THE CARTOON BOOK OF

CHESS BOXING



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Meet Chess Boxing!

Alternating rounds of boxing and speed chess.



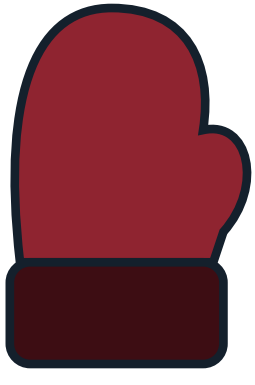
Where It Is Played

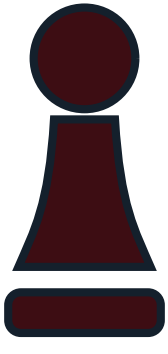
A standard boxing ring, with the chess table placed in the ring between boxing rounds; the published rules fix the ring and board set-up but no chessboxing-specific ring dimensions.



The Gear

Chess board, pieces and chess clock set on a table in the ring; boxing gloves, hand wraps, mouthguard and standard boxing attire, removed and replaced during the 1-minute changeovers (headphones are worn over the board in classic WCBO presentation).

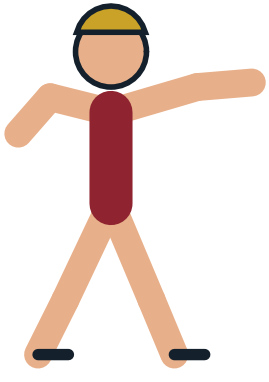






How It Starts

Beginners need both sports first: join a chess club to build a blitz rating and a boxing gym for amateur experience, then enter through a chessboxing club or promoter that runs WCBO-format novice bouts.



How to Play

- Format: a match is 11 alternating rounds — 6 rounds of chess and 5 rounds of boxing — starting and ending with chess, with 1-minute breaks to change between gloves and pieces.
- Format: chess rounds last 3 minutes and boxing rounds last 3 minutes under WCBO rules; each player has a total of 9 minutes on the chess clock for the whole game (some published versions use 12 minutes).
- Winning in chess: by checkmate, by the opponent resigning, or by the opponent exceeding their total chess time control.
- Winning in boxing: by knockout or technical knockout, referee stoppage, or the opponent resigning in a boxing round.

More of the Game

- Decision: if the chess game ends in a draw and there is no knockout, the fighter ahead on boxing points wins; if boxing points are also tied, the fighter who played the black chess pieces wins, compensating for White's first-move advantage.
- Stalling law: a player who does not make a move in a chess round is warned by the referee and must move within 10 seconds; continued inactivity can lead to disqualification.
- The chess is played to standard (FIDE) chess rules as speed/blitz chess, and the boxing rounds are fought under standard boxing rules in weight classes.
- Eligibility in the WCBO tradition requires proven skill in both disciplines — competitors were required to have substantial amateur boxing experience and a chess rating (reported WCBO standard: Elo at least 1600).

The Shape of a Match

A hybrid duel in a boxing ring: alternate 3-minute rounds of blitz chess at a board in the ring and 3-minute rounds of boxing, for up to 11 rounds, and win by checkmate or knockout, whichever comes first.

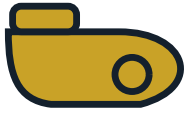


More of the Combat Family

- 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

Chess boxing is governed by the World ChessBoxing Organisation under an authored code (devised by Iepe Rubingh; first world championship 2003): alternating rounds of speed chess and boxing, won by checkmate, knockout, or judges' decision across both halves. The code is young, authored, and stable. No major documented rule change is carried for chess boxing.



