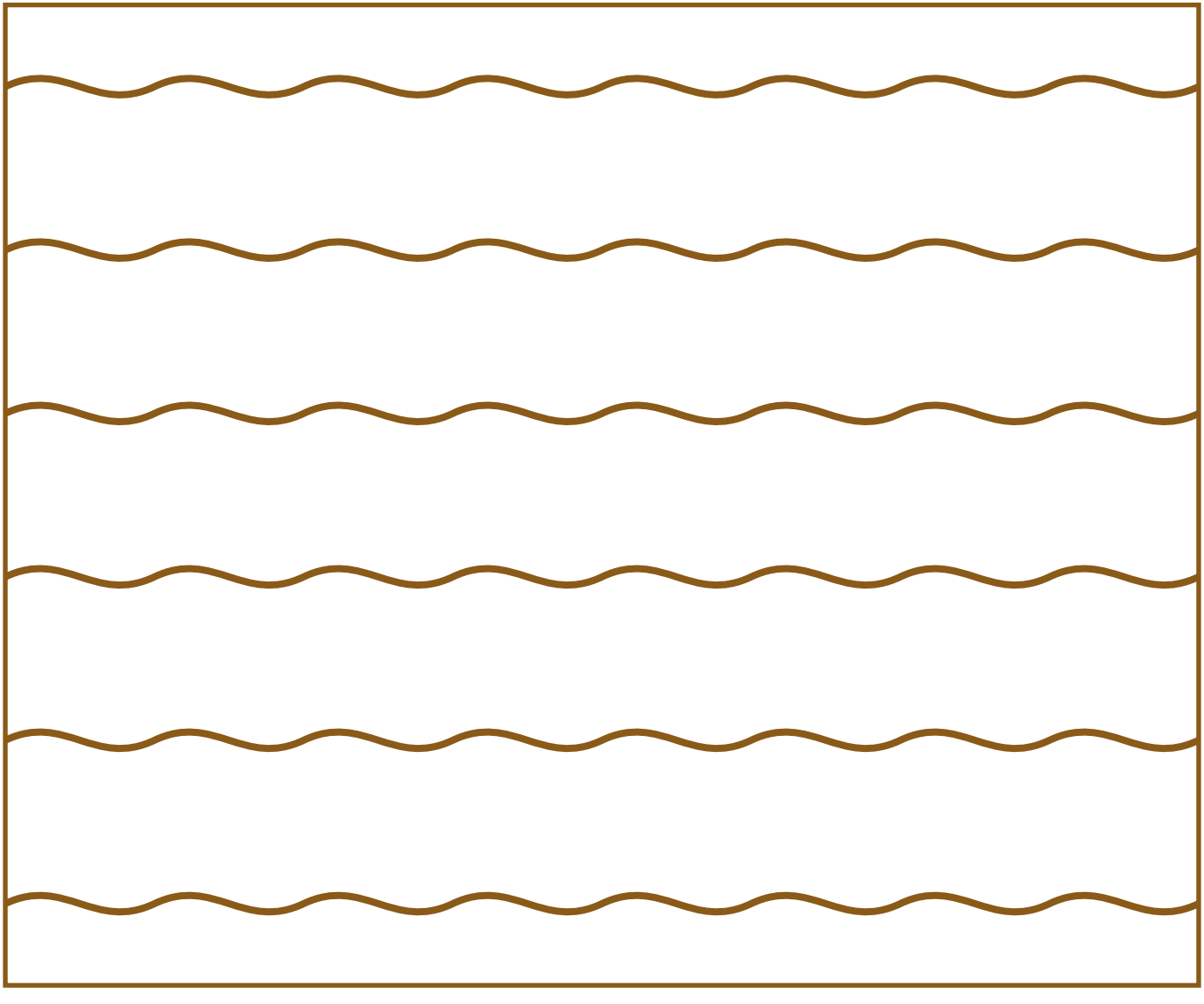
