THE CARTOON BOOK OF

JUDO



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Meet Judo!

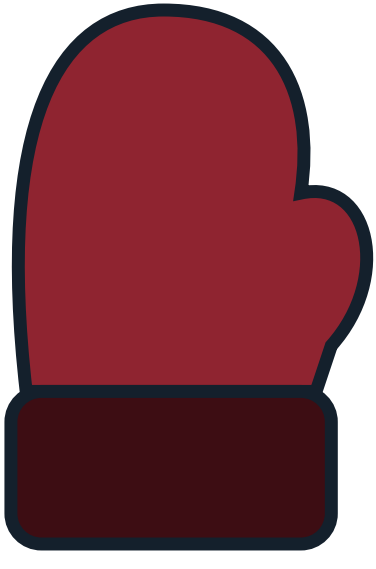
Throws and holds, an Olympic sport.

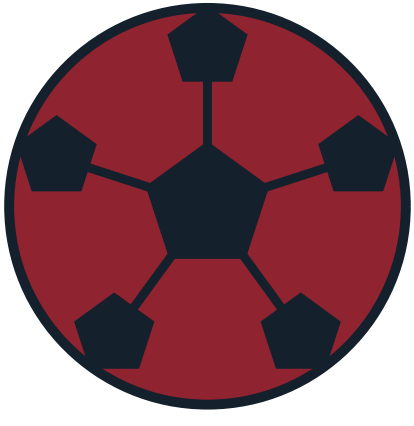


Where It Is Played



The Gear





Meet the Combat Family

- Boxing — Two fighters trade punches in rounds, judged on points or ended by knockout or stoppage.
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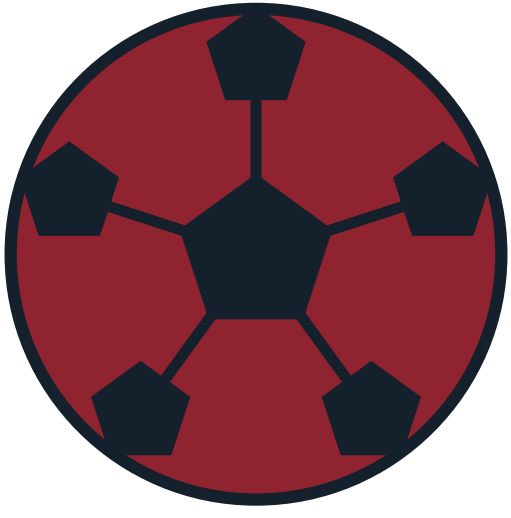
- Mixed Martial Arts — Striking and grappling combined; UFC, PFL and ONE lead promotions.
- Kickboxing and Muay Thai — Striking sports using kicks, punches, knees and elbows.
- Taekwondo — Korean kicking art, an Olympic sport.
- Sumo — Japanese wrestling with six annual tournaments.

How to Play

Judo's modern laws are a running argument with wrestling and sambo about what judo is — fought mostly over whether you may grab the legs.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

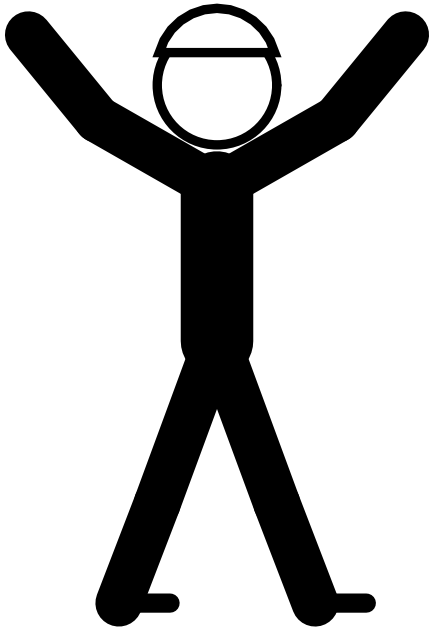
Moments That Shaped the Game

- progressive 2010; total 2013 — The Leg-Grab Ban: The IJF banned hands below the belt in stages (2010: direct leg grabs penalised except in combinations/counters; 2013: t.
- formalised progressively; decisive form 2017 — Golden Score and the End of Decision Wins: The modern IJF code abolished decision wins and the old minor-score ladder (yuko was scrapped in 2017; koka long before).