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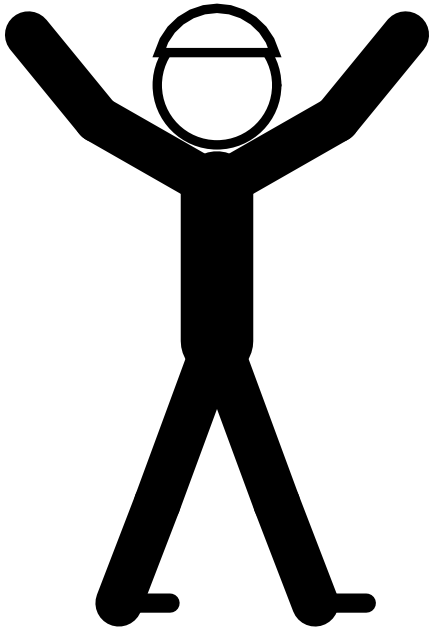

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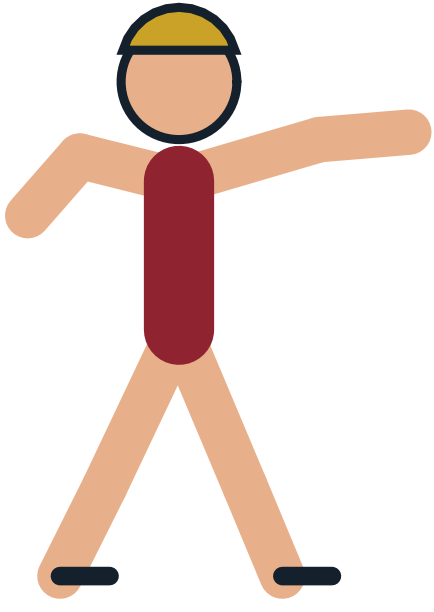
At School and College



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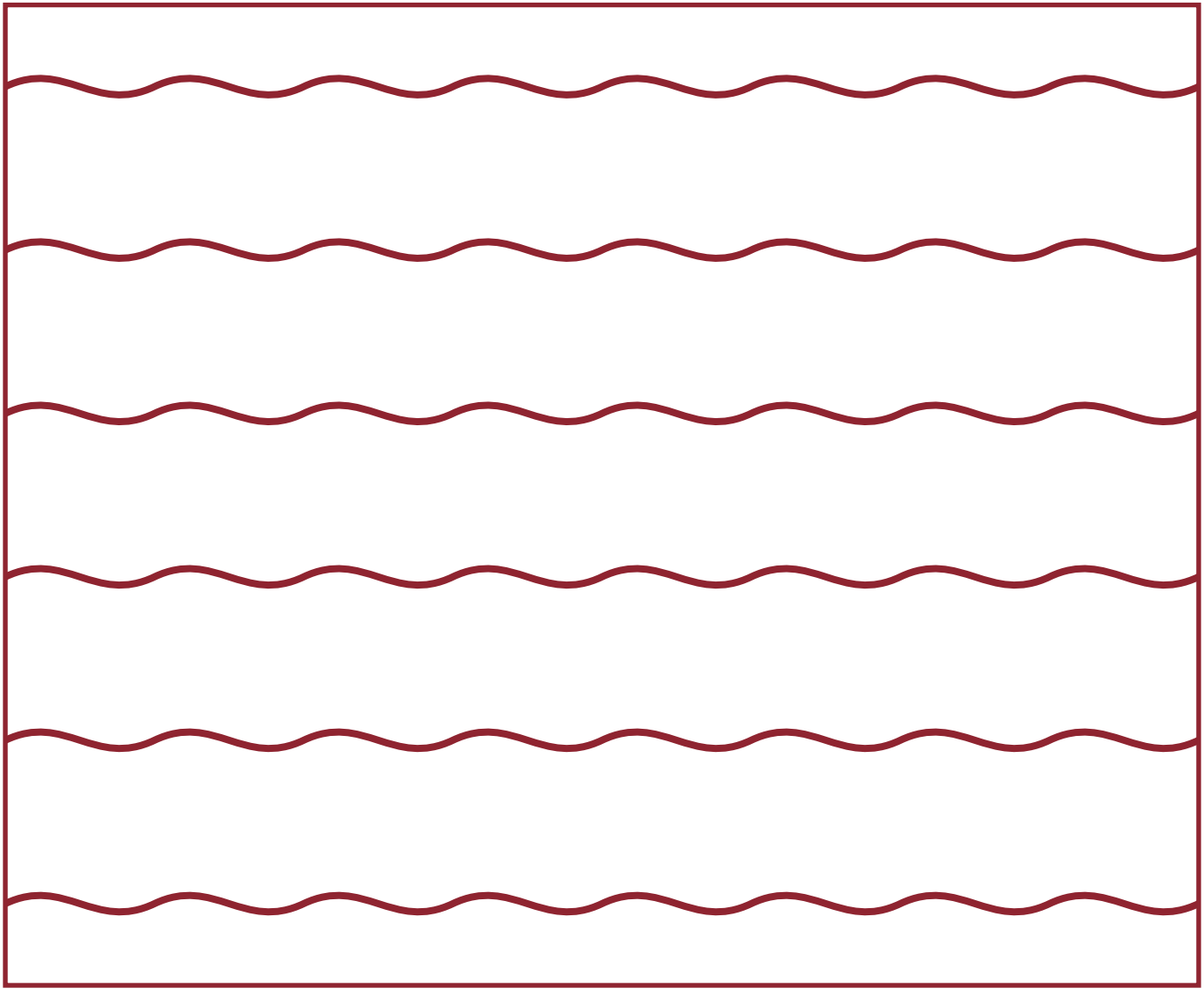

