THE CARTOON BOOK OF

GAGA BALL



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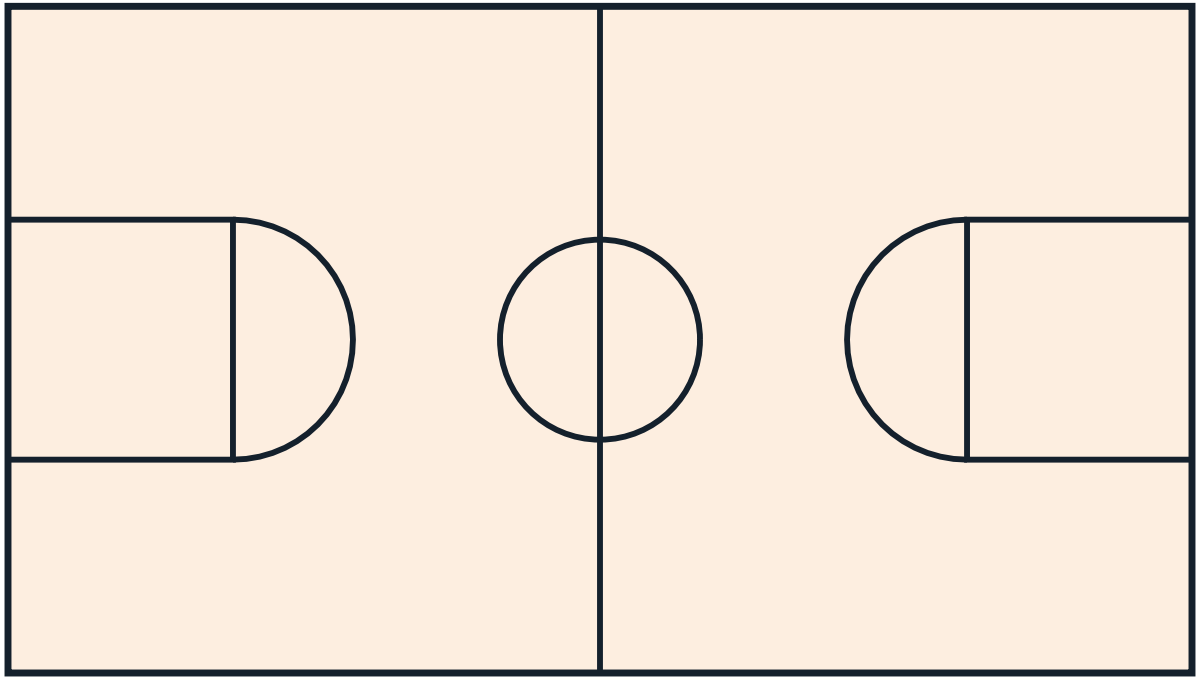
Meet Gaga Ball!

Dodgeball variant played in an octagonal pit.



Where It Is Played

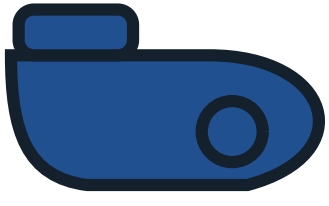
An octagonal pit with low walls that players stay inside; play is contained entirely within the pit.



The Gear

One soft foam ball (a second may be added late in a round) and an octagonal gaga pit.





How It Starts

Everyone stands inside the pit with one hand on the wall, a referee tosses the ball into the centre, and play starts on the third bounce — no experience or team is needed.



How to Play

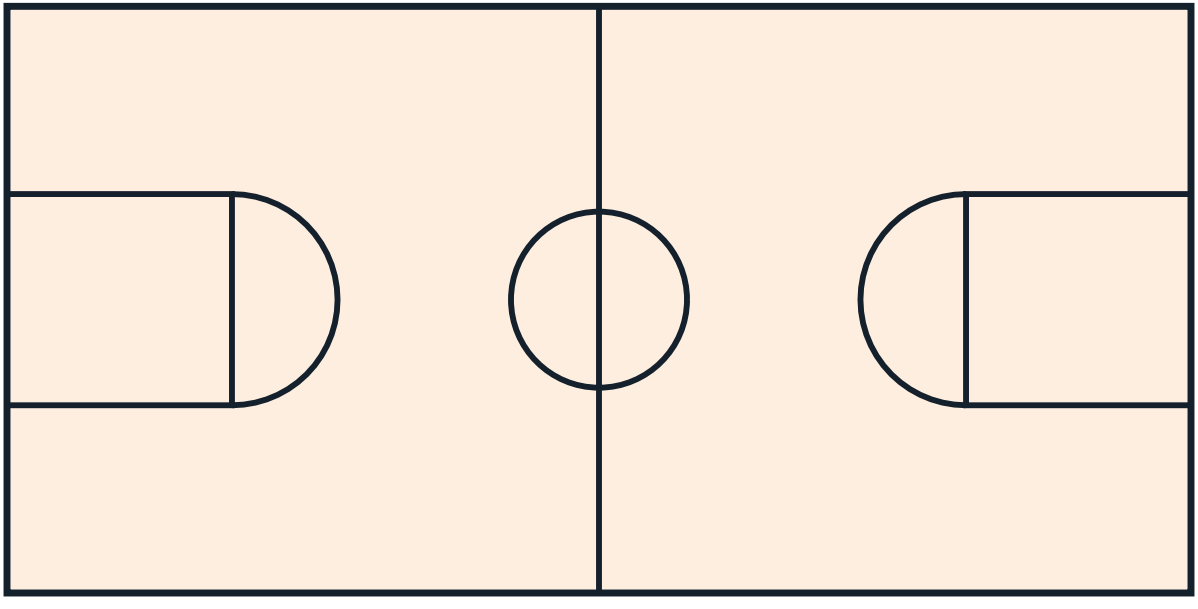
- Gaga Ball is a free-for-all elimination game played inside an octagonal pit; every player plays for themselves.
- All players start with one hand touching a wall of the pit.
- The game begins with a referee throwing the ball into the centre of the pit; players chant 'Ga' on the first two bounces and 'Go' on the third, after which the ball is in play.
- Once the ball is in play, any player can hit the ball with an open or closed hand; players cannot hold the ball.