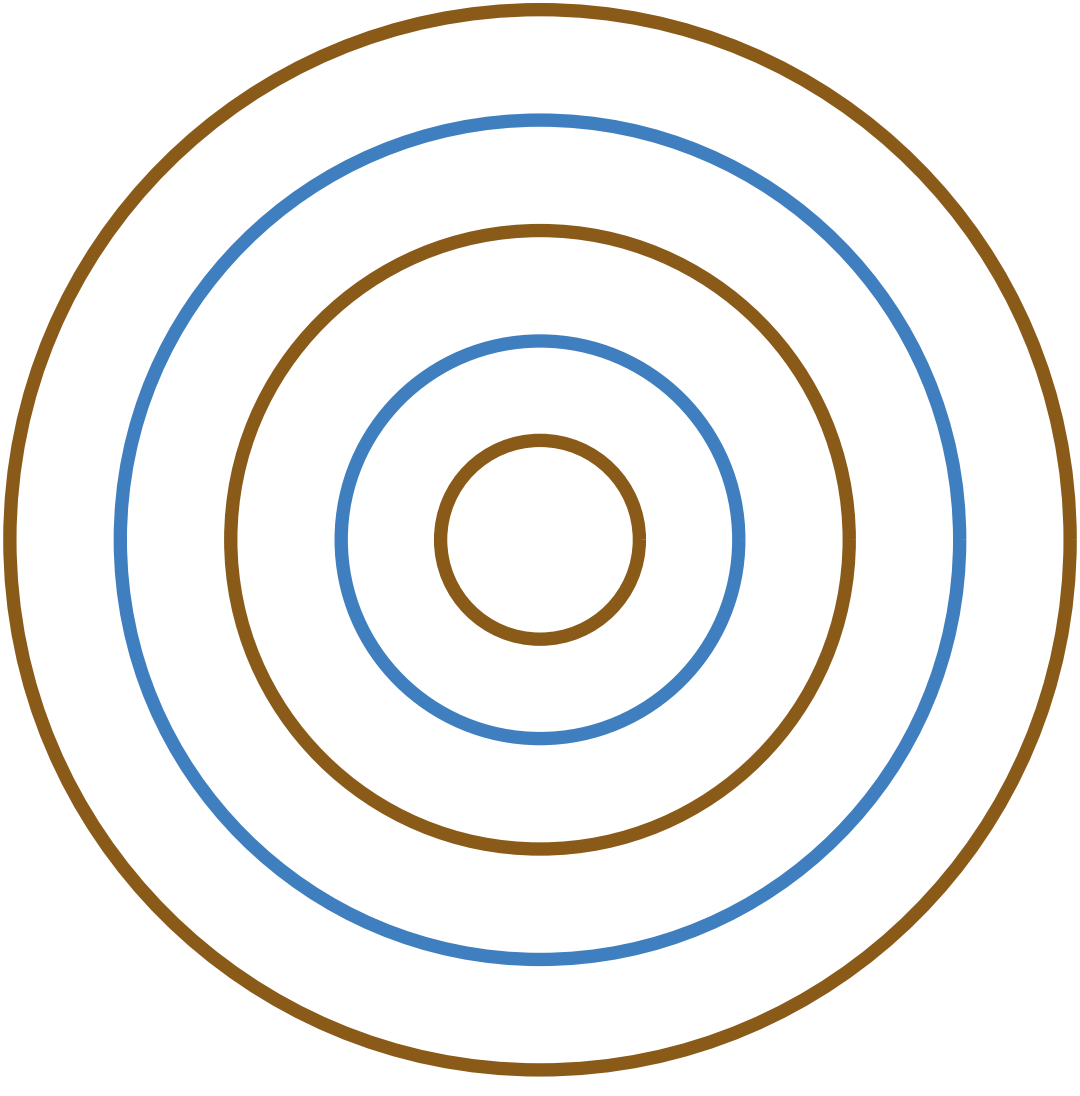


