THE CARTOON BOOK OF

CYCLE BALL



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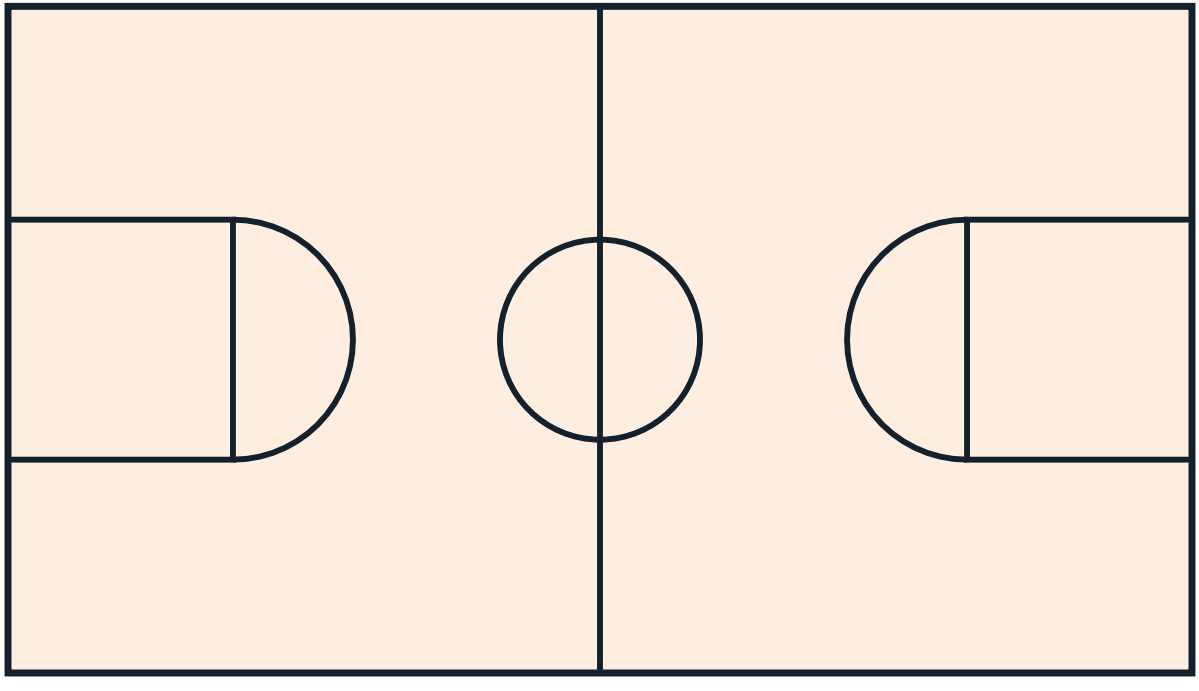
Meet Cycle Ball!

Futsal-style game played on fixed-gear bicycles.



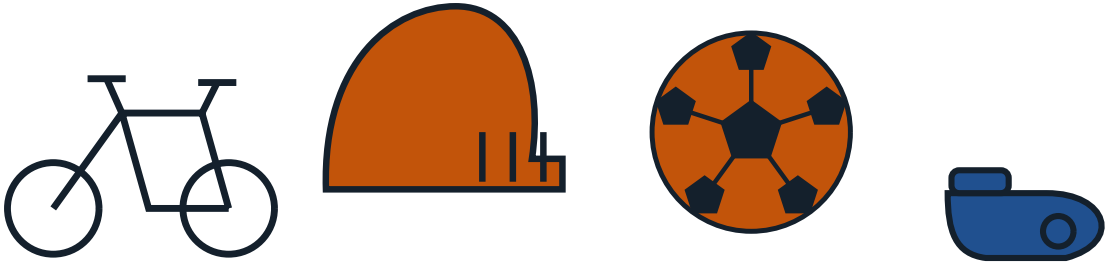
Where It Is Played

An indoor field 14 x 11 metres enclosed by 30 cm-high boards, with goals 2 x 2 metres.



The Gear

Specialised fixed-gear cycle-ball bicycles (about 13 kg, short wheelbase) and a ball 17-18 cm in diameter weighing 500-600 g, filled with animal hair.



How It Starts

You need a cycle-ball bike and a partner: learn to balance and steer the ball with the front wheel first, then play two-a-side with one player guarding the goal.



How to Play

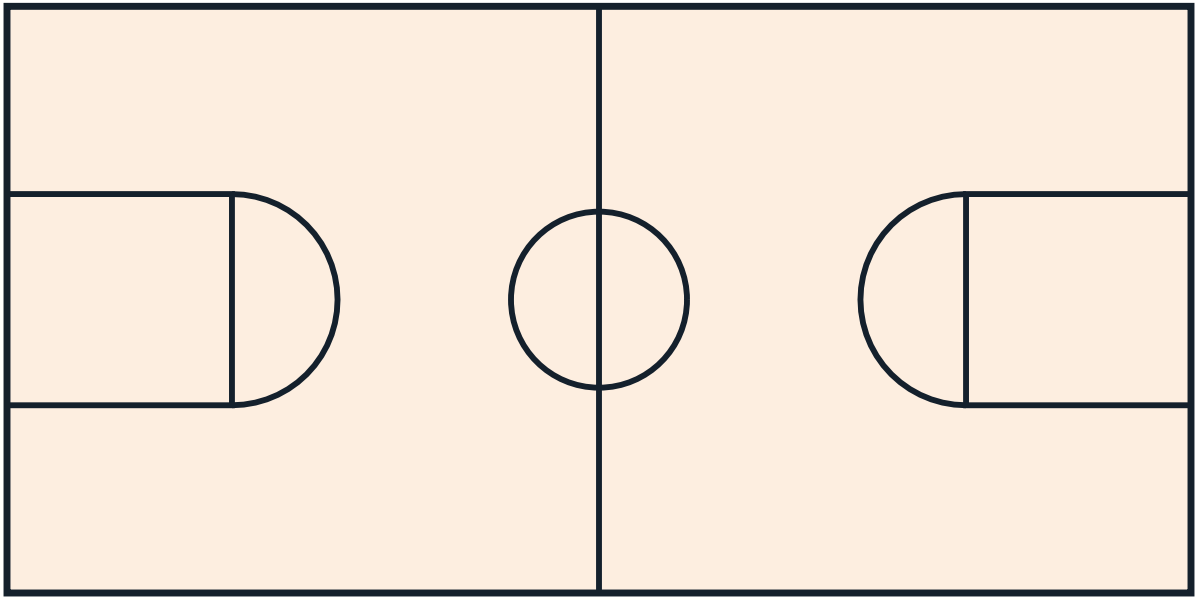
- Each team has two players — a goalkeeper and an outfield player — and only the two-player indoor variant is recognised by the UCI today.
- The aim is football-like: score more goals than the opposition by hitting the ball into their goal.
- Players control and shoot the ball with the front or rear wheel of the bicycle, or with the head; hands and feet may not be used to shoot.
- The goalkeeper is the exception: inside the marked penalty area the goalkeeper may use the hands to catch or deflect the ball.

