THE CARTOON BOOK OF

RINGBALL



SPORT ON EARTH

Sport on Earth Books · The Basket & net Family

Original illustrations · No characters were copied in the making of this book

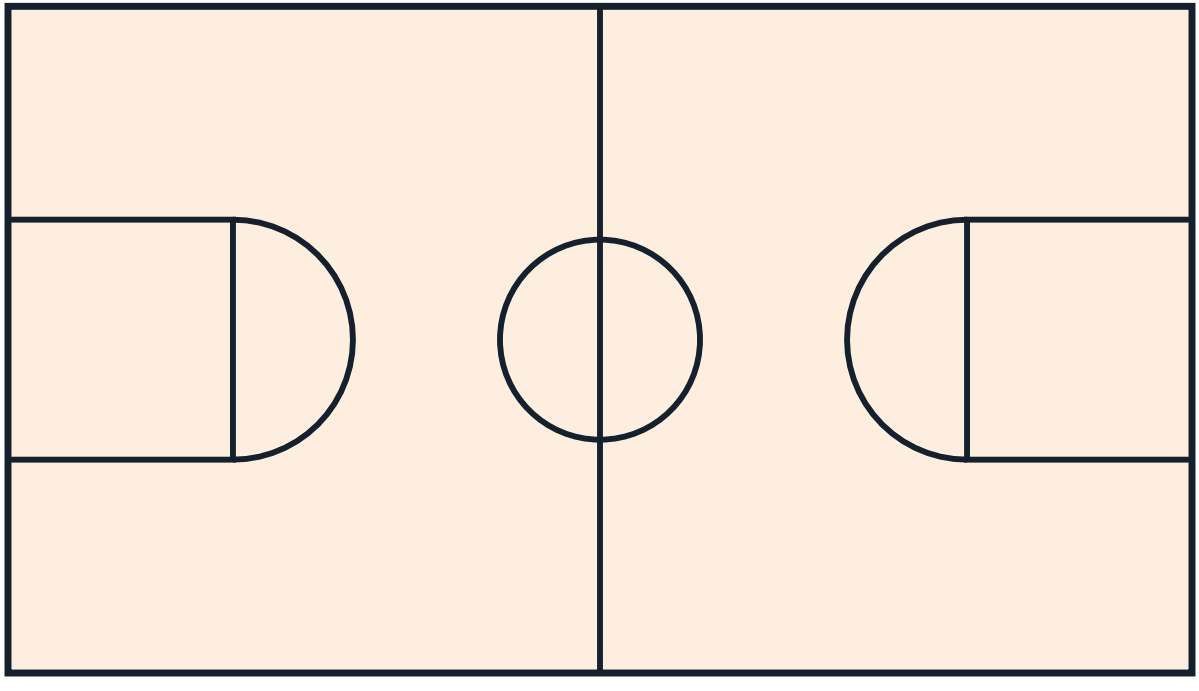
Meet Ringball!

Net sport with a ring on a pole, similar to netball.



Where It Is Played

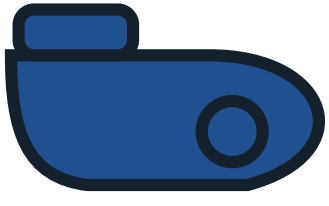
Court 27 m x 18 m, divided into three sections of 9 m x 18 m, with a semicircle of 4.5 m radius drawn around each goalpost.



The Gear

A ringball (a ball similar to a netball, size 5) and two goalposts carrying a steel ring of 450 mm diameter at 3 m above the ground.





How It Starts

Line up three players per section, start from the centre half-circle, and move the ball up court with instant passes, staying inside your own section.



How to Play

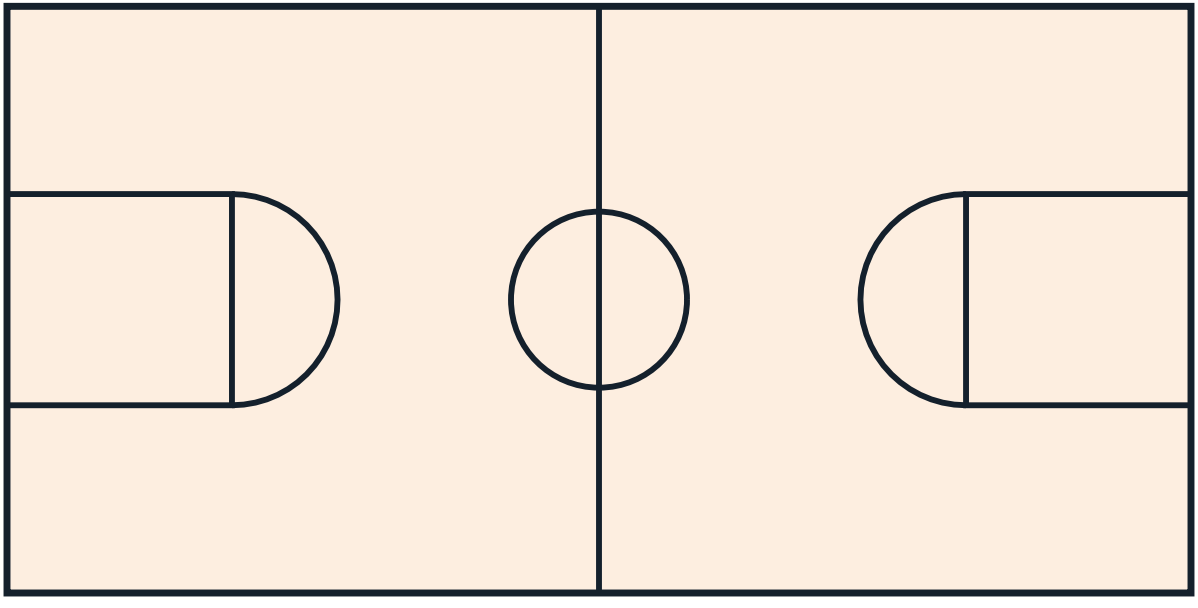
- Ringball is a non-contact sport played by two opposing teams of nine players, in separate men's and women's games, on an all-weather, grass or indoor court.
- The court is divided into three sections, and each team fields three goal scorers, three centre players and three defenders, one group in each section.
- Players may at no time touch ground in an adjacent section, step on the section lines, or receive the ball over the lines separating the sections.
- The objective is to throw the ball from player to player and finally through the ring of the goalpost placed at each end of the court; the team with the highest score at the end of the match wins.
- The ball is passed through the air and must be caught with the hands so that it does not touch any other part of the body.

