THE CARTOON BOOK OF

ROUNDERS



BAT-AND-BALL

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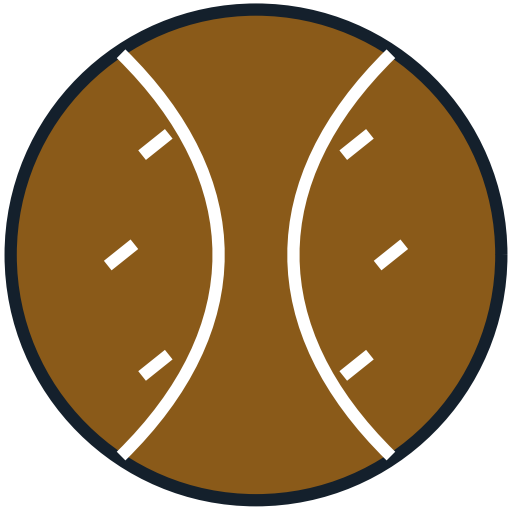
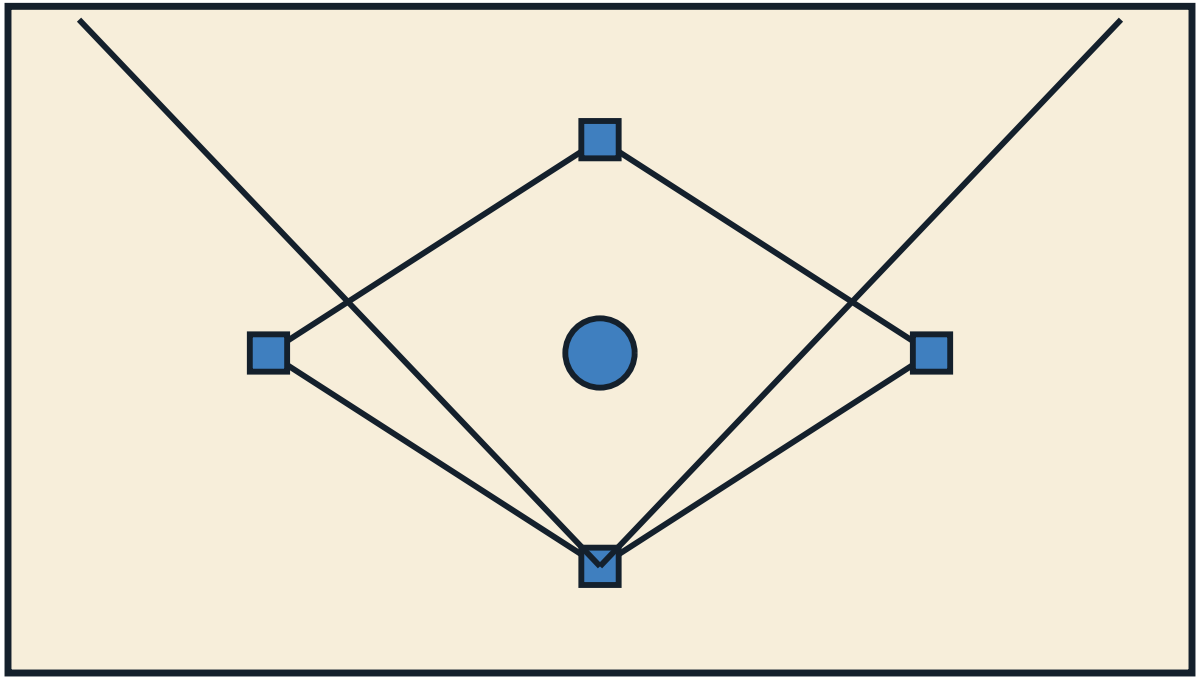
Meet Rounders!

British bat-and-ball game, a cousin of baseball.



Where It Is Played

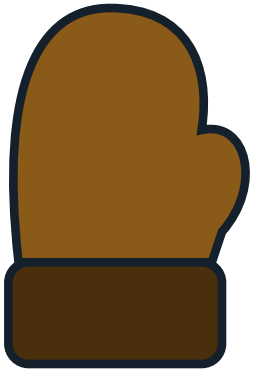
A pitch with four posts: 12 m between the batting square and first post and between the first, second and third posts, 8.5 m from third to fourth post; the batting square is 2 m square and the bowling square 2.5 m square, 7.5 m apart.

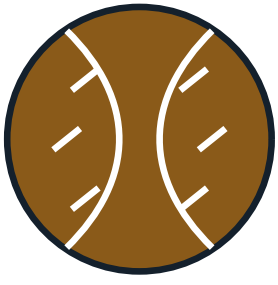


The Gear

A rounders bat no more than 460 mm long, a leather-cased rounders ball, and four posts.

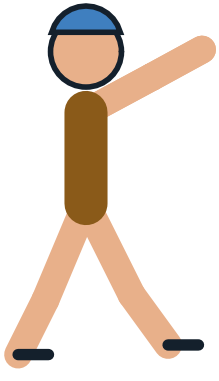






How It Starts

Mark out the squares and posts, toss for innings, and have the bowler deliver one good underarm ball for the batter to hit and run.