Rules That Changed the Game

- progressive 2010; total 2013 — The Leg-Grab Ban: Leg-grab judo is extinct at IJF level (and careers were rebuilt around the ban), though the techniques survive in the sport's memo.
- formalised progressively; decisive form 2017 — Golden Score and the End of Decision Wins: Golden score finals are a fixture of Olympic judo; the simplified two-score system (ippon, waza-ari) is the one taught to beginner.

Colour the Action



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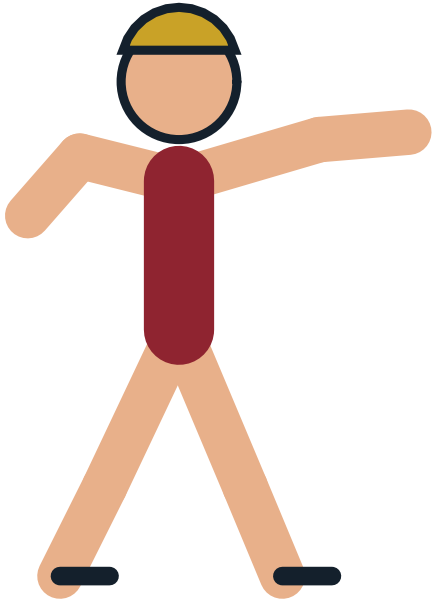
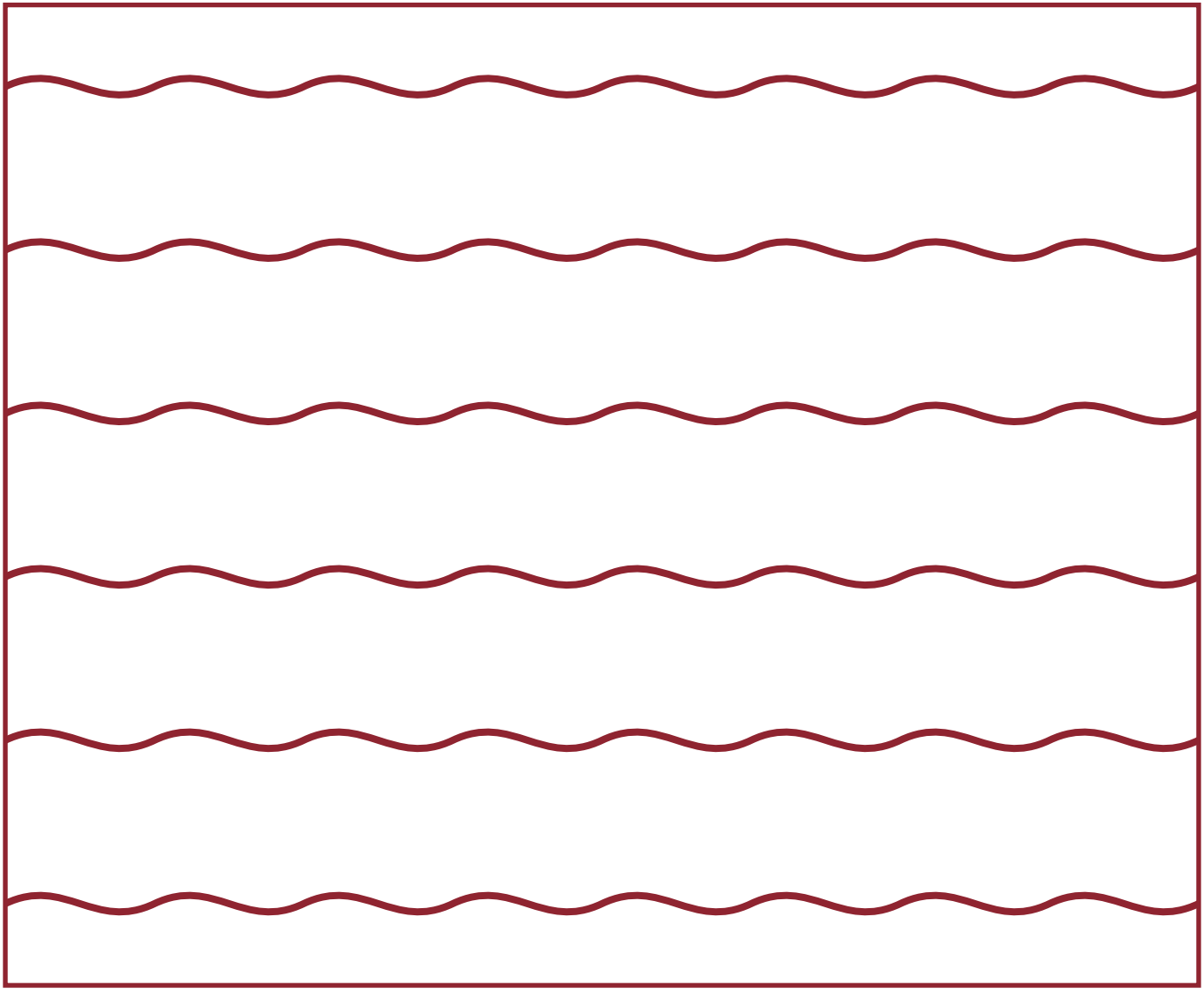
The Sport Today