Through the Year



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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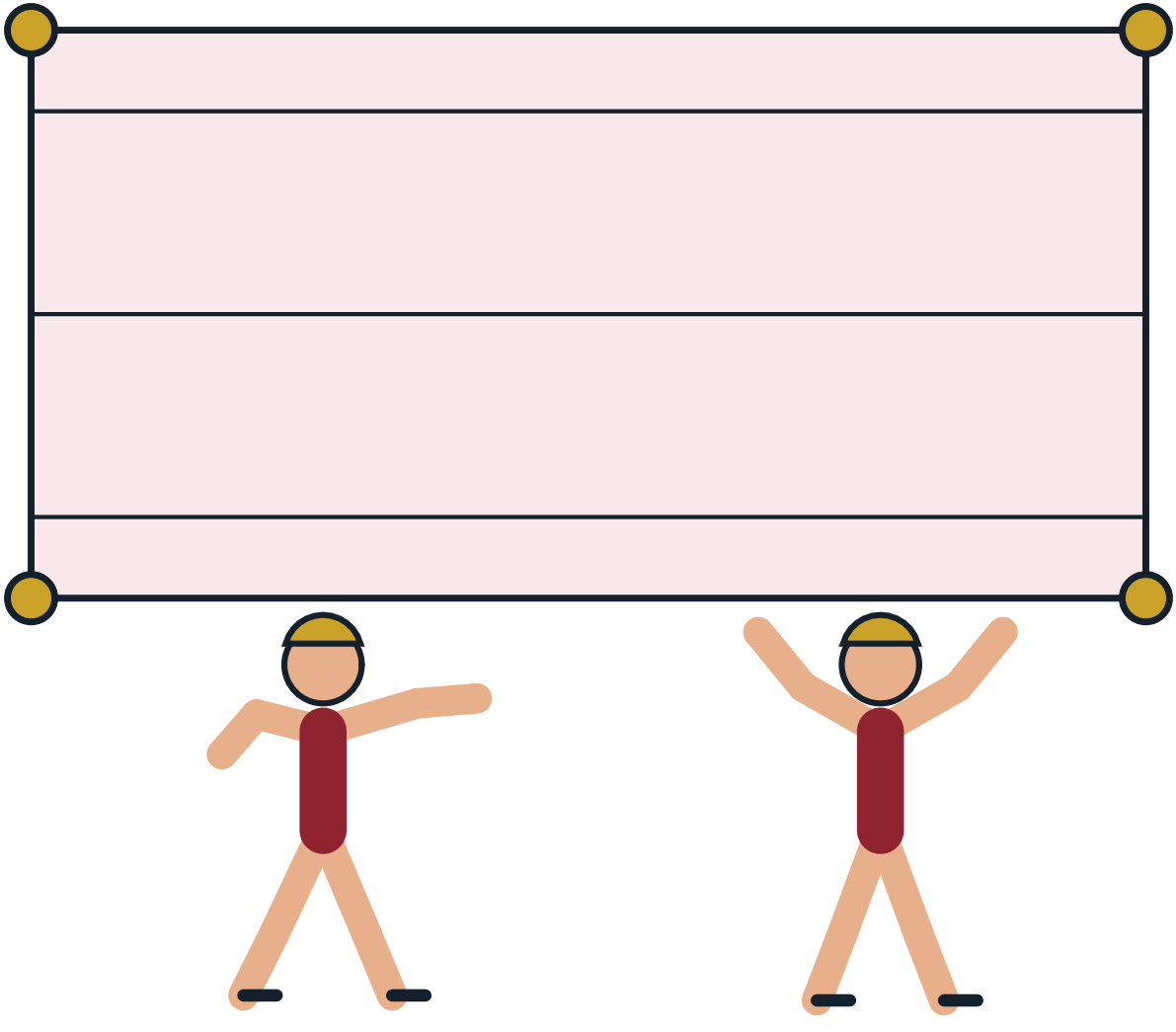
