THE CARTOON BOOK OF

CYCLE POLO



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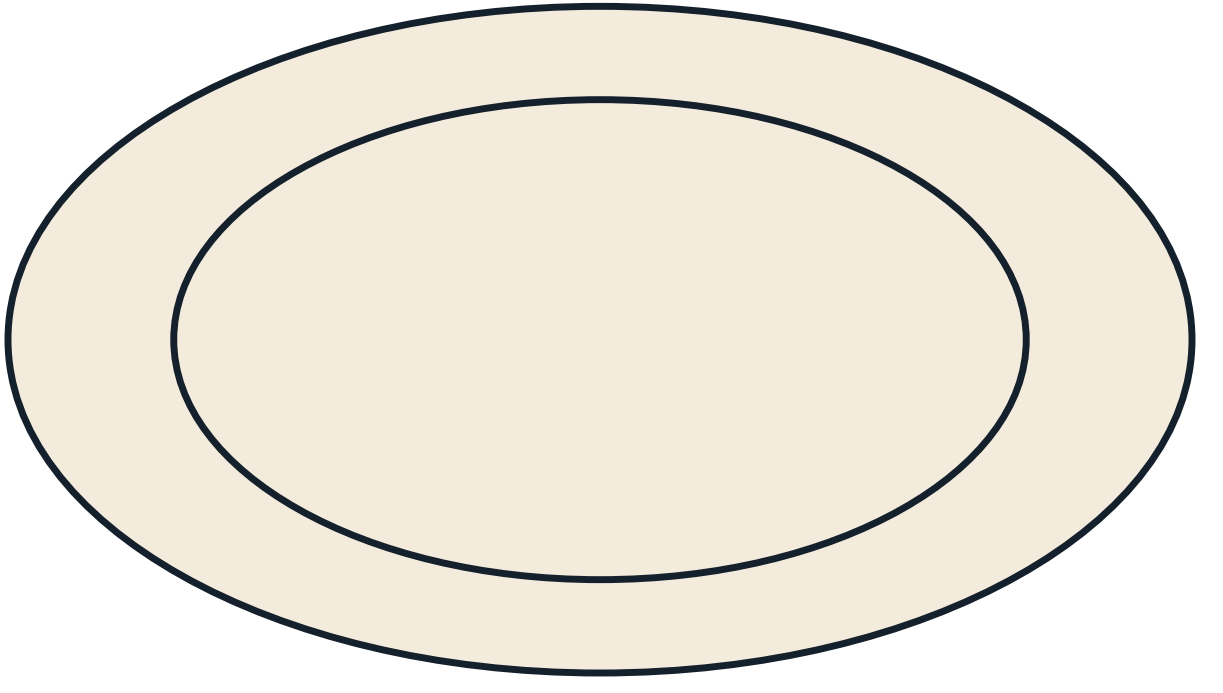
Meet Cycle Polo!

Polo played on bicycles.



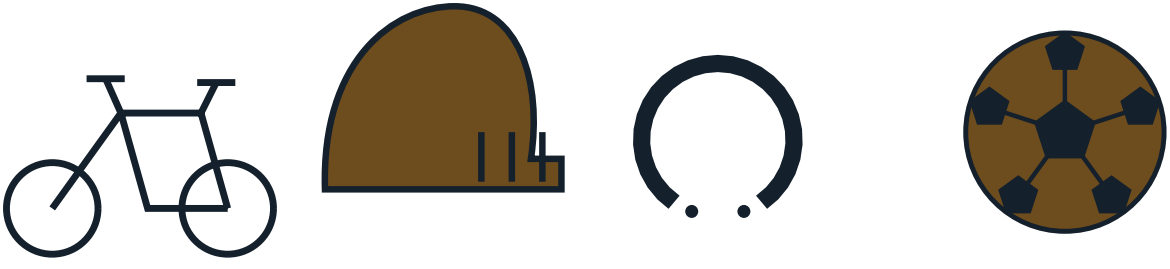
Where It Is Played

A ground 150 m long by 100 m wide for seniors and juniors (120 x 80 m for sub-juniors and women), with goal posts four metres apart at each end.



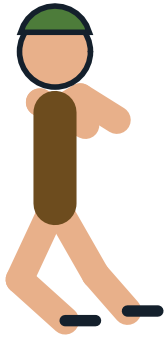
The Gear

An ordinary bicycle with no attachments or gears, a bamboo-cane mallet with a wooden head, and the CPFI bicycle polo ball.



How It Starts

Learn to ride one-handed while holding the mallet in the right hand, practise hitting the ball at slow speed, then join a four-player team for short chukkers.