How to Play

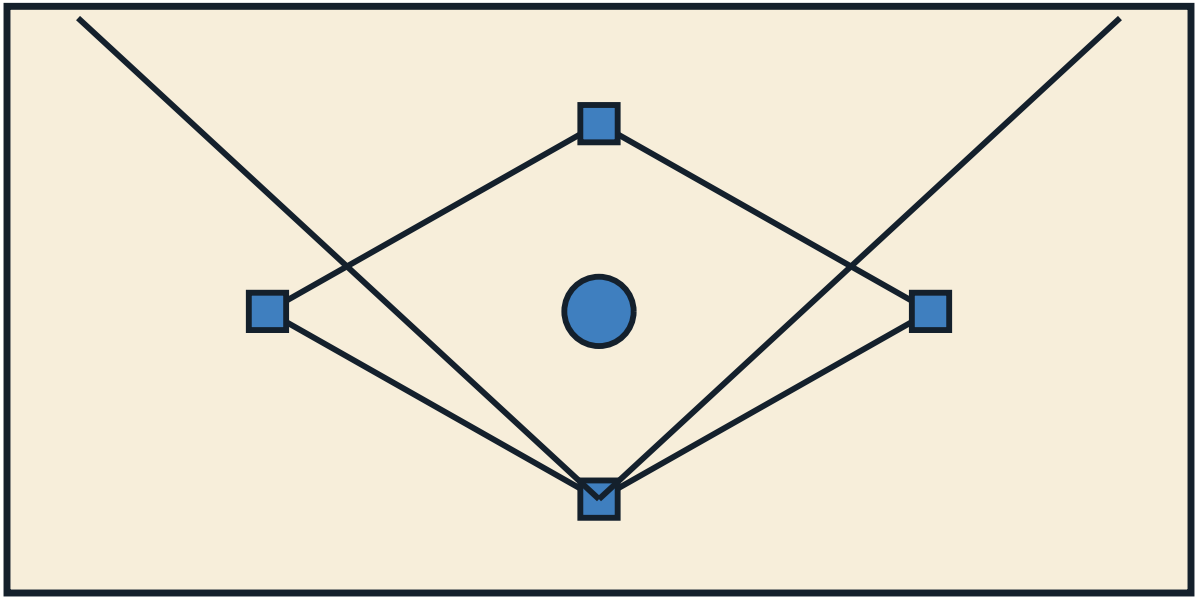
- Games are played between two teams; a team consists of a maximum of 15 and a minimum of 6 players, of whom no more than nine may be on the pitch at any one time, and in mixed matches a maximum of five male players on the pitch must be maintained.
- A match is usually played over two innings, with the teams alternating batting and fielding, and the team with the highest number of rounders wins.
- One rounder is scored if the ball is hit and the batter reaches and touches fourth post before the next ball is bowled, and also if the fourth post is reached on a no-ball, since a batter cannot be caught out on a no-ball.
- A half rounder is scored if fourth post is reached without hitting the ball, or if the ball is hit and second or third post is reached and touched before the next ball is bowled, but the score is forfeited if the batter continues the run and is put out before reaching fourth post.

More of the Game

- A penalty half rounder is awarded for an obstruction by a fielder, and a penalty half rounder for two consecutive no-balls to the same batter.
- The bowler bowls underarm to the batter; a good ball passes within reach on the striking side between the batter's knees and the top of the head, and any other delivery is a no-ball.
- A batter receives one good ball and must run after it; while waiting at a post a batter must keep contact with the post with hand or bat, and may not wait between posts.
- A batter is out if a fielder catches the ball directly from the bat (except on a no-ball), or if a fielder touches the post immediately ahead with the ball, or the hand holding the ball, before the running batter touches that post, except at first post in the event of a no-ball.

The Shape of a Match

Two teams of up to nine on the pitch alternate batting and fielding over two innings, scoring rounders by running anticlockwise around four posts.



More of the Bat, stick & racket Family

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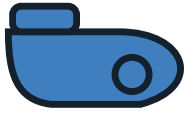
- Tennis — Players hit a ball over a net into the opponent's court.
- Badminton — Players rally a shuttlecock over a high net. Matches are best of three games to 21.
- Table Tennis — A fast game of spin and reflexes; first to 11 points wins a game; best of five or seven games.
- Padel — Tennis-squash hybrid played in an enclosed glass court.

A Note on the Rules

Rounders is governed in England by Rounders England and in Ireland by the GAA (one of its four Gaelic games) under codes codified in the 19th and 20th centuries: batting in turns, four bases, the bowler's underarm delivery. The Irish and English codes differ slightly and both are stable. No major documented rule change is carried for rounders.



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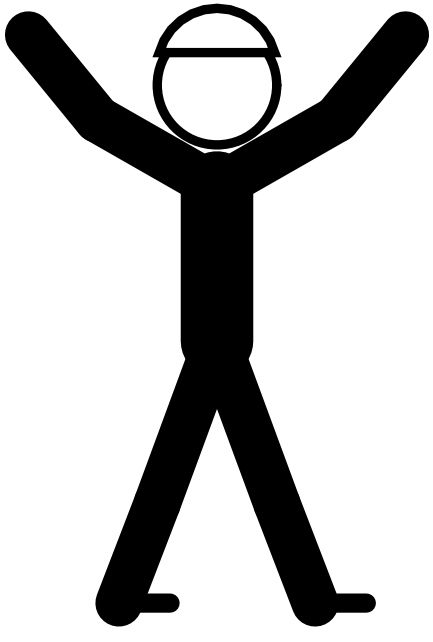