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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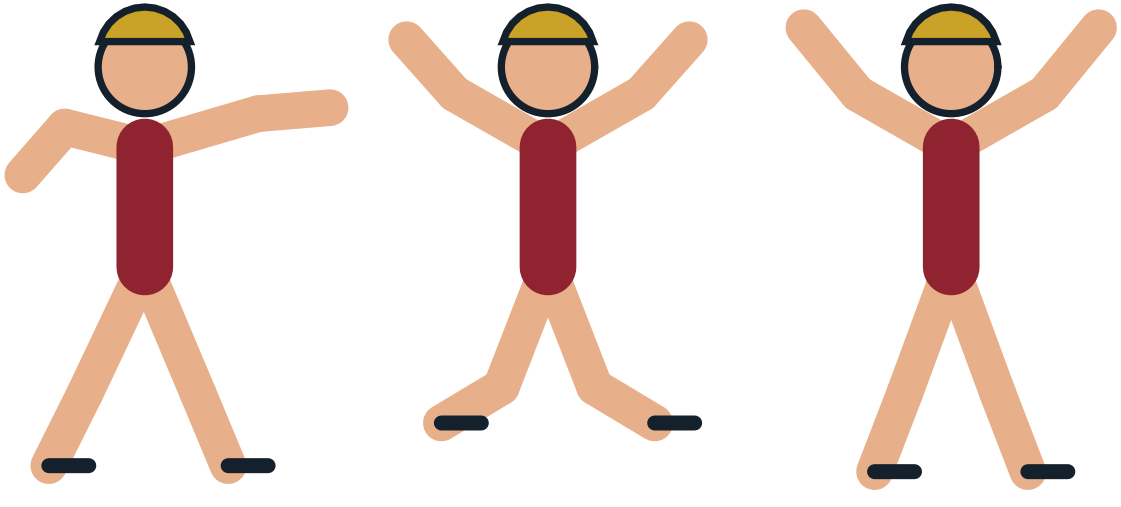
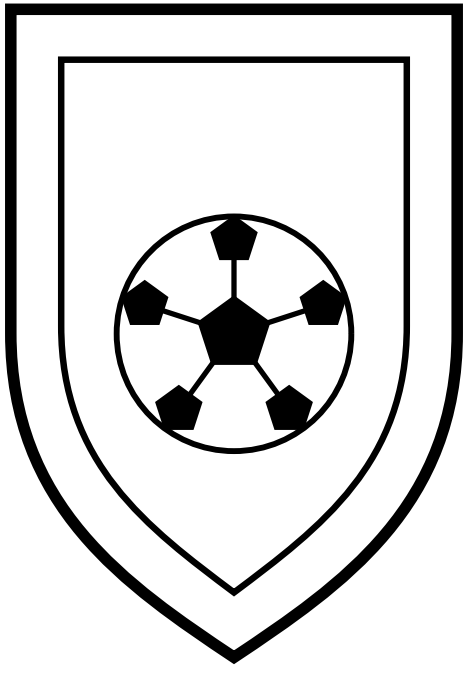
Moves of the Game