More of the Game

- In passing, a player may not move forward or backward, may not feint a pass, and may not hold the ball for longer than two seconds.
- A match consists of two halves of 25 minutes each with an interval of three minutes.
- After each successful goal the players retake their starting positions; the centre player stands in the centre half-circle facing his own goalpost and, on the whistle, must pass the ball to one of the wings within two seconds, and the ball may not be passed into another section before it has gone to a wing.
- When the ball goes out of play over the outside lines, an opposing player from that section puts it back into play at the spot where it left the court.

The Shape of a Match

Two nine-player teams, split three-three-three across three court sections, pass the ball by hand to shoot it through the ring on the goalpost at each end.

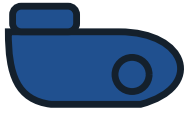


More of the Basket & net Family

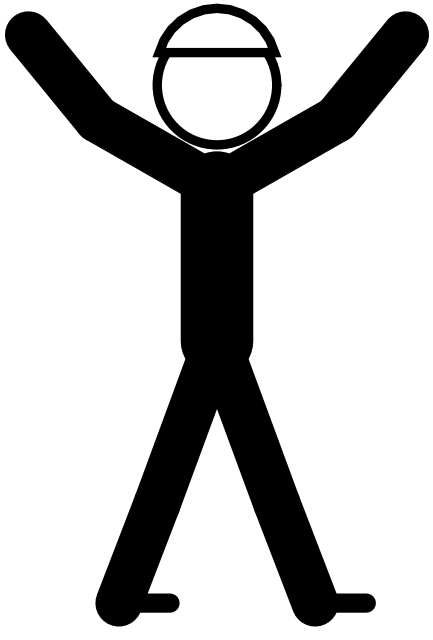
- Basketball — Five players per side shoot a ball through a hoop 3.05 m high.
- Volleyball — Six a side, three touches to send the ball over the net, rallies to 25 points.
- Netball — Seven a side; pass without dribbling and shoot into a ring from within the shooting circle.
- Handball — Seven a side; pass and throw the ball to score in a goal guarded by a keeper.
- 3x3 Basketball — Half-court basketball with a 12-second shot clock.
- Freestyle Basketball — Ball-handling tricks set to rhythm and choreography.

A Note on the Rules

Ringball is a South African school and community sport governed by Ringball South Africa under a century-old code (descended from a basketball variant played since 1907): nine-a-side, goals thrown through a ring with no backboard, three zones restricting movement. Its laws are essentially the founding ones. No major documented rule change is carried for ringball.