More of the Game

- If the ball touches a player below the knee — even if that player hit it themselves — that player is out and leaves the pit; a hit above the knees does not eliminate.
- If a player catches the ball on the fly, the player who hit the ball is out instead.
- Players may use the walls of the octagon to aid jumping, but may not sit permanently on the ledge of the pit.
- If needed, a second ball can be thrown into the pit to speed up the end of the game; the last player standing wins the round.

The Shape of a Match

A fast free-for-all in an octagonal pit: slap the ball at opponents' legs, dodge it yourself, and be the last player left in the pit.



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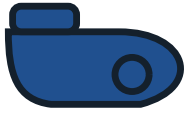
- 3x3 Basketball — Half-court basketball with a 12-second shot clock.
- Freestyle Basketball — Ball-handling tricks set to rhythm and choreography.

A Note on the Rules

Gaga ball is a schoolyard and camp sport (descended from Israeli 'Ga') played in an octagonal pit — hit the ball at opponents below the knee, last player standing wins. It has no international governing body and no codified law history; rules are house rules. No major documented rule change is carried for gaga ball.



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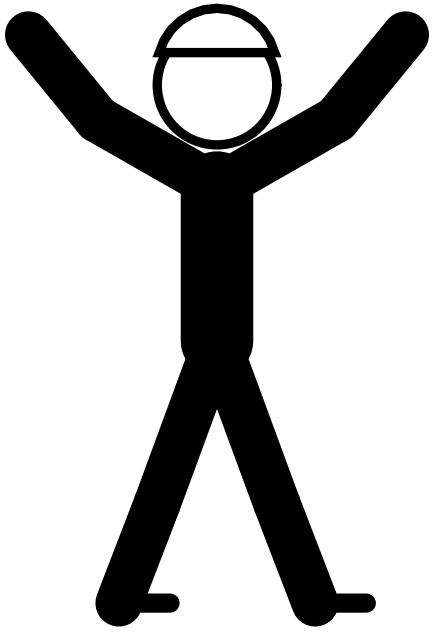