More of the Game

- Players must stay on their bicycles and may not touch the floor; a player who does must ride or walk behind his own goal line before rejoining play.
- Fouls, judged by a referee on foot inside the field, are punished with a free kick or a penalty from four metres from the goal.
- A goal is valid when the ball passes the goal line between the posts; an own goal counts for the opponents.
- Matches are two seven-minute halves separated by a 90-second break.

The Shape of a Match

Two-a-side football on bicycles indoors: a goalkeeper and an outfield player per team, two seven-minute halves, most goals wins.



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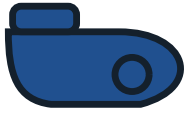
- 3x3 Basketball — Half-court basketball with a 12-second shot clock.
- Freestyle Basketball — Ball-handling tricks set to rhythm and choreography.

A Note on the Rules

Cycle ball (Radball) is governed by the UCI as part of its indoor cycling programme (World Championships since the 1950s): two riders per team score with their front wheel into a goal, goalkeepers may use hands in the area. The code is old, European, and stable. No major documented rule change is carried for cycle ball.



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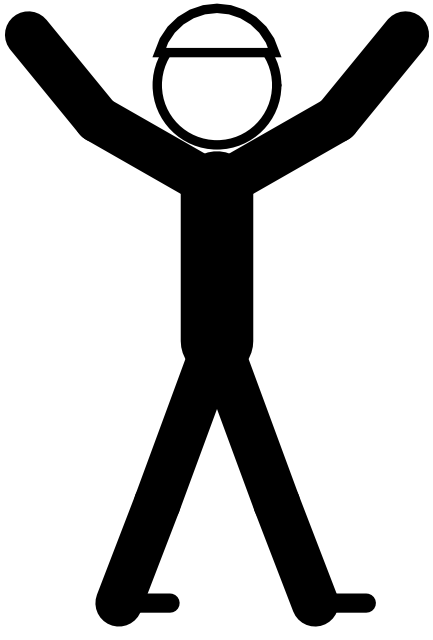

