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DOG AGILITY



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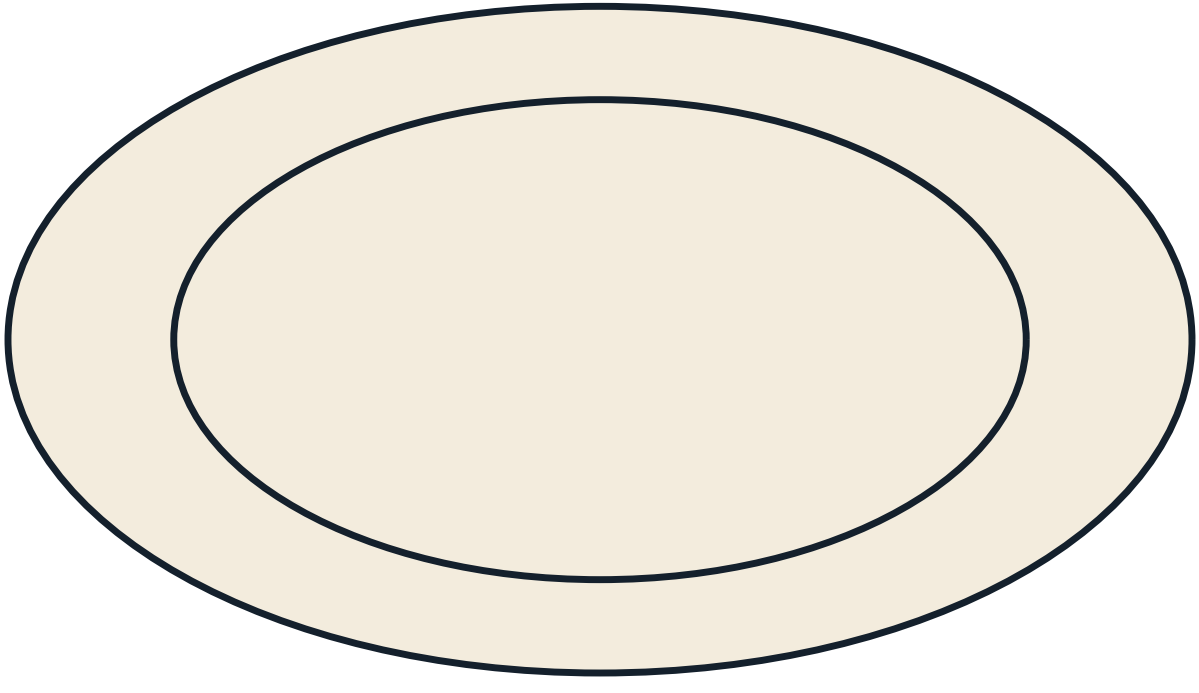
Meet Dog Agility!

Dogs run obstacle courses with handlers.



Where It Is Played

A ring at least 20 m x 40 m (area at least 24 m x 40 m), holding a course of 100-220 m in length.



The Gear

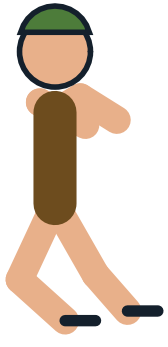
A dog and flat collar (or running without collar per class rules); the club provides FCI-specification obstacles — the handler uses only voice and body signals.





How It Starts

Join an agility club, teach foundation obstacles (jumps, tunnels, contacts) at low heights, and enter beginner (Level 1) trials once the dog is old enough under national rules.



How to Play

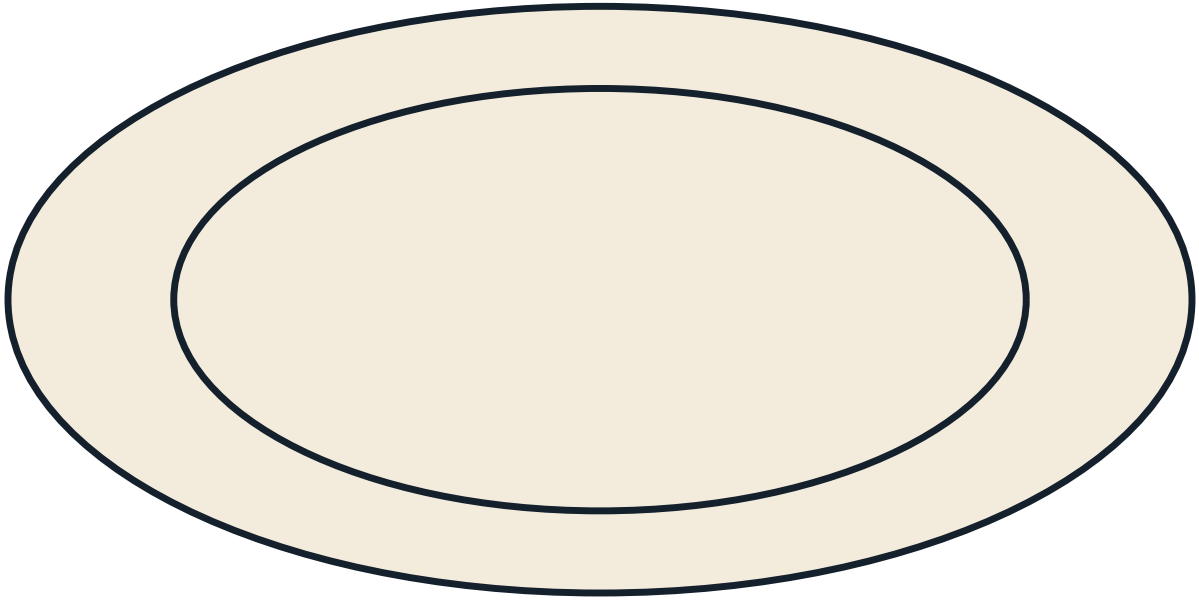
- Format: a handler directs a dog, off lead and without touching it, around a numbered obstacle course set by the judge; classes are Agility (with contact obstacles) and Jumping (without), at levels 1, 2 and 3.
- The course is 100 m to 220 m long with at least 15 and no more than 22 obstacles, of which at least 7 must be jumps; weave poles must be used on every course.
- The approved obstacles are hurdles, wall, tyre and long jump; contact obstacles (dog-walk, see-saw, A-frame); and tube tunnel and weave poles.
- Scoring: the judge sets a Standard Course Time; course faults (such as a knocked bar, a missed contact zone, or a refusal) and time faults over the standard time are added as penalty points.