How to Play

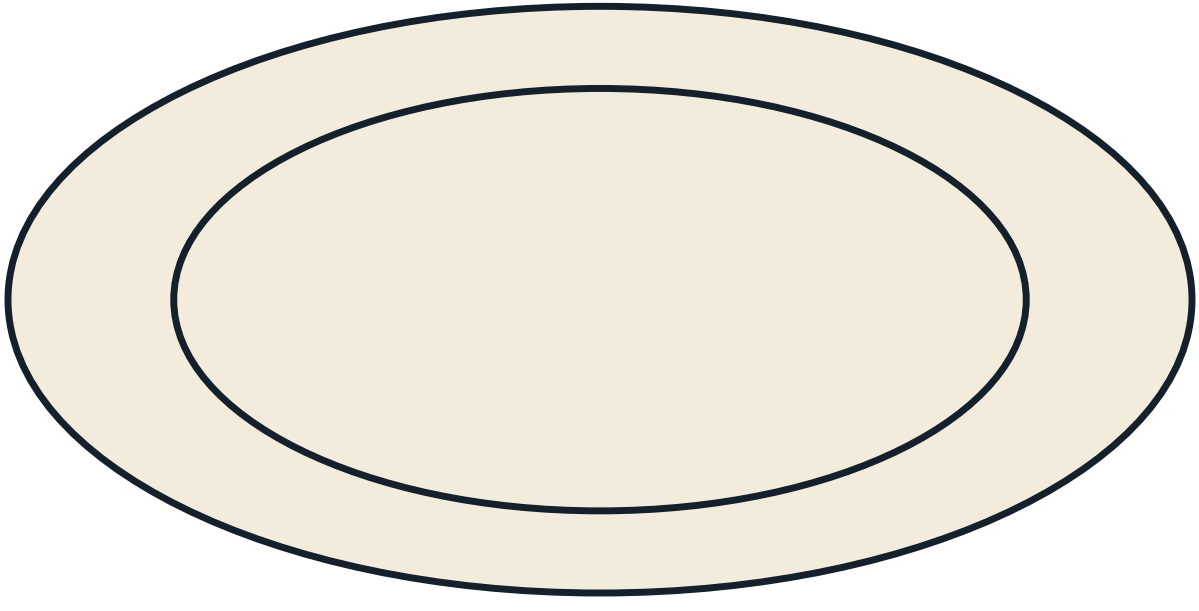
- A team consists of four players on the field, with four extras, in senior, junior and sub-junior categories for men and women.
- The game is polo on bicycles: players hit the ball with a mallet towards the opponents' goal to score.
- A full game consists of four chukkers of seven and a half minutes each; the senior final is five chukkers.
- Goal posts are four metres apart, 2.5 metres in height.

More of the Game

- An ordinary cycle of any make and size is used, but no extra attachments such as mudguards, bells, a stand, a carrier or gears are allowed.
- Mallets (sticks) are made from bamboo cane with a wooden head, in sizes of 36, 34 and 32 inches.
- The CPFI ball weighs 85 to 90 grams and measures 75 to 76.5 mm, having replaced the original bamboo horse-polo ball (a tennis ball was used in India for safety).
- Under the IBPF international rules no player may play with his left hand, and matches are administered by two mounted umpires with a referee off the field.

The Shape of a Match

Four-a-side polo played on ordinary bicycles over four chukkers of seven and a half minutes, hitting a small ball through posts four metres apart.



More of the Animal sports Family

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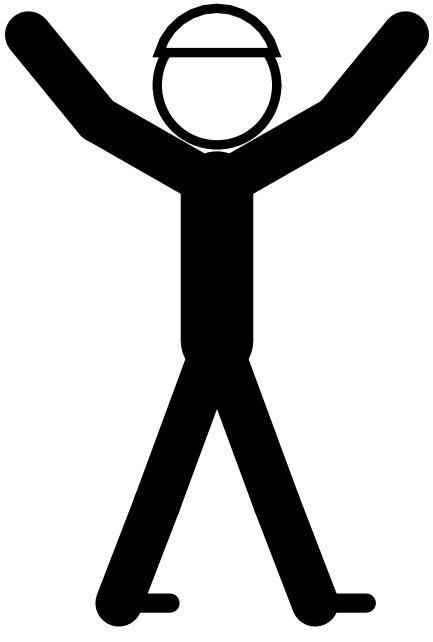
- Dog Agility — Dogs run obstacle courses with handlers.
- Sled Dog Racing — Endurance mushing, including the Iditarod.

A Note on the Rules

Cycle polo is governed by national bodies in two traditions (grass court cycle polo and hardcourt bike polo, the latter's code written by the urban scene since the 2000s — no bicycle contact rules, 'dab' foot-down turnovers). The hardcourt code is young and community-revised. No landmark dated change is carried for cycle polo.



