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# KARATE COMBAT




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# Meet Karate Combat!

Pro full-contact karate in a sloped pit.



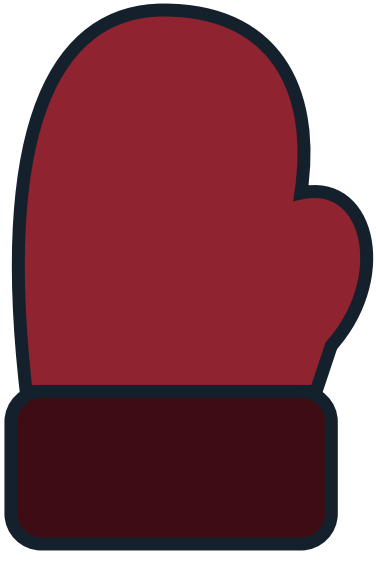
# Where It Is Played

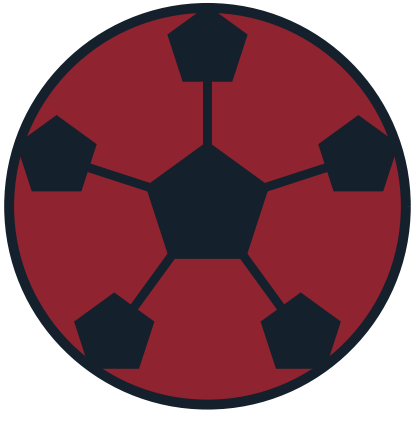
The Karate Combat Pit, a 6.5 m x 6.5 m square fighting area surrounded by 45-degree angled walls, with a platform beside it for seconds and commission inspectors.



# The Gear

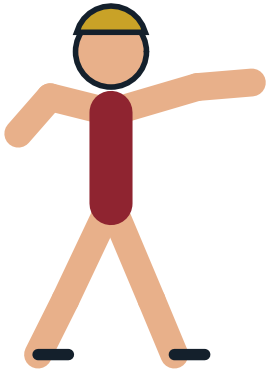
4 oz mitts, mouthpiece, groin protector (men), approved karate belt and official long karate trousers; no shoes.





# How It Starts

Beginners start in traditional karate training (Karate Combat fighters come from styles such as Shotokan, Kyokushin, Shito-ryu and Wado-ryu) and reach the Pit only as signed professional fighters under a commission.



# How to Play

- Format: each contest is 3 rounds of 3 minutes with a 1-minute rest between rounds; championship fights may add 2 further rounds.
- Format: single matches are between well-matched fighters in the same weight division, contested in the specially designed Karate Combat Pit.
- Scoring: three judges around the Pit score with a 10-point must system, evaluating effective striking, effective takedowns, control of the Pit, effective aggressiveness and defence, in that order of criteria as set out in the rules.
- Winning: a bout can end by knockout, referee stoppage (the referee is the sole arbiter authorised to stop a contest), concession — tapping continuously on the Pit or placing one knee down with a hand raised — or judges' decision.

# More of the Game

- Allowed techniques include named karate hand strikes (straight punch, back fist, ridge hand, roundhouse and hammer hand, spinning back fist) and karate foot techniques.
- Prohibited: wrestling, submissions and elbows are not permitted.
- Ground law: a grounded opponent may use upkicks while the standing opponent may use ground punches; after 5 seconds a grounded opponent is returned to a standing position by the referee.
- Equipment law: contestants wear 4 oz Karate Combat mitts, a mouthpiece and (for men) a groin protector; footwear is prohibited and male contestants fight in official karate trousers after entering in the official uniform.

# The Shape of a Match

Full-contact professional karate in a pit: 3 rounds of 3 minutes of striking and takedowns, scored on a 10-point must system by three judges, or finished early by knockout or stoppage.

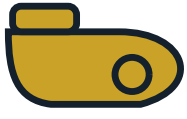


# More of the Combat Family

- Boxing — Two fighters trade punches in rounds, judged on points or ended by knockout or stoppage.
- Wrestling — Pin your opponent or score points through takedowns and holds.
- 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.
- Judo — Throws and holds, an Olympic sport.
- Taekwondo — Korean kicking art, an Olympic sport.