More of the Game

- Winning: the dog with the fewest total faults wins; where faults are equal, the fastest time decides.
- Elimination faults include taking obstacles in the wrong order, missing or wrongly taking an obstacle, the handler touching the dog or an obstacle, and exceeding the Maximum Course Time.
- No practice is allowed on the competition course; handlers may walk the course without their dogs before the trial begins.
- Dogs compete in height categories S, M, I and L, with obstacle heights and dimensions set per category; obstacle spacing on the dog's path must be at least 5 m between consecutive obstacles.

The Shape of a Match

Handler and dog run a 15-22 obstacle course in the judge's set order against a standard course time; fewest faults, then fastest time, wins.



More of the Animal sports Family

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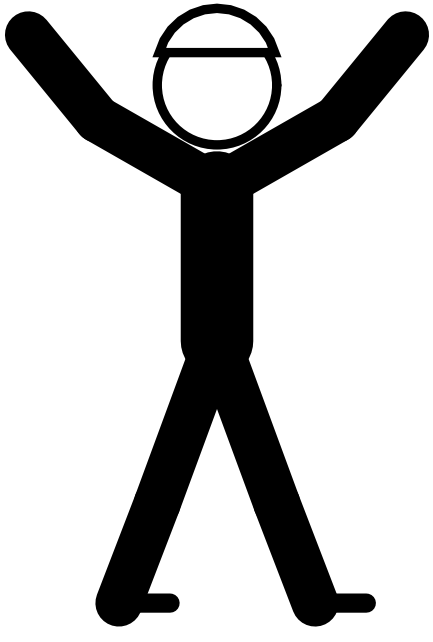
- Sled Dog Racing — Endurance mushing, including the Iditarod.

A Note on the Rules

Dog agility is governed by kennel clubs (the FCI internationally, the Kennel Club in Britain, AKC/USDAA in the US) under obstacle, height-class and fault codes revised by cycle as course design evolves. No single landmark dated law change is carried for dog agility.



Colour the Action



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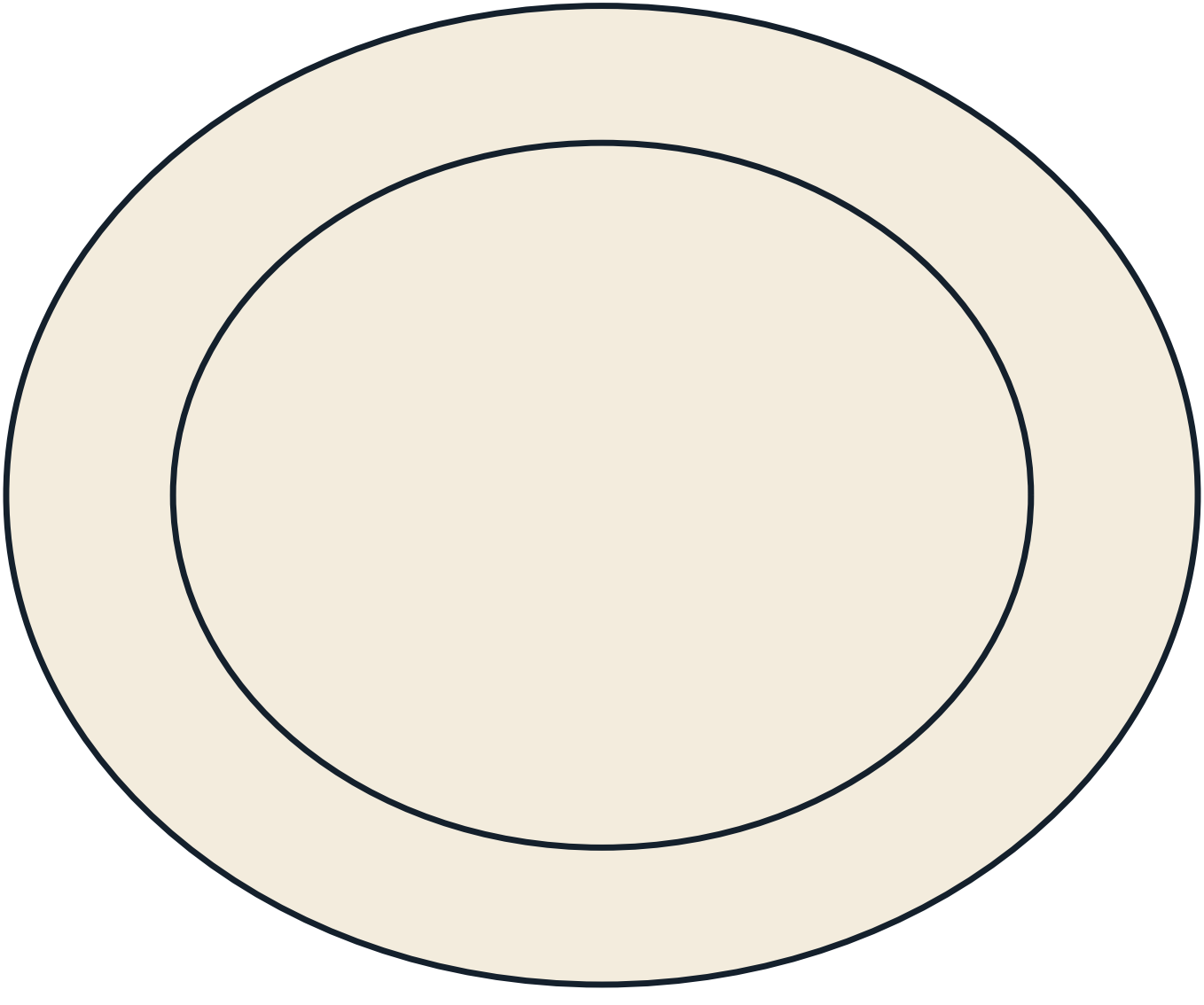