Colour the Action



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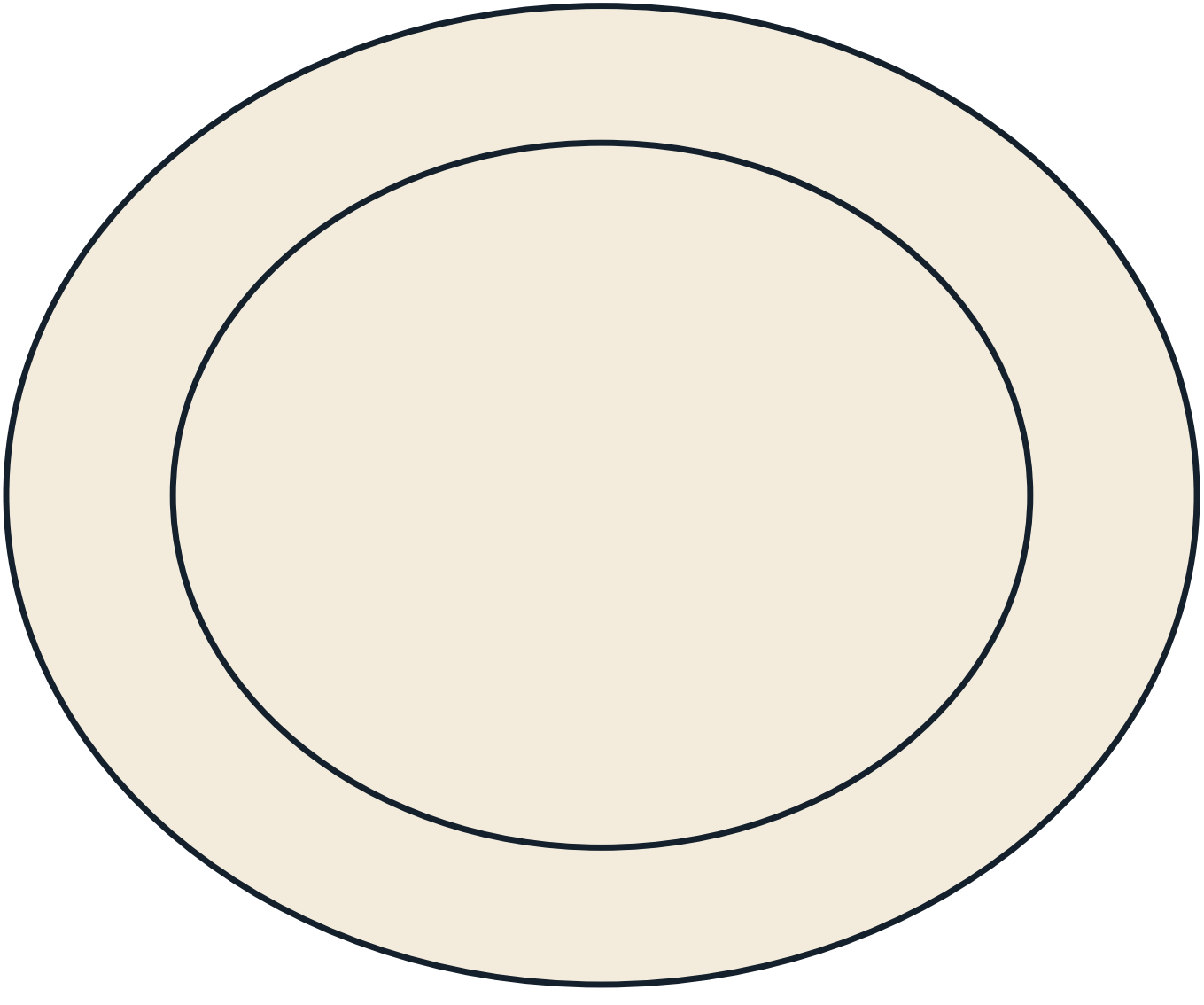
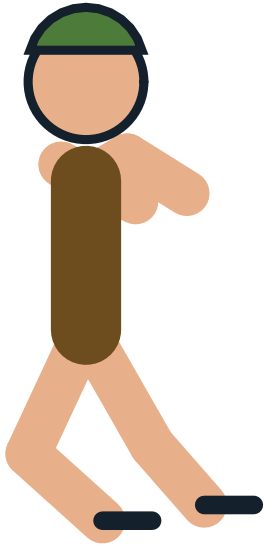
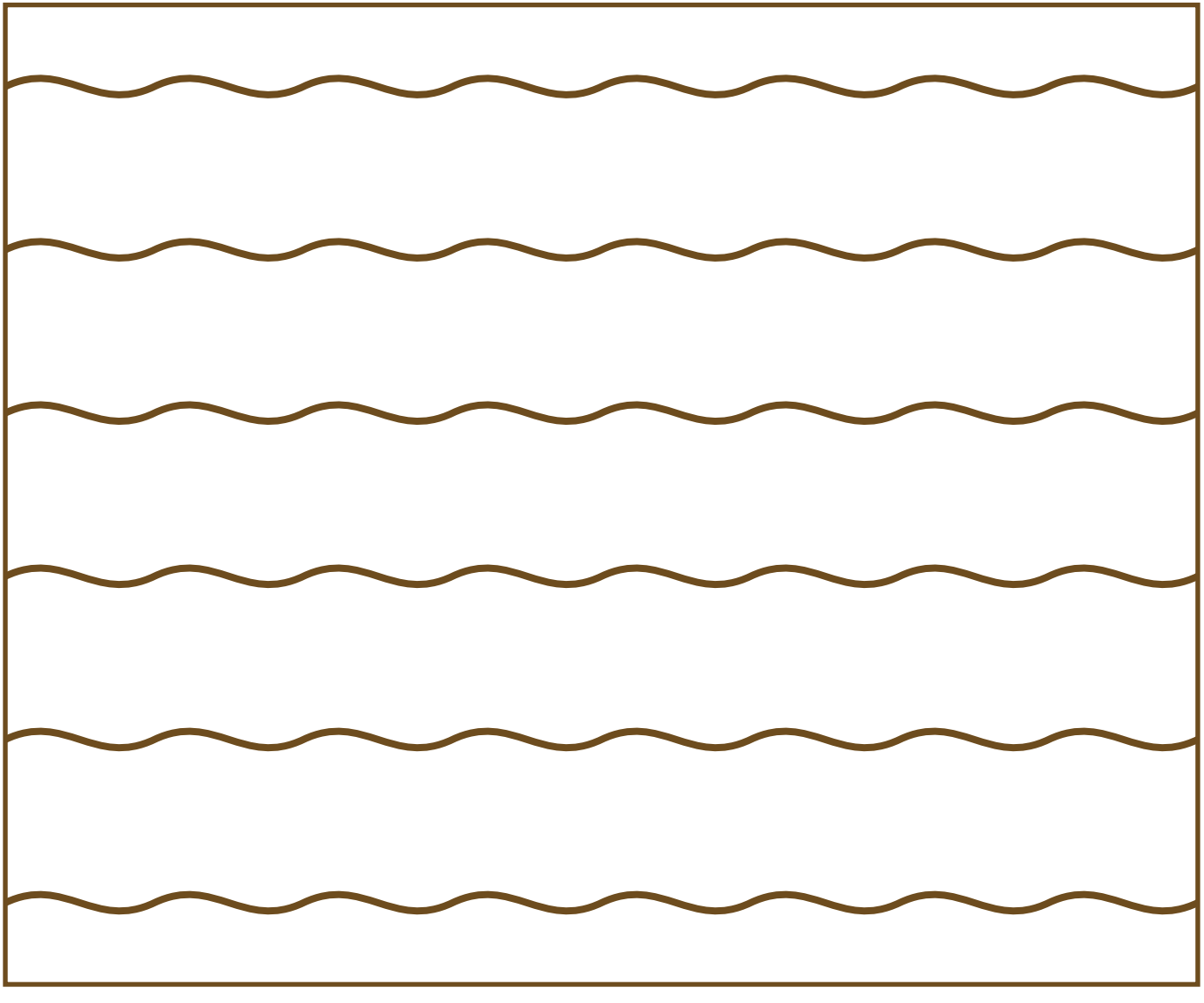