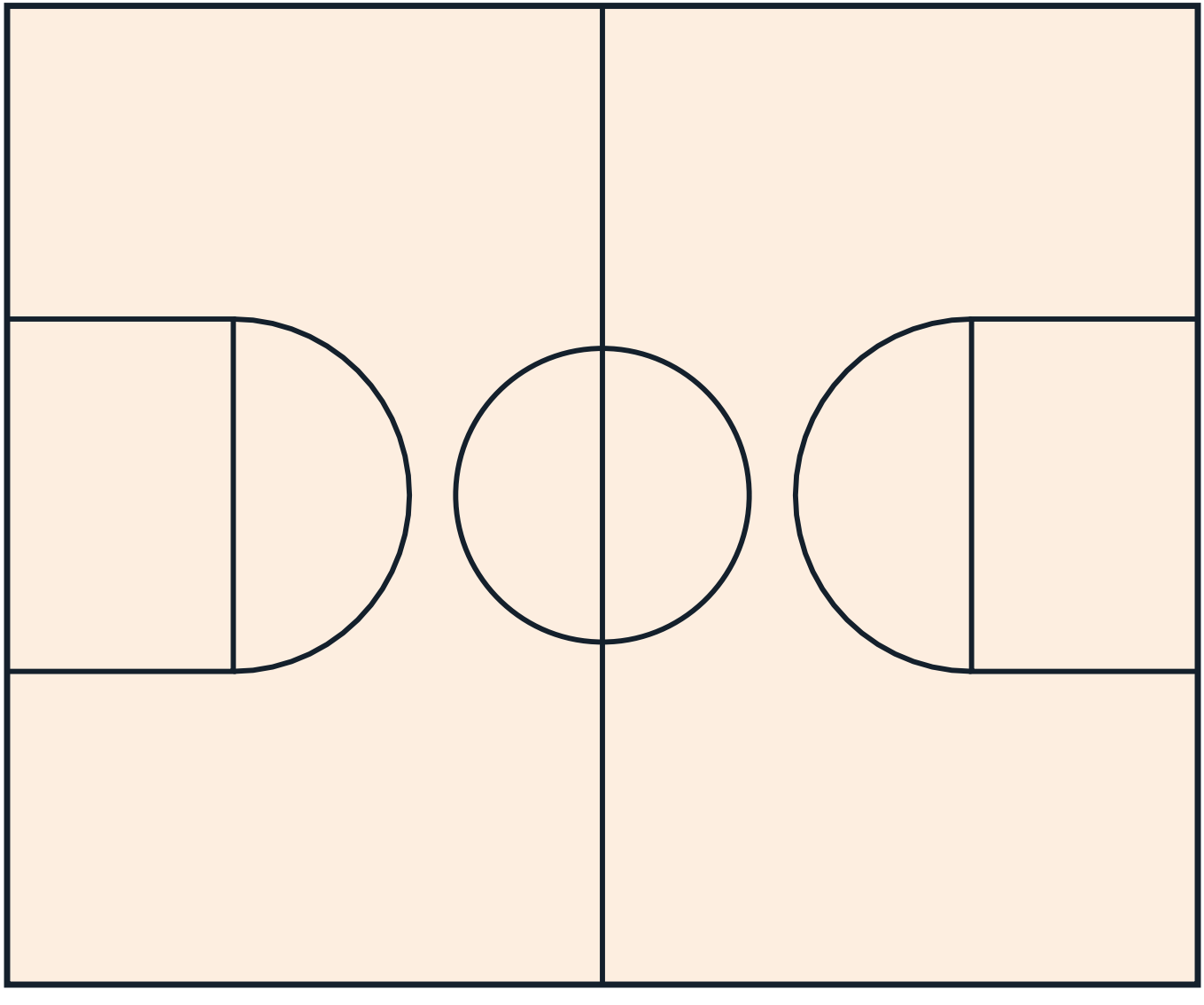


Colour the Action



Psst — this page is a colouring page!

