THE CARTOON BOOK OF

BEACH SOCCER



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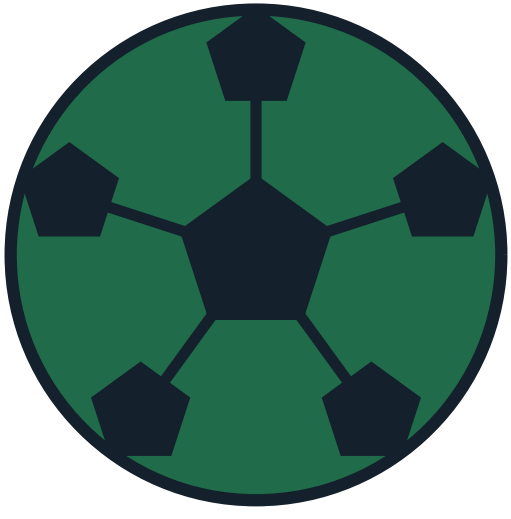
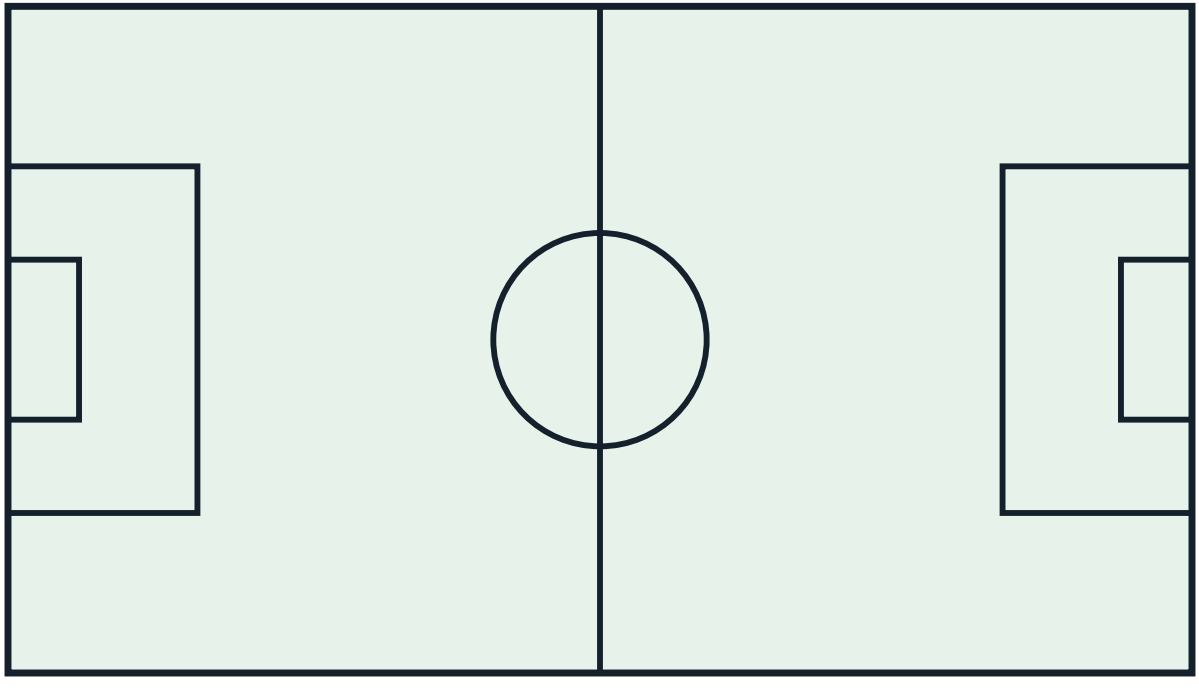
Meet Beach Soccer!

Small-sided football on sand with bicycle kicks.



Where It Is Played

A sand pitch 35-37 m long and 26-28 m wide, covered in sand to a depth of at least 40 cm, with a penalty area marked nine metres from each goal line.



The Gear

A beach soccer ball of 68-70 cm circumference weighing 400-440 g, goals 5.5 m wide and 2.2 m high, and a sand pitch.



How It Starts

Find a sand pitch and five players per side, play barefoot, and restart from the centre after each goal; remember you cannot score straight from kick-off.