At School and College



Play It Near You



Through the Year



The Combat 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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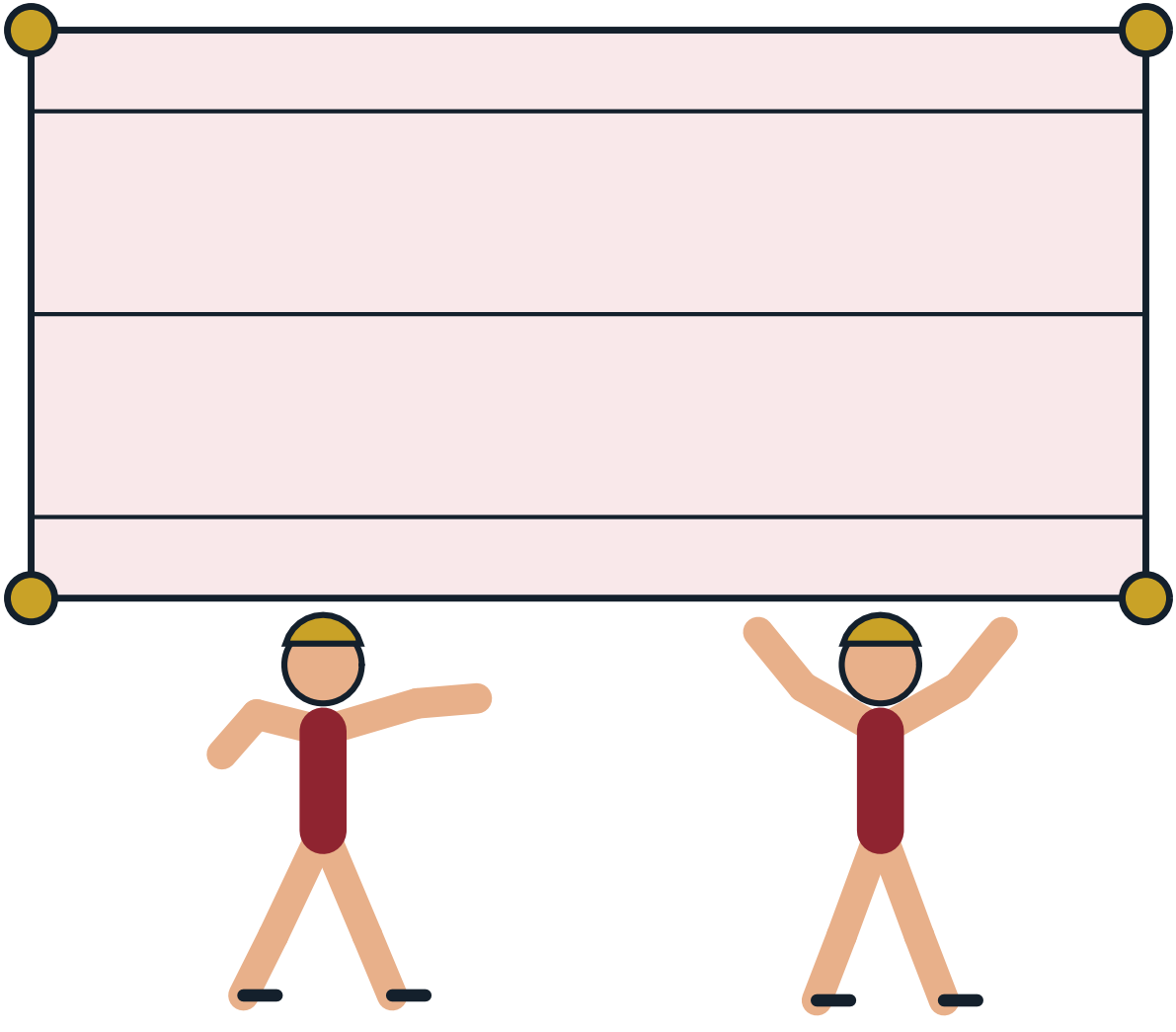
Game Day!