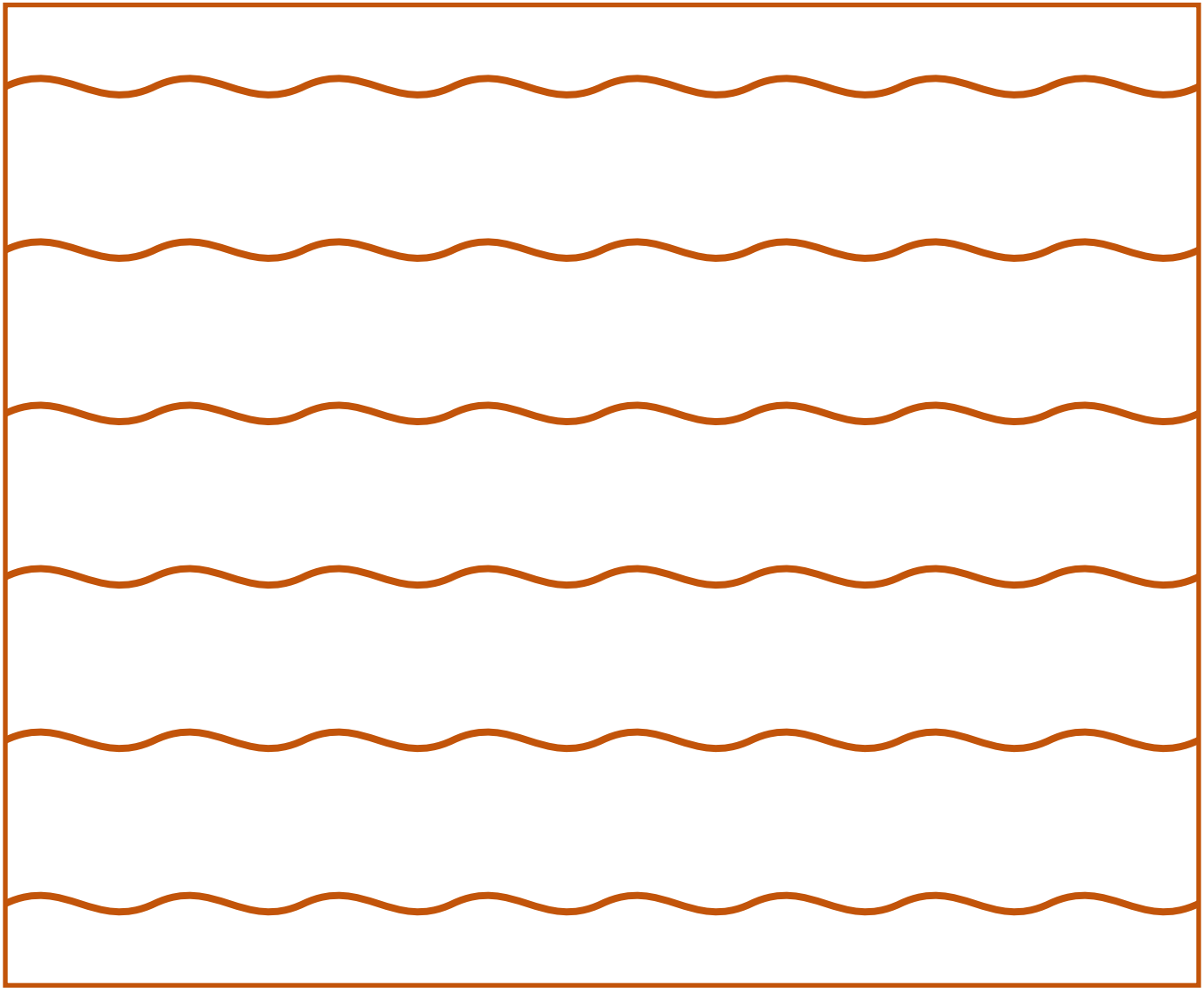
The Sport Today



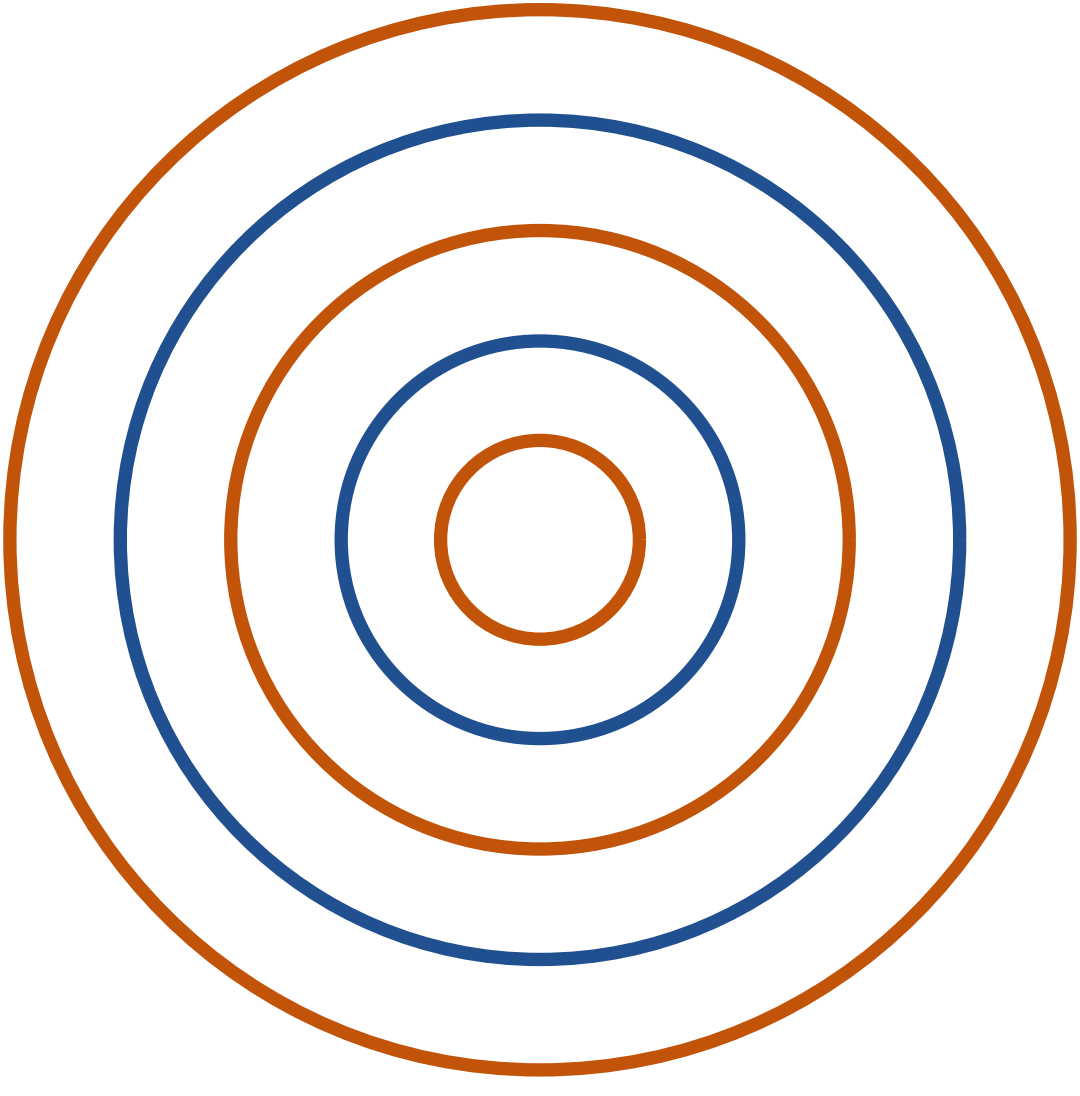
At School and College



Play It Near You



Through the Year

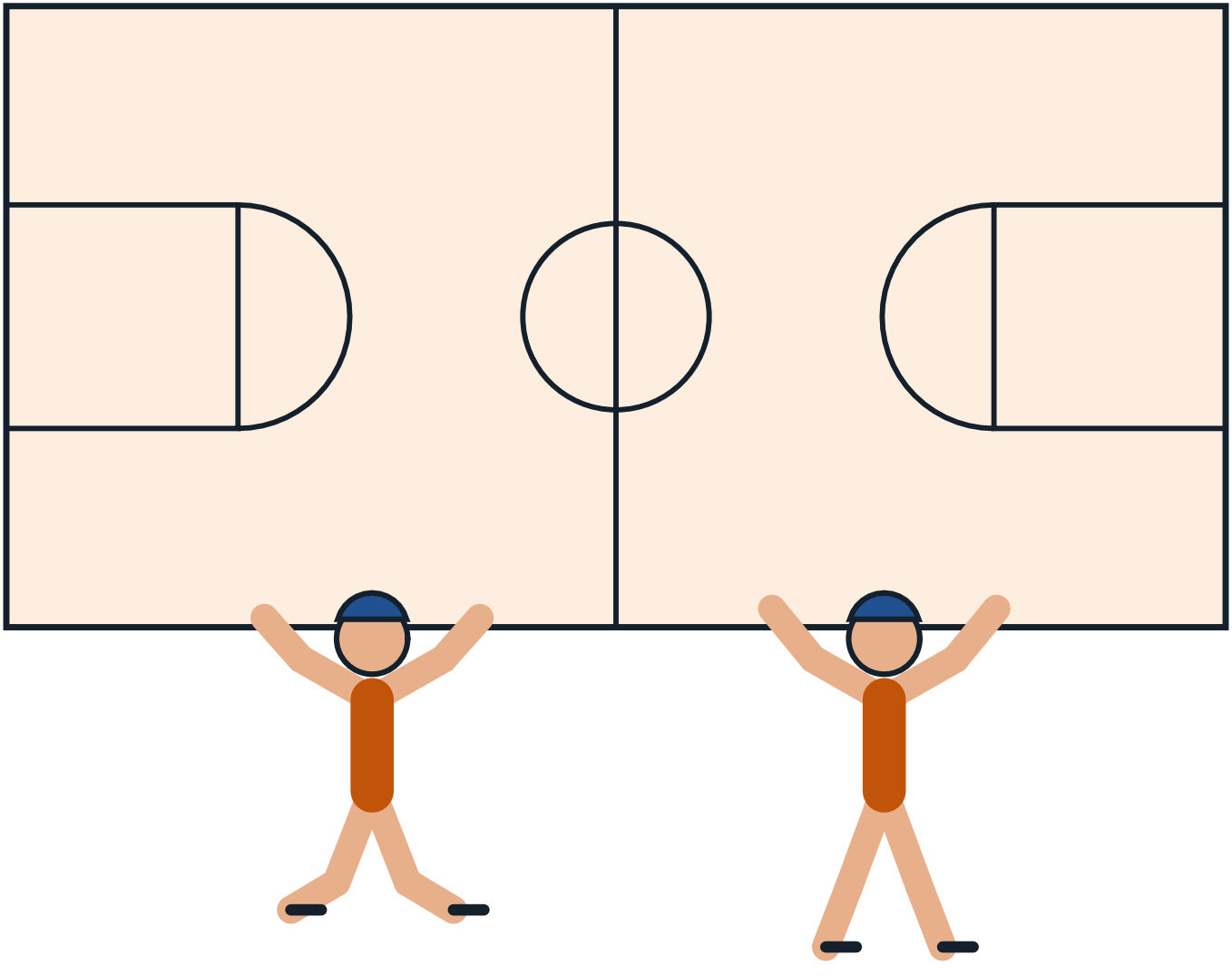


The Basket & net Family

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.

- Basketball — Five players per side shoot a ball through a hoop 3.05 m high.
- Volleyball — Six a side, three touches to send the ball over the net, rallies to 25 points.