# A Note on the Rules

Karate Combat is a promotion with an authored code (founded 2018): full-contact karate bouts in a sloped 'pit' arena, with limited ground-and-pound against a downed opponent and karate scoring traditions adapted for professionals. It is a house code of one league, revised by the promotion as it grows. No historical law change is carried for Karate Combat.



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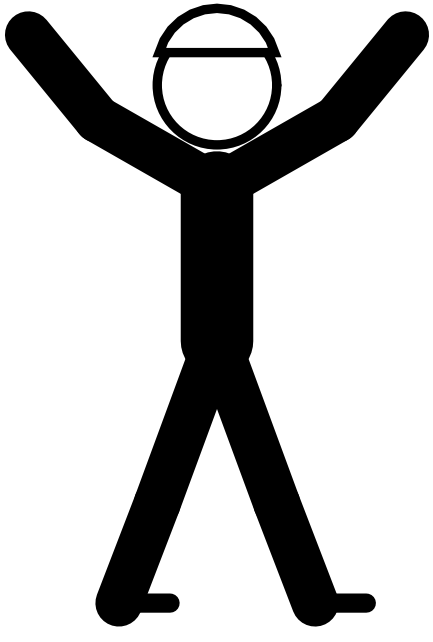

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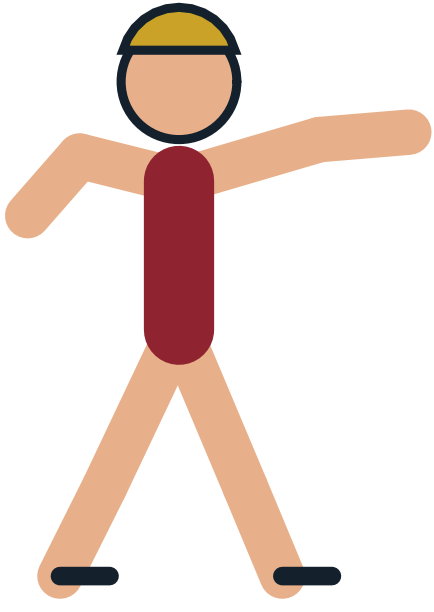
# The Sport Today