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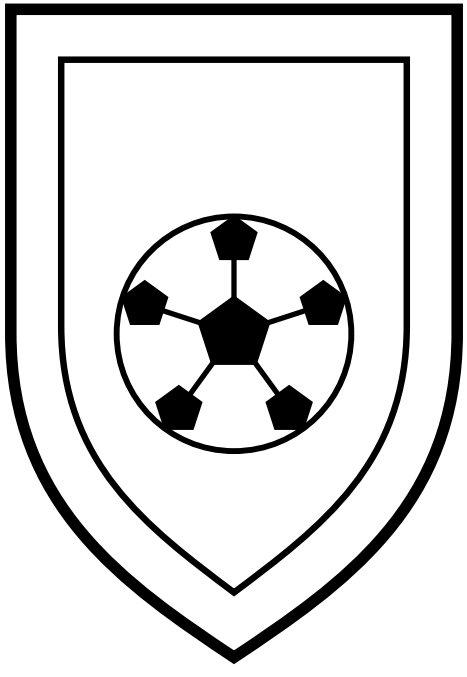
Moves of the Game

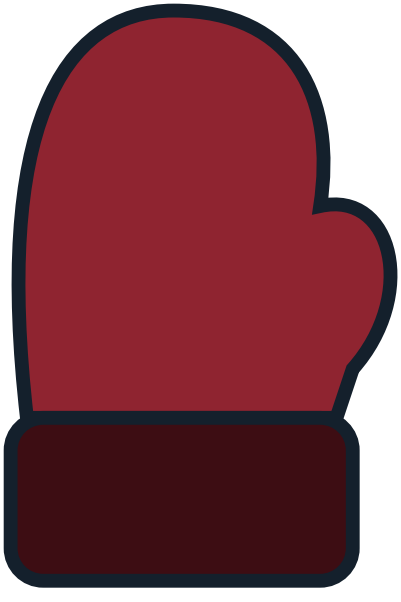


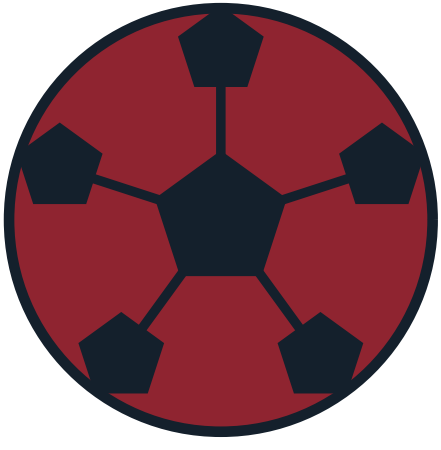
Design a Badge