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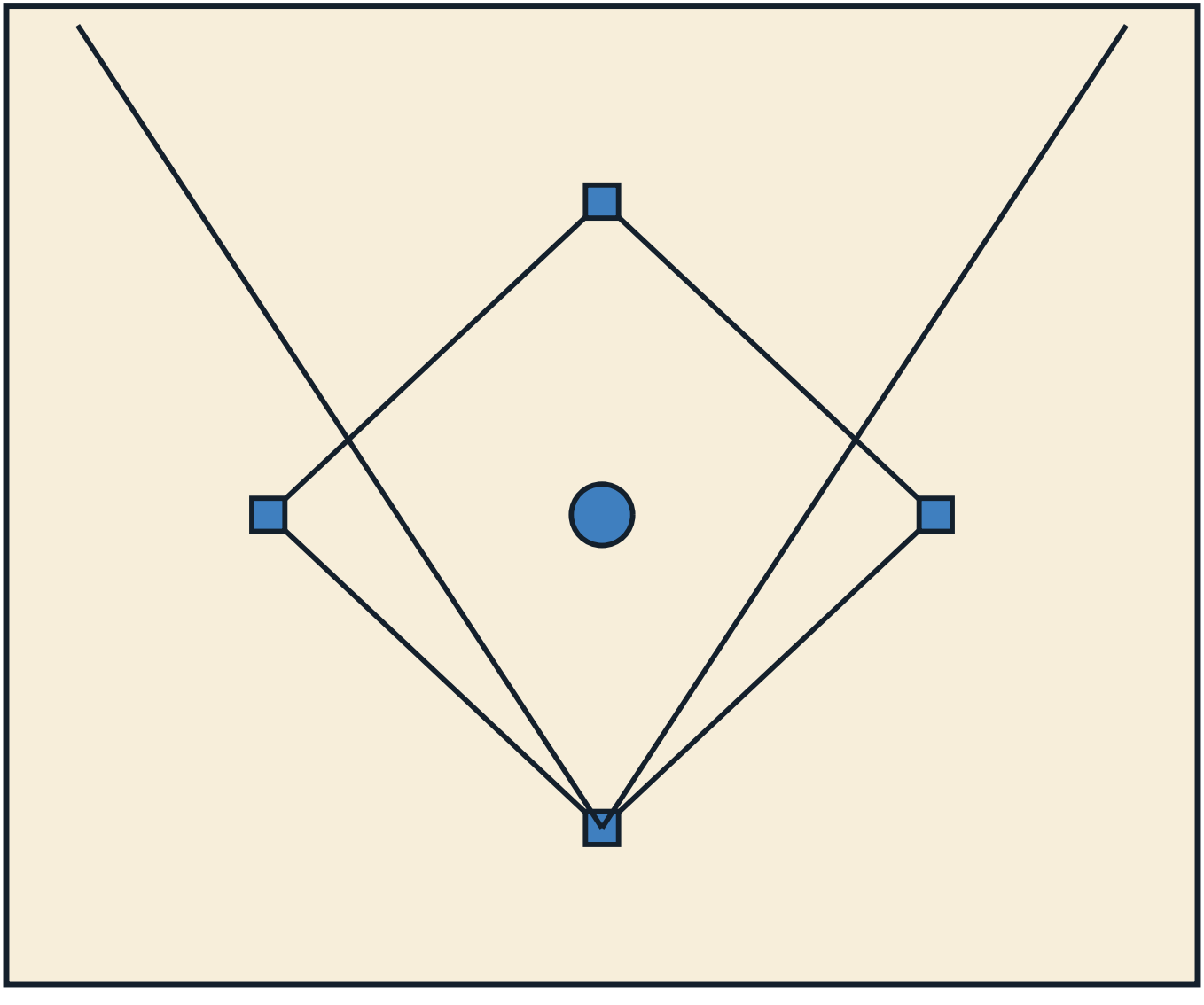

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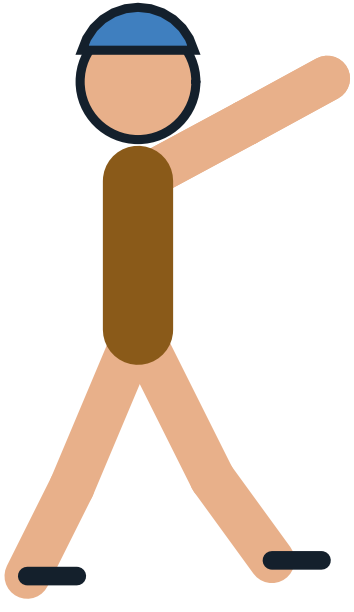