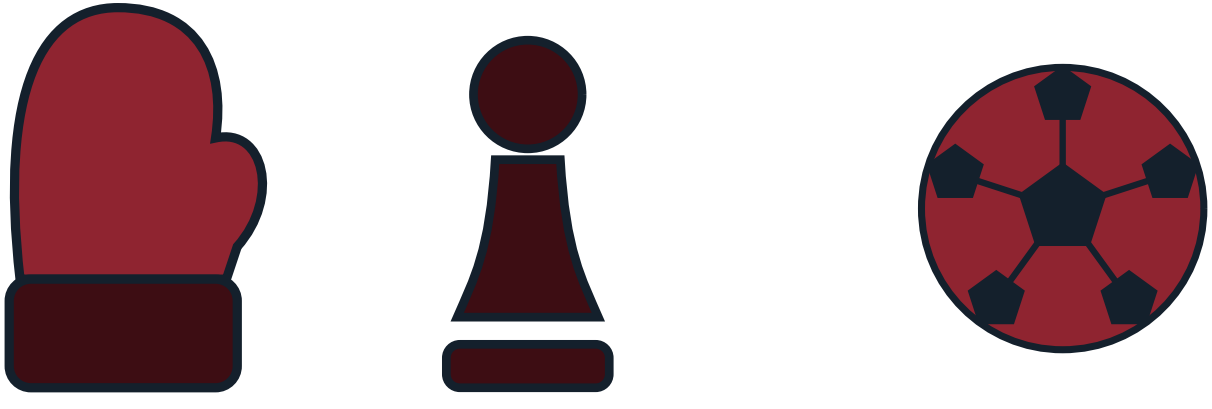


Design a Badge



Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade



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