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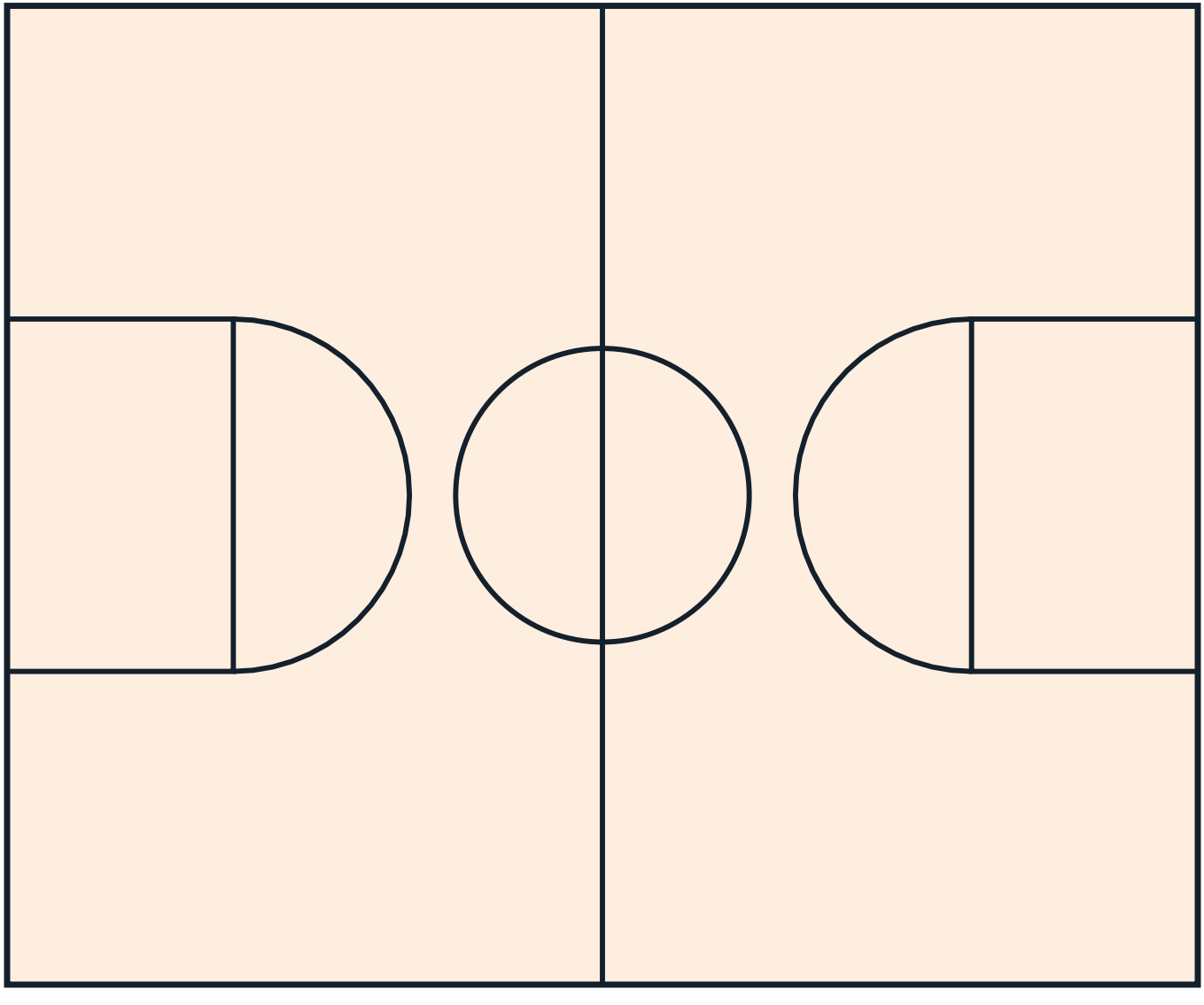
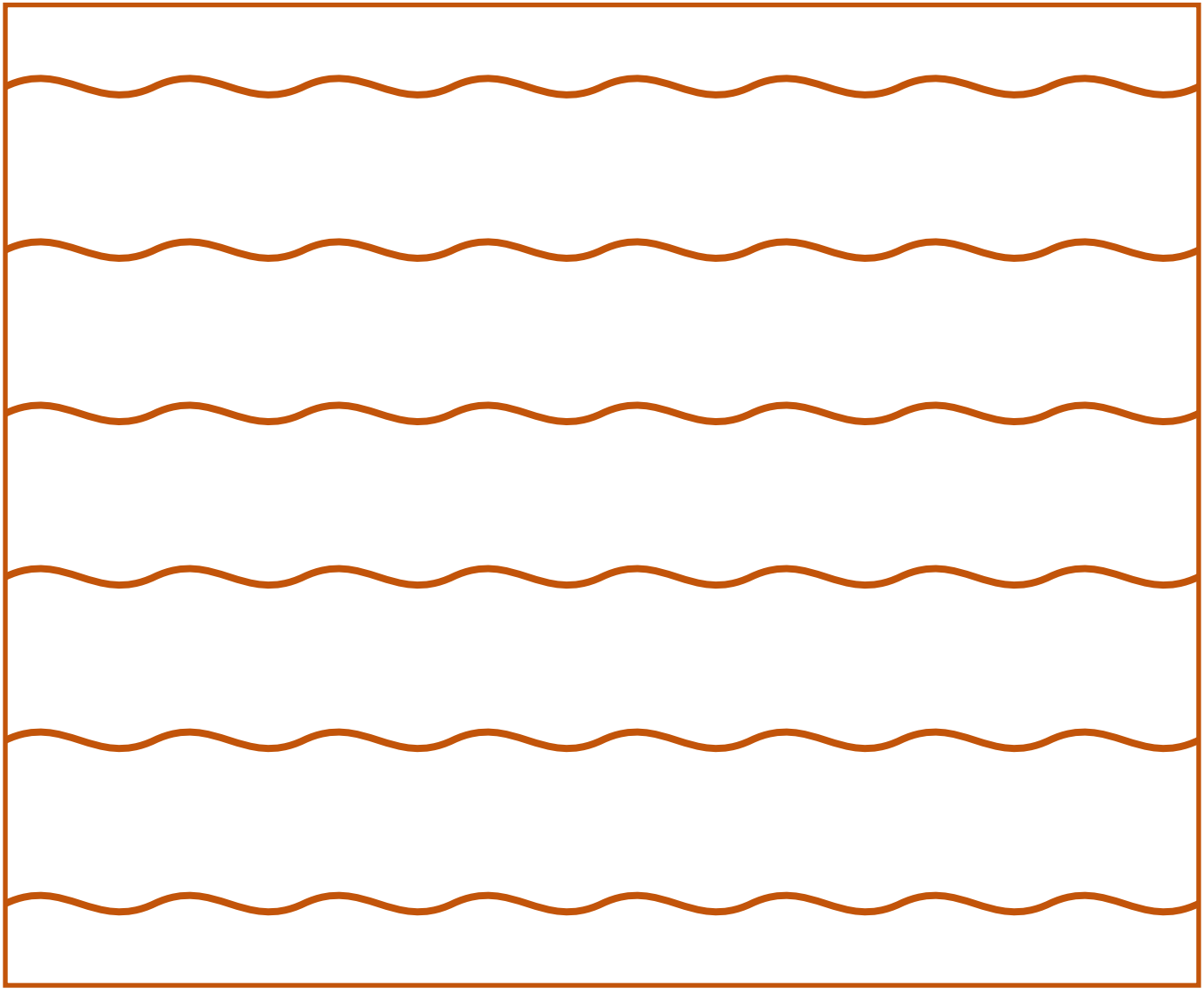