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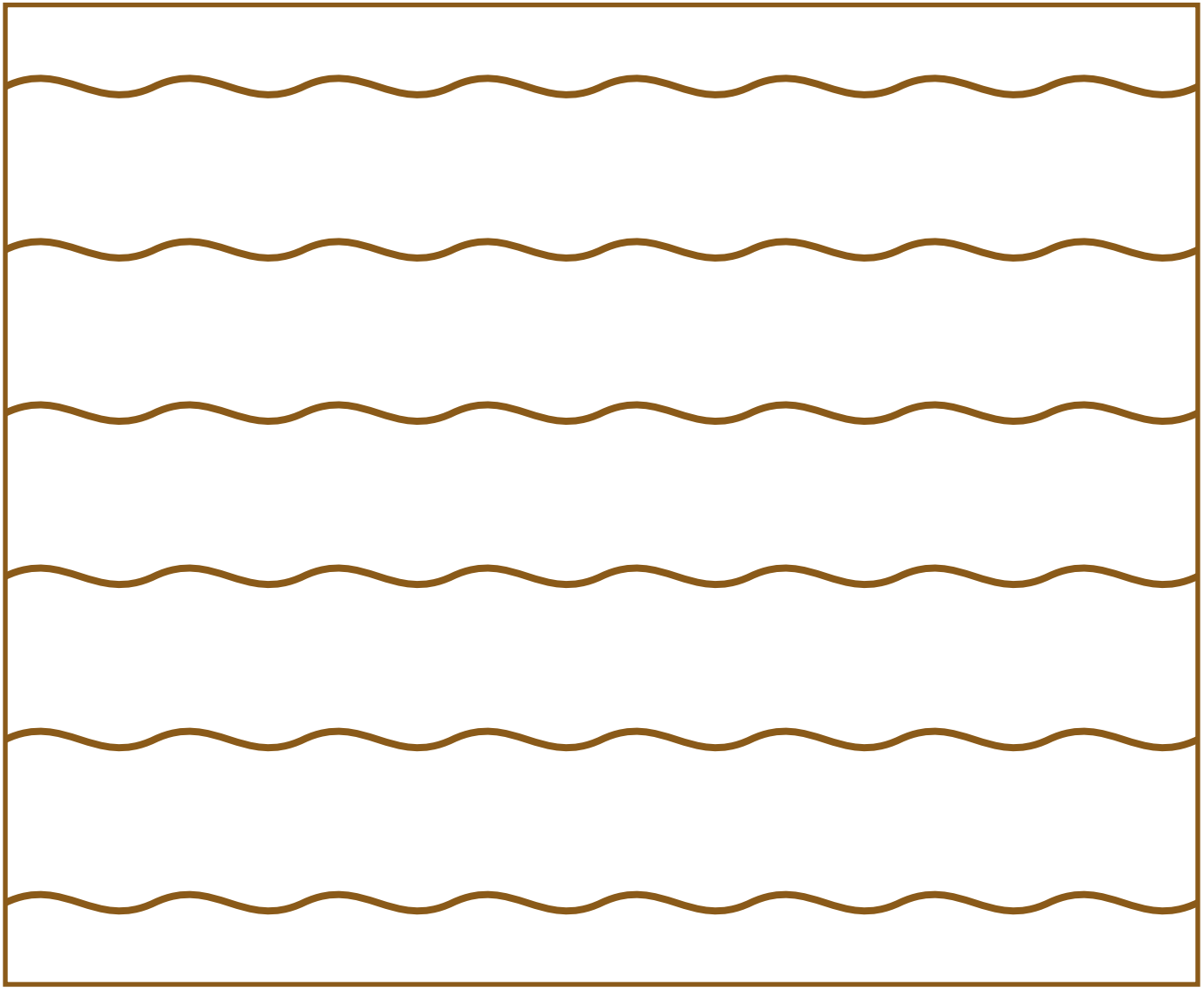
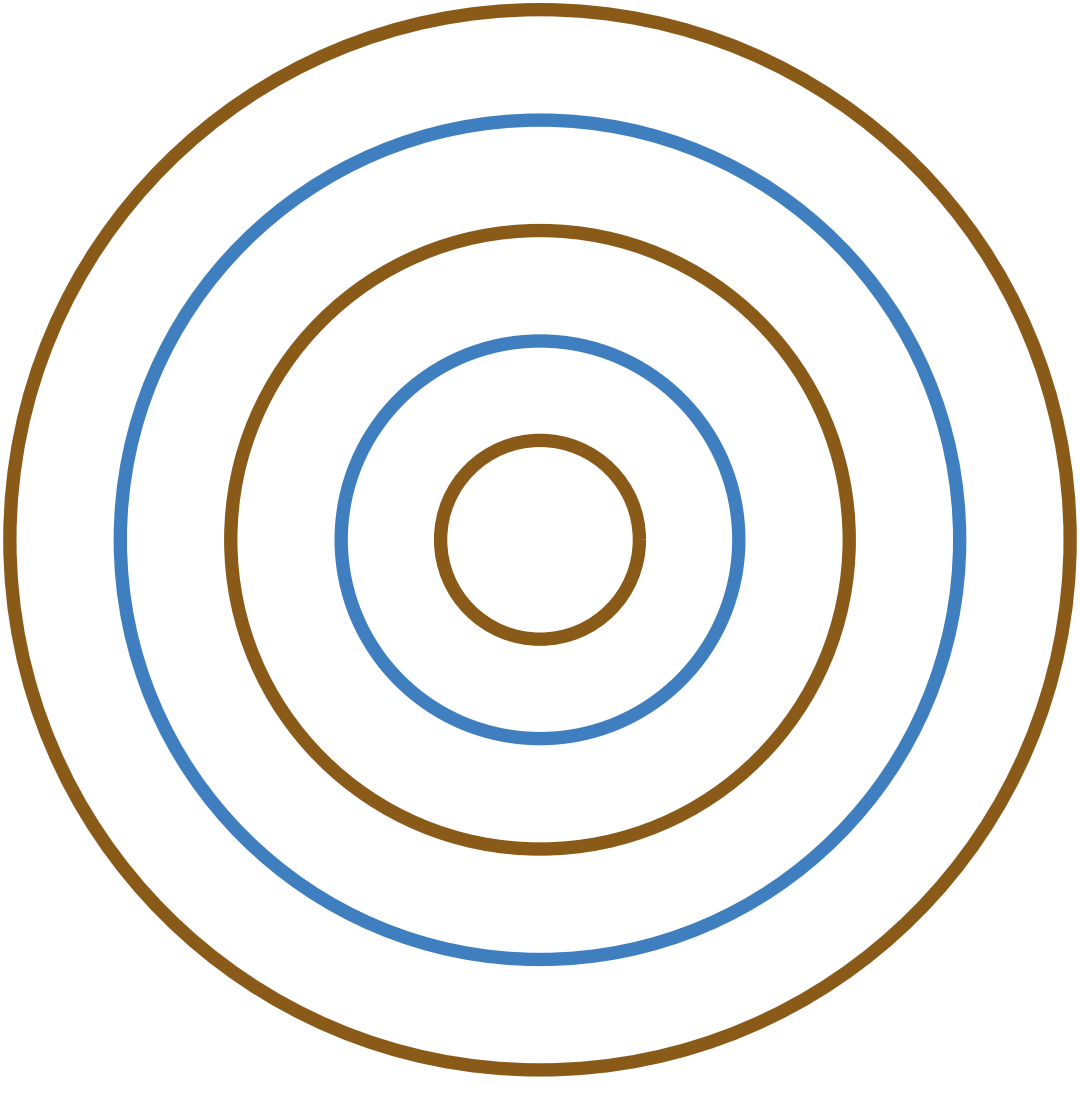