# Play It Near You



# Through the Year



# 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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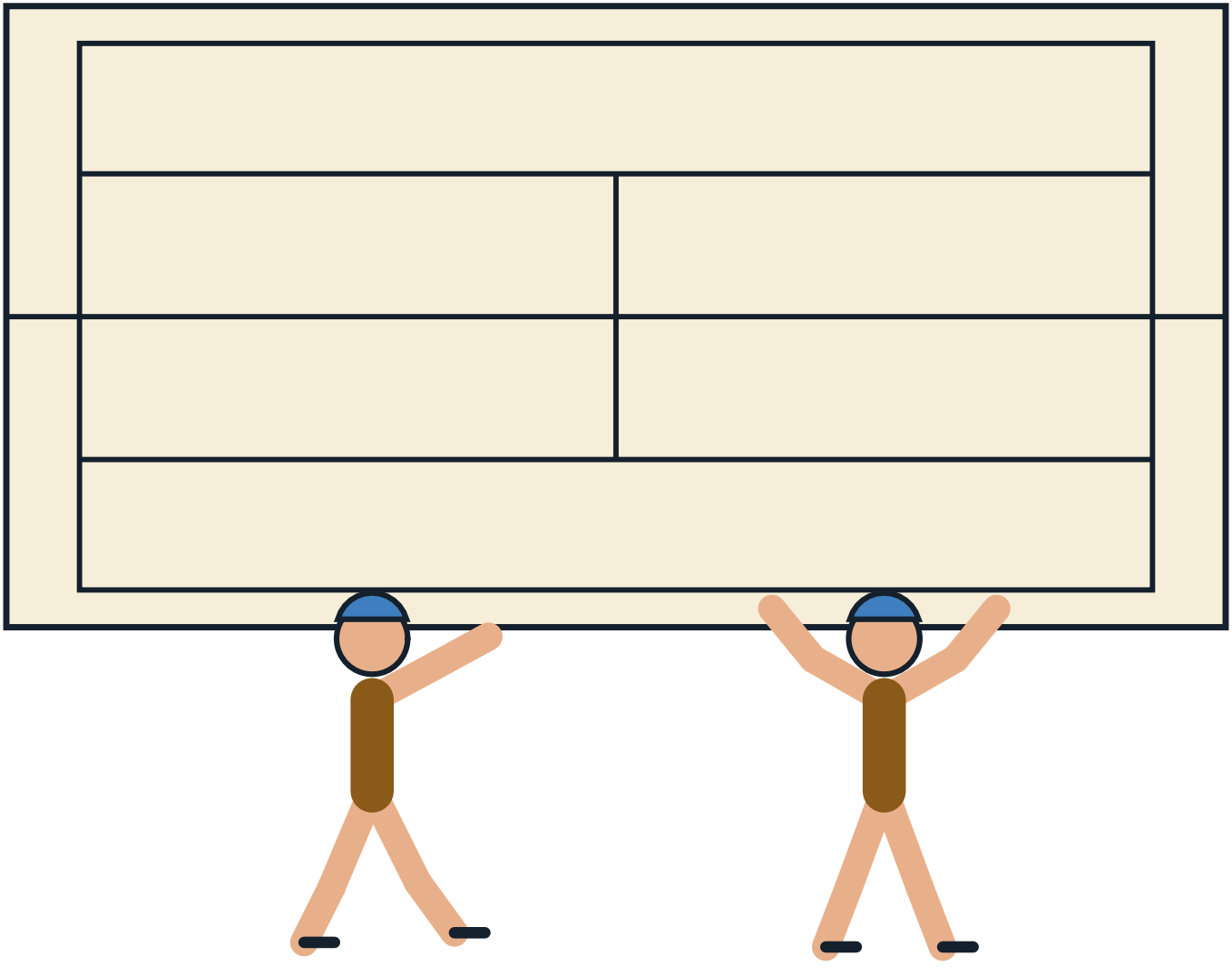
# Game Day!