# At School and College



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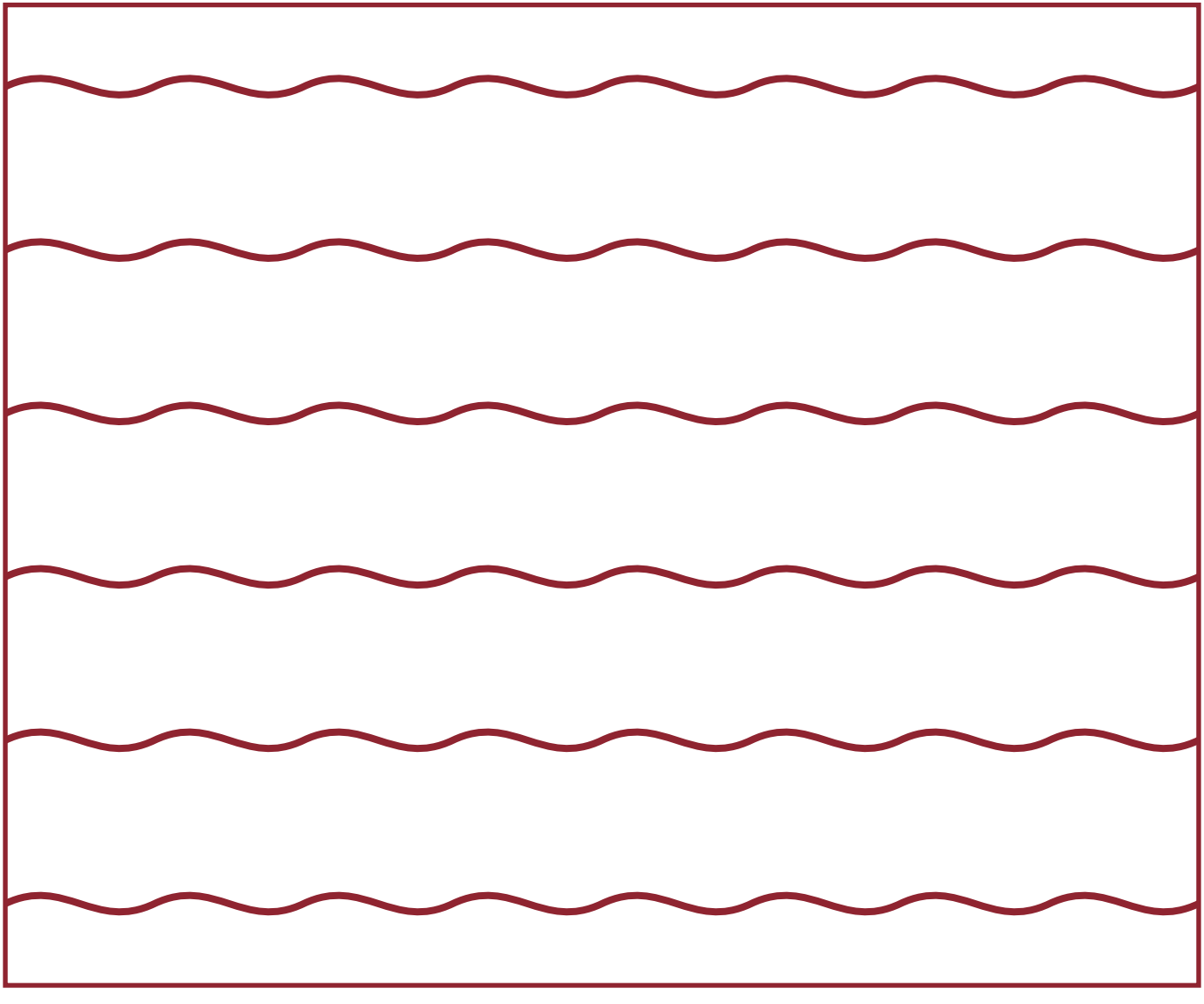

# Through the Year



# 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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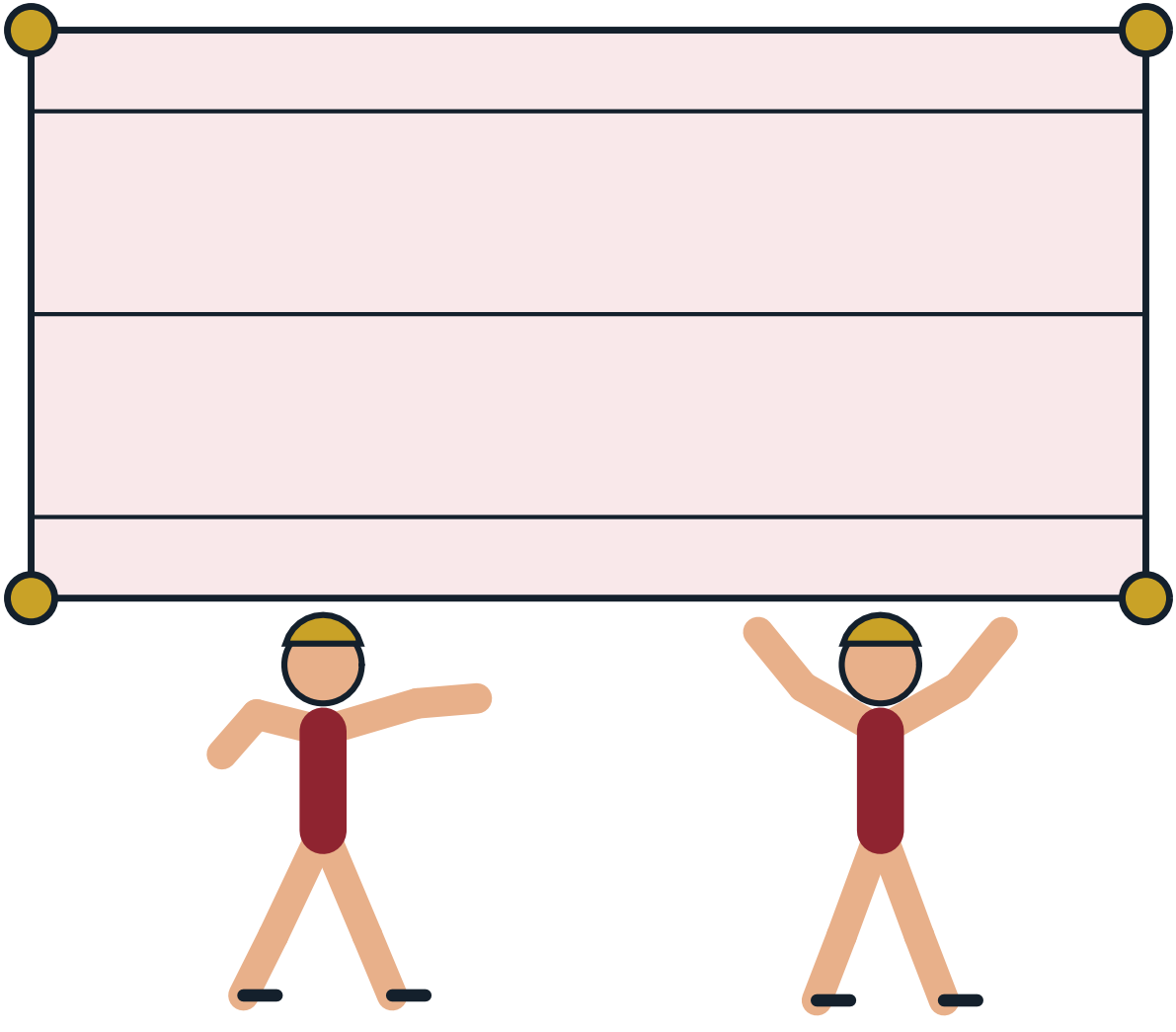
# Game Day!