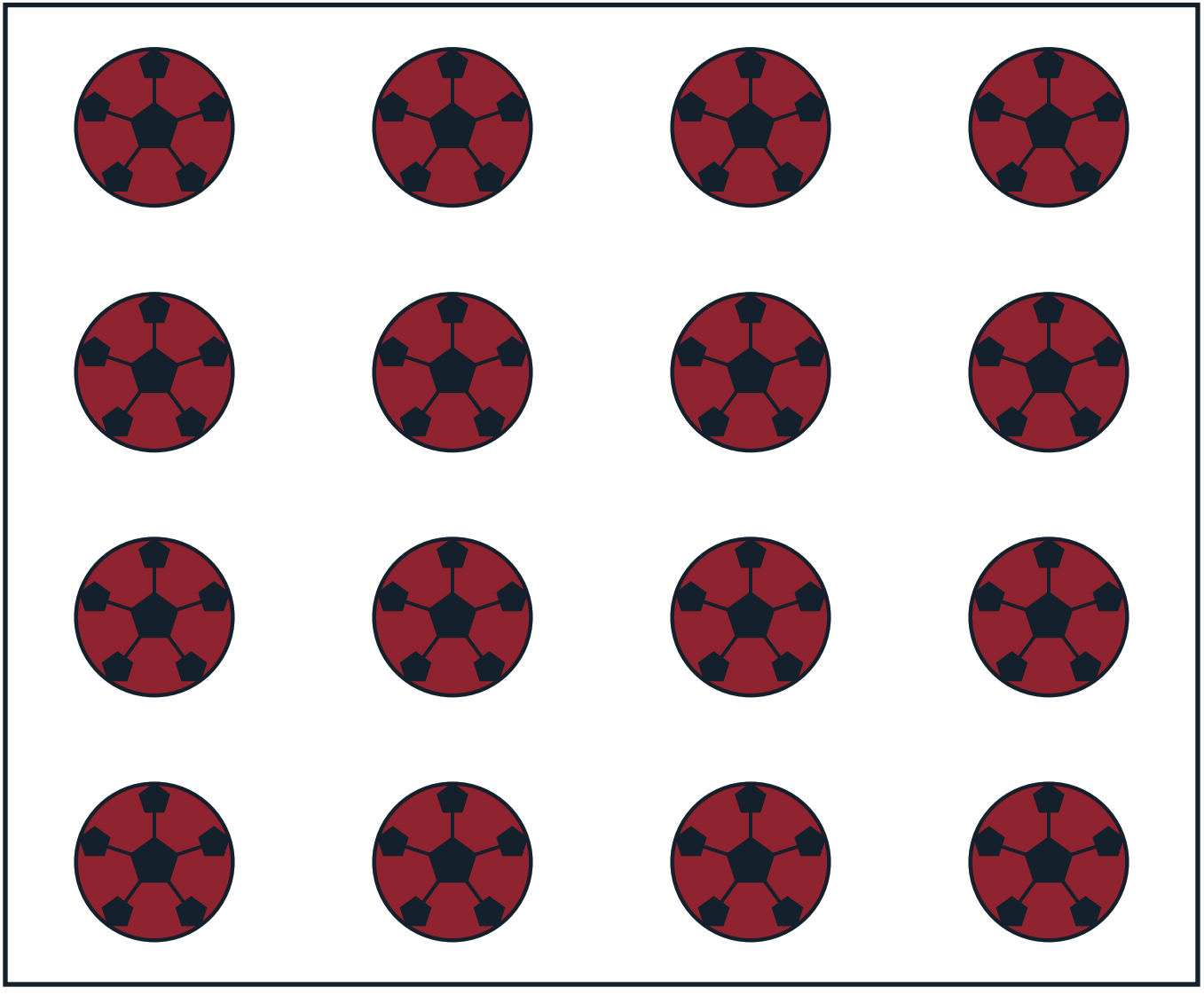
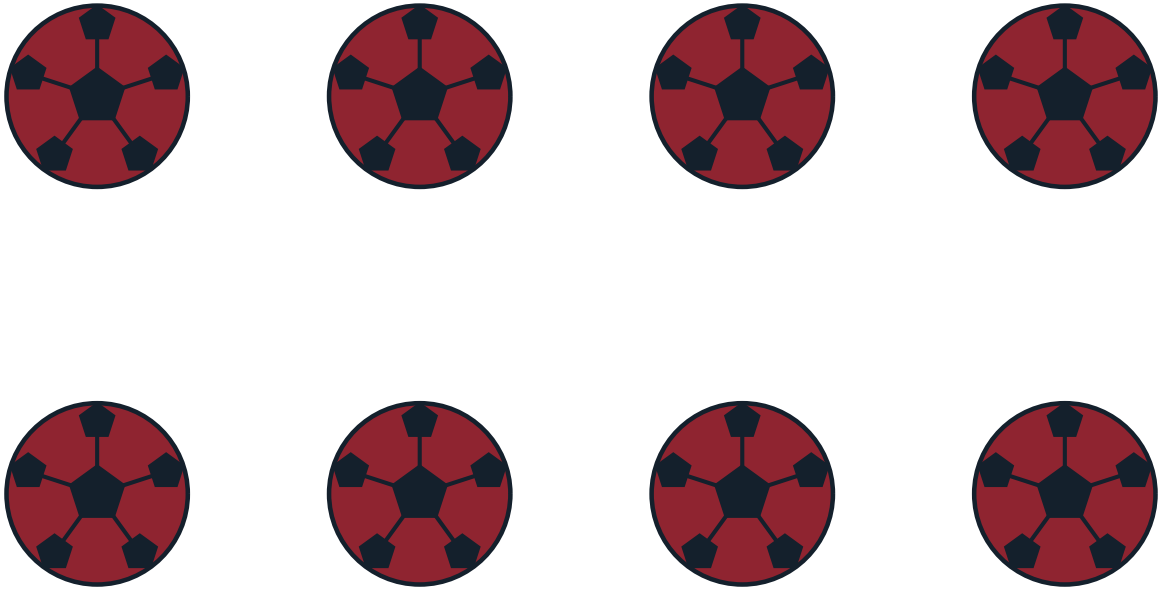


The Arena From Above



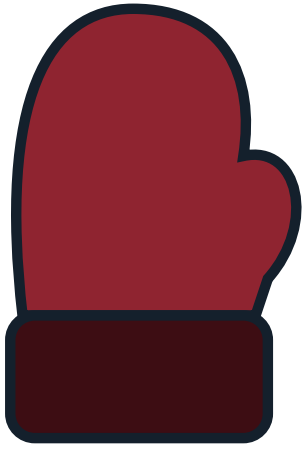
Count the Balls!