# The Sport on Earth Mark

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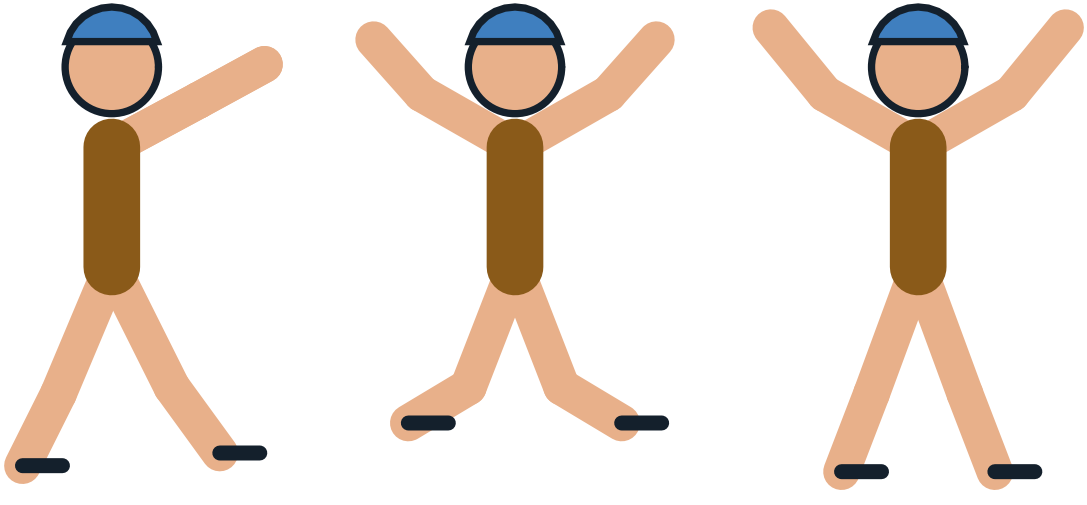
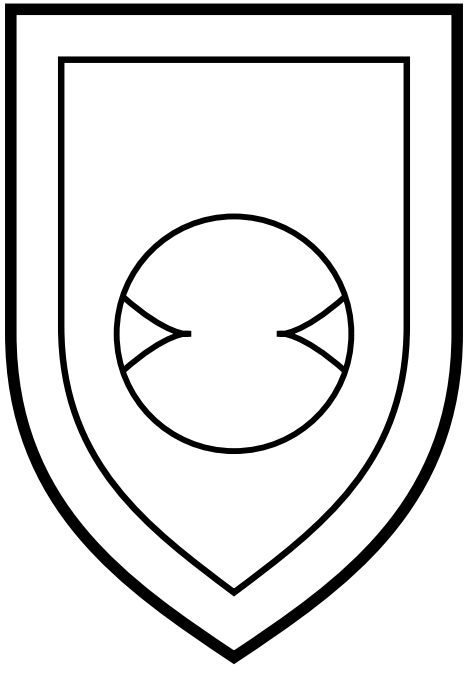
# Moves of the Game