# The Sport on Earth Mark

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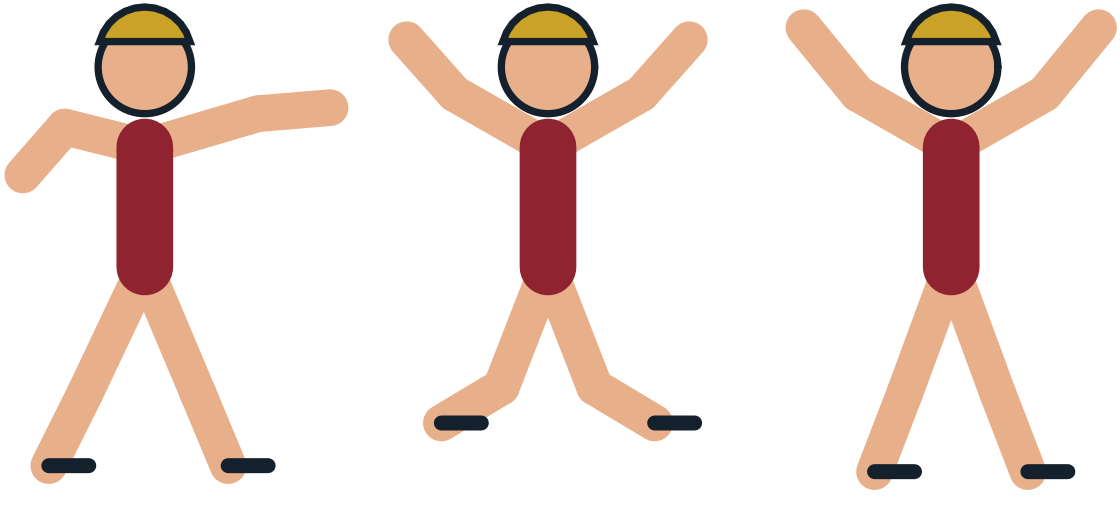
# Moves of the Game