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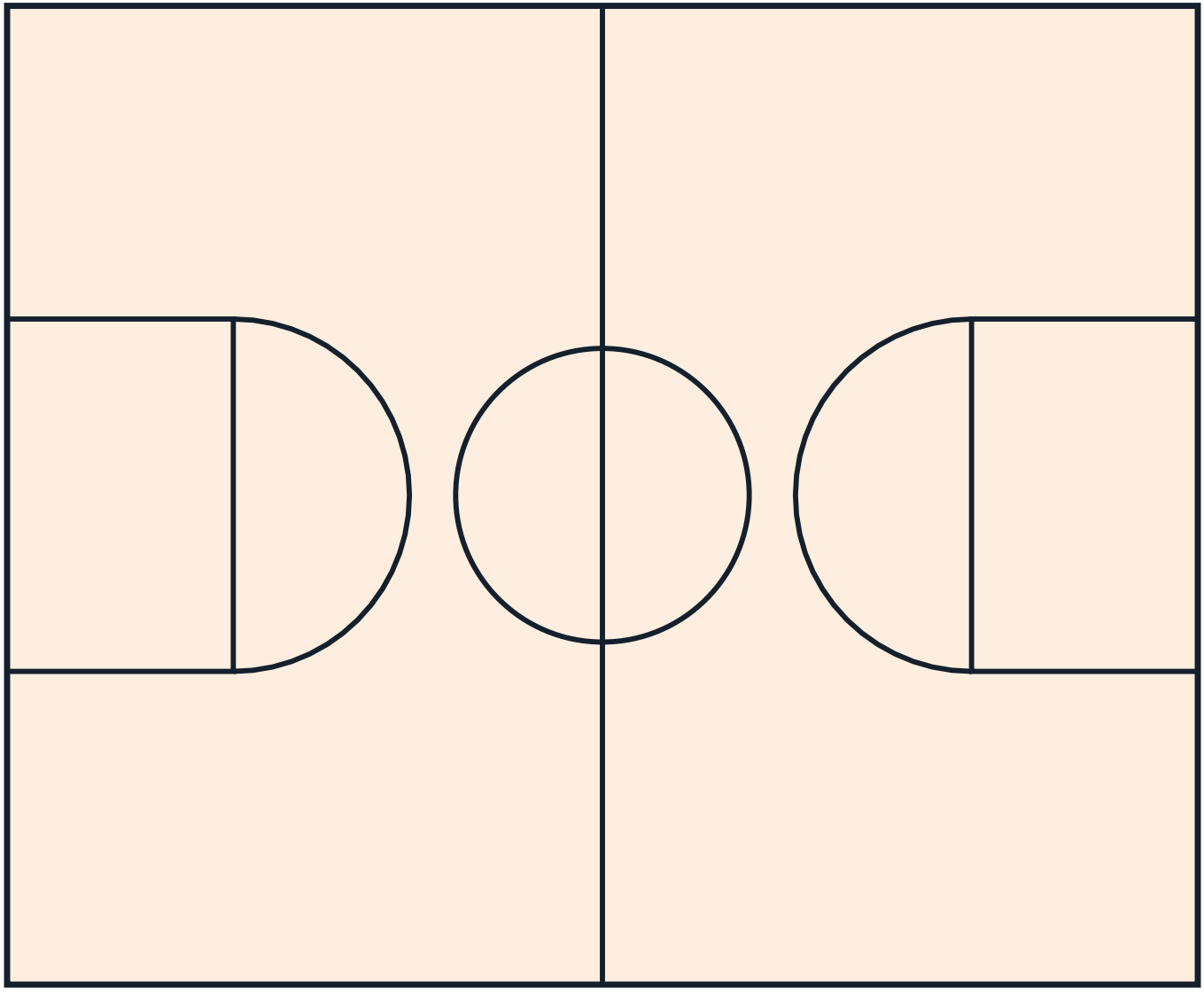
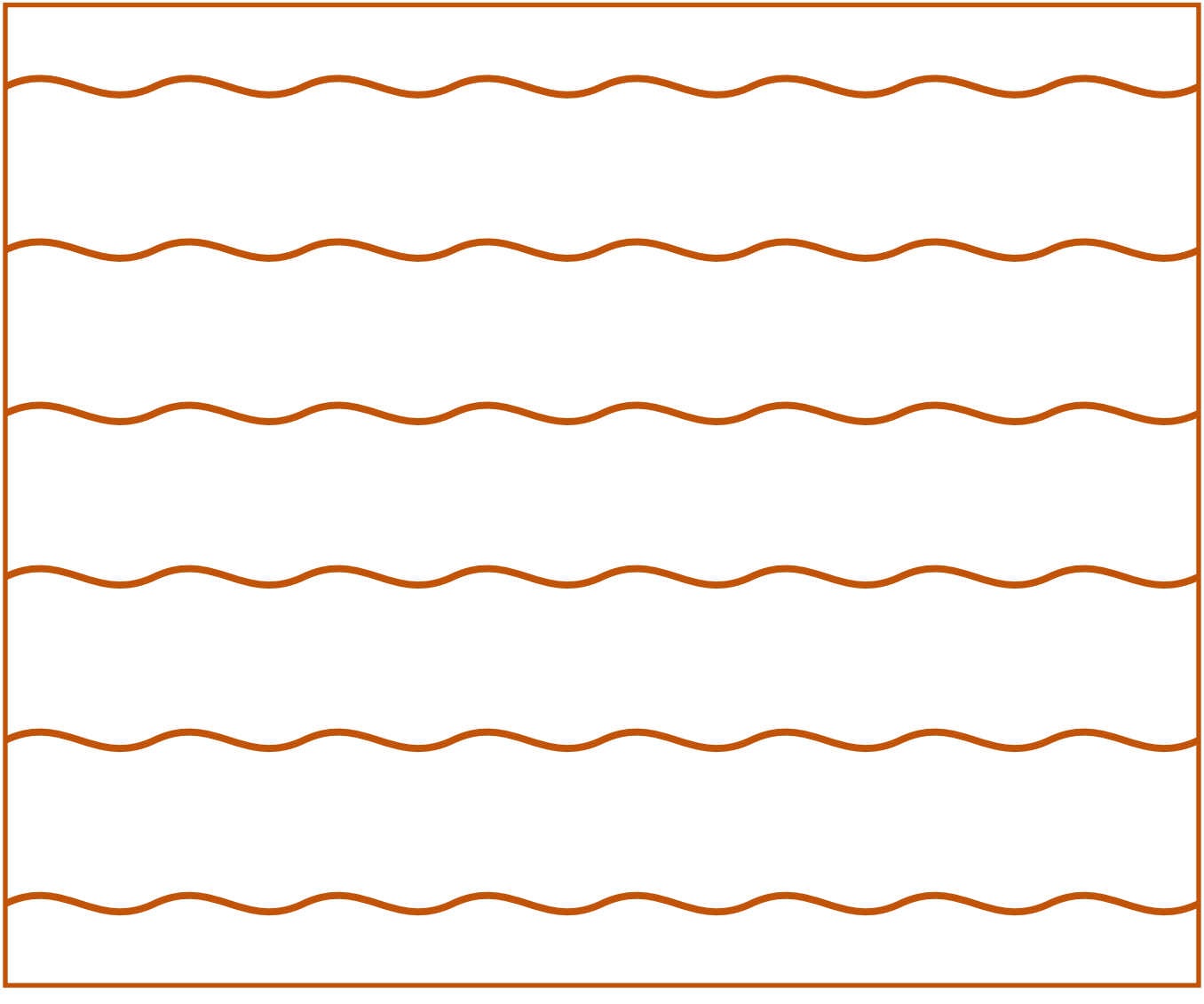