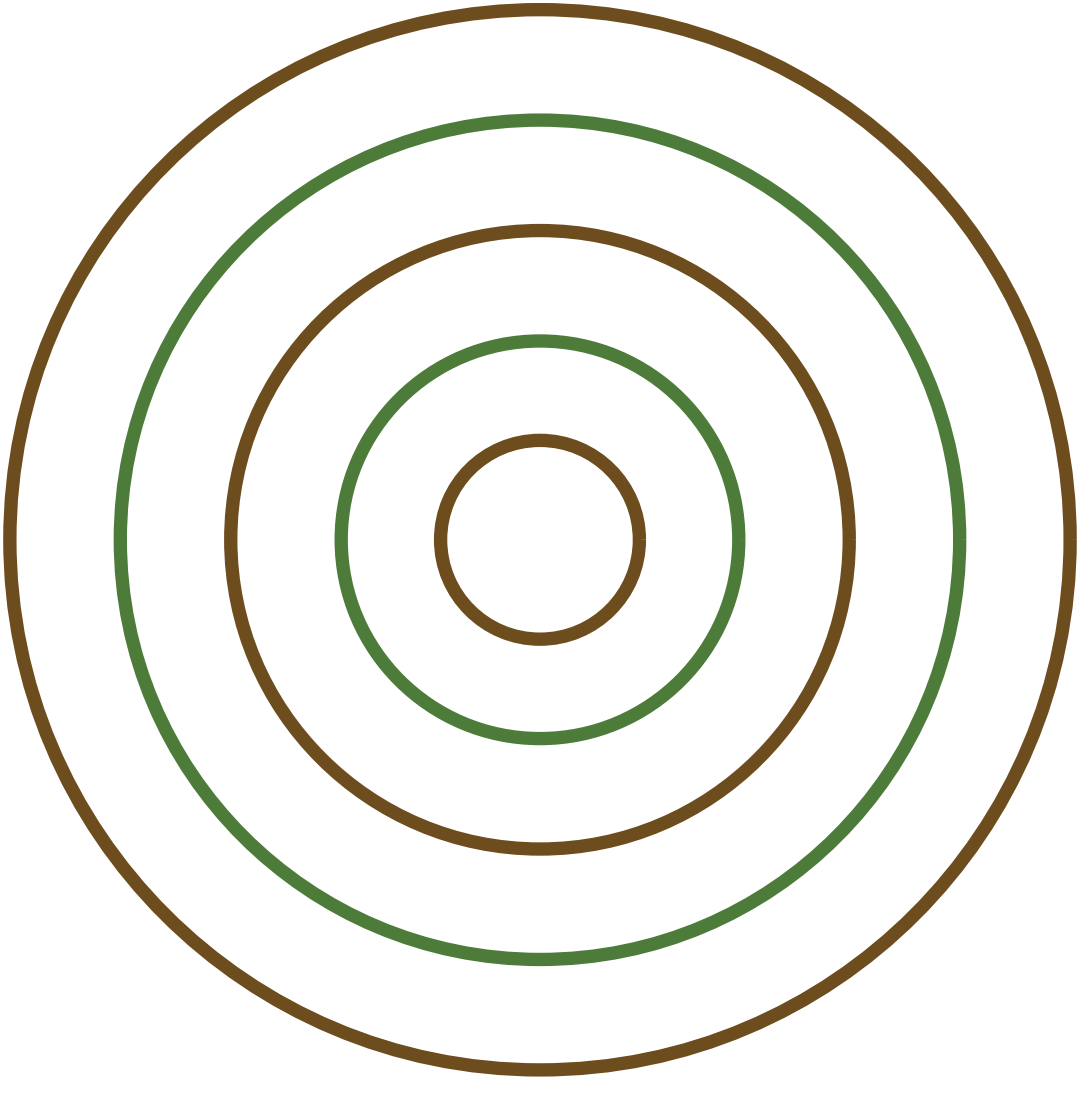
At School and College



Play It Near You



Through the Year



The Animal sports 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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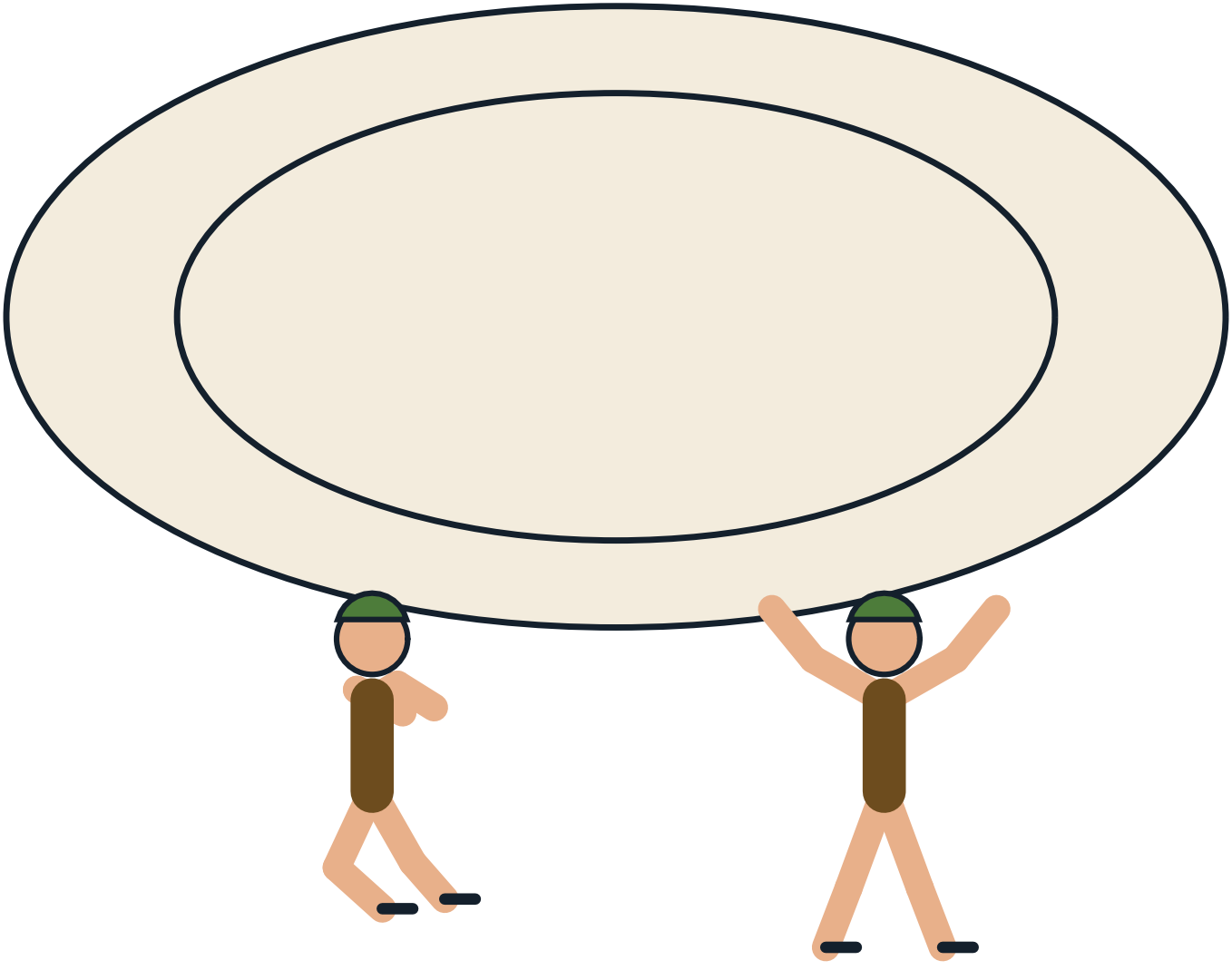