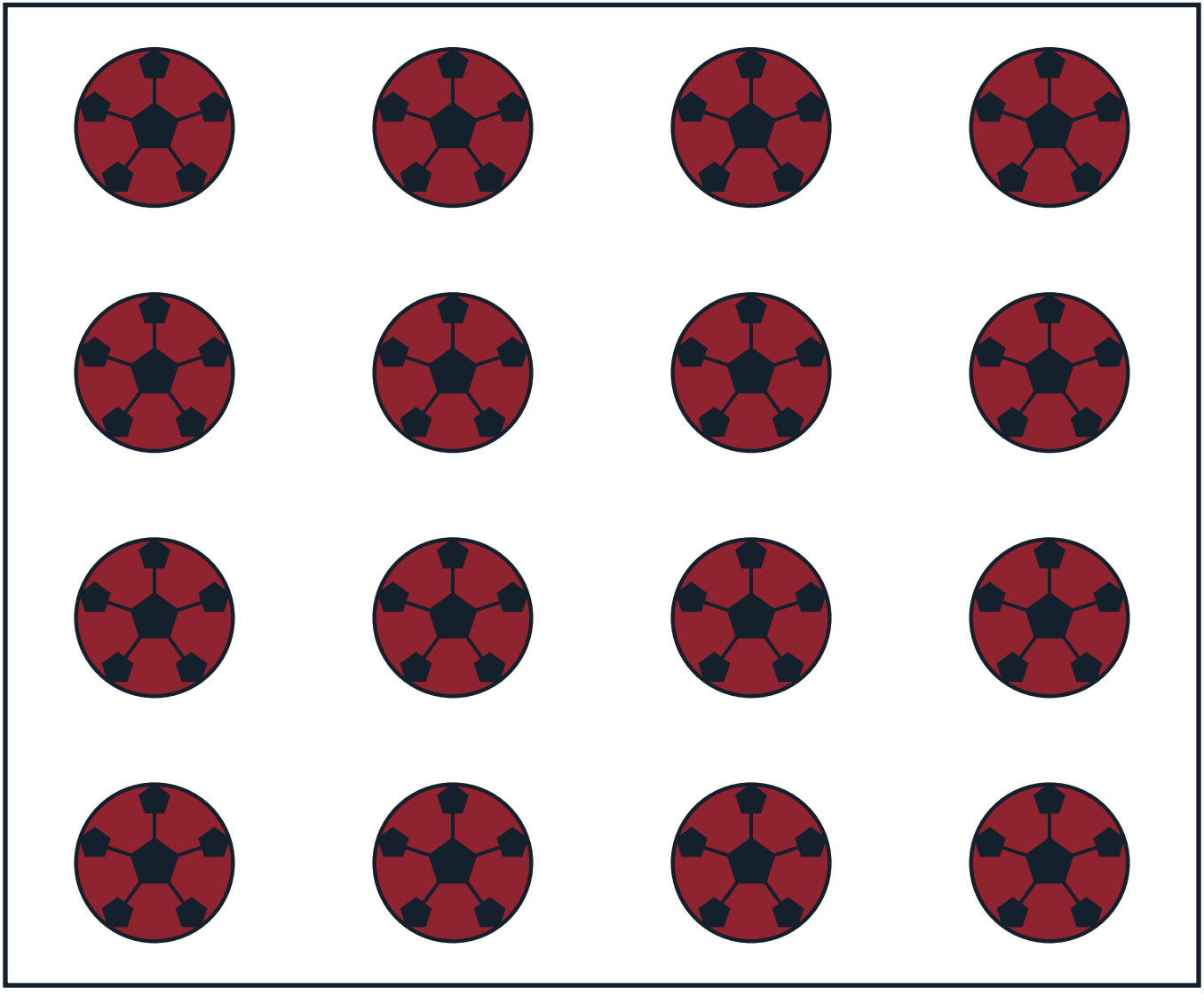
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade





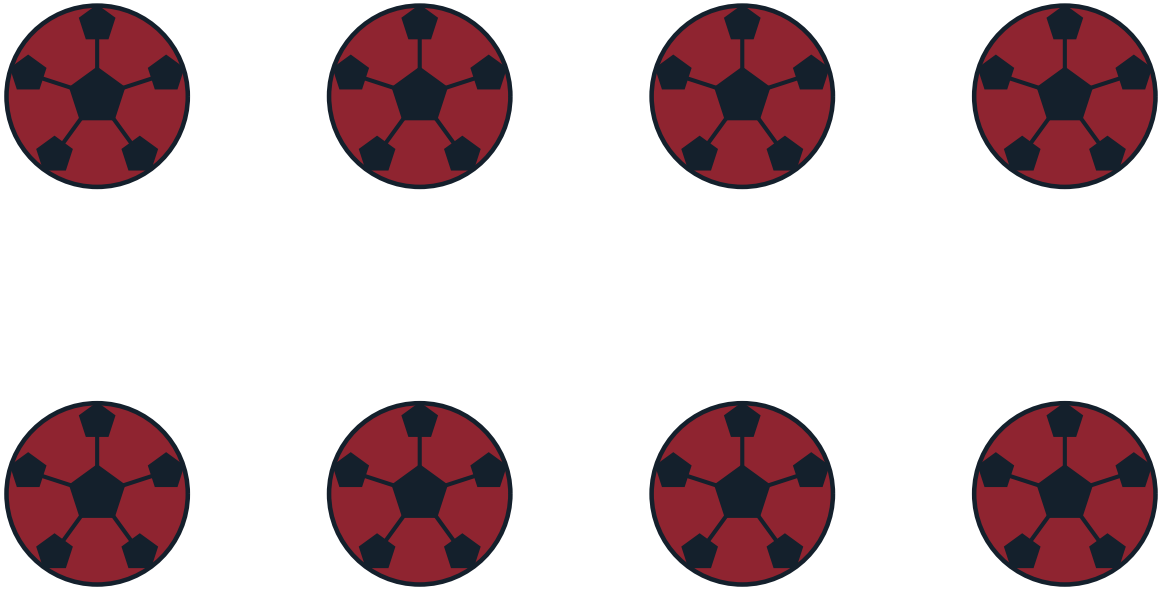
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