- Netball — Seven a side; pass without dribbling and shoot into a ring from within the shooting circle.
- Handball — Seven a side; pass and throw the ball to score in a goal guarded by a keeper.
- 3x3 Basketball — Half-court basketball with a 12-second shot clock.

Game Day!

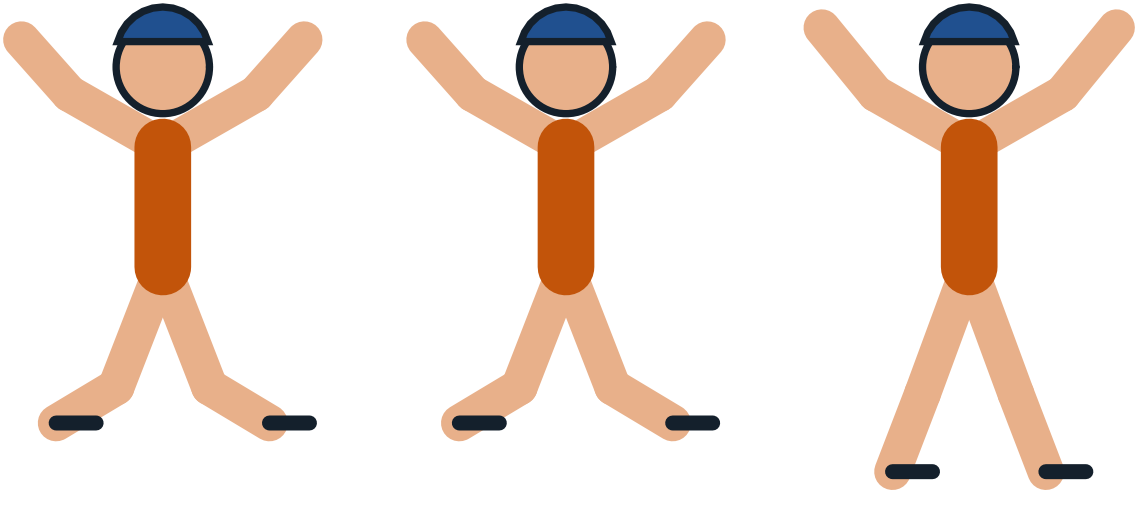


The Sport on Earth Mark

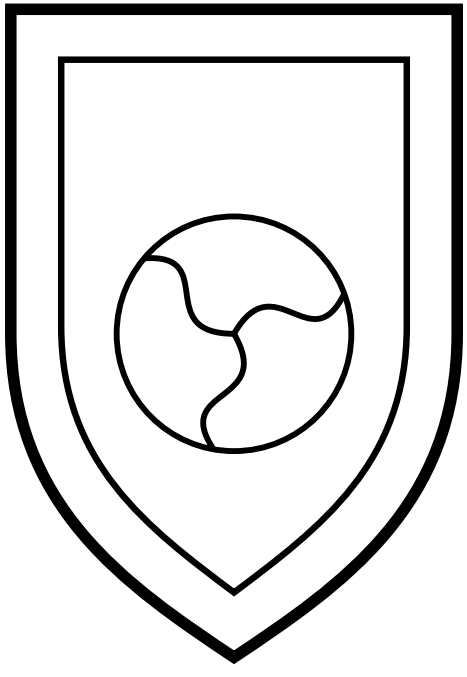
Every sport on Sport on Earth carries its own original mark, drawn for the site. Here is this sport's.