At School and College



Play It Near You



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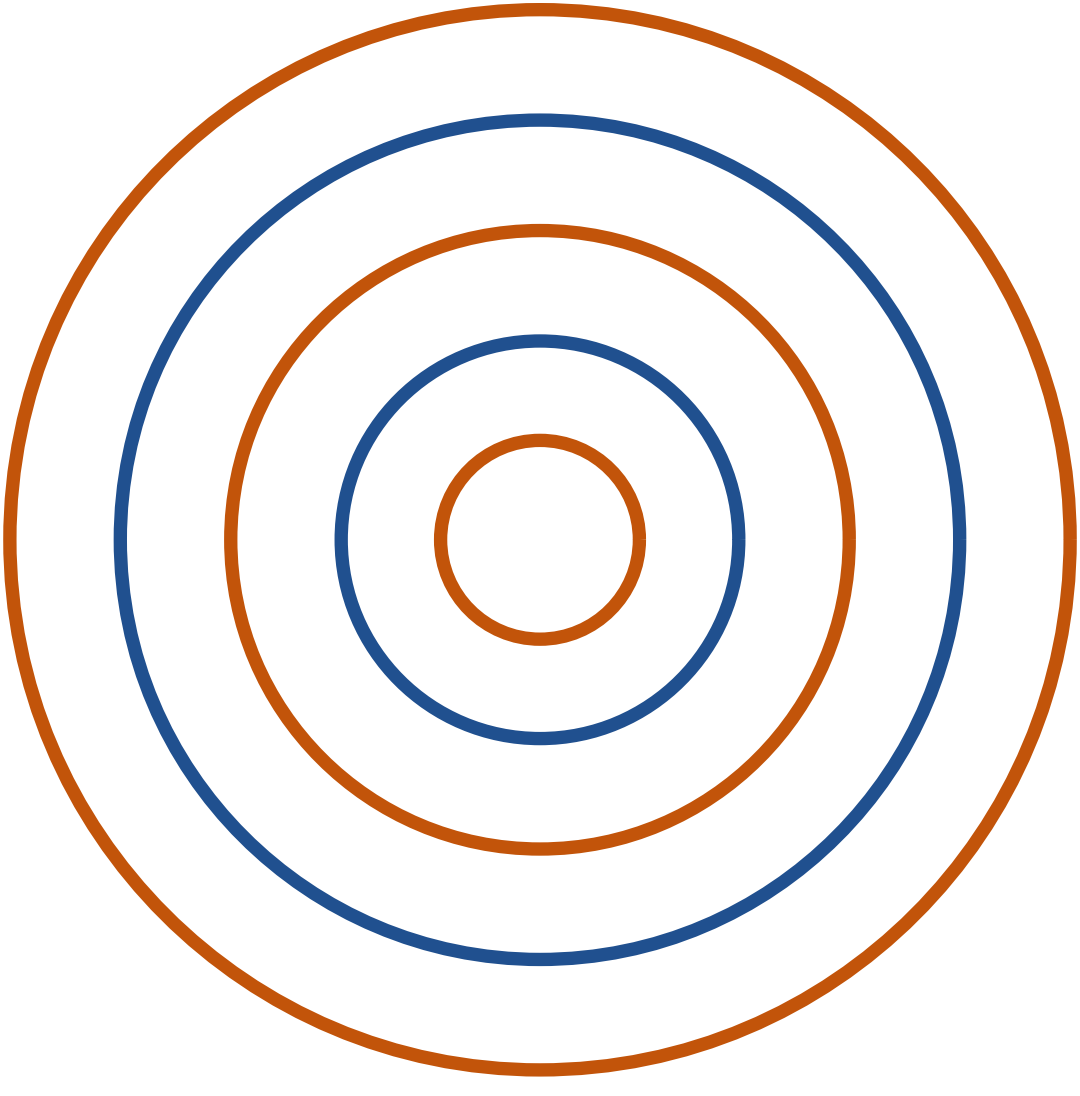