Through the Year



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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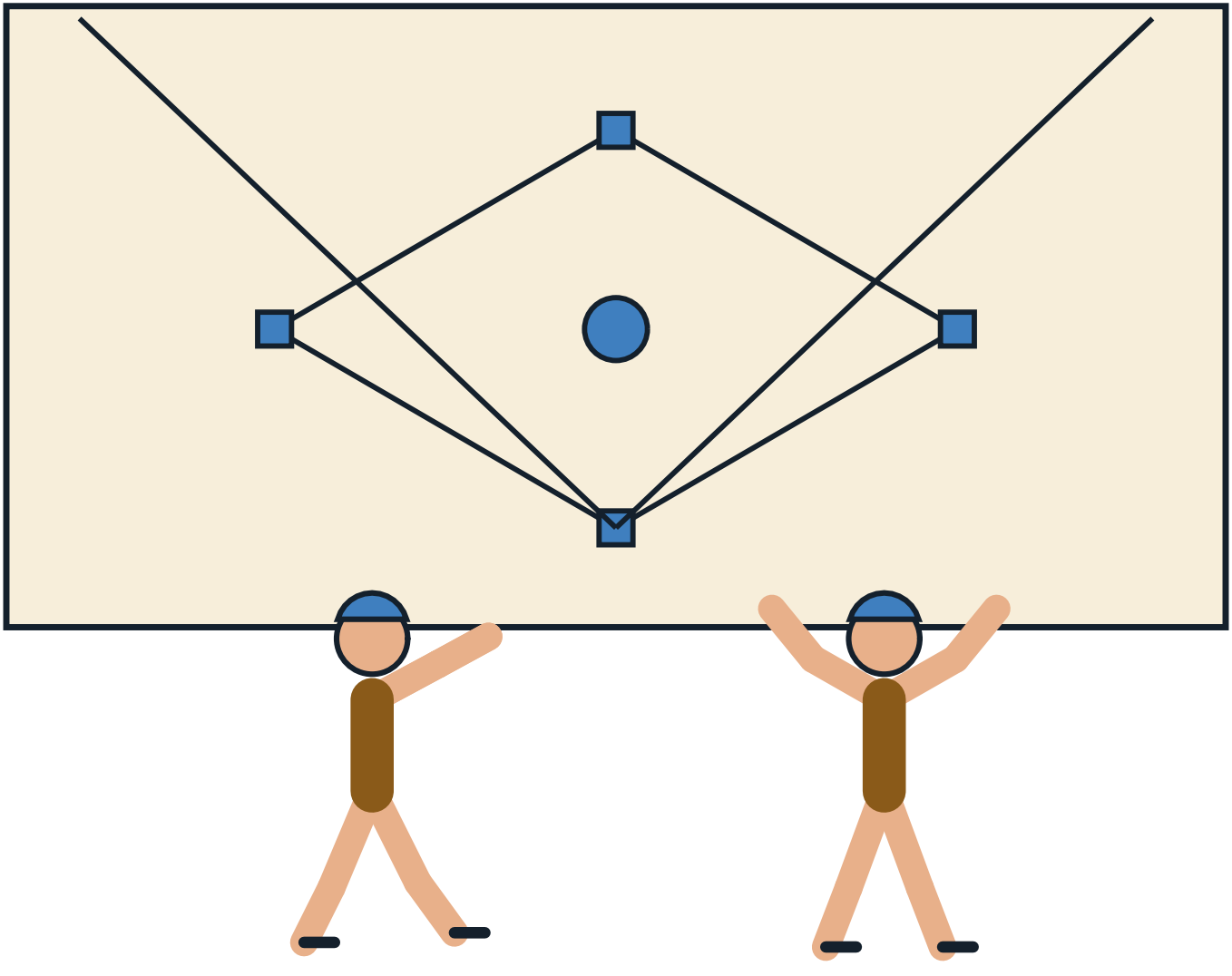
Game Day!



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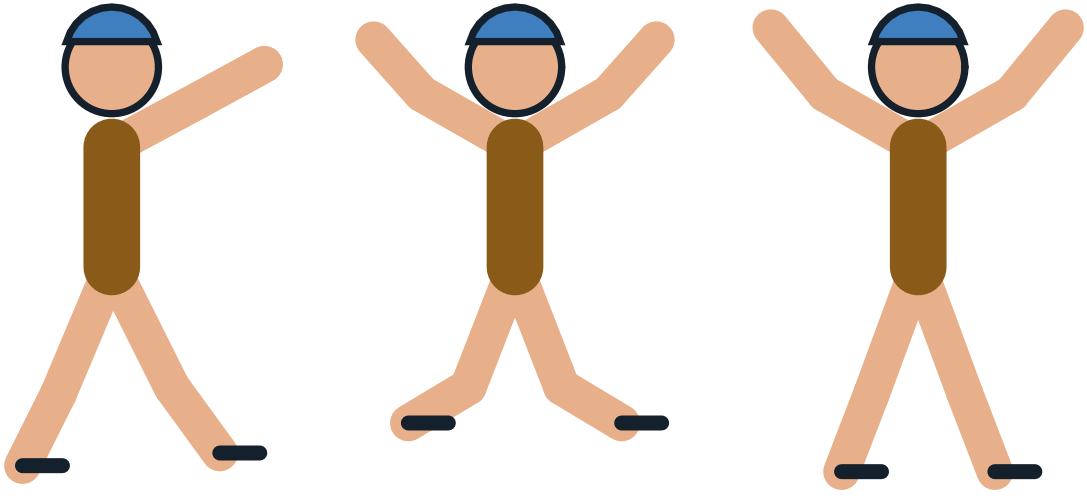
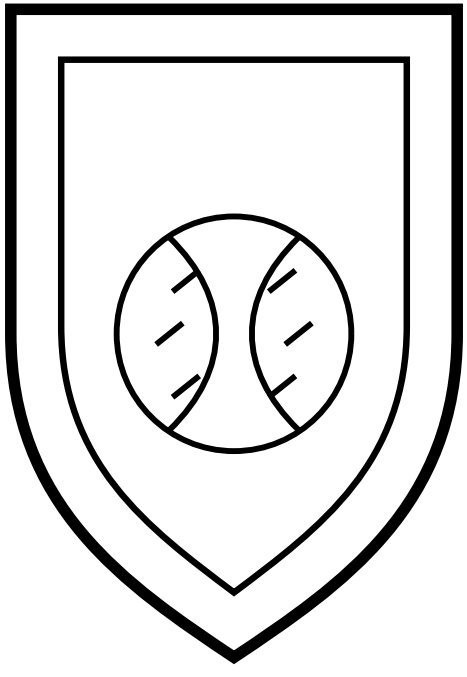
Moves of the Game