At School and College



Play It Near You



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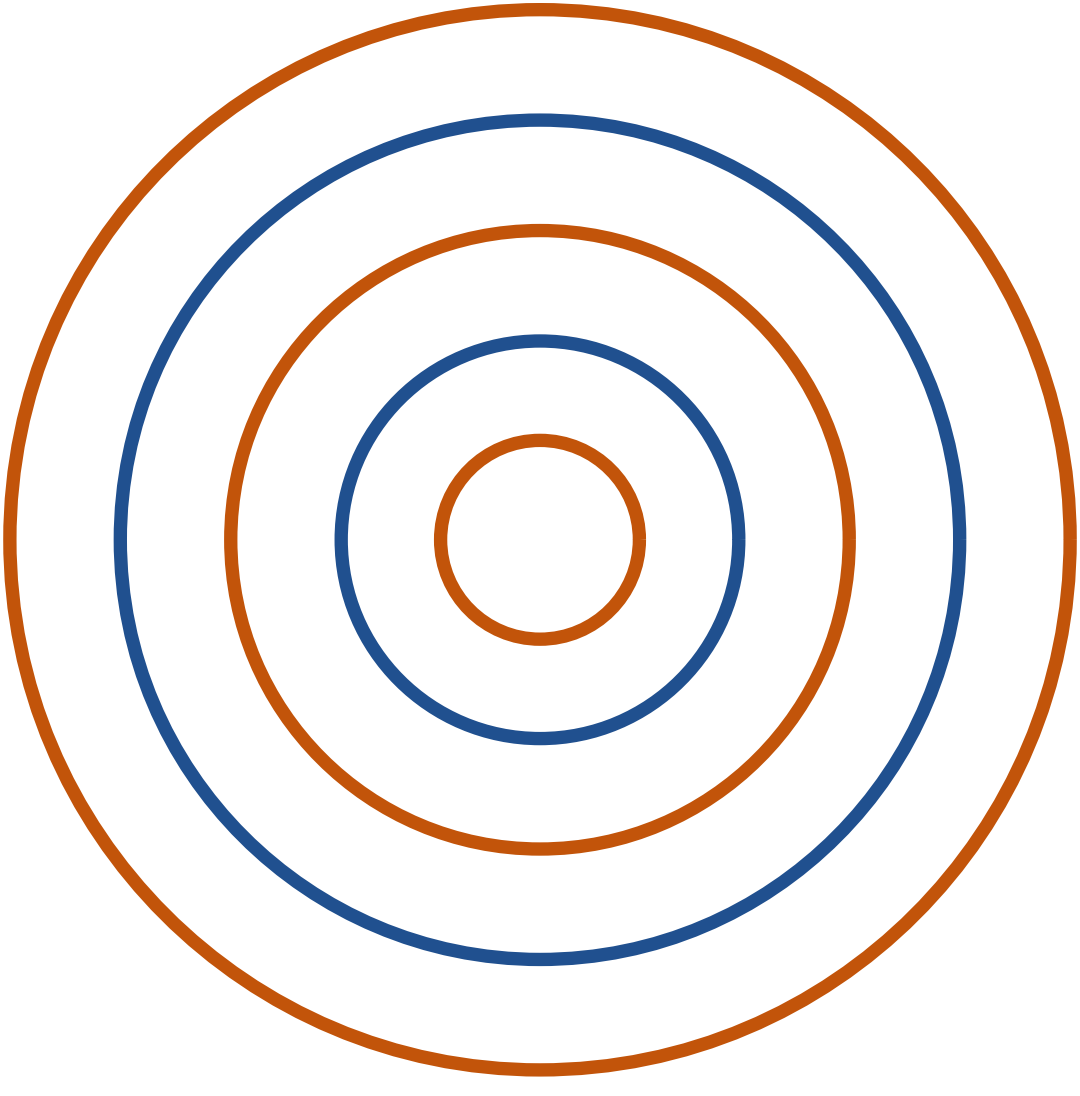

The Basket & net Family

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.