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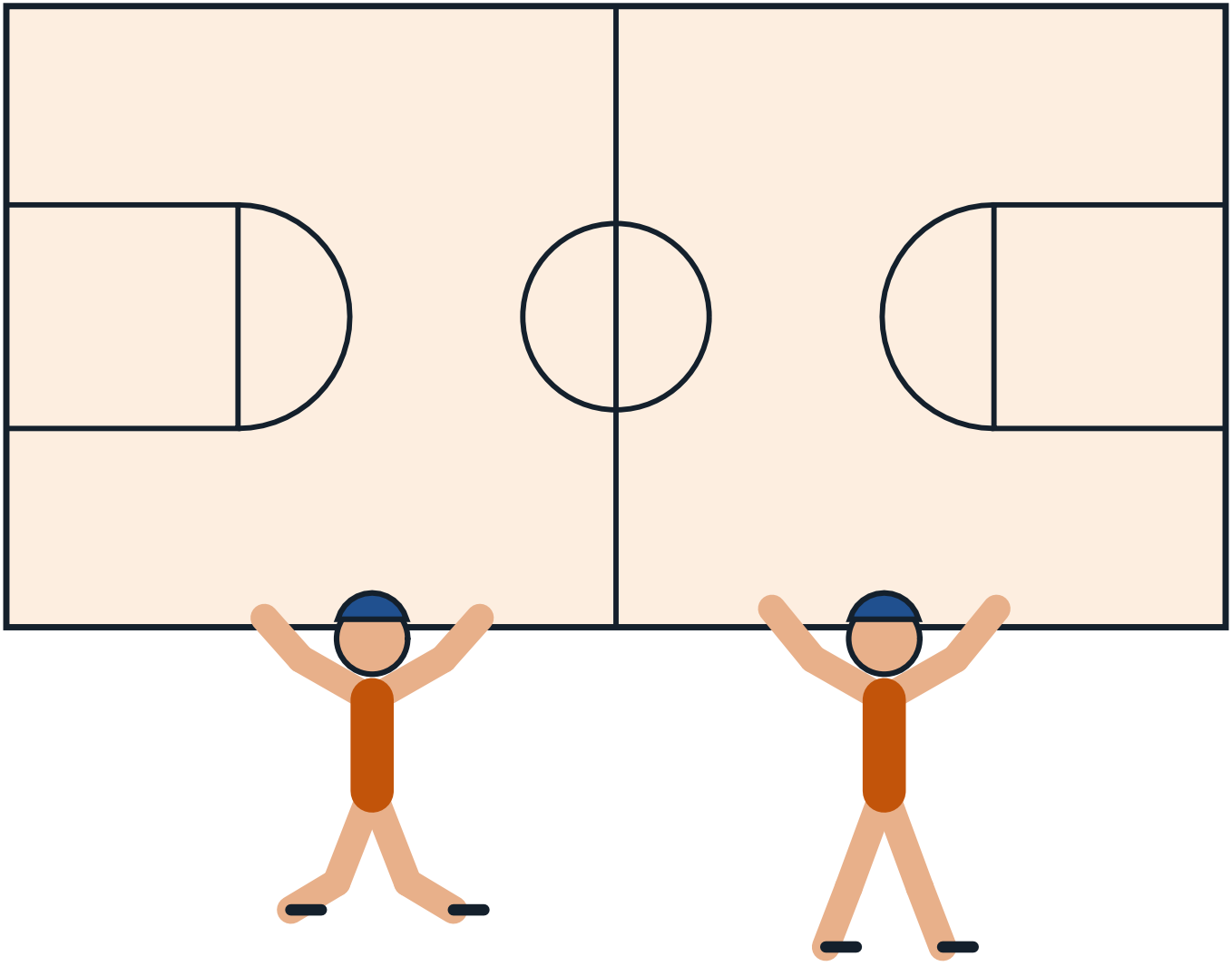
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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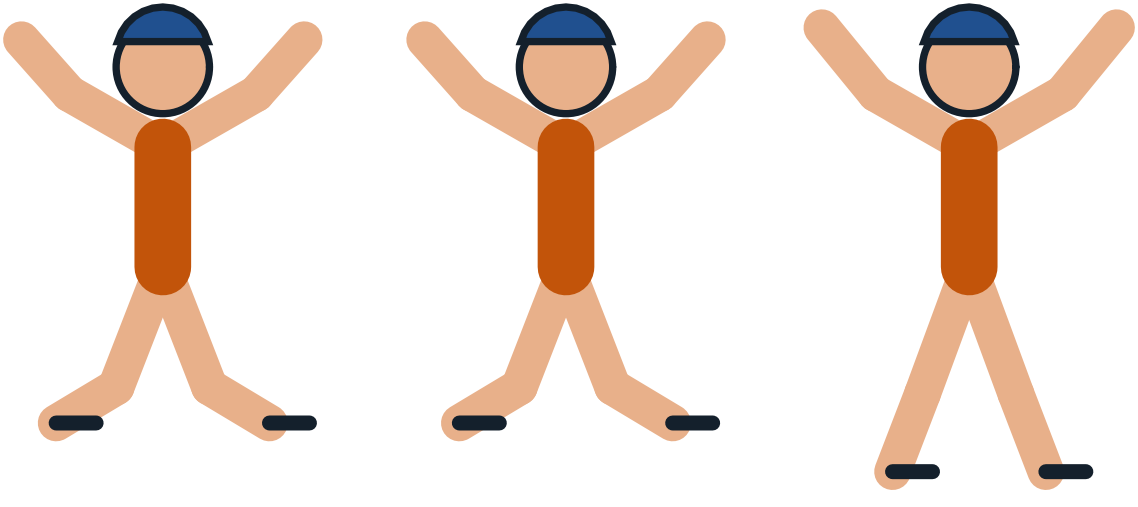
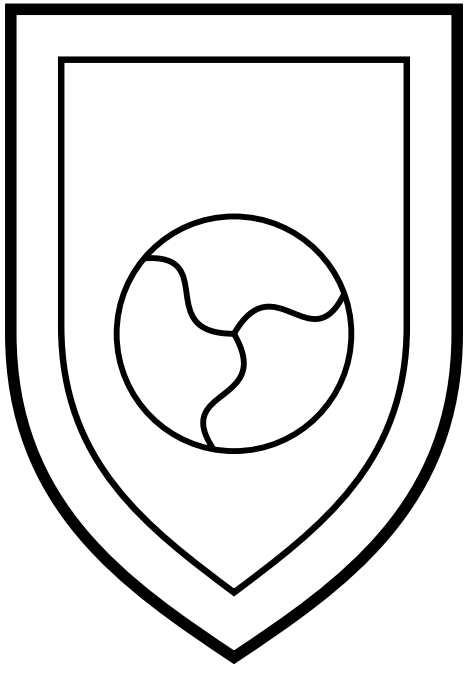
Moves of the Game