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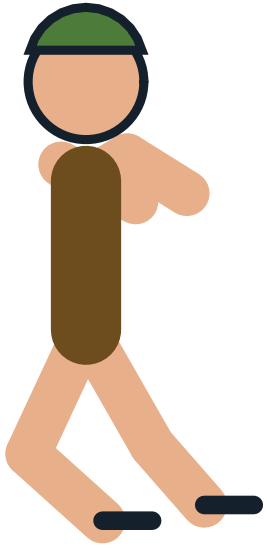

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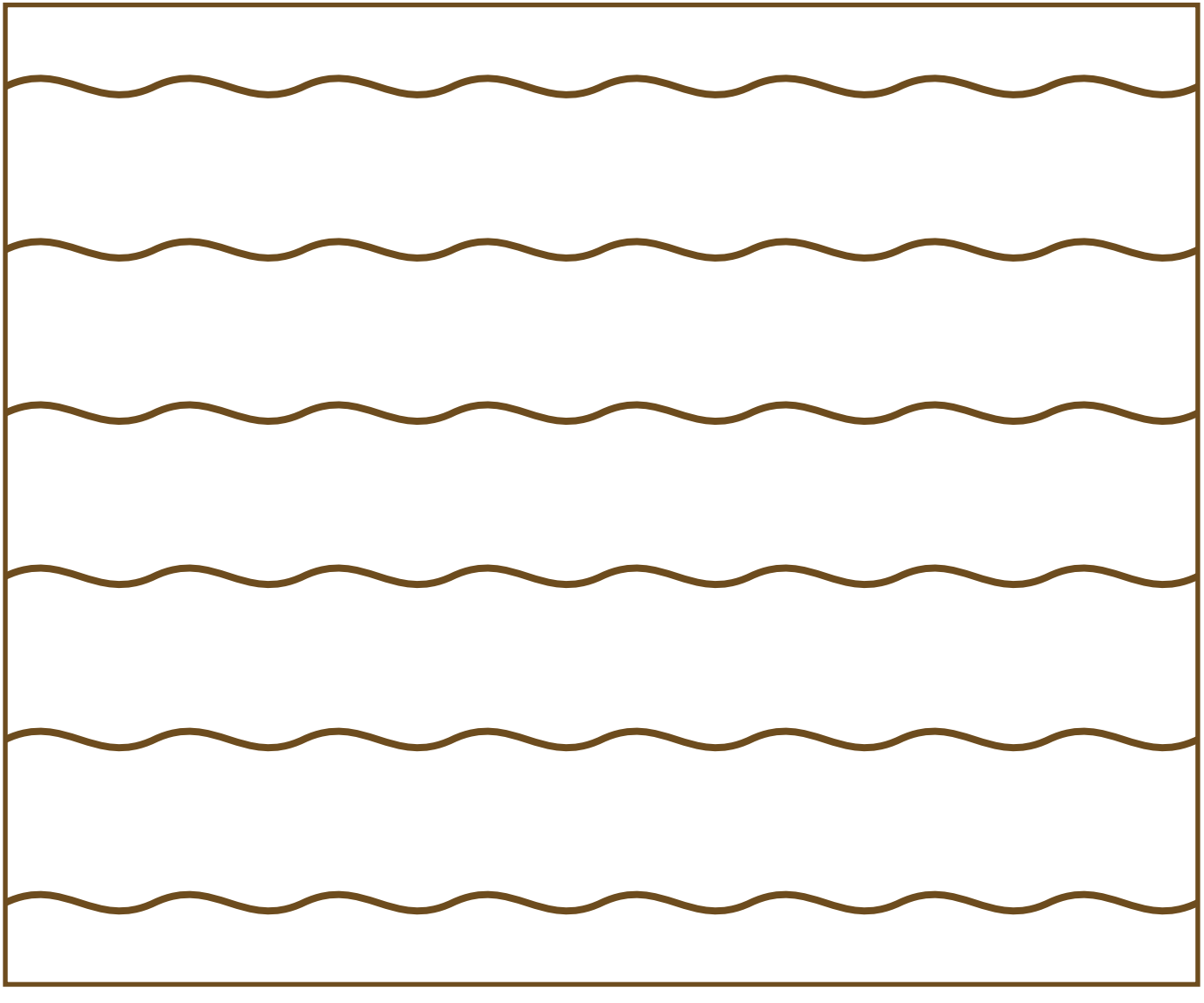
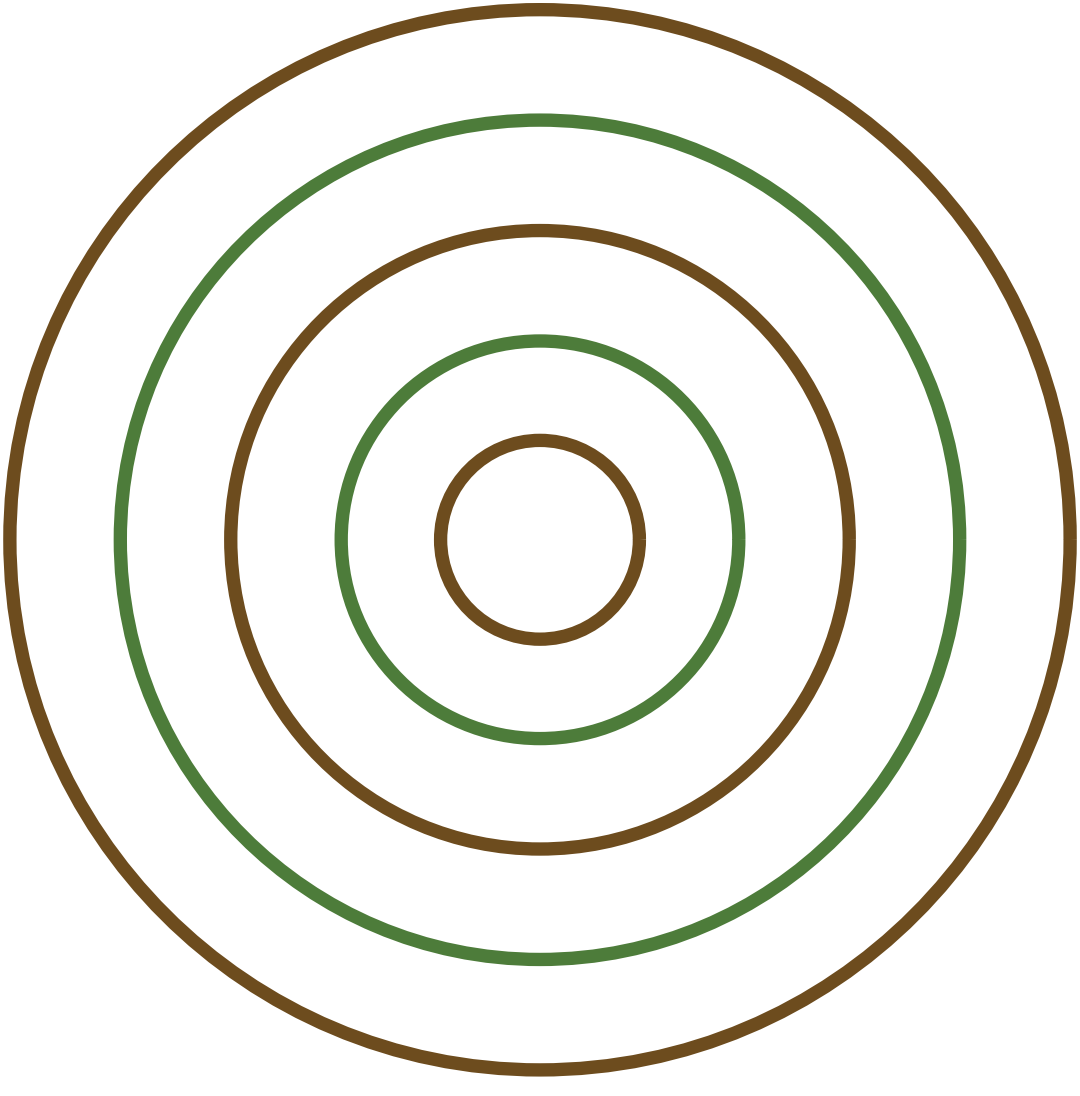