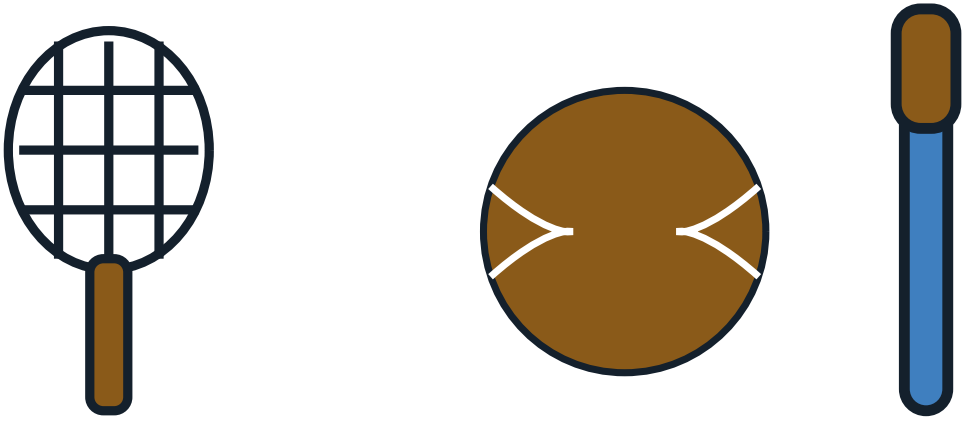


# Design a Badge

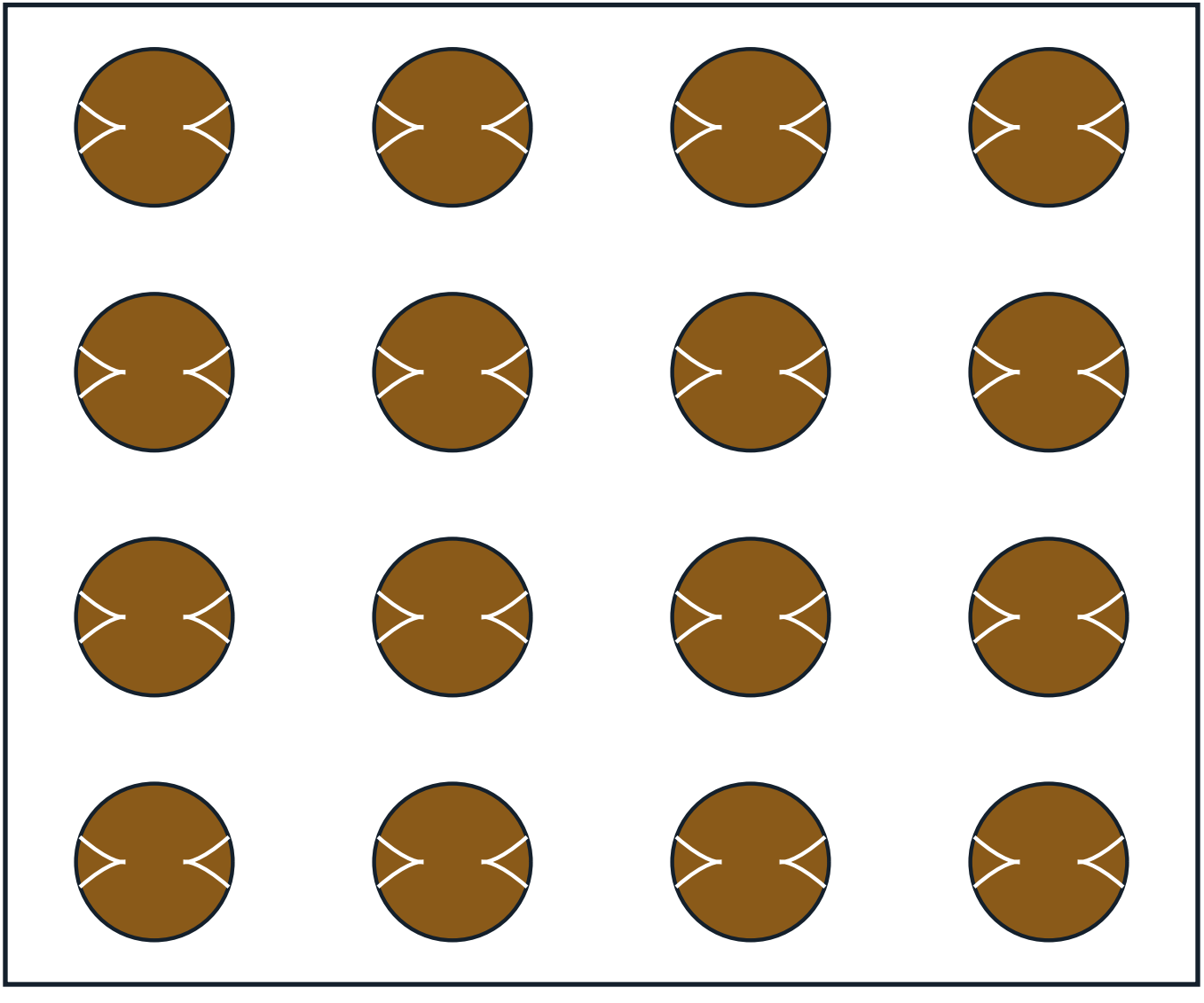


*Draw and colour a badge for your own team.*