Moves of the Game



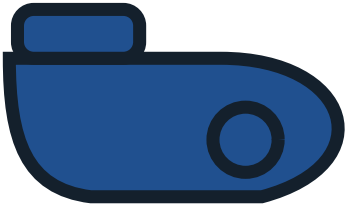
Design a Badge



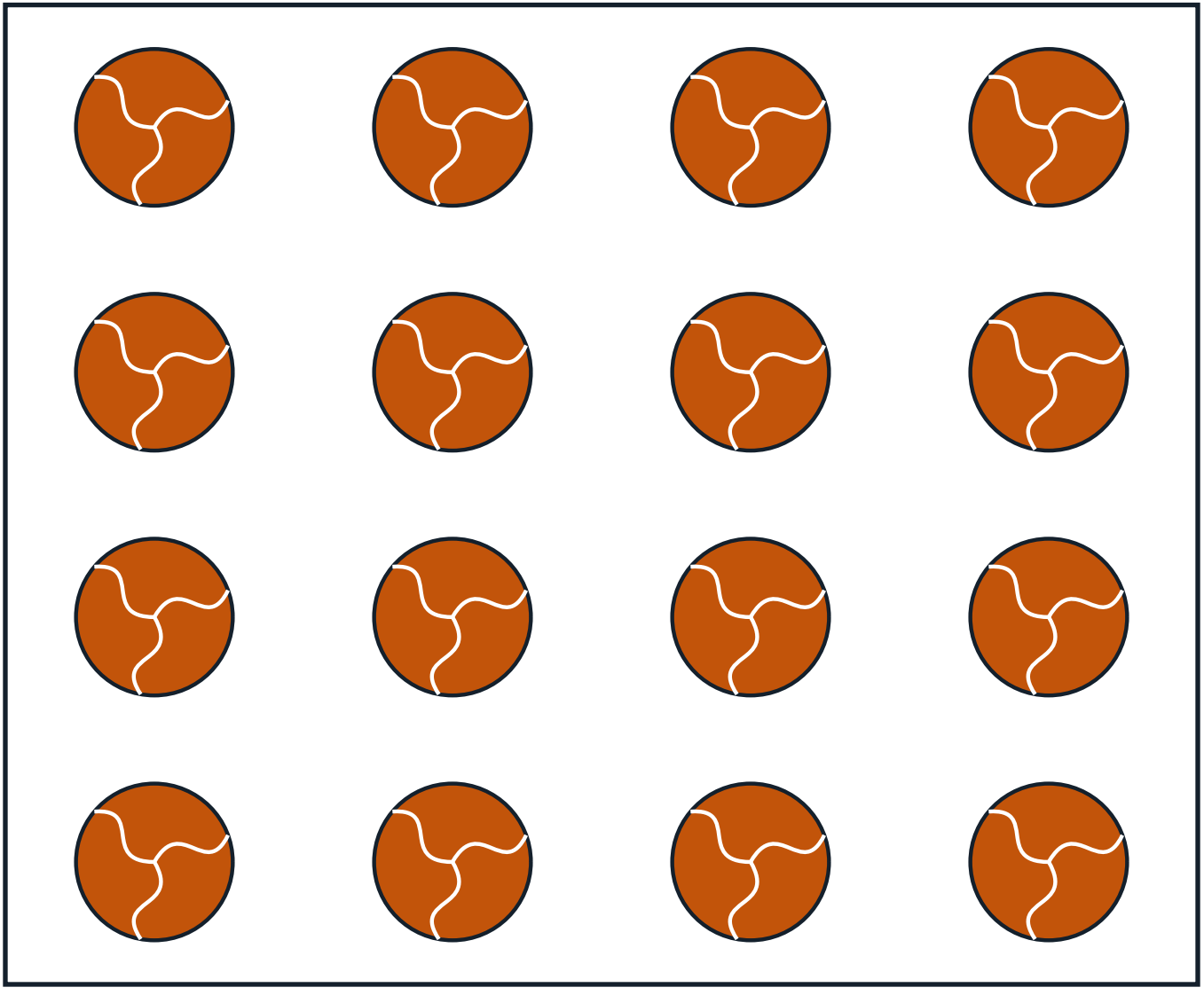
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