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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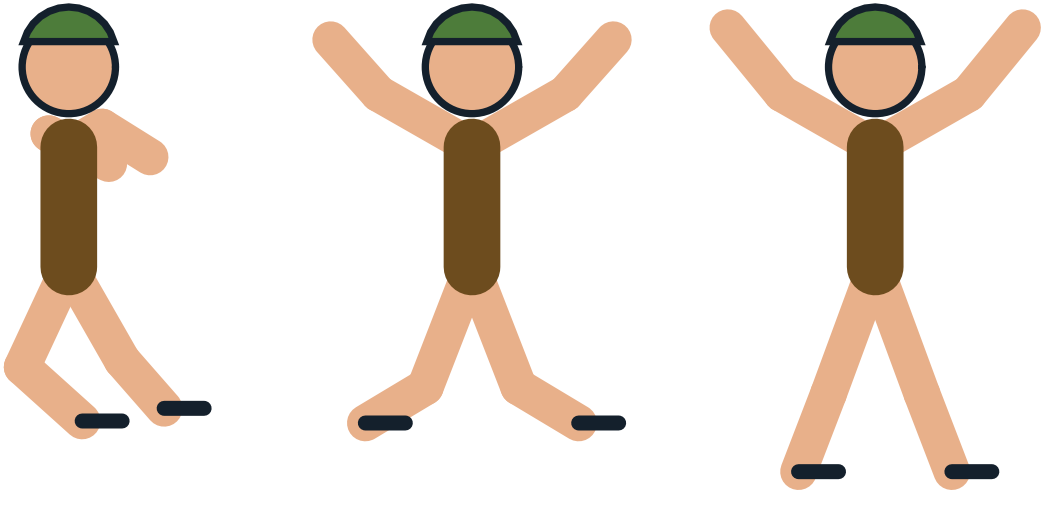
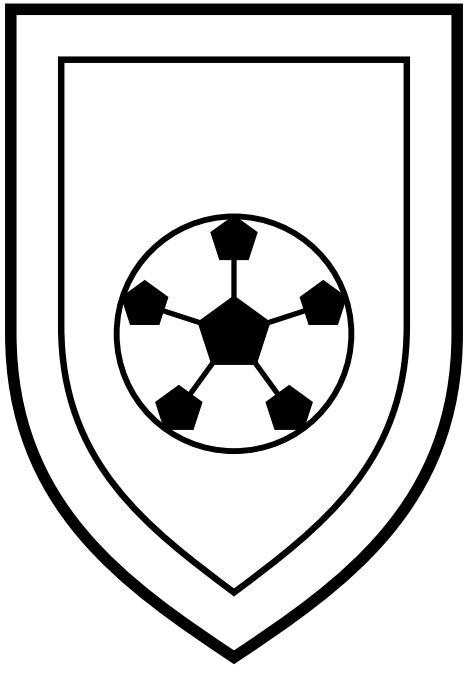
Moves of the Game