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

My Favourite Part of Chess Boxing

Gear Close-Up



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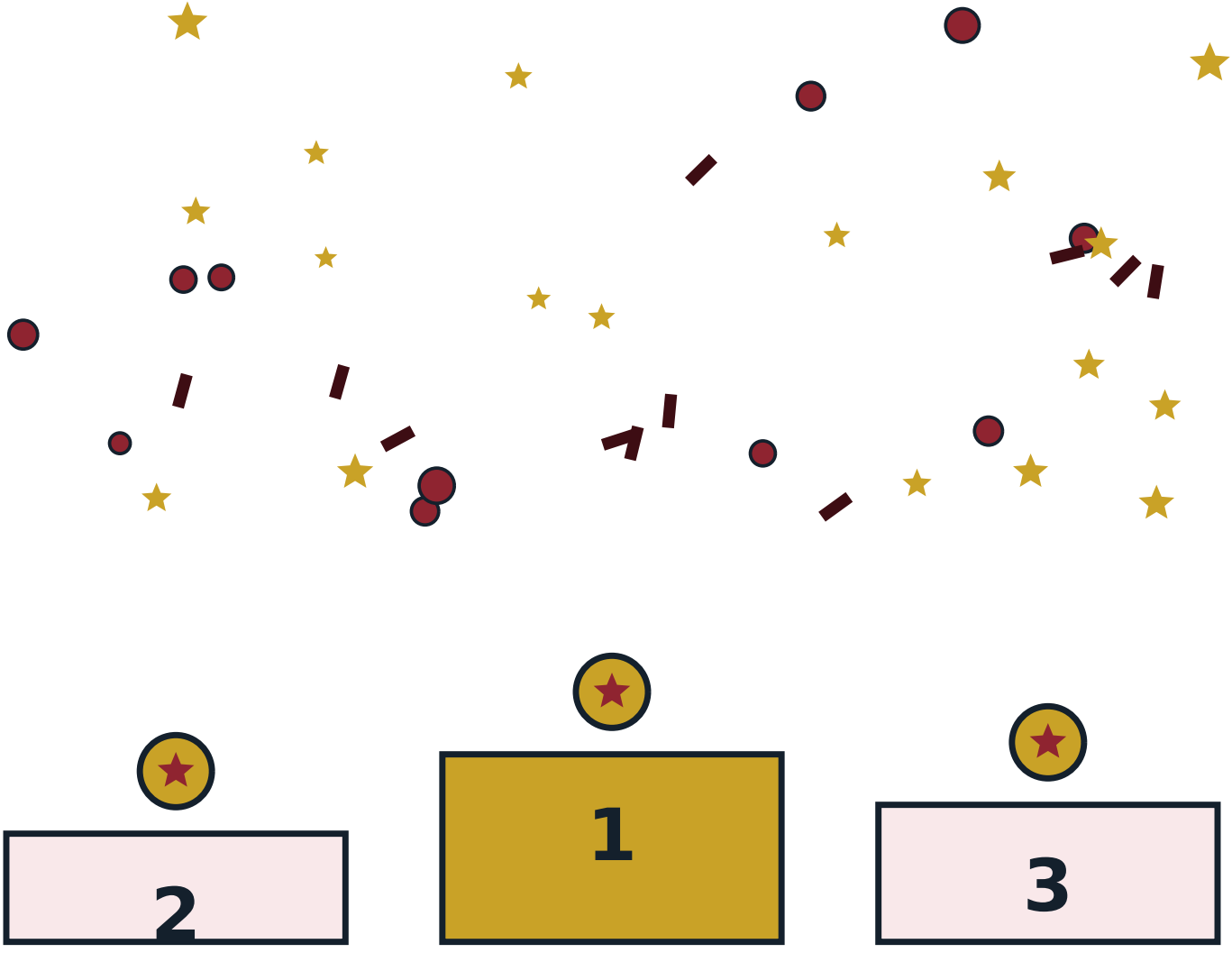