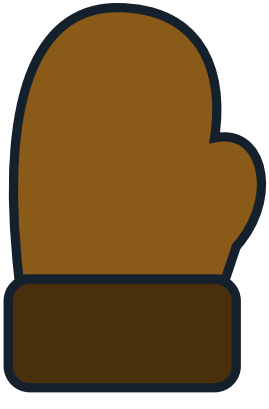
Design a Badge

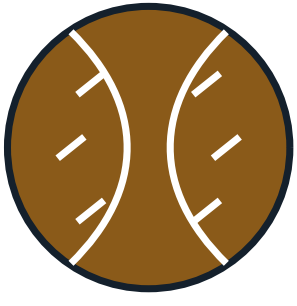


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade







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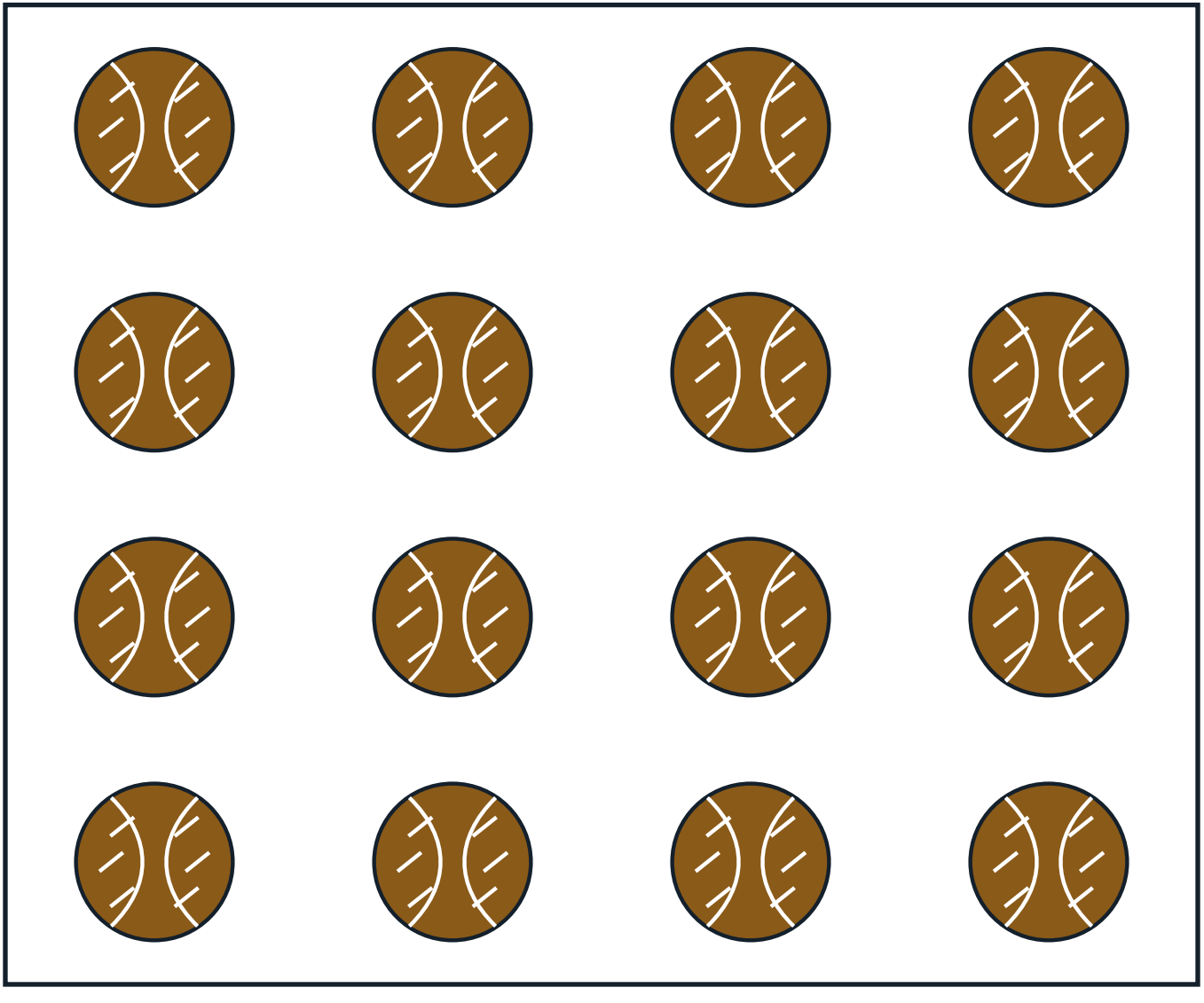
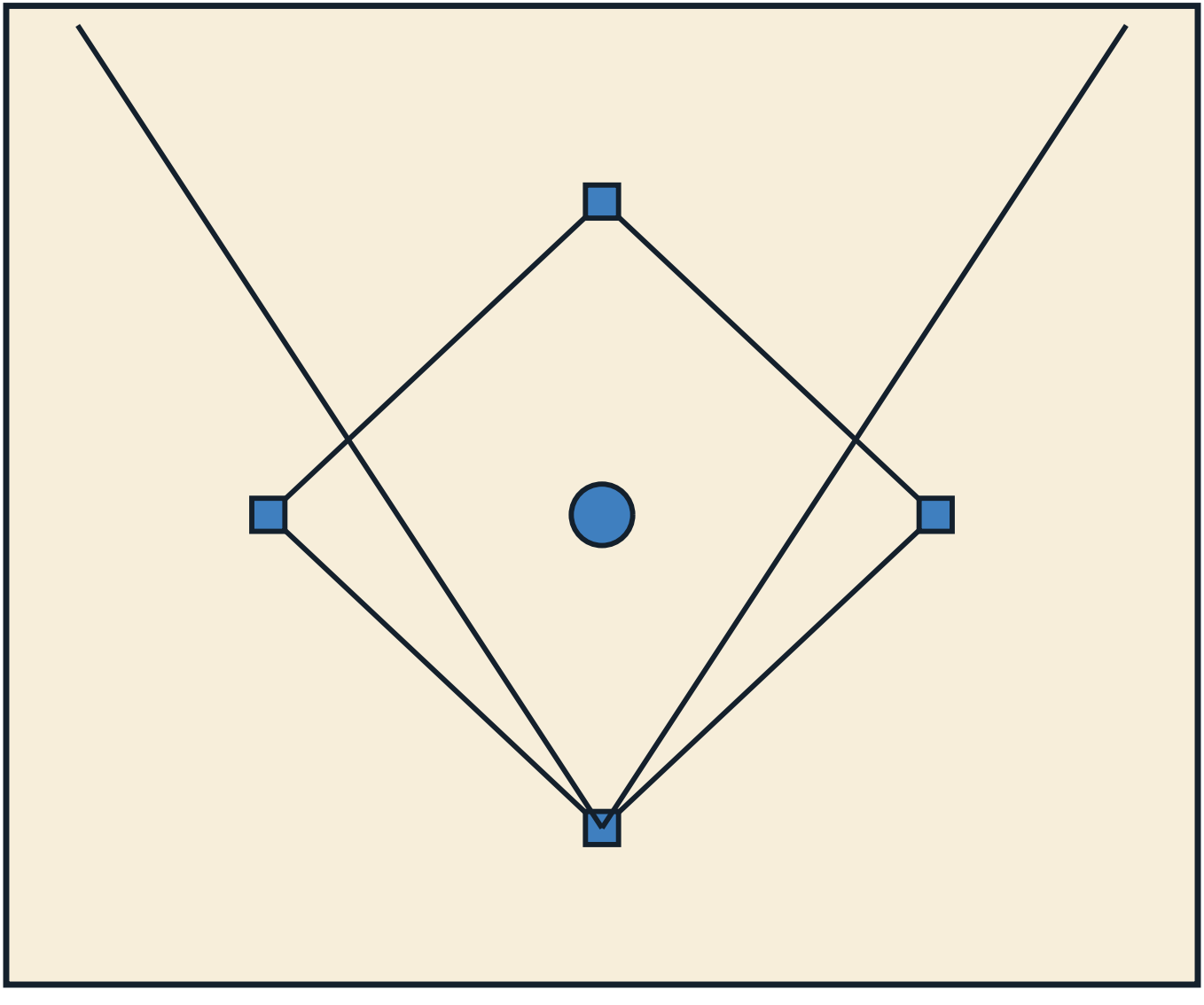
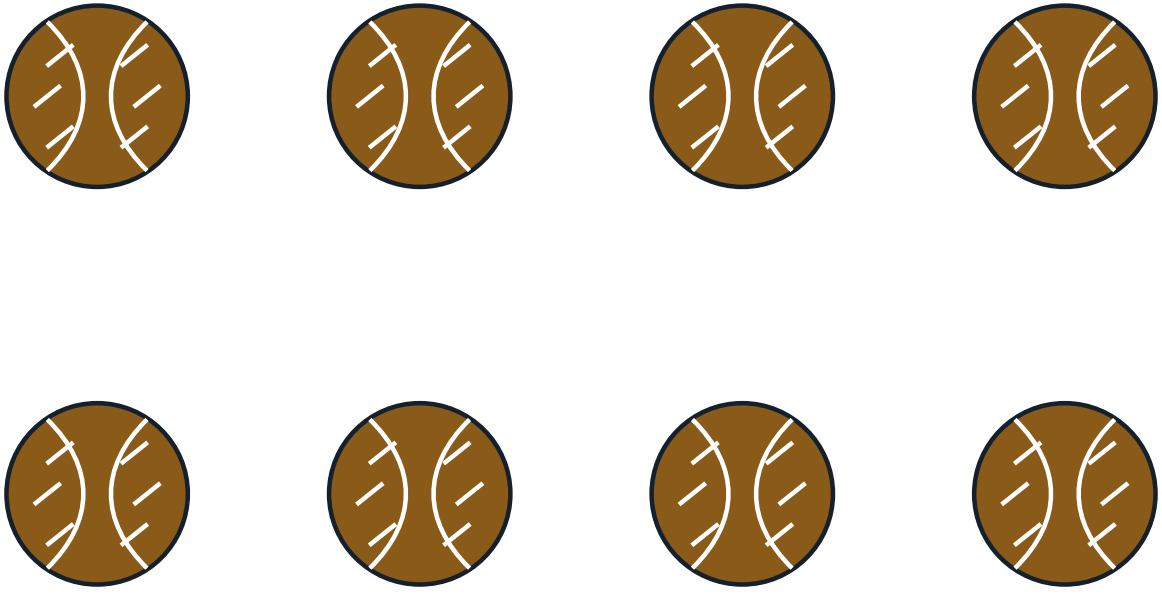