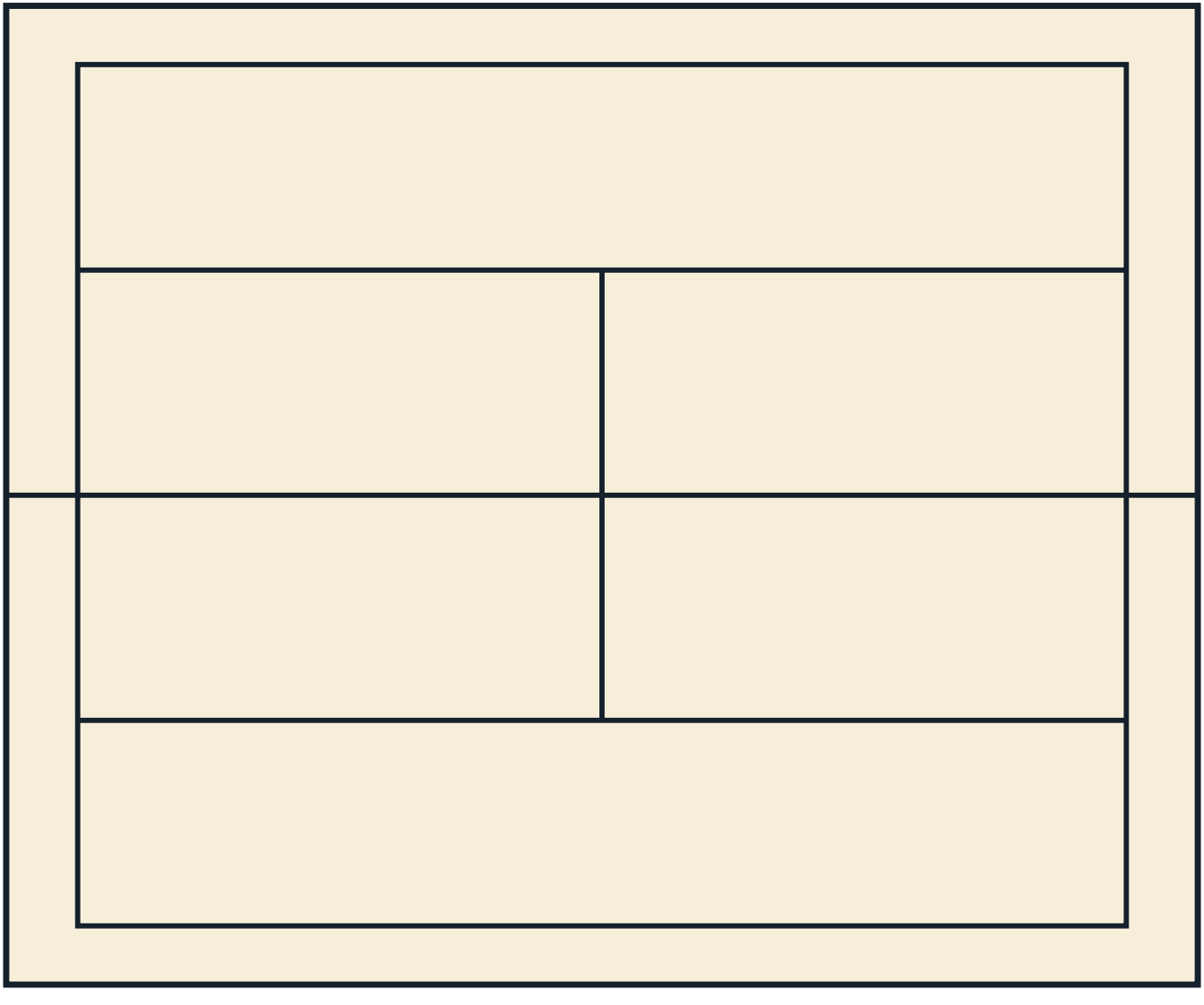
# The Gear Parade



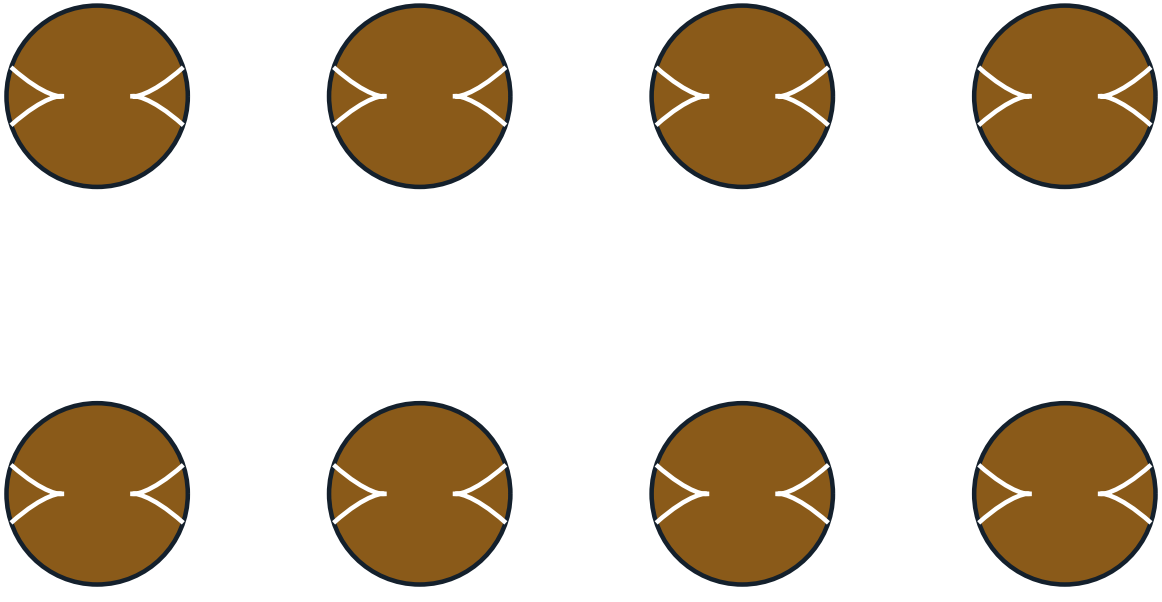
# Pattern Play



# The Arena From Above