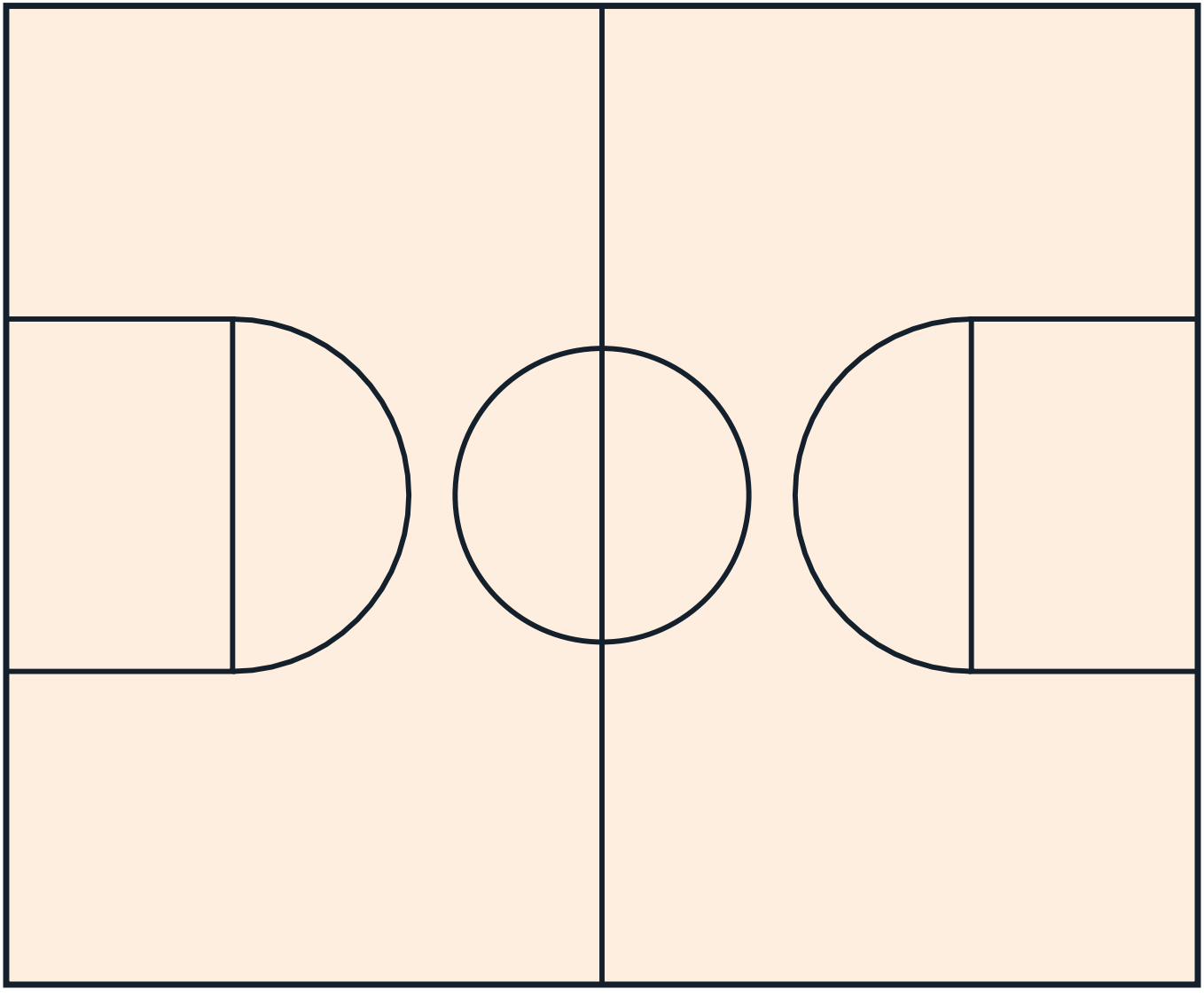




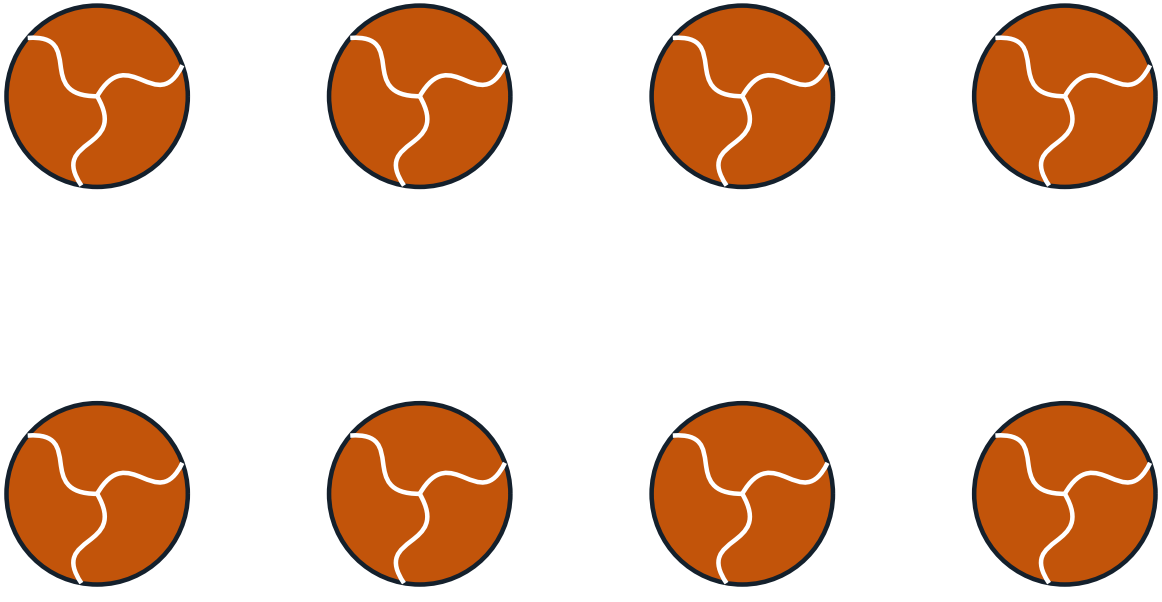
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



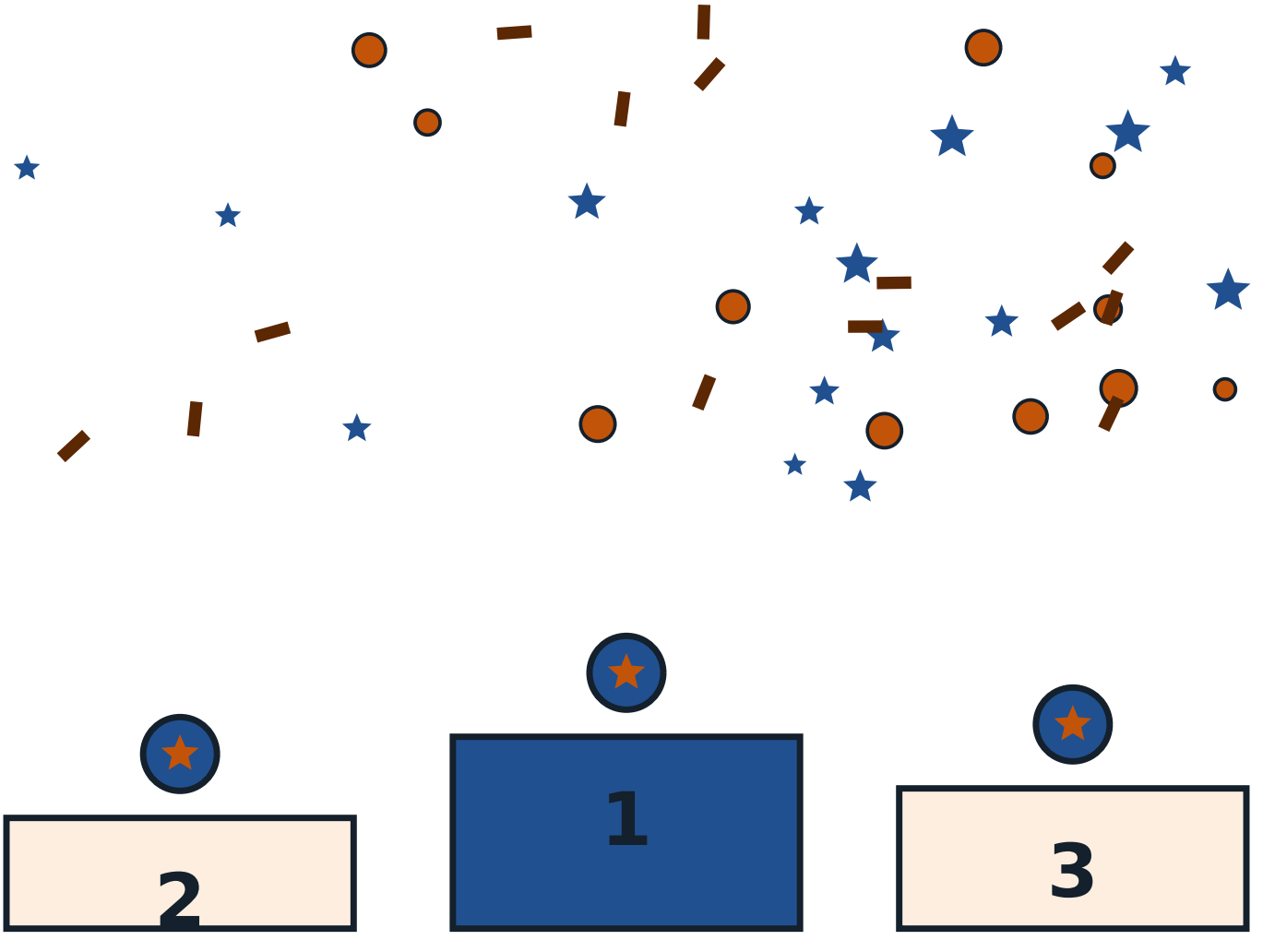
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Ringball