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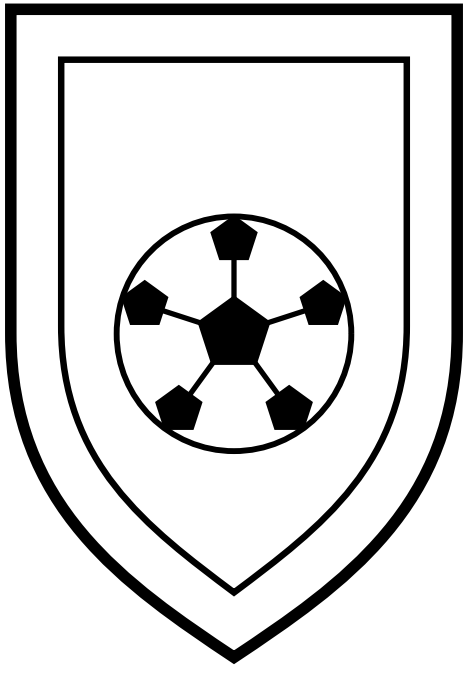
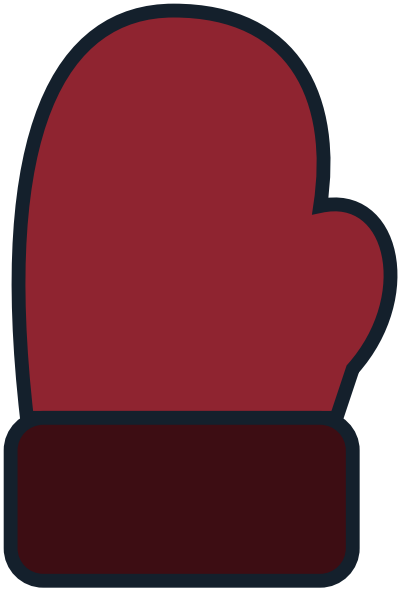
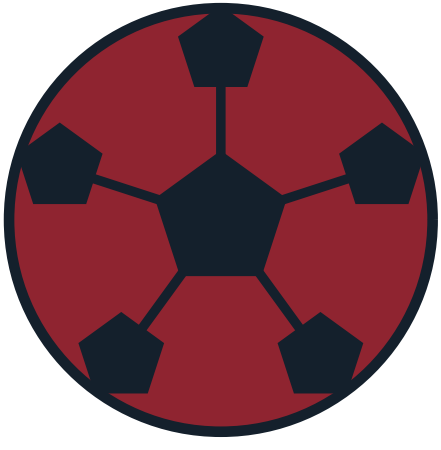