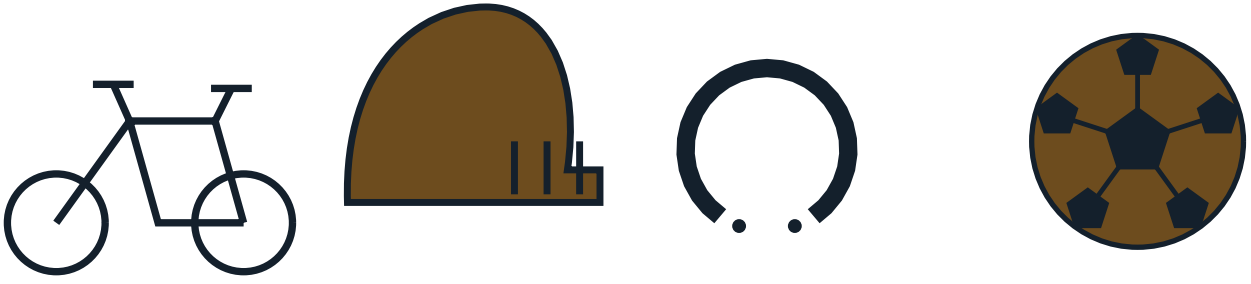


Design a Badge

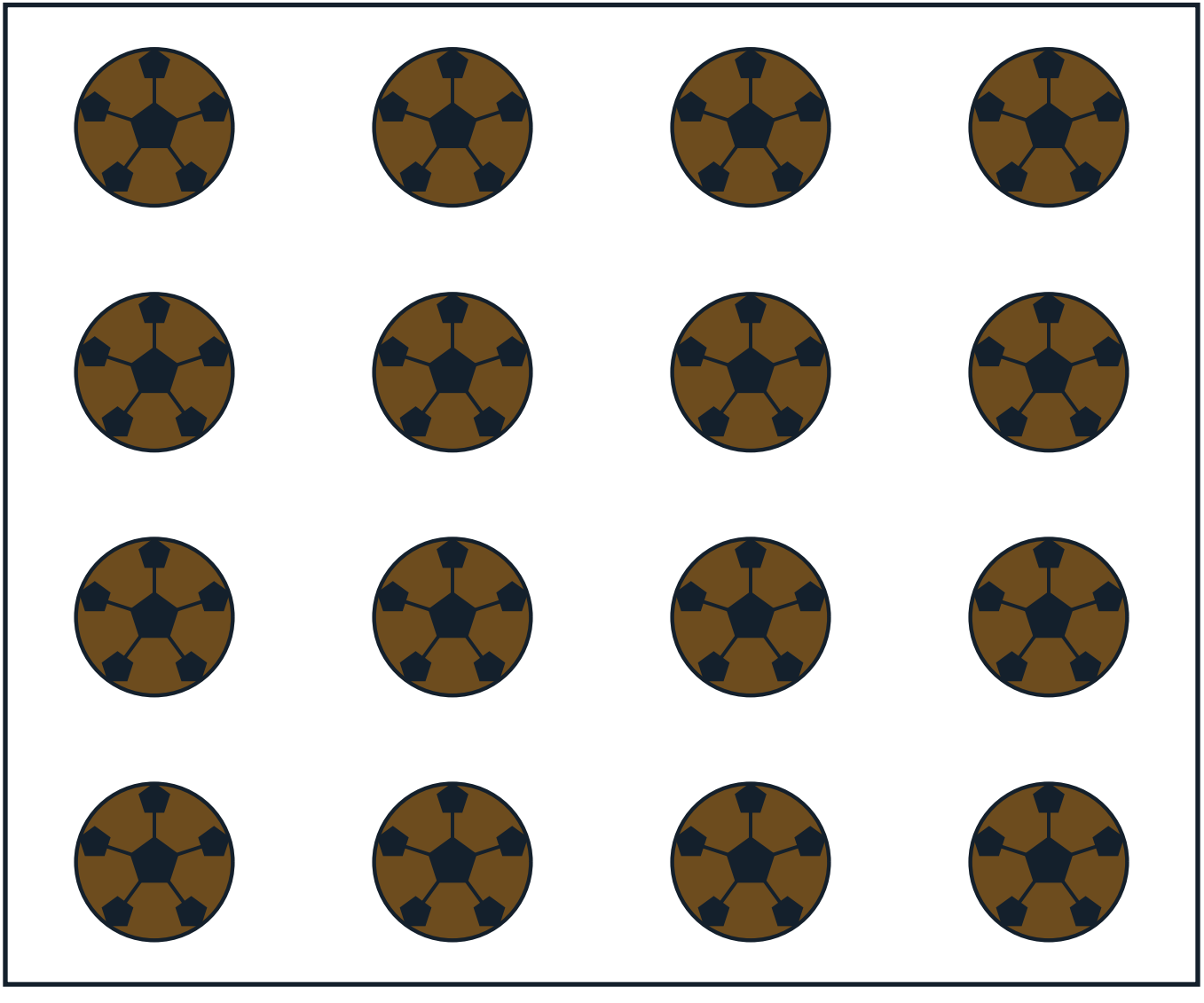


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