Through the Year



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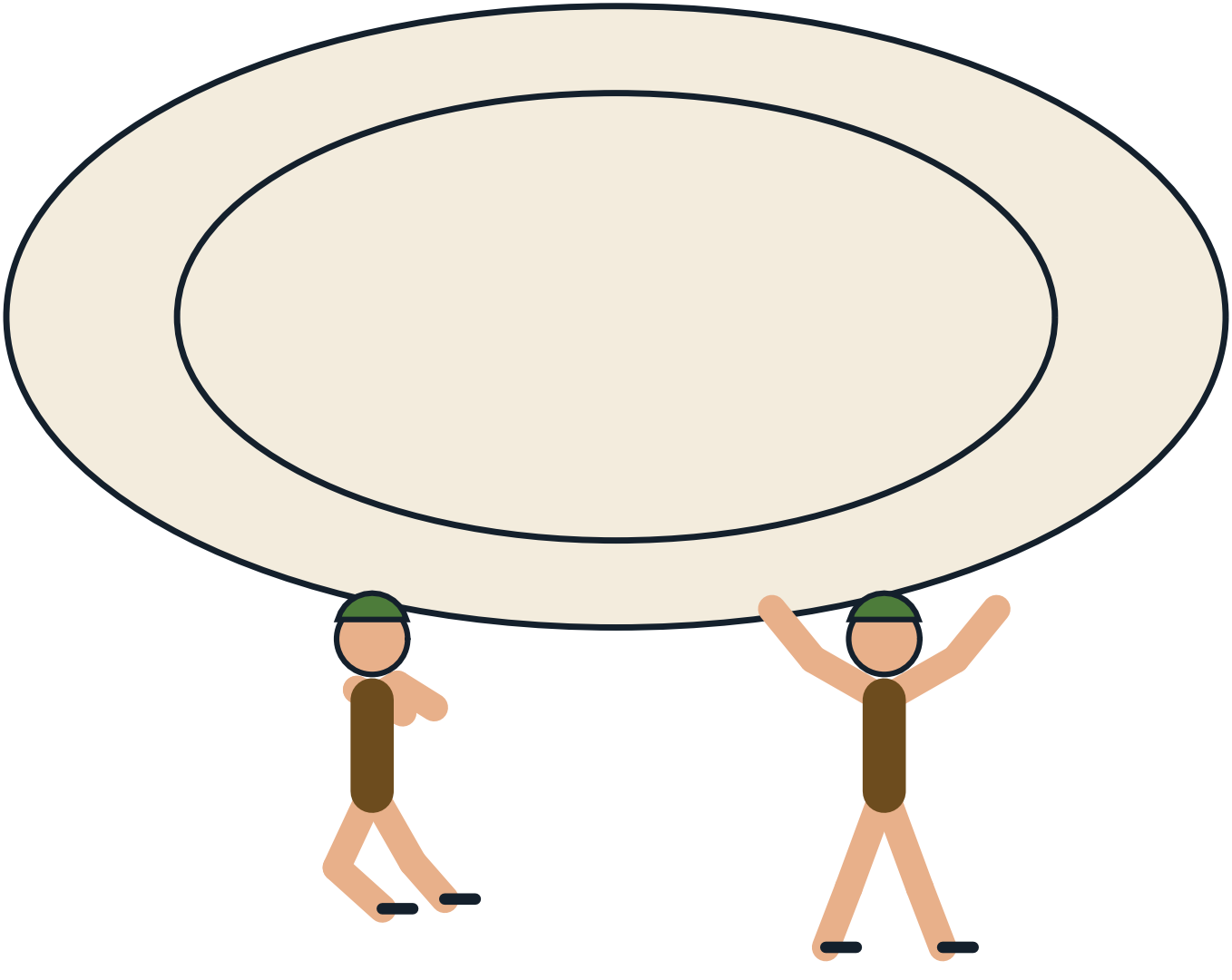
Game Day!



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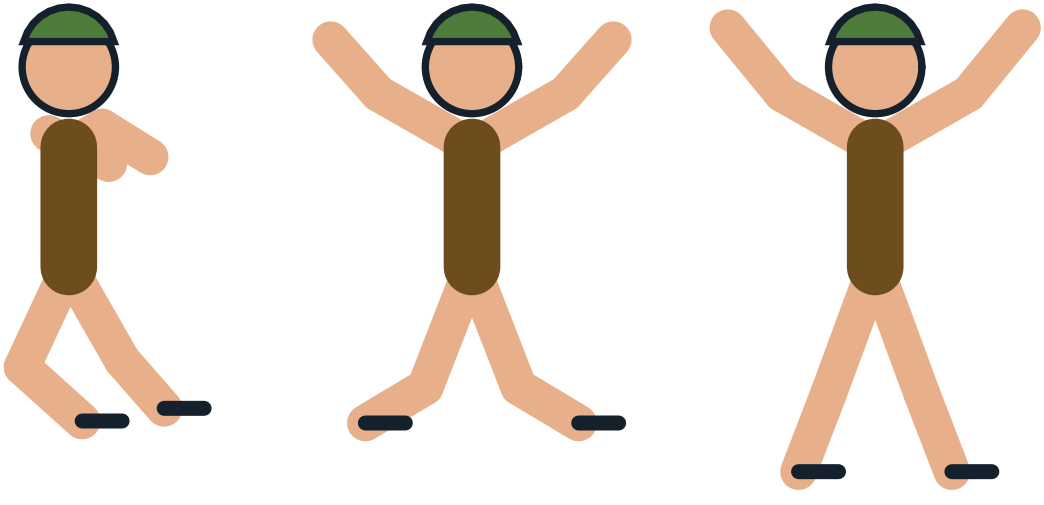
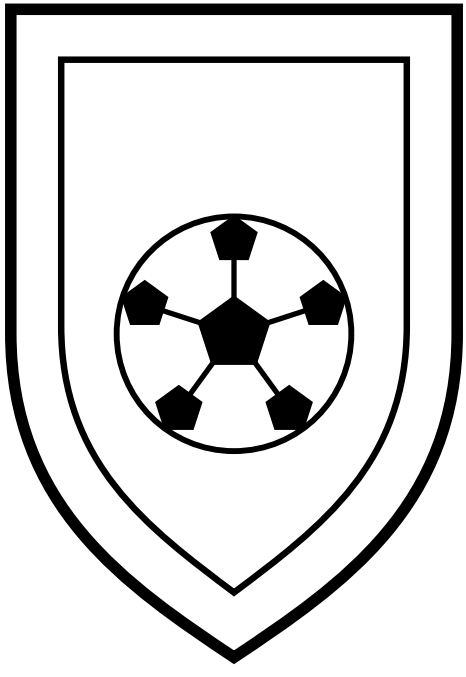