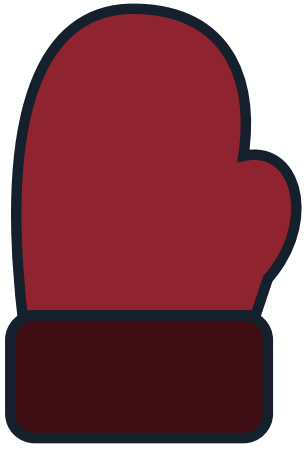
Count the Balls!



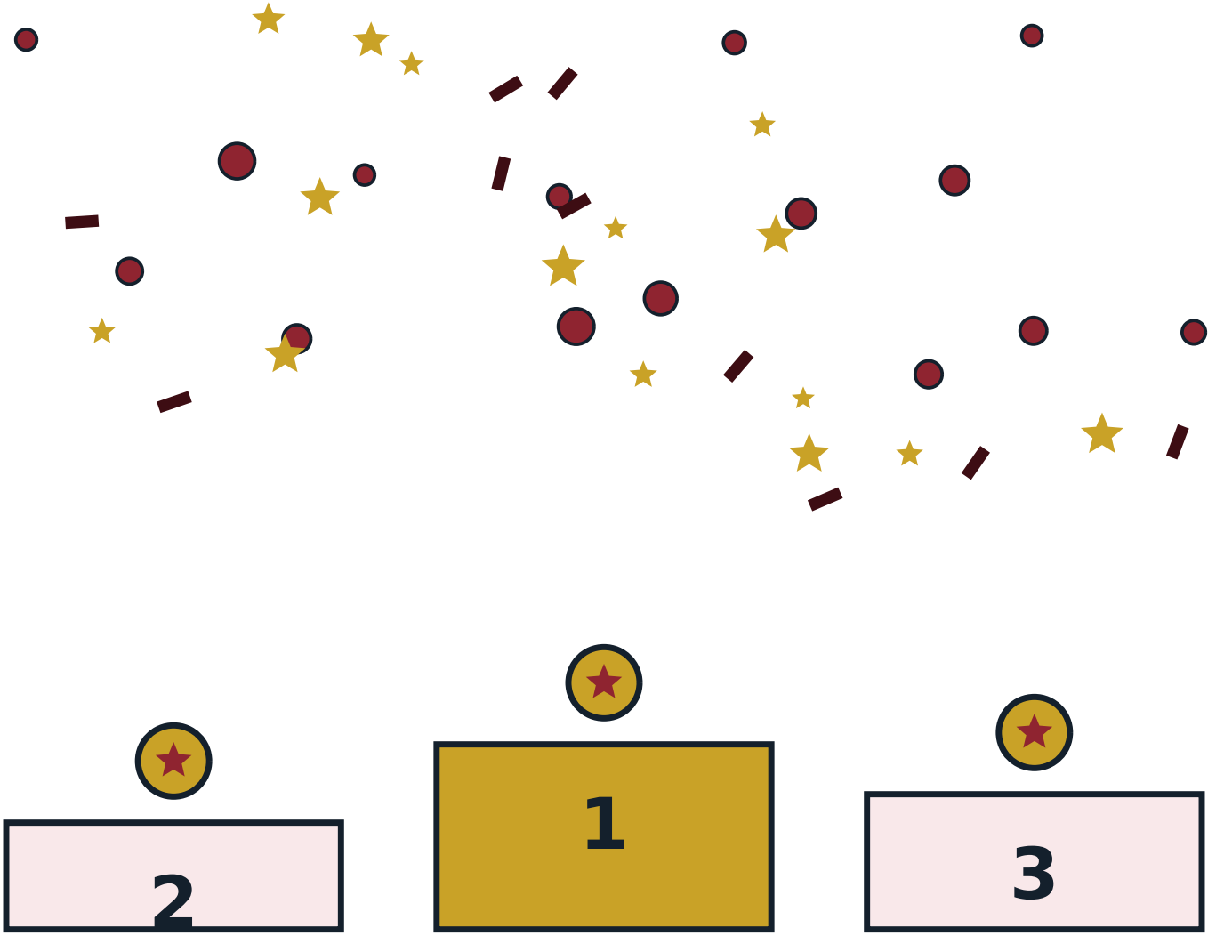
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Judo