How to Play

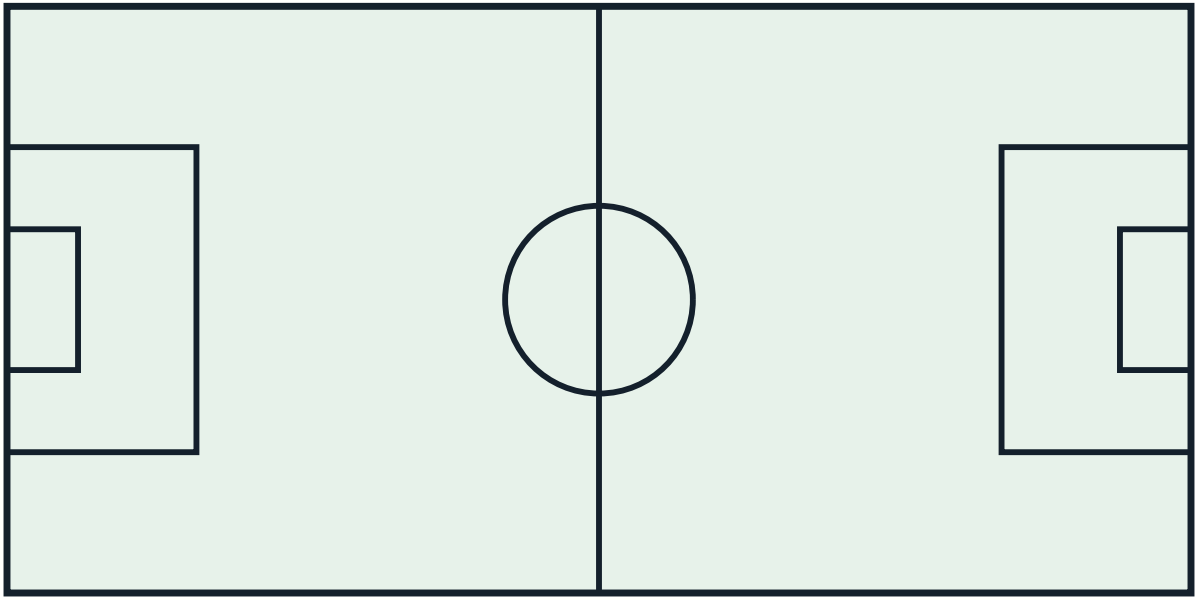
- Each team has five players on the pitch at the start — one goalkeeper and four outfield players — plus seven substitutes.
- Matches are divided into three 12-minute periods with a three-minute break between periods, and the clock pauses for goals, fouls and injuries.
- There is no limit on substitutions, and all changes, including the goalkeeper, can be made during open play from the team's substitution zone.
- A match cannot end in a draw: if tied, a three-minute extra-time period is played, then penalty kicks — five per team, then sudden death.

More of the Game

- There is no offside, and a goal cannot be scored directly from kick-off.
- Free-kicks are direct and no defensive wall is allowed; the kick must normally be taken by the fouled player, within four seconds of the whistle.
- Throw-ins or kick-ins restarting play from the touchline can be taken with either the hands or the foot.
- A sent-off player can be replaced by a substitute after two minutes of playing time have elapsed following the sending-off.

The Shape of a Match

Five-a-side football on sand over three 12-minute periods, with unlimited rolling substitutions and no draws — extra time and penalties decide tied games.



More of the Ball & goal Family

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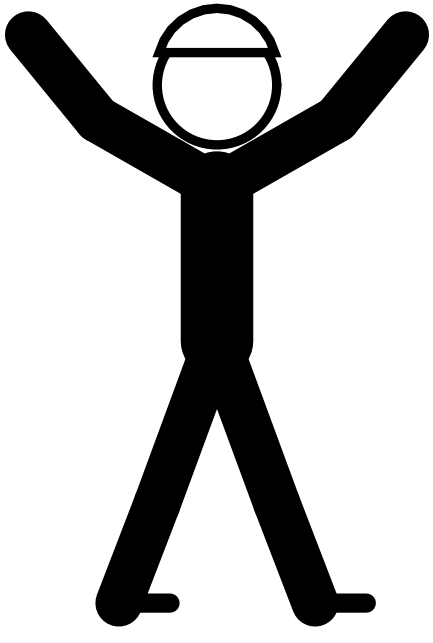
- Canadian Football — Twelve-a-side gridiron game with three downs, run by the CFL.