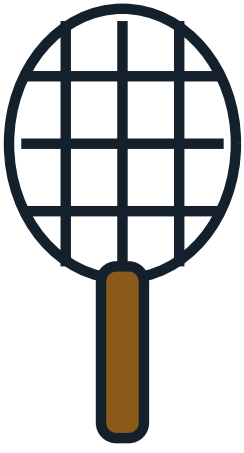
# Count the Balls!



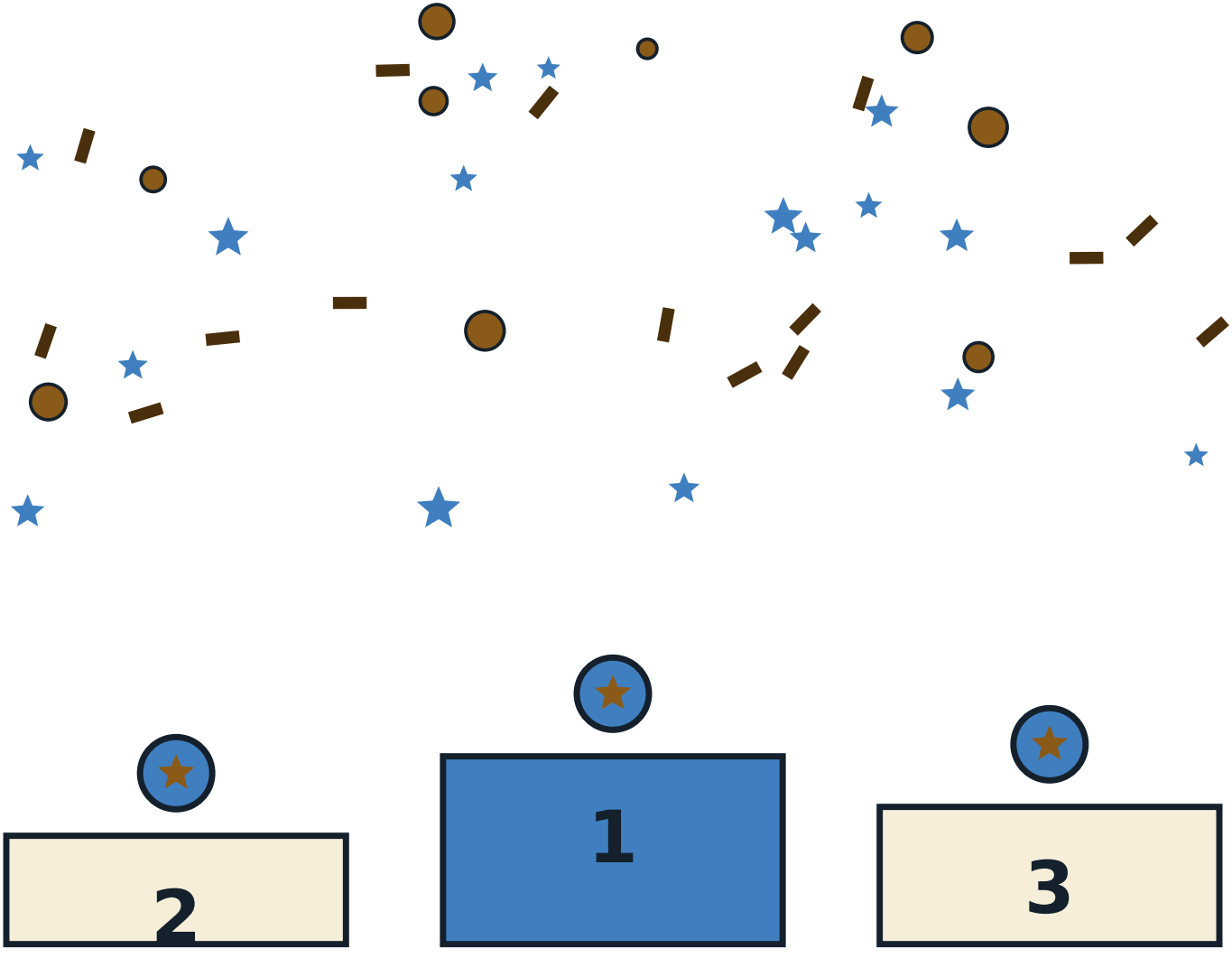
*How many can you count? Write the number here: _____*