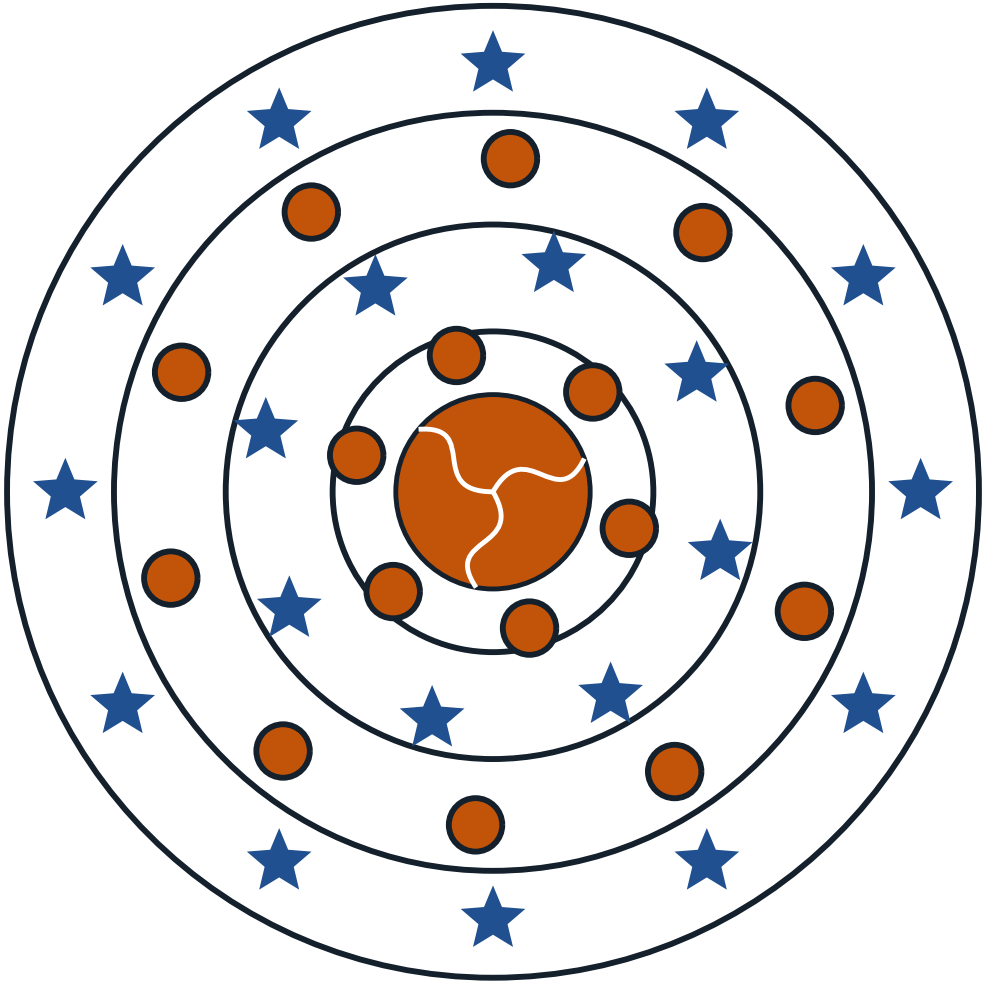
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Governing body: Ringball South Africa (national body); International Ringball Federation internationally. Laws edition the site's rules file follows: Ringball South Africa, Rules of the Game, updated March 2022 (approved AGM 2022). 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.

More Books in the Family

- The Cartoon Book of Basketball
- The Cartoon Book of Volleyball
- The Cartoon Book of Netball
- The Cartoon Book of Handball
- The Cartoon Book of 3x3 Basketball
- The Cartoon Book of Freestyle Basketball
- The Basketball Colouring Book
- The Volleyball Colouring Book

My Notes

Ringball

The Cartoon Book of Ringball — a Sport on Earth Book.

Text from Sport on Earth's verified sport files. Illustrations: original programmatic artwork created for this series, including the site's own sport mark. No copyrighted characters, team logos or player likenesses appear in this book.

Collect the whole shelf: a cartoon book and a colouring book for every one of the 442 sports and games on Sport on Earth.