*Draw and colour a badge for your own team.*

# The Gear Parade





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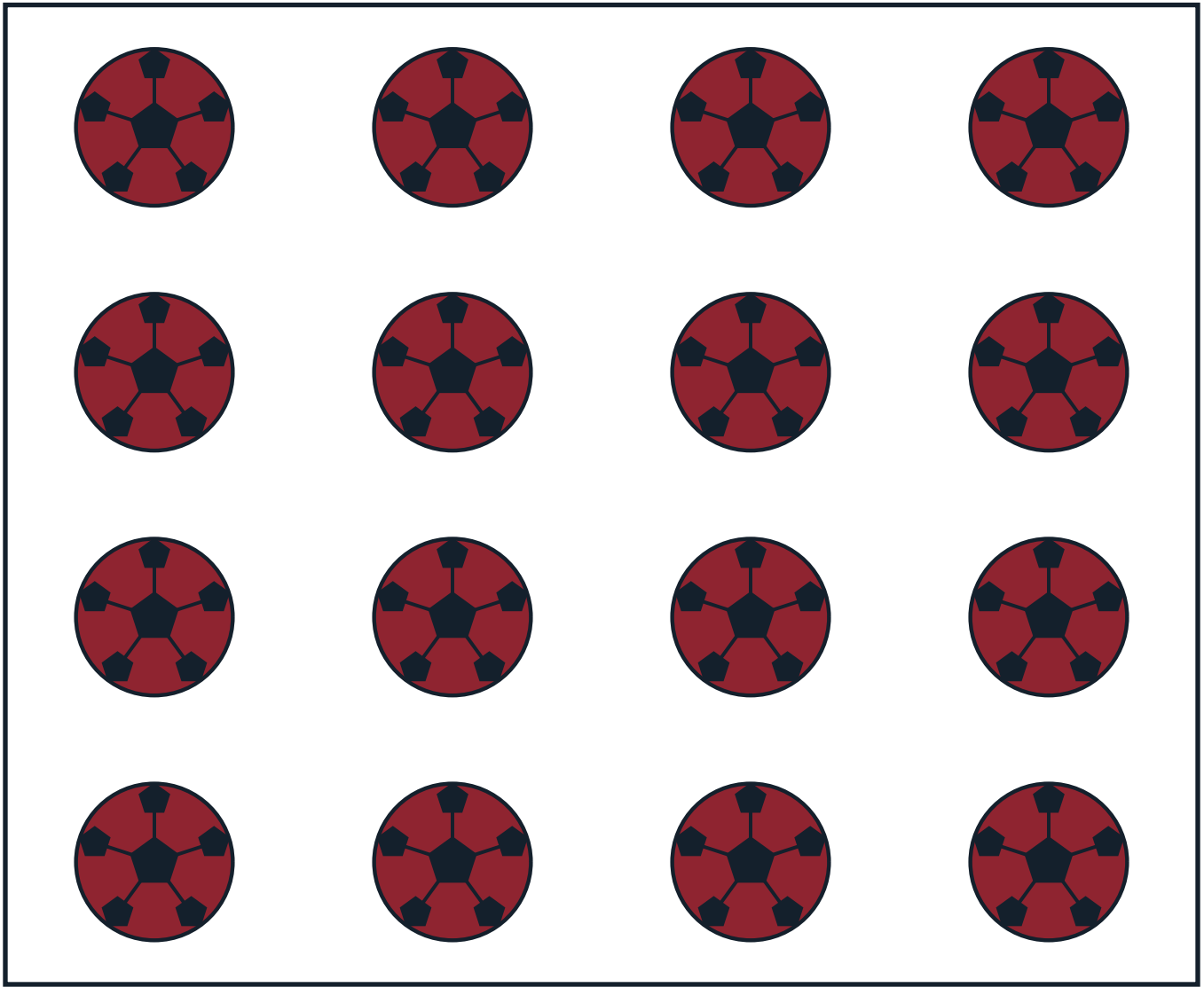
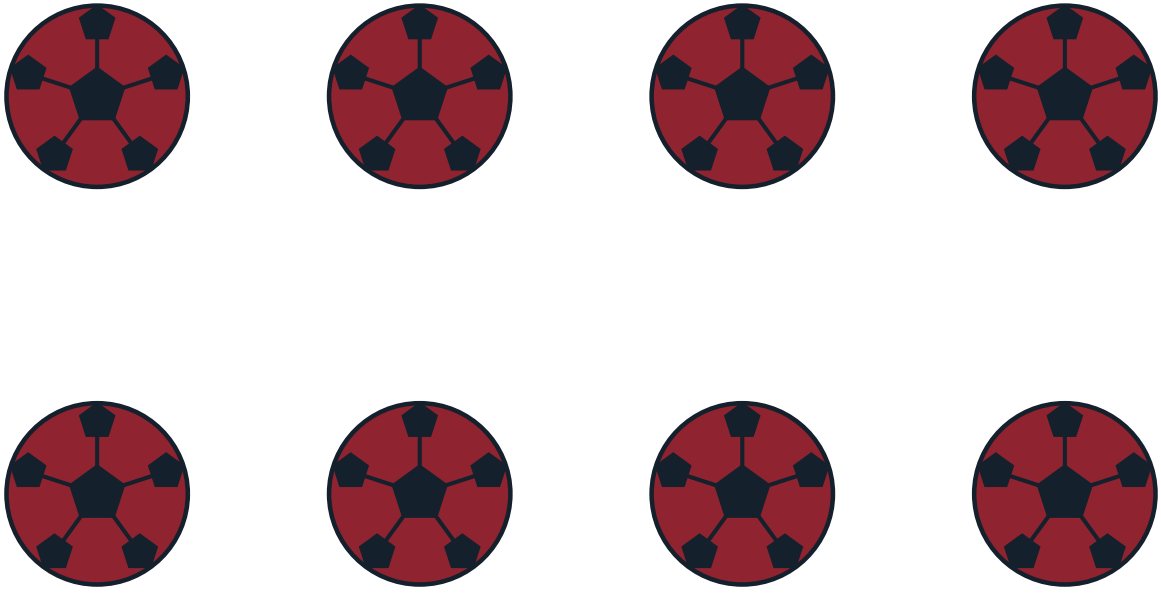