Design a Badge



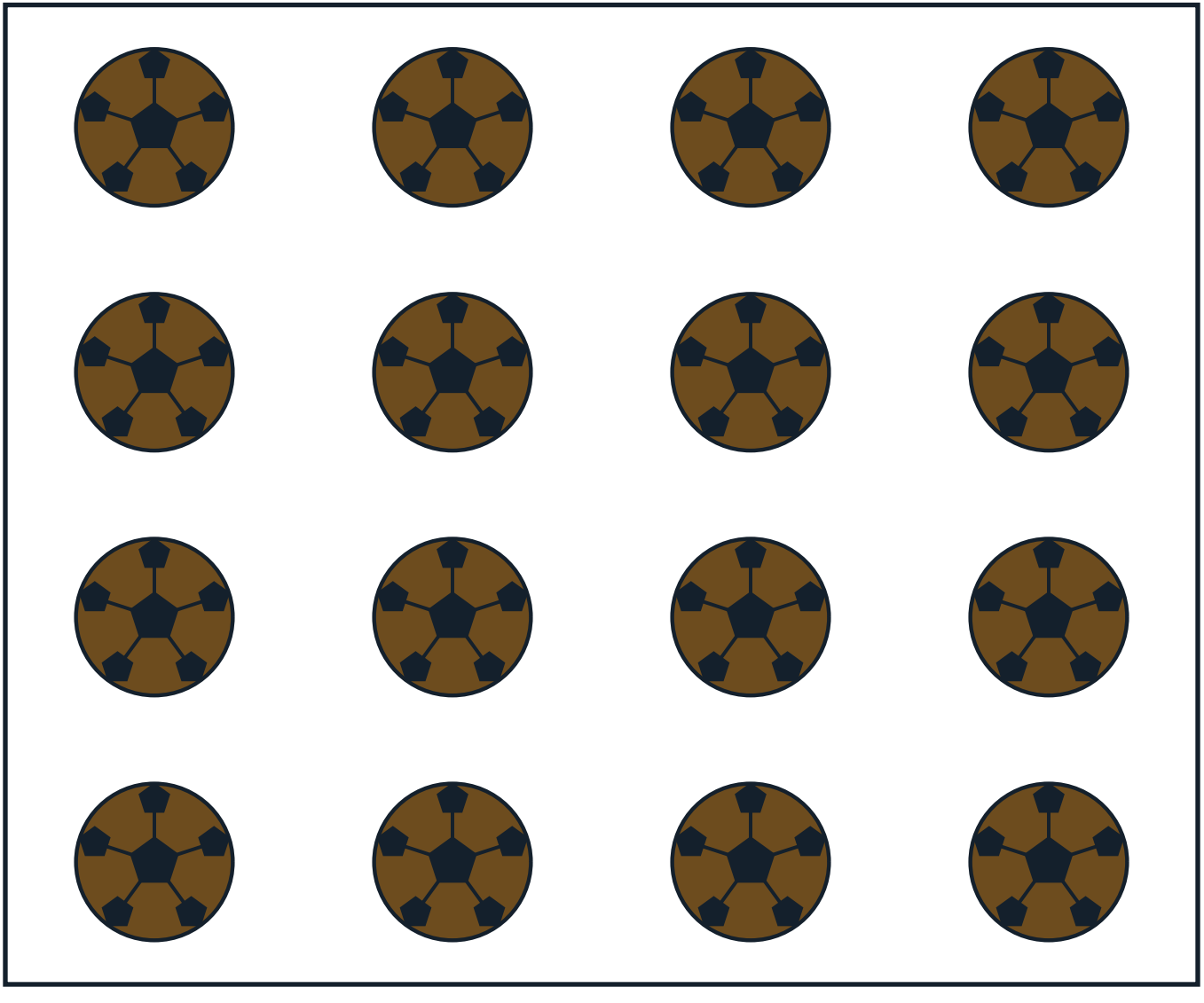
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