# My Favourite Part of Pickleball

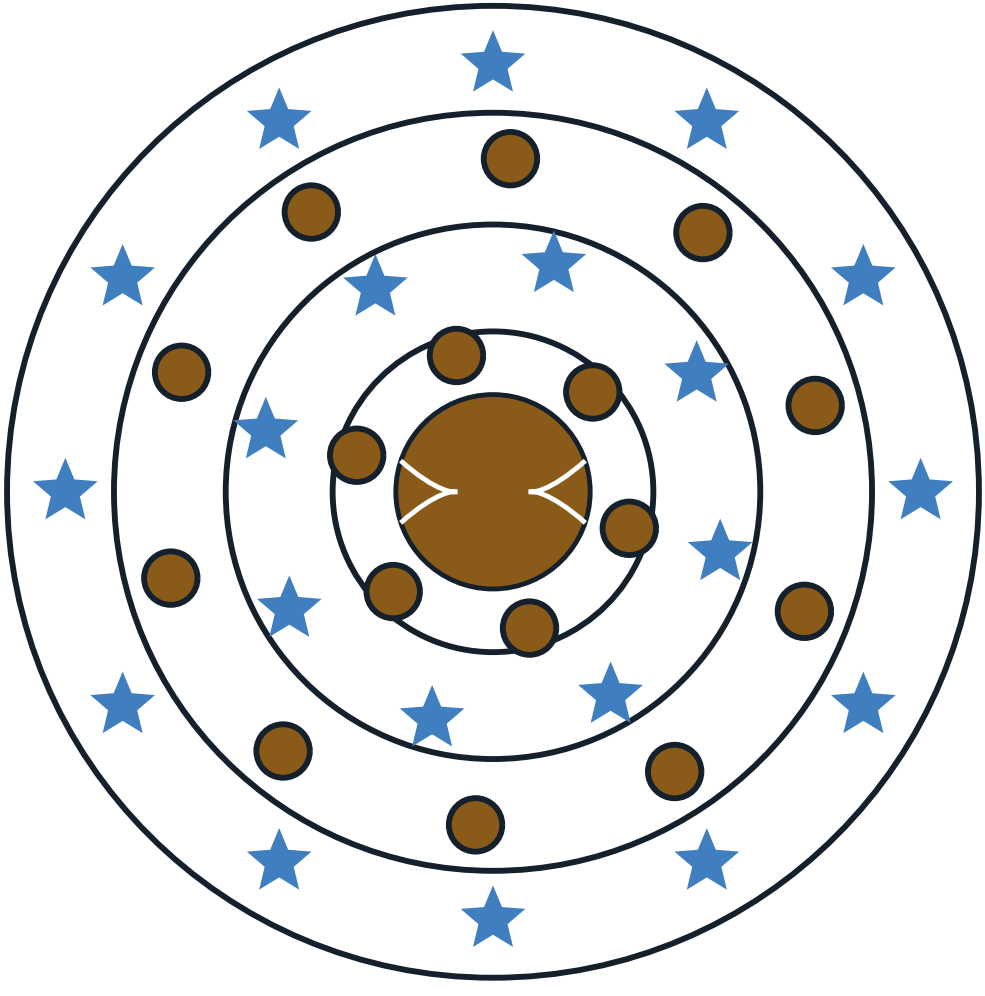
# Gear Close-Up



# Champions!



# The Mandala of the Game



# About This Book

Rule-change history: USA Pickleball rulebook revisions (2021 drop serve provisional rule; 2023 spin-serve prohibition).. 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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- The Cartoon Book of Cricket
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- The Cartoon Book of Tennis
- The Cartoon Book of Badminton
- The Cartoon Book of Table Tennis
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- The Cricket Colouring Book
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# My Notes

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