# The Arena From Above



# Count the Balls!



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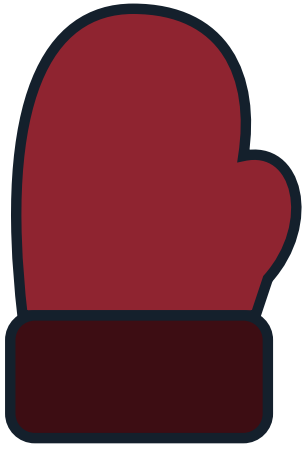
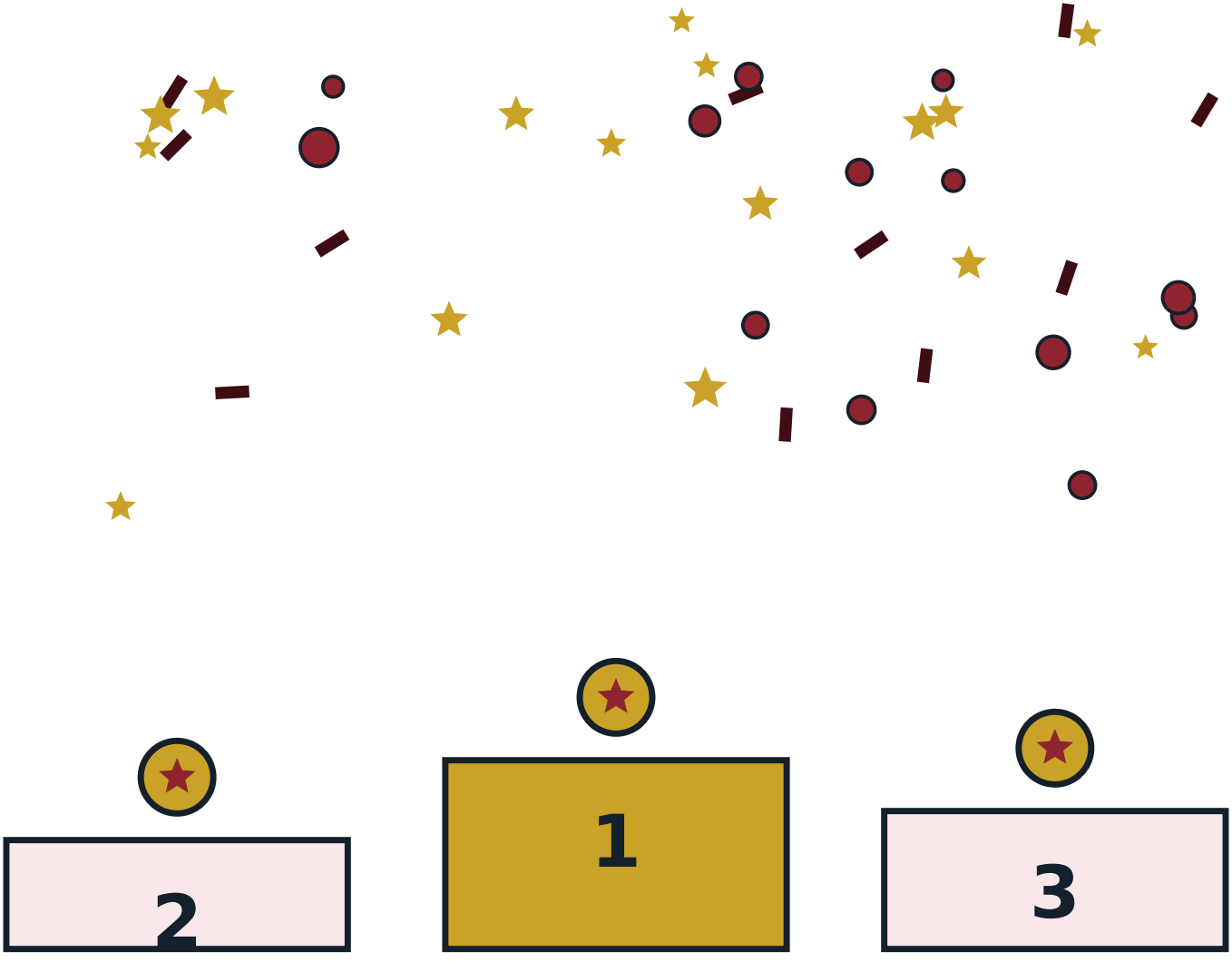
# My Favourite Part of Karate Combat