The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



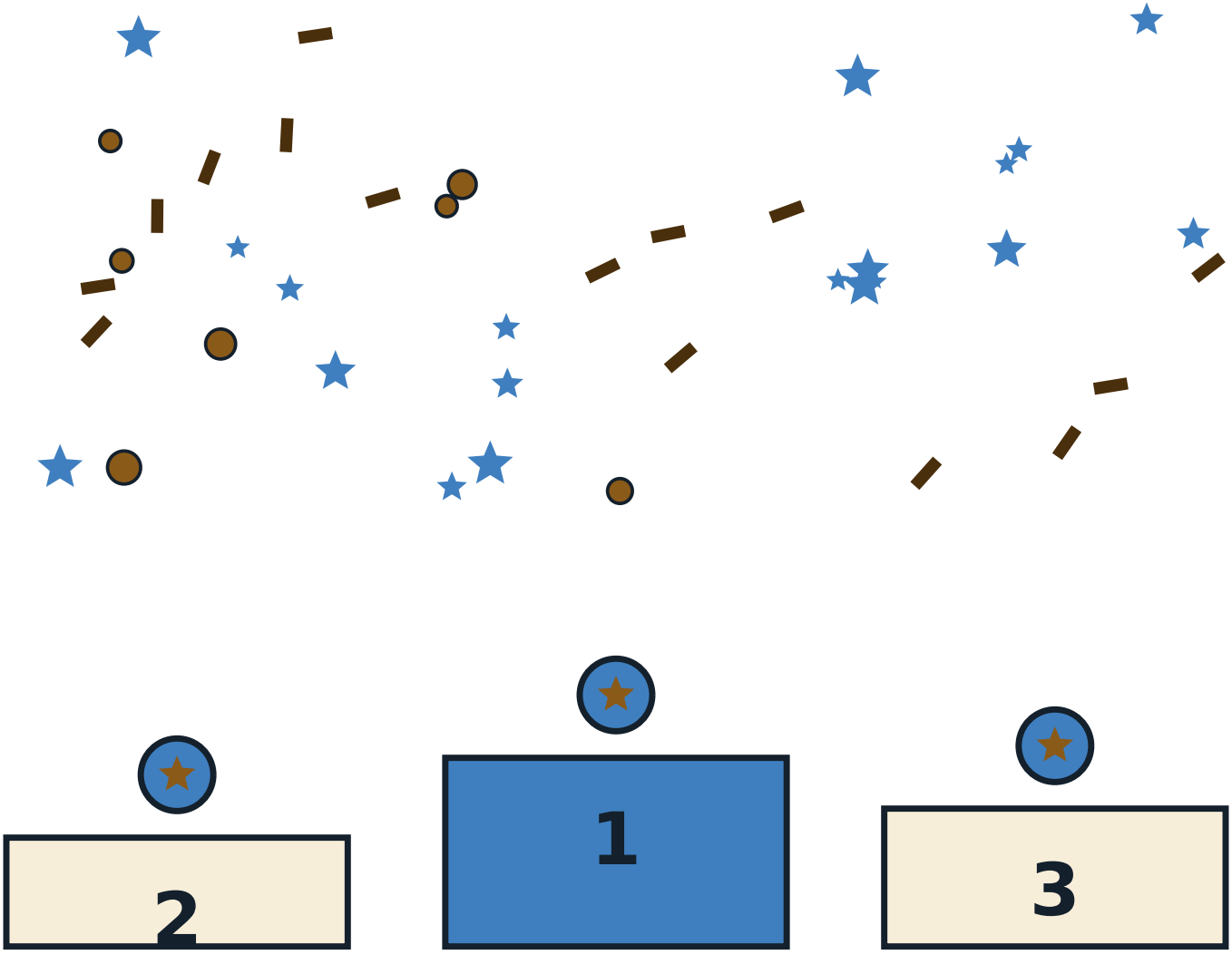
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Rounders

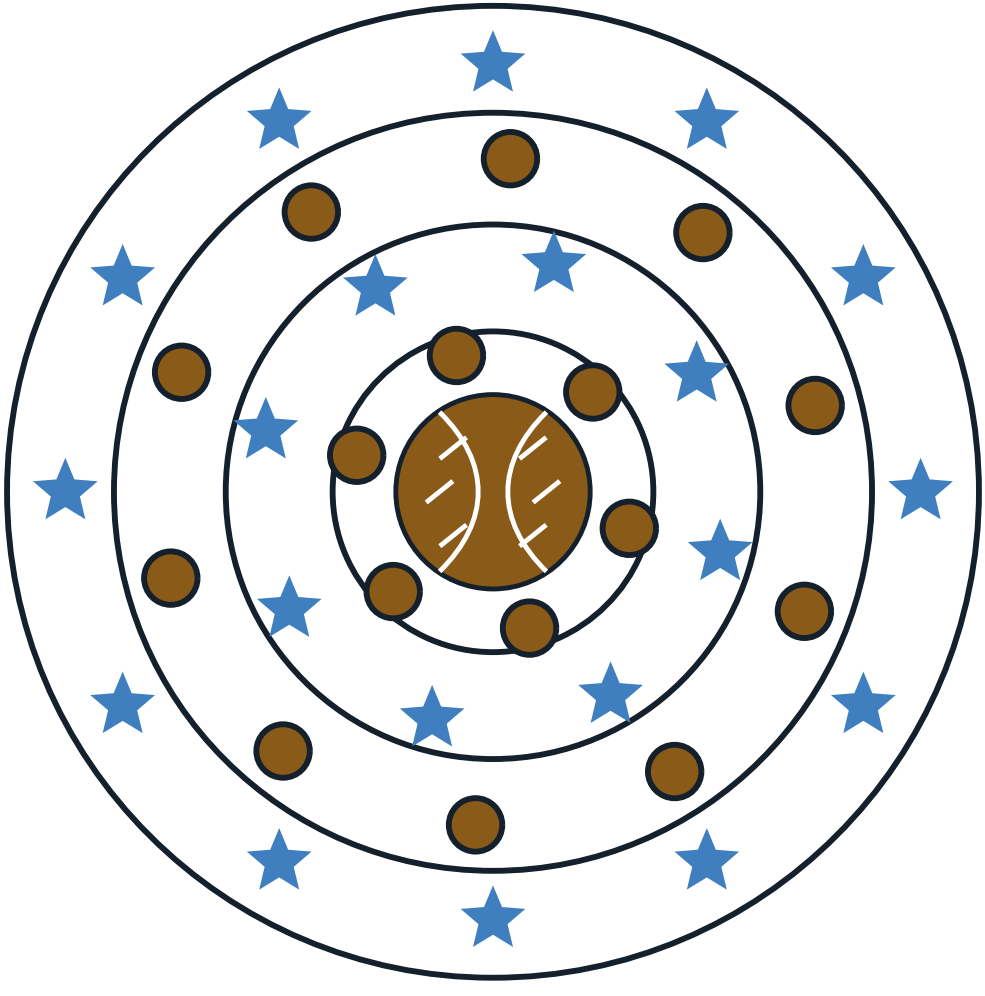
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



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