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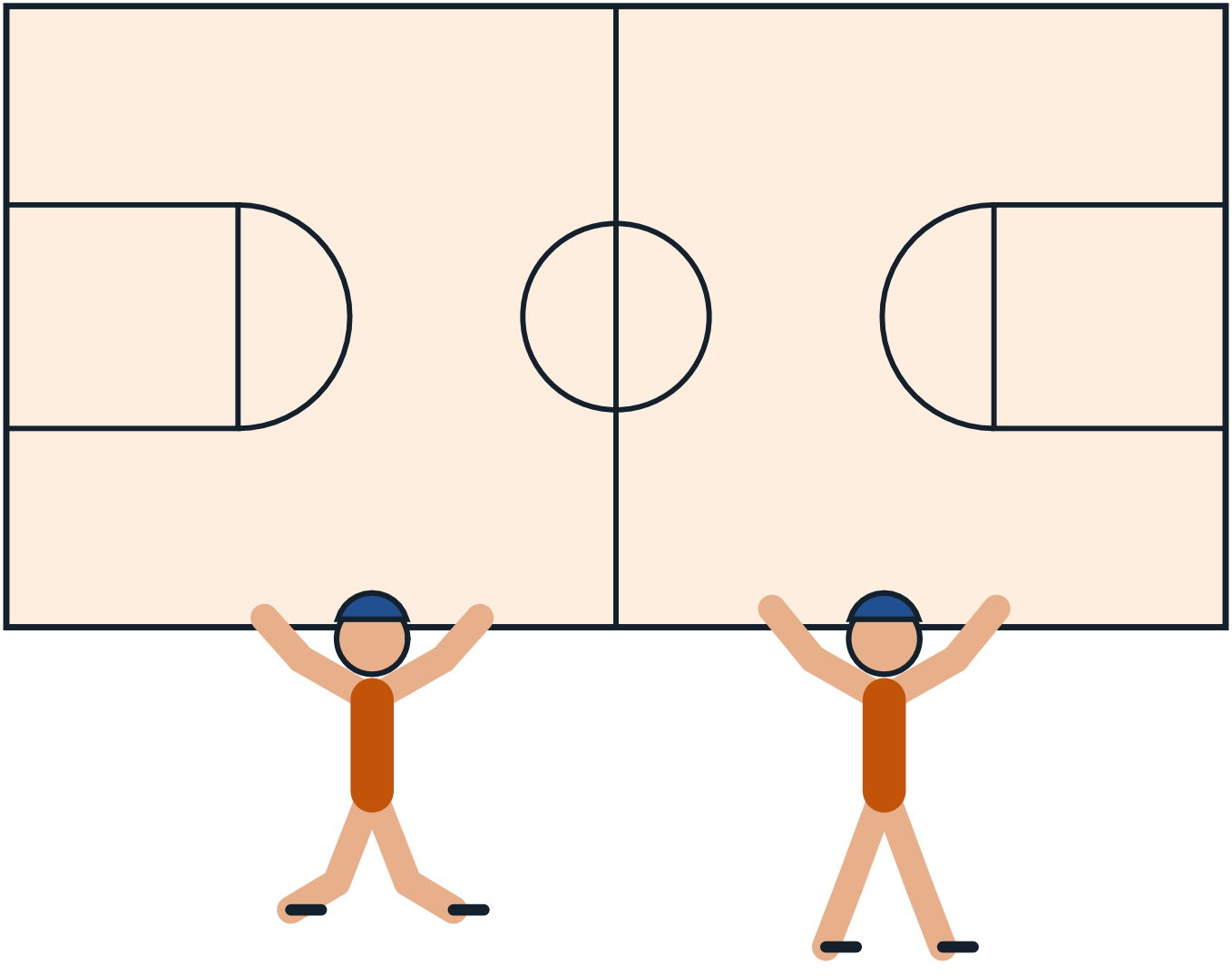
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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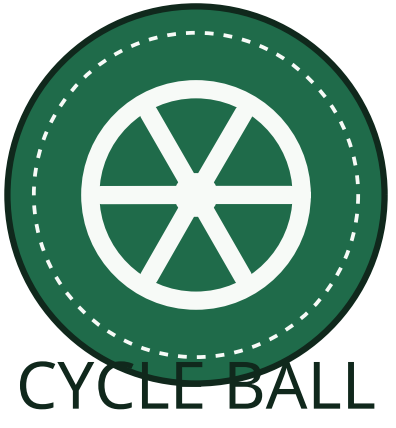
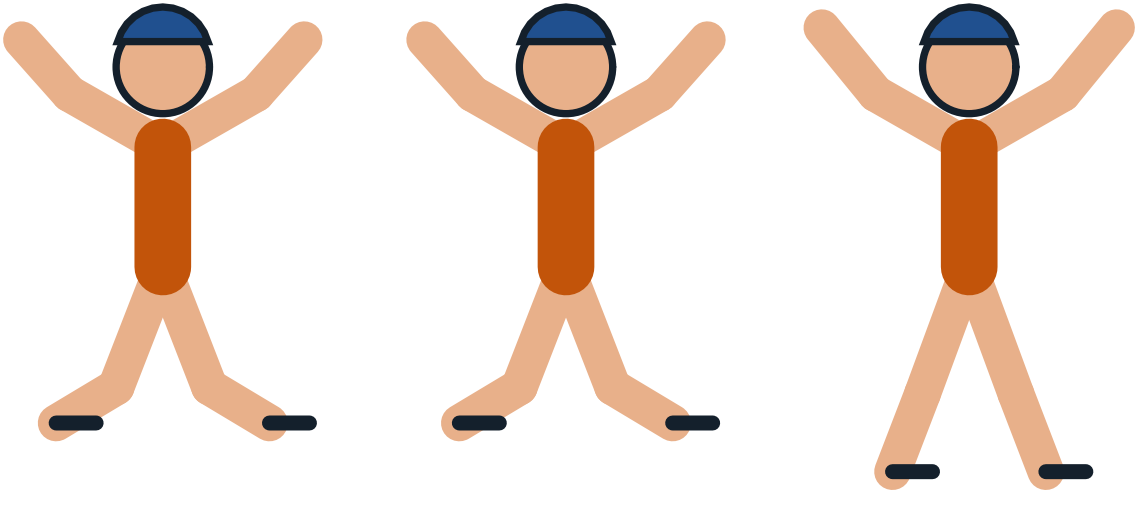
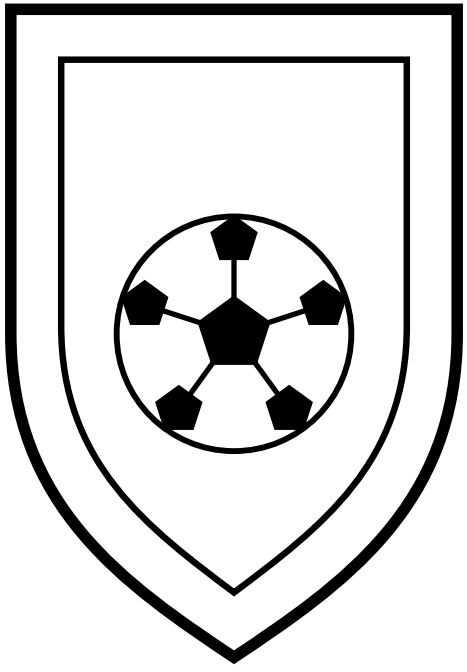