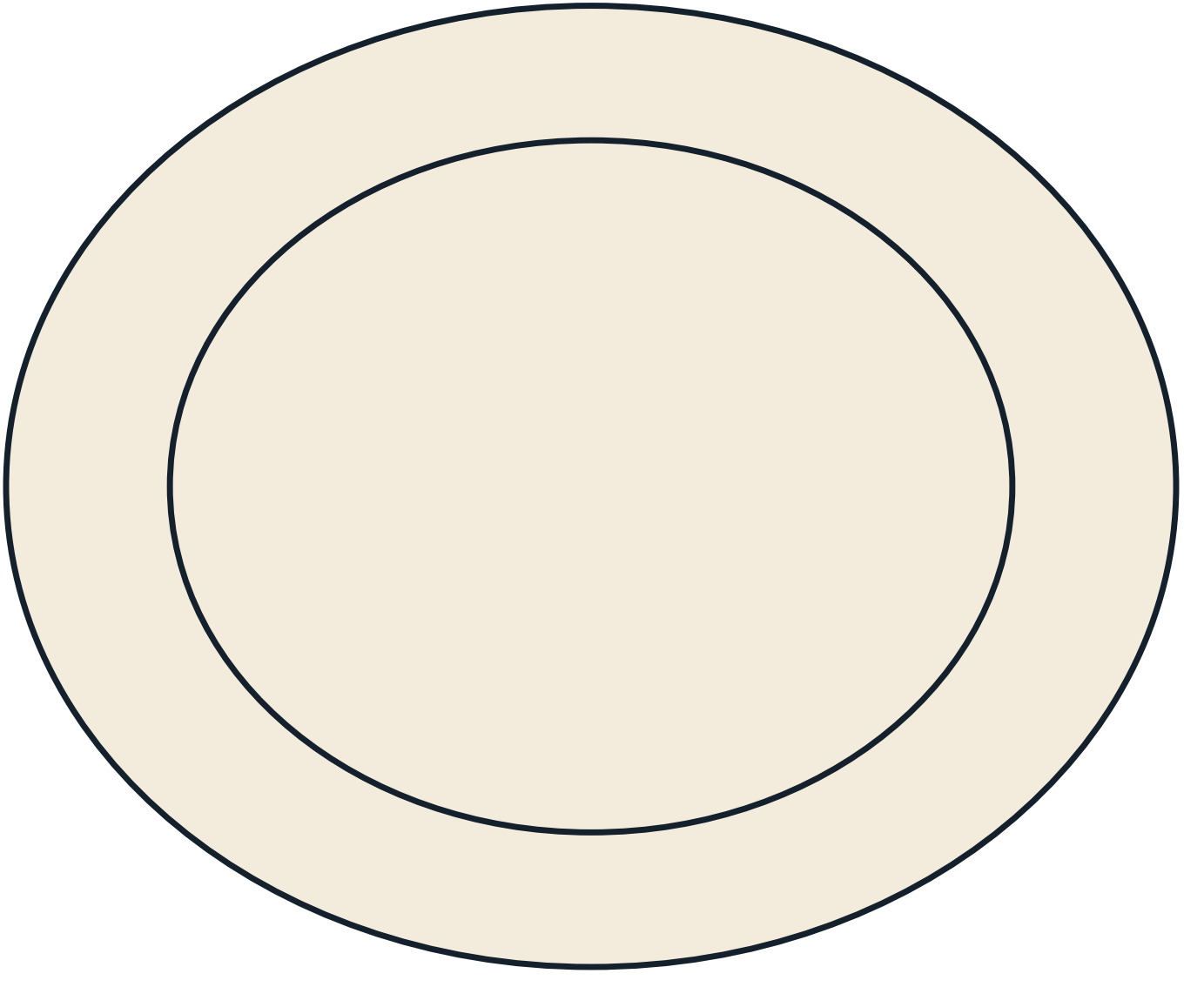
The Gear Parade



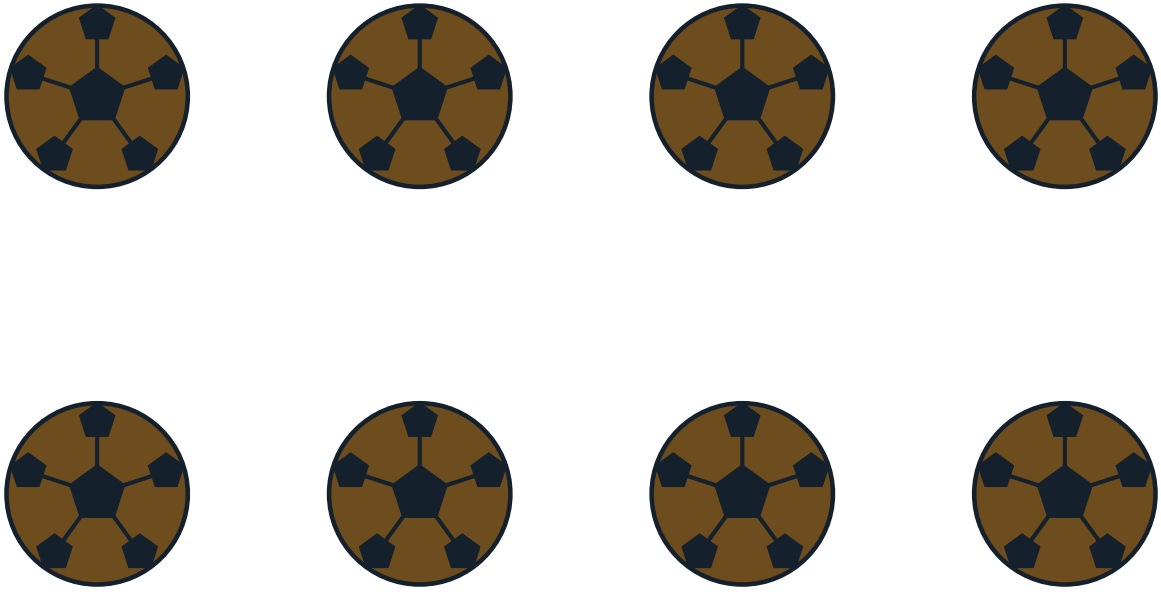
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