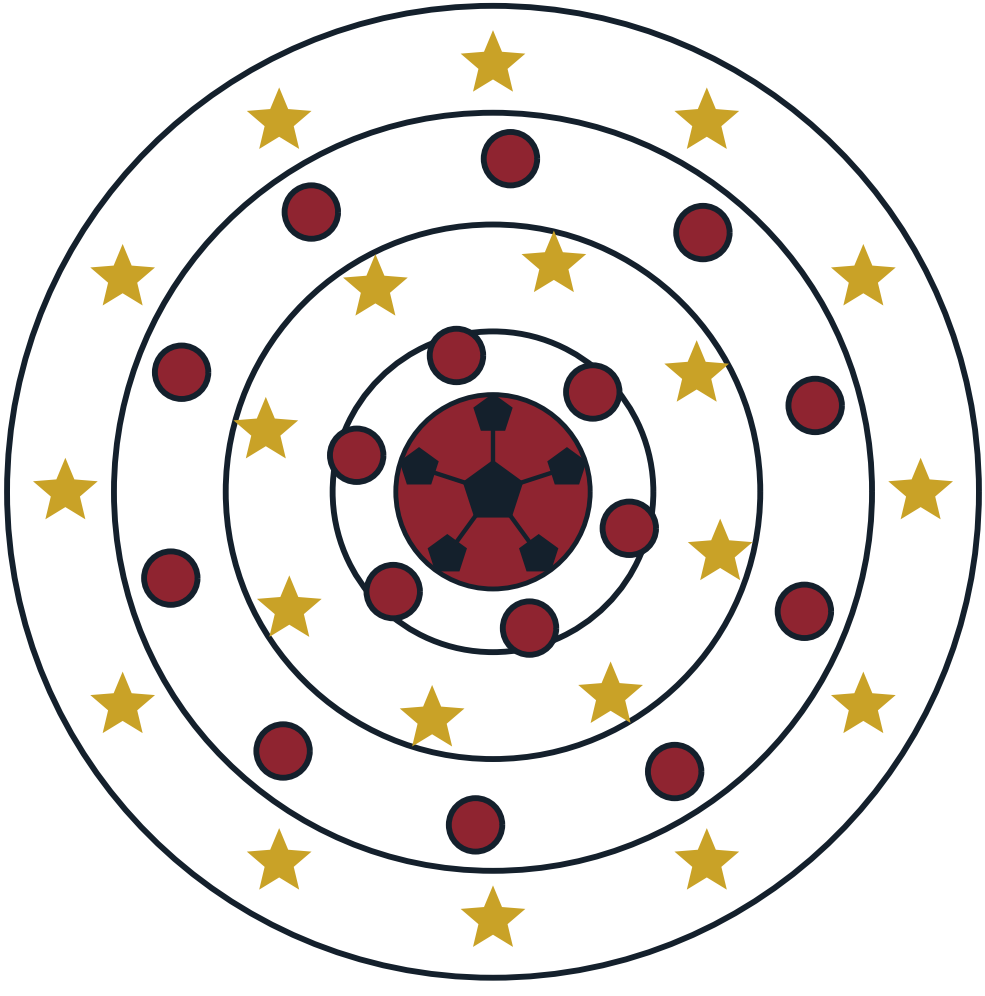
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Rule-change history: IJF rule-change records (2009–2013 leg-grab prohibition; 2017 and 2022–25 cycle revisions).. 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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