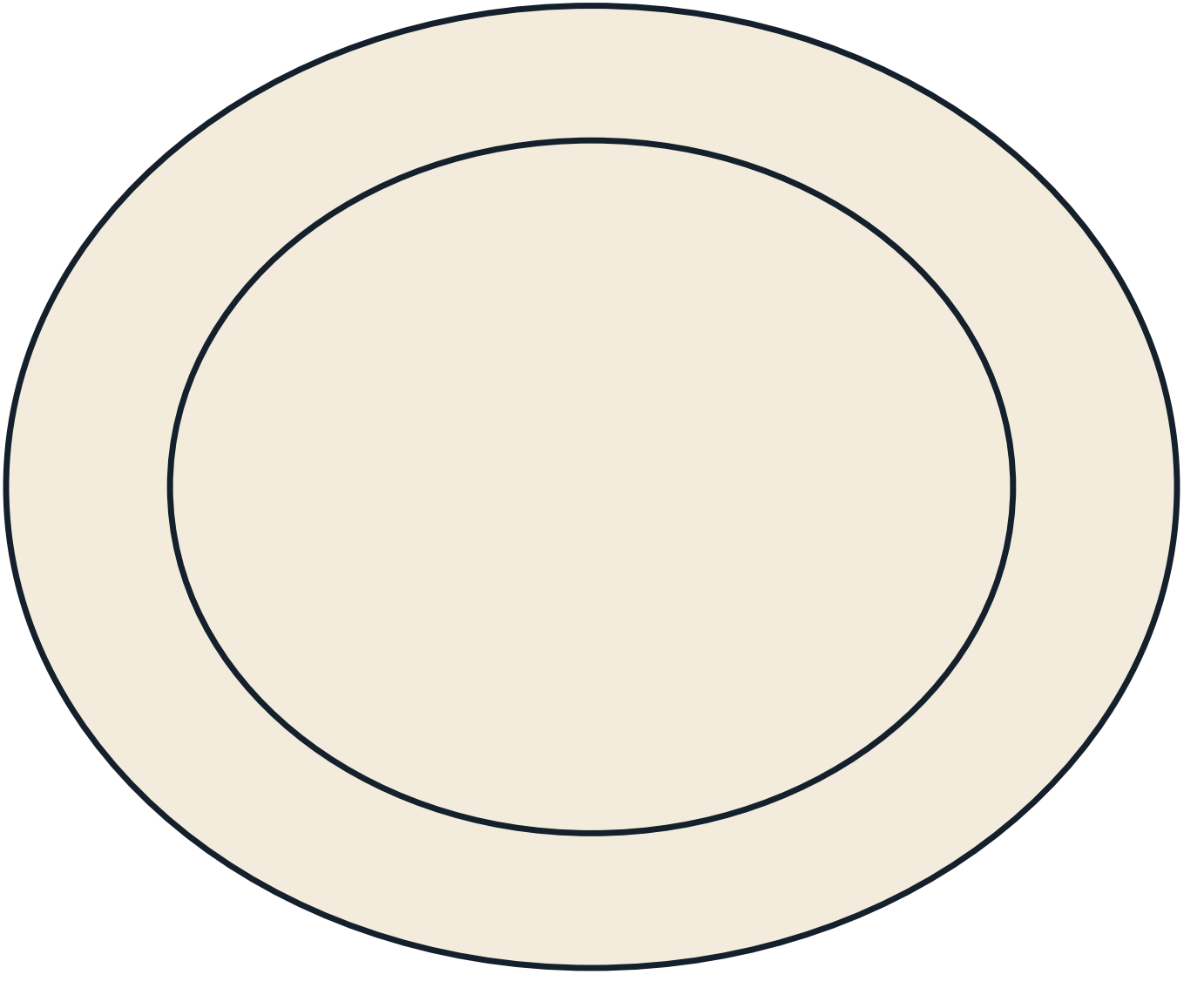




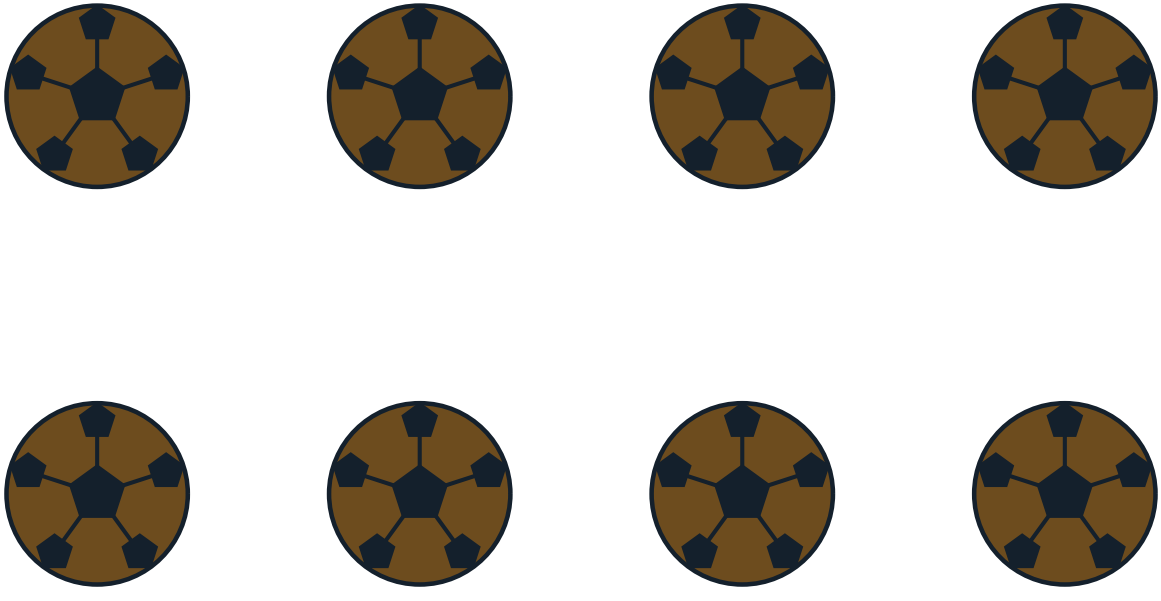
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