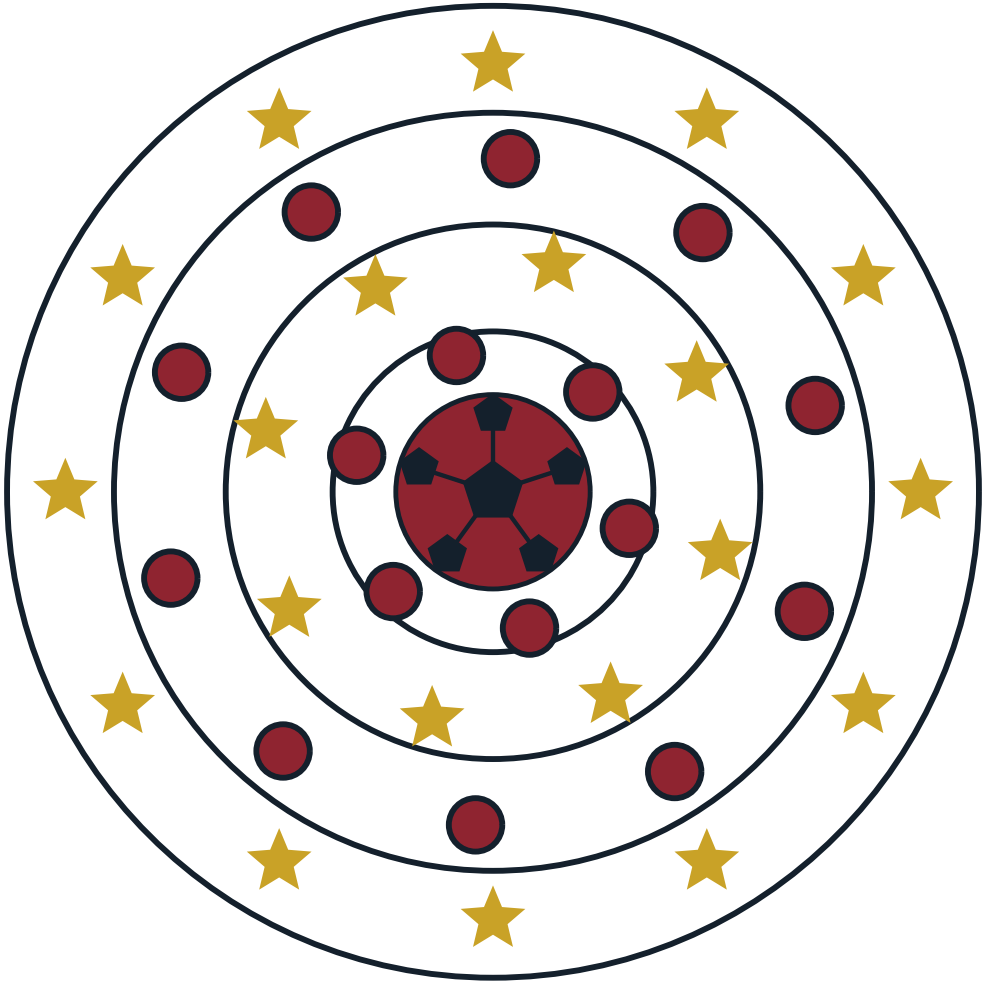
# Gear Close-Up



# Champions!



# The Mandala of the Game



# About This Book

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# My Notes

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