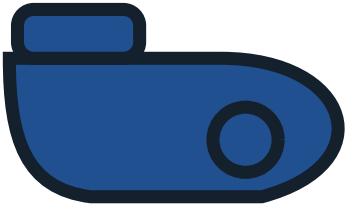
Design a Badge



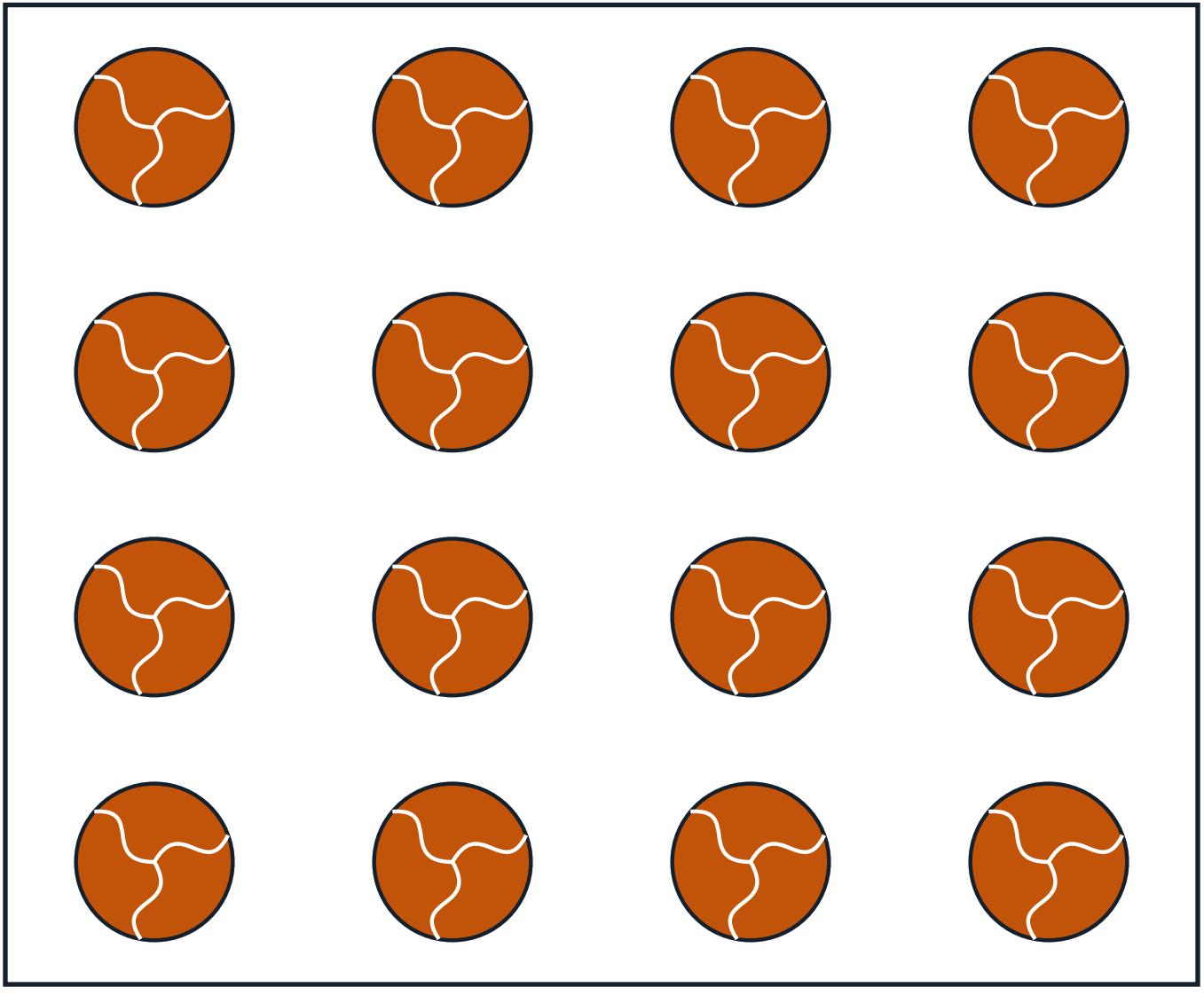
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