Moves of the Game

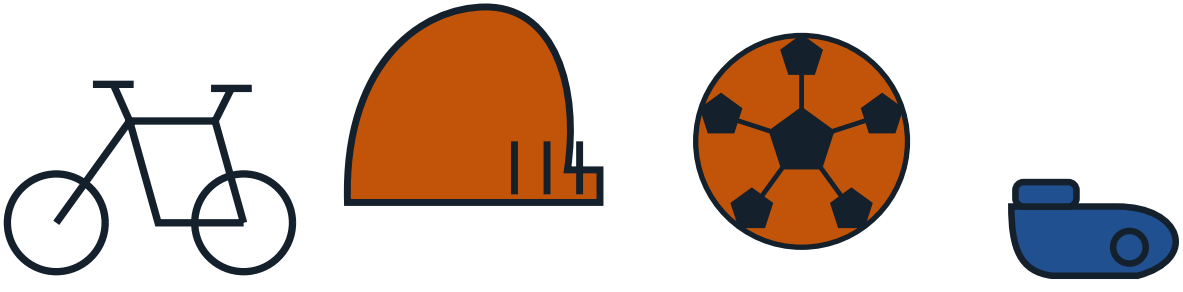


Design a Badge



Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade



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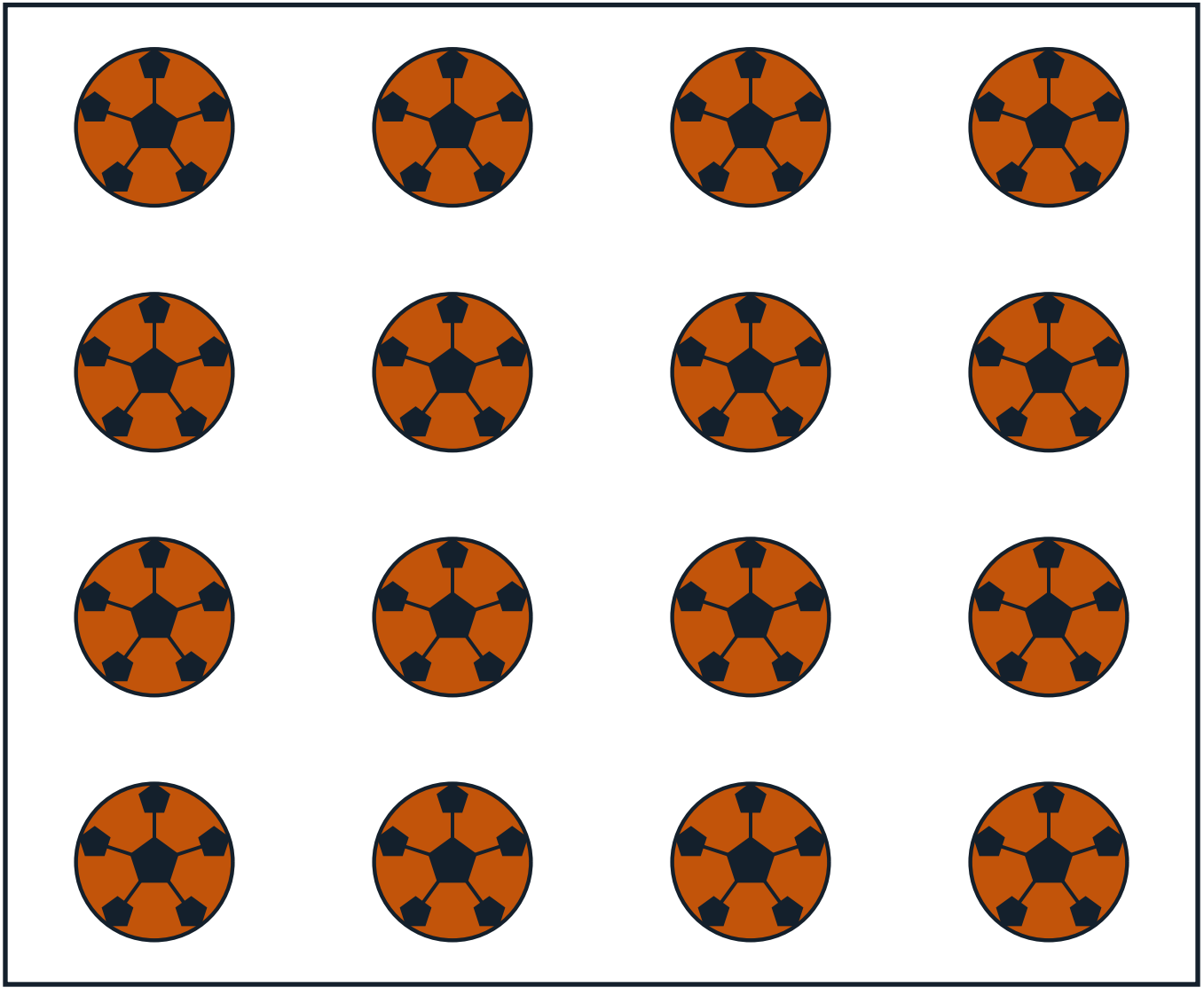
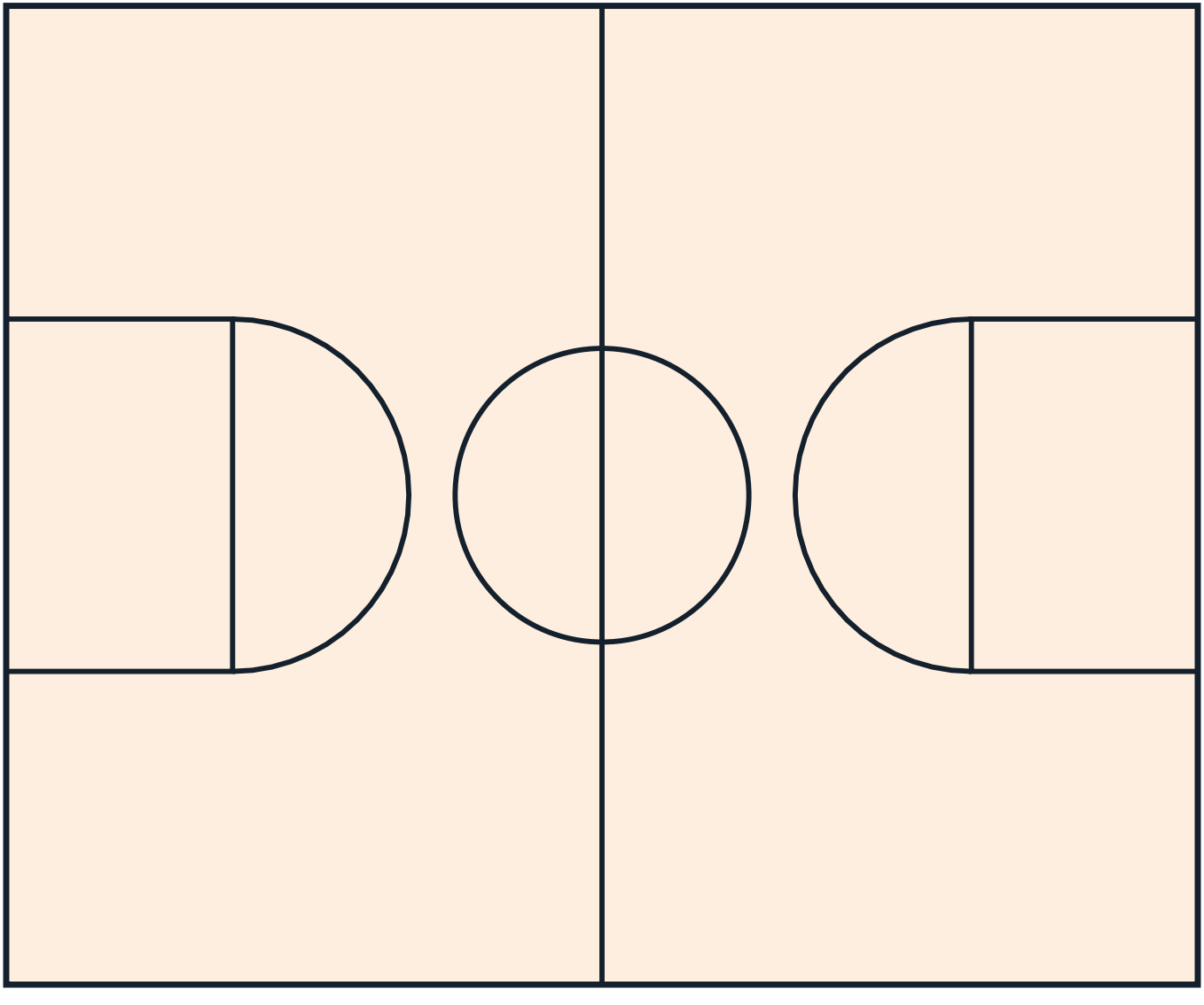
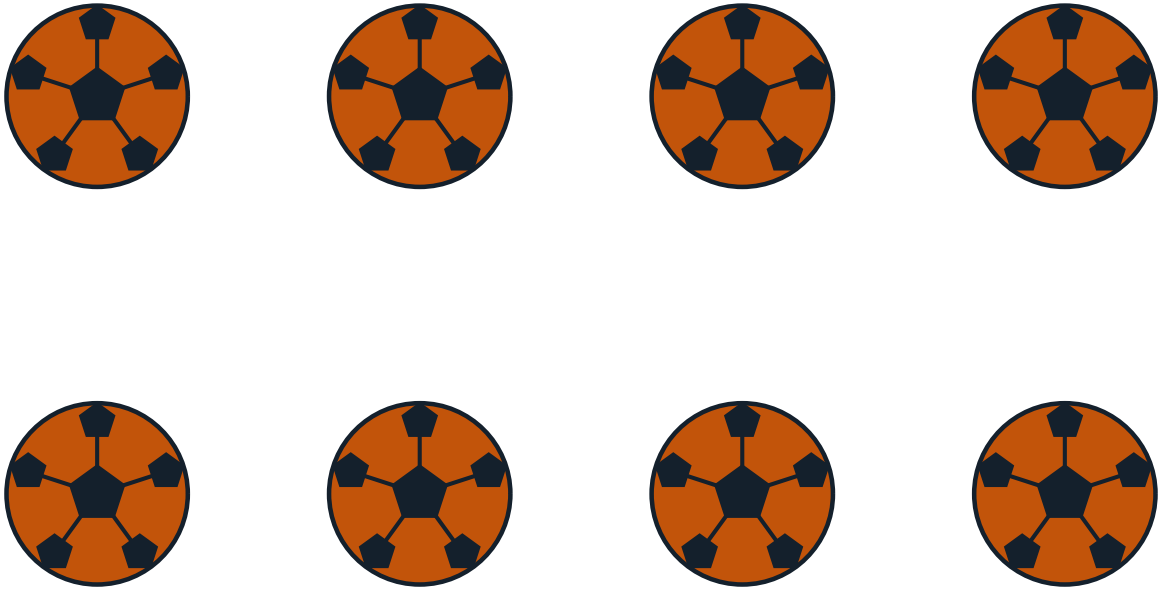