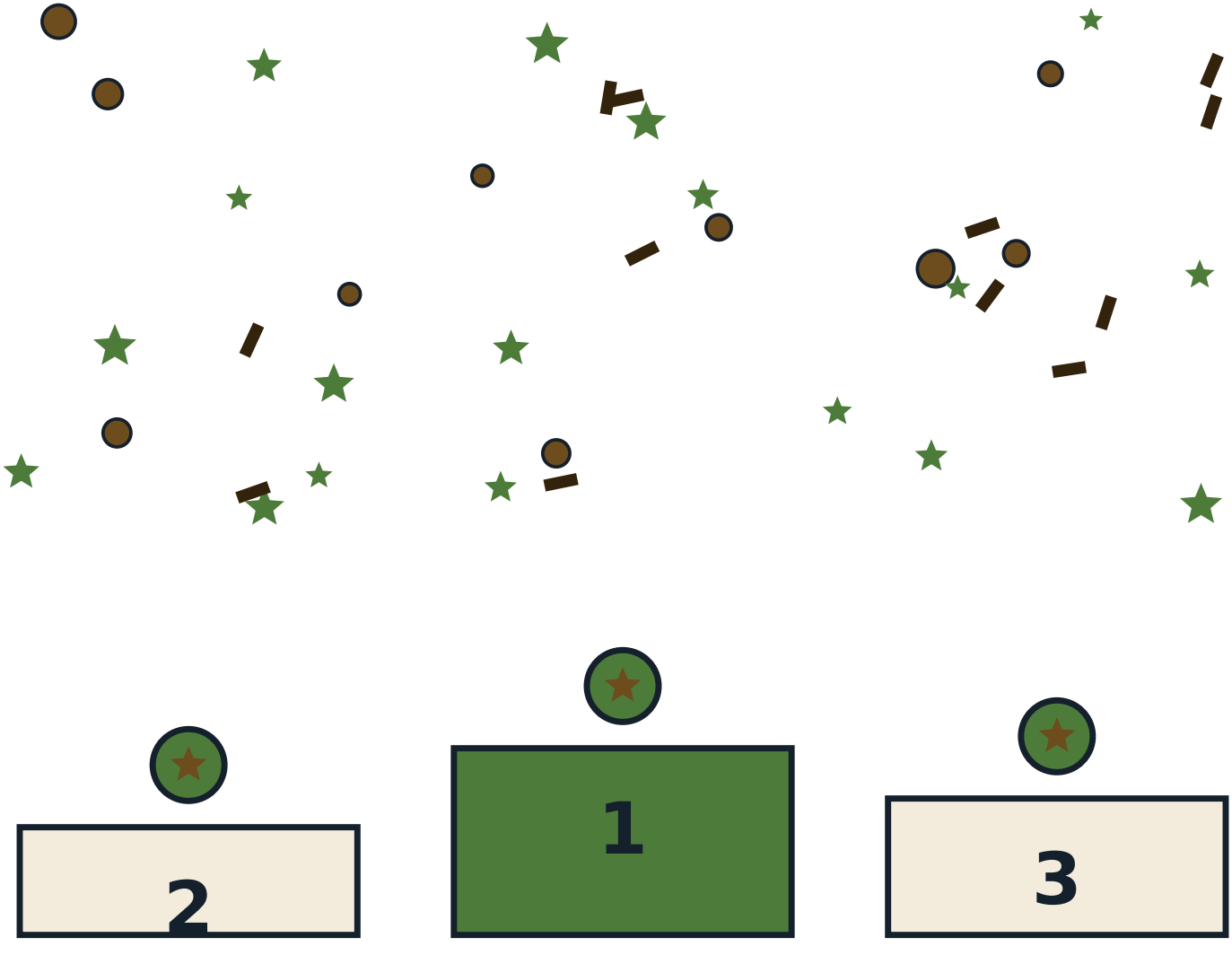
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Dog Agility

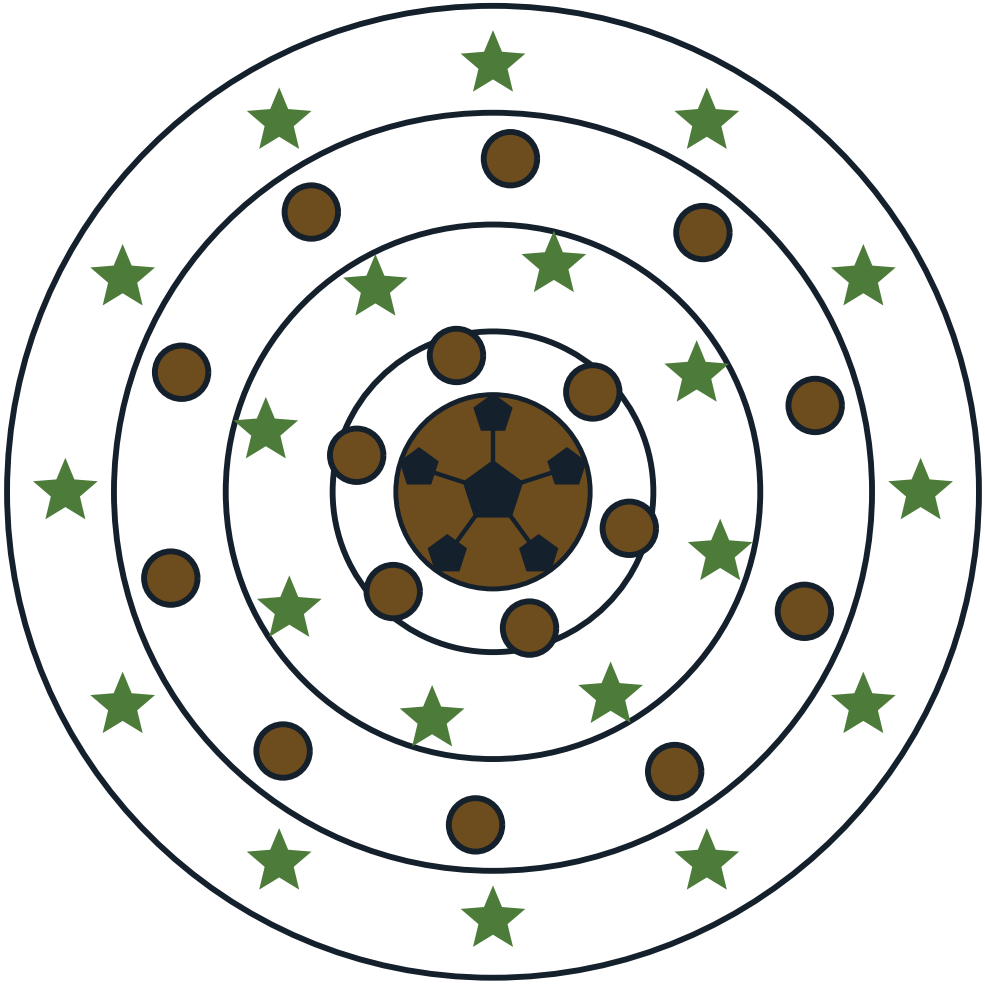
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



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