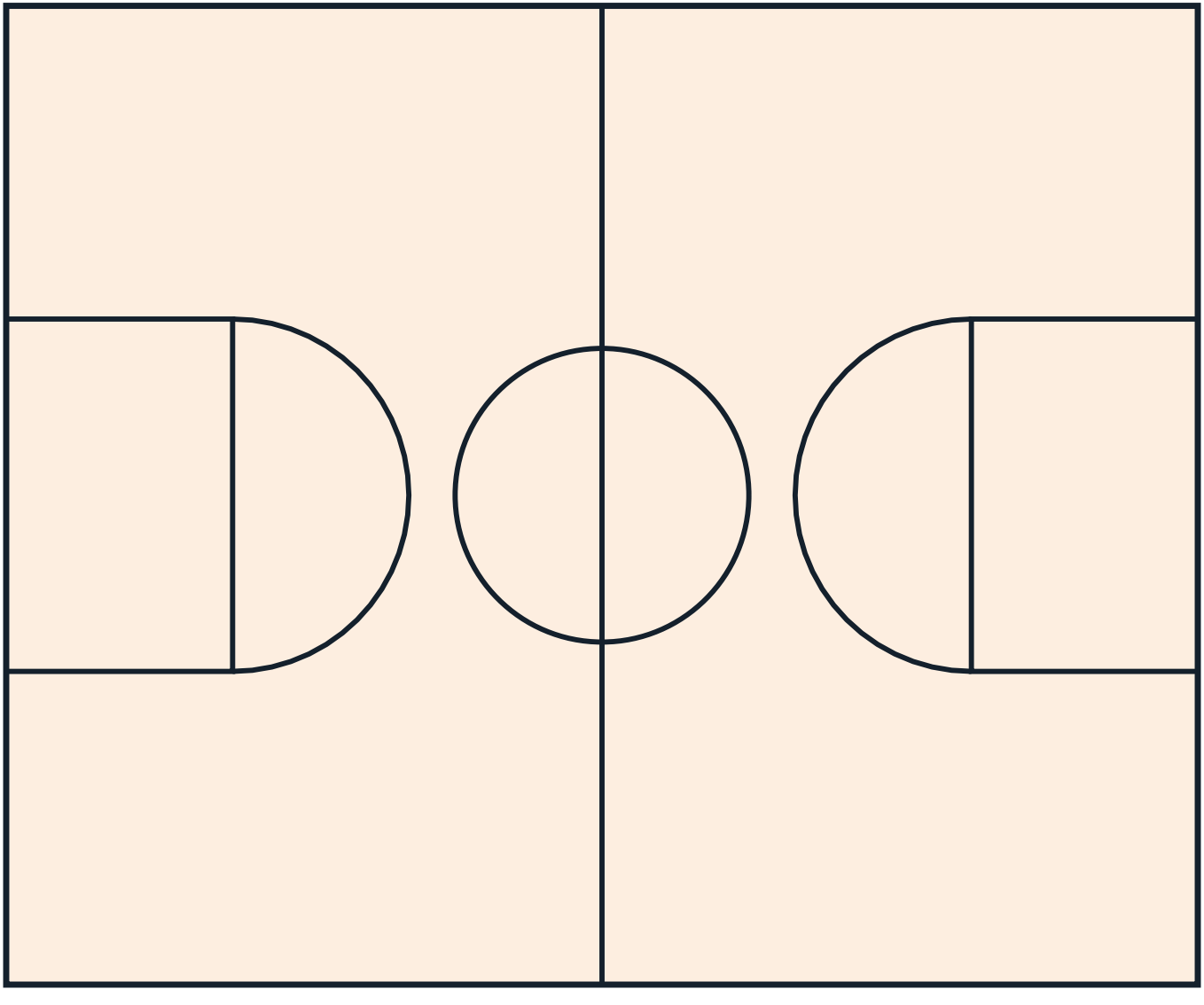




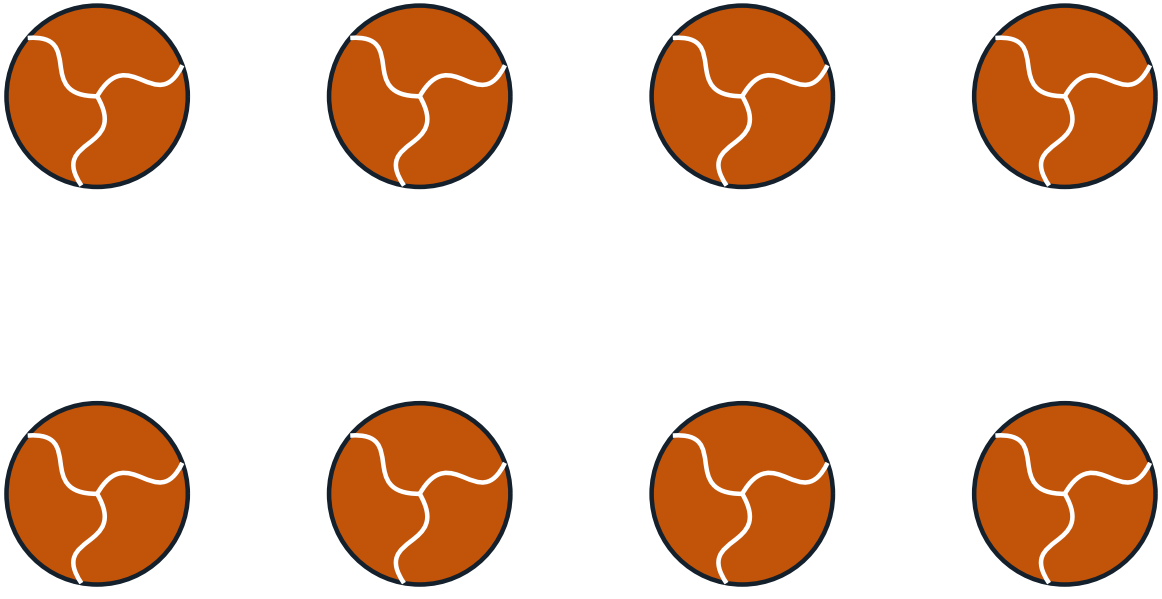
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