The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



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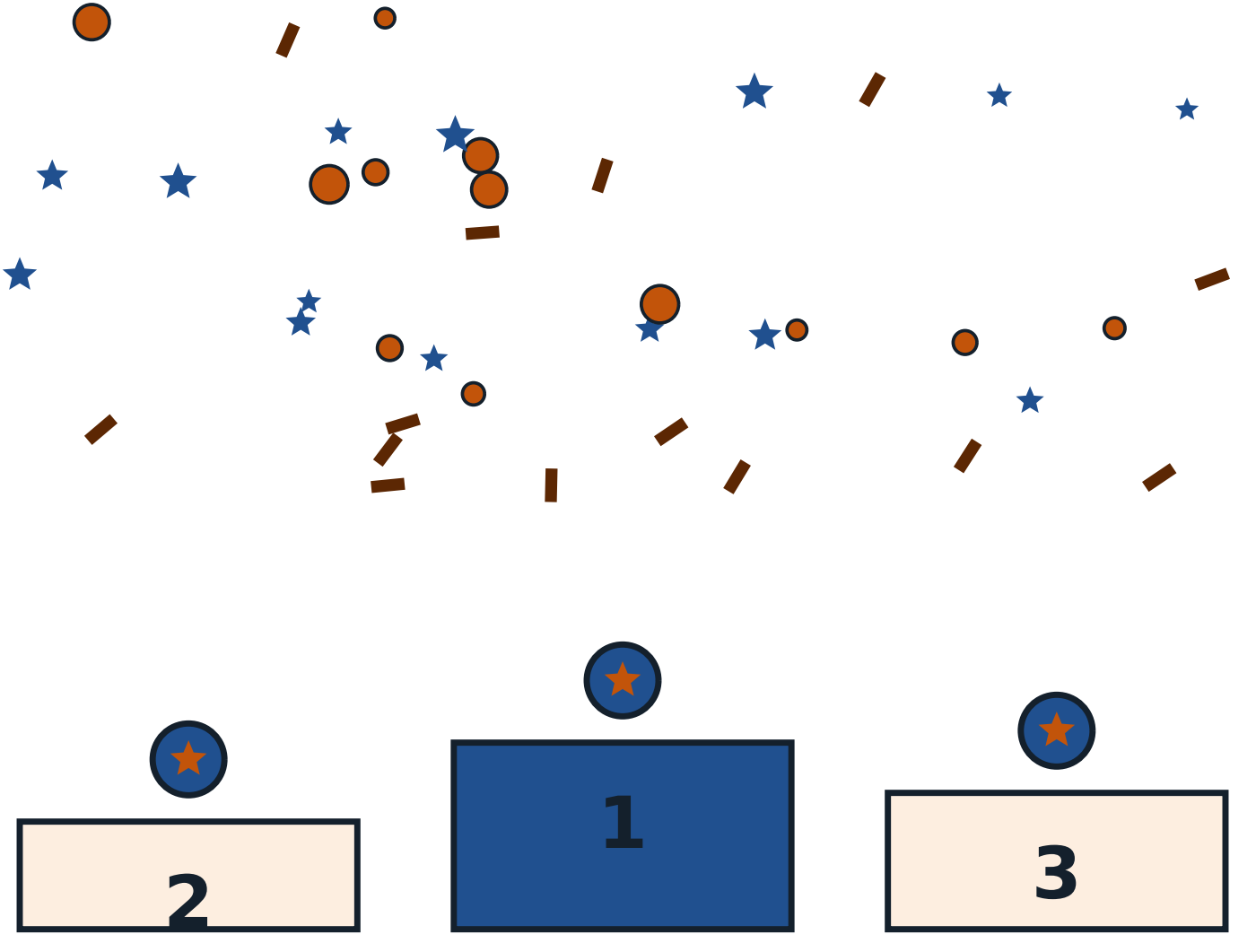
My Favourite Part of Cycle Ball

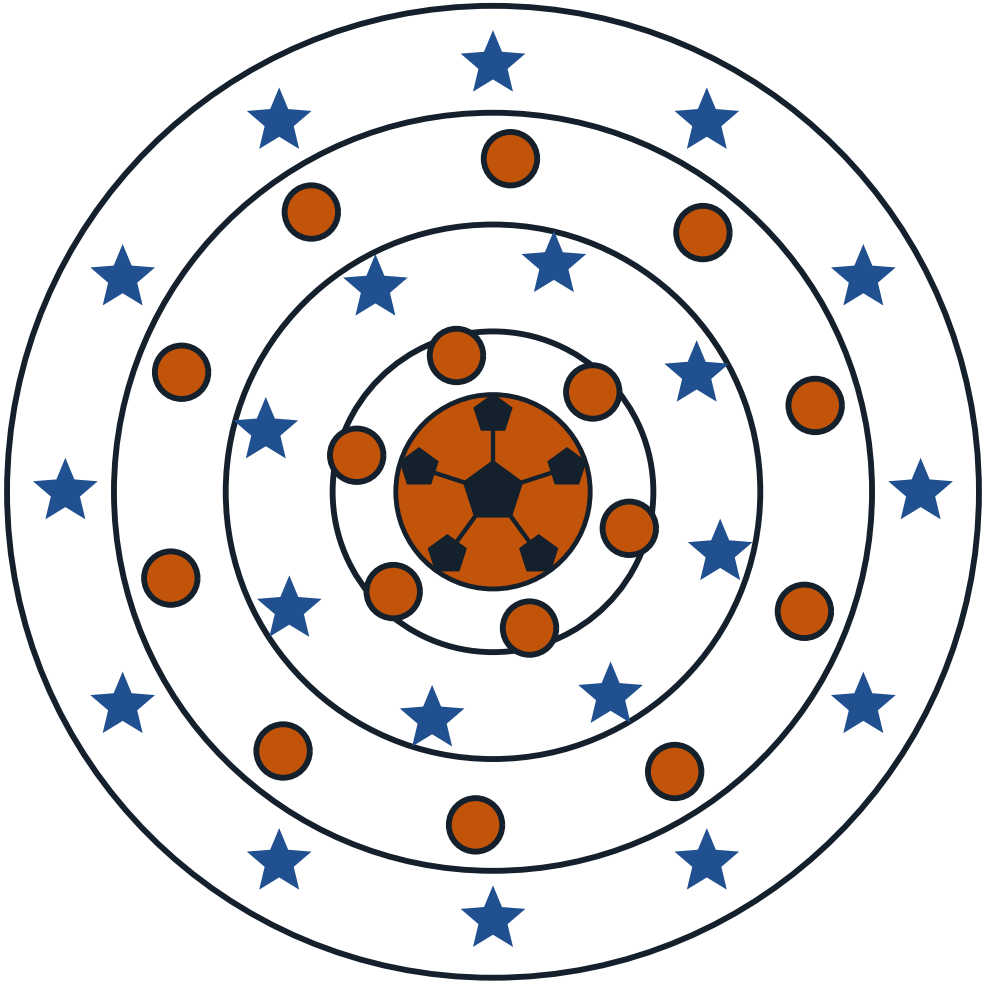
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

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