A Note on the Rules

Beach soccer is governed internationally by Beach Soccer Worldwide under FIFA's patronage (FIFA took the World Cup in 2005) under a code written for sand: five-a-side, three 12-minute periods, no draws (extra time then penalties), unlimited rolling substitutions, and throw-ins taken by hand or foot. The code was authored fresh in the 1990s and has been stable since FIFA-era standardisation. No major documented rule change is carried for beach soccer.



Colour the Action



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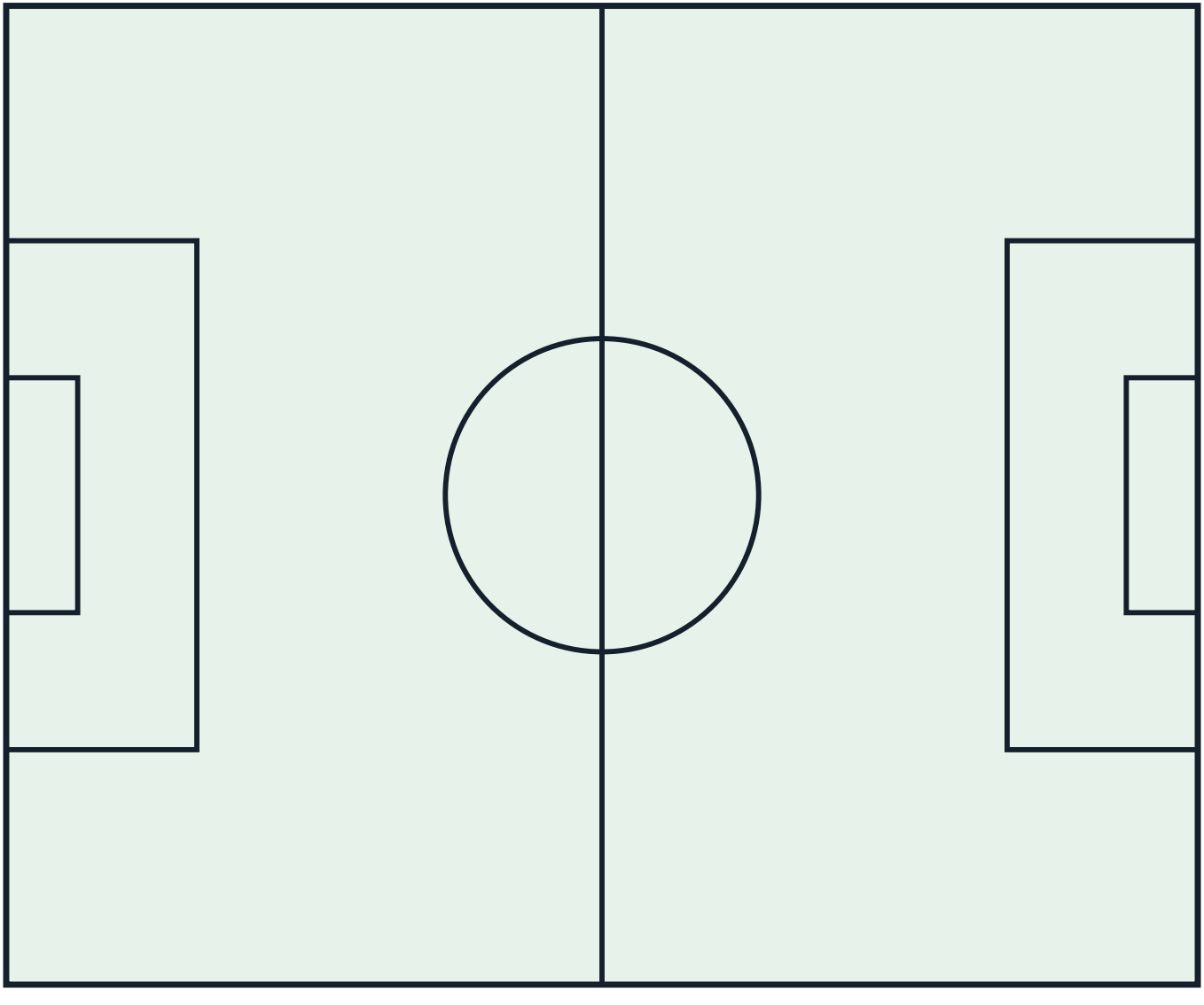
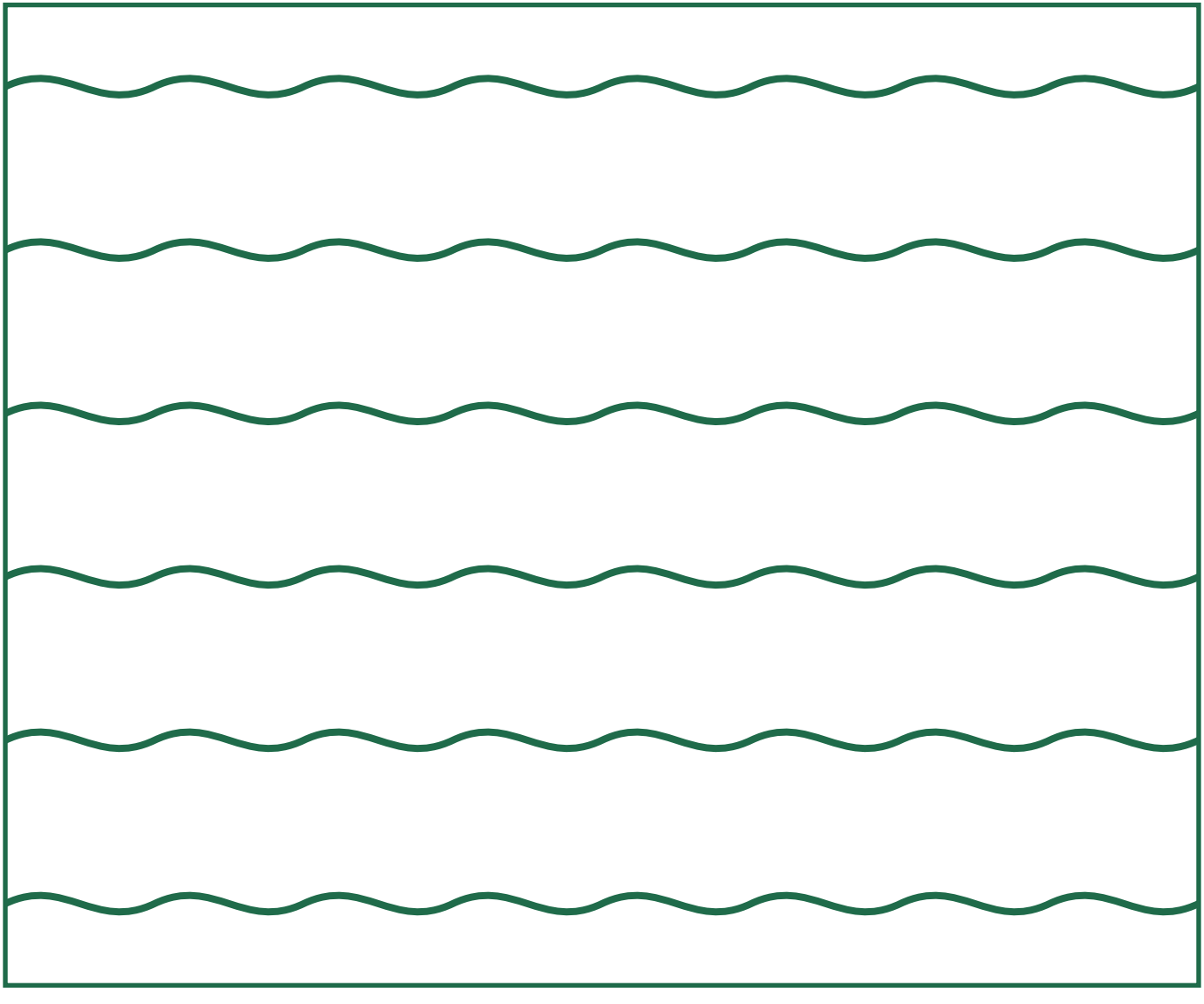
The Sport Today