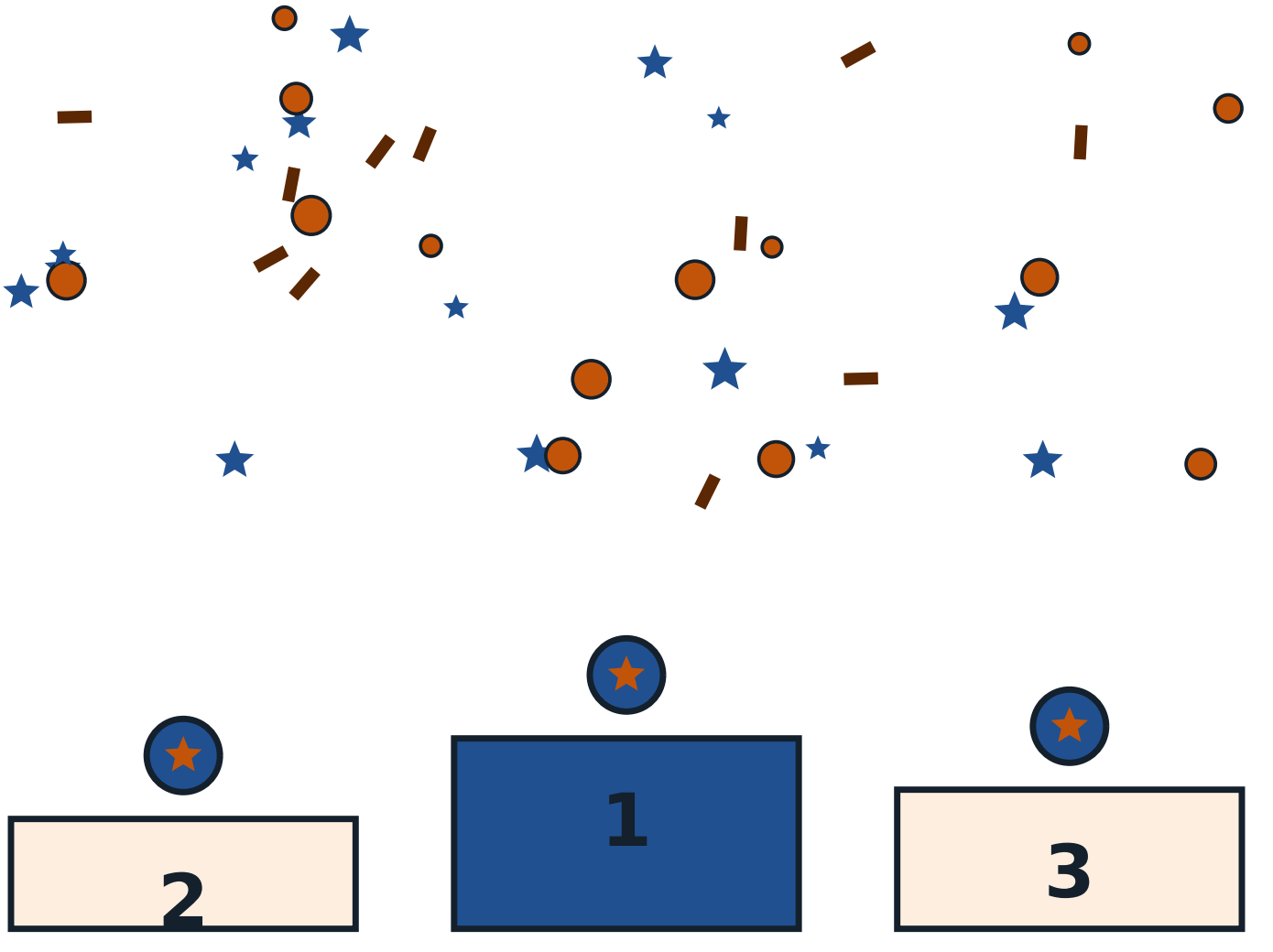
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Gaga Ball

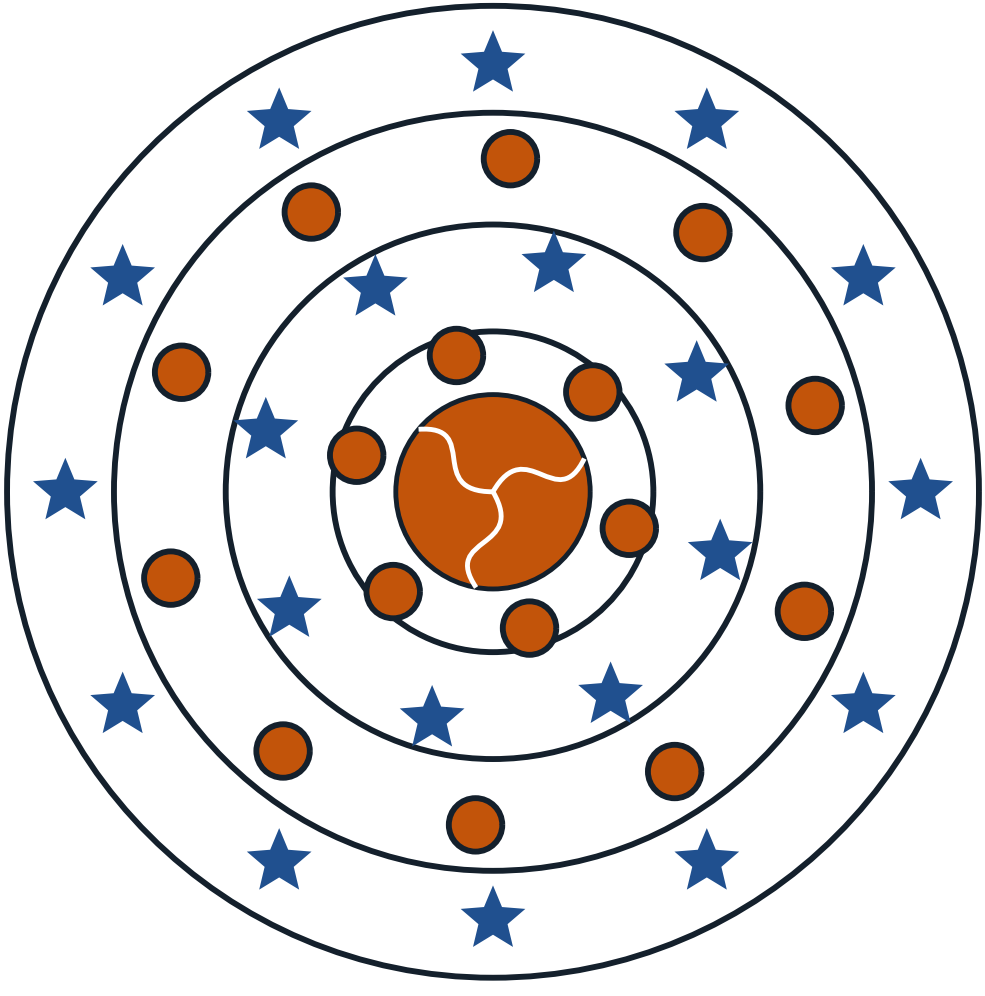
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Governing body: No single governing body — The Gaga Center (reference rule set). Laws edition the site's rules file follows: The Gaga Center official game rules (as published and reproduced by pit operators). 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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