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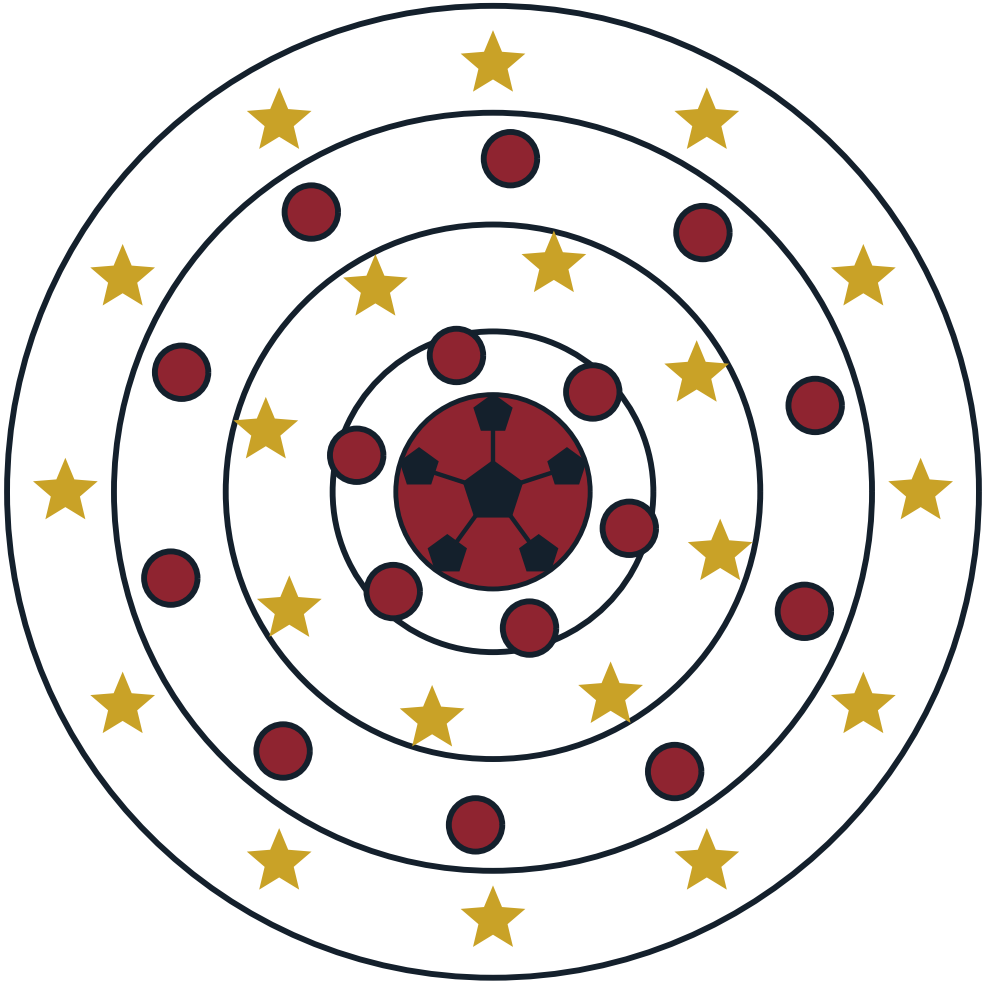

About This Book

Governing body: No single governing body — founded under the World Chess Boxing Organisation (WCBO, Berlin, 2003); later bodies include ChessBoxing Global and the World Chess Boxing Association. Laws edition the site's rules file follows: WCBO chessboxing rules as published by the WCBO and summarised by World Chess (FIDE's commercial partner). 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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