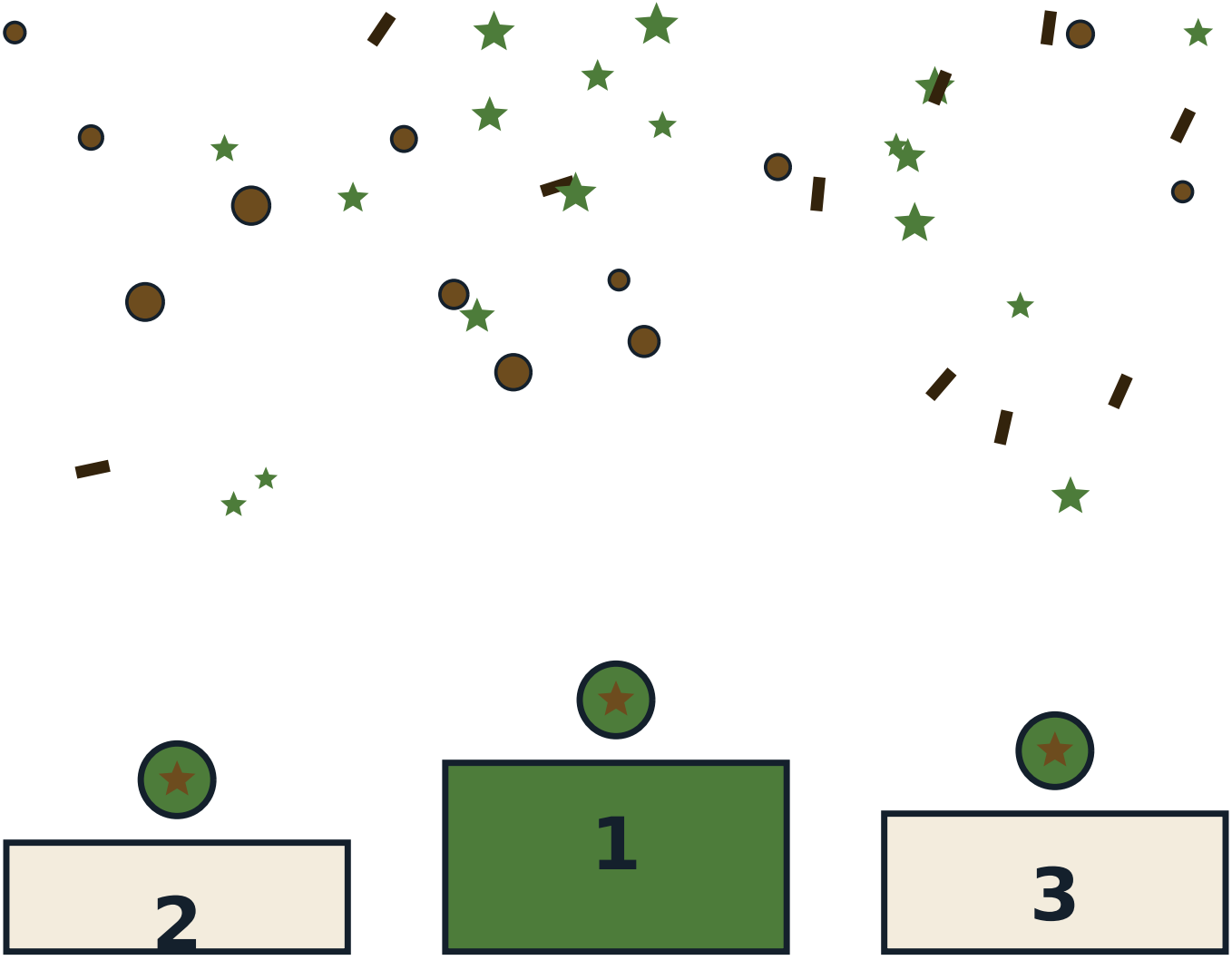
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Cycle Polo

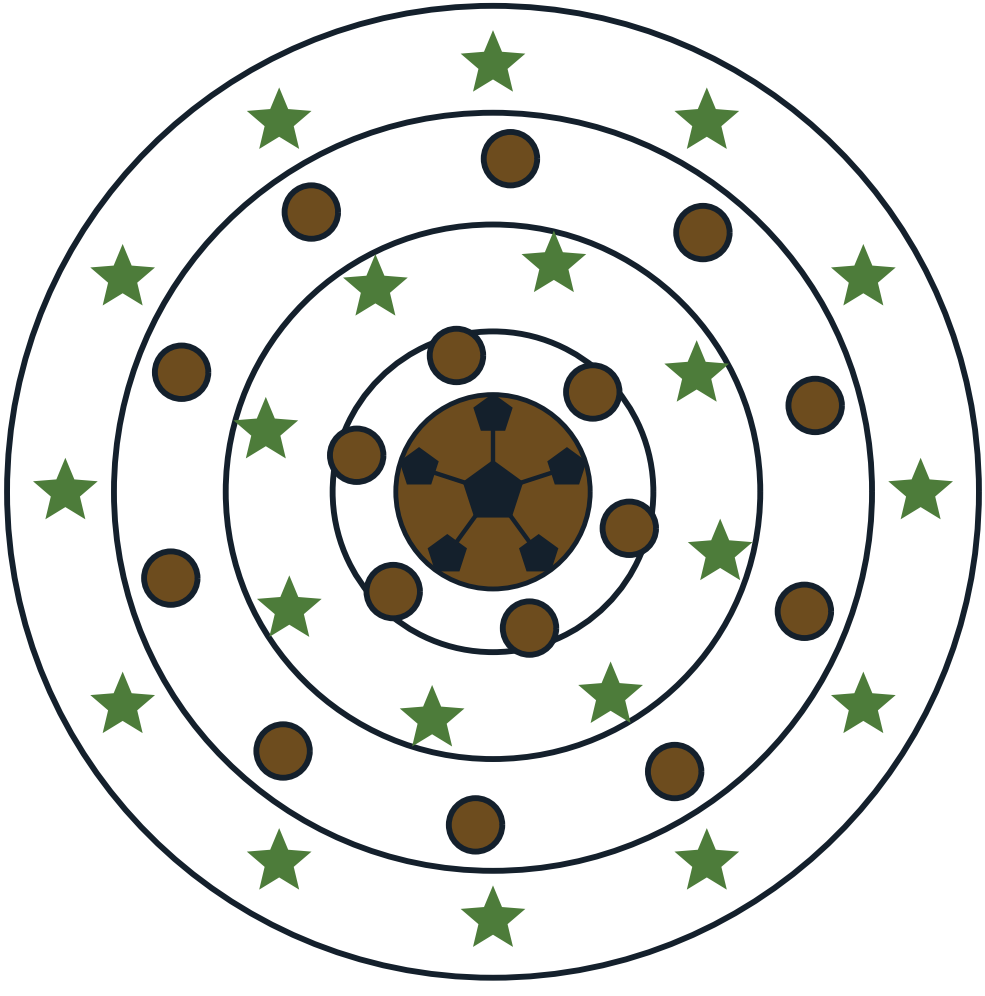
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Governing body: Cycle Polo Federation of India (CPFI) / International Bicycle Polo Federation (IBPF). Laws edition the site's rules file follows: CPFI Rules of Cycle Polo (points published by the federation); IBPF International 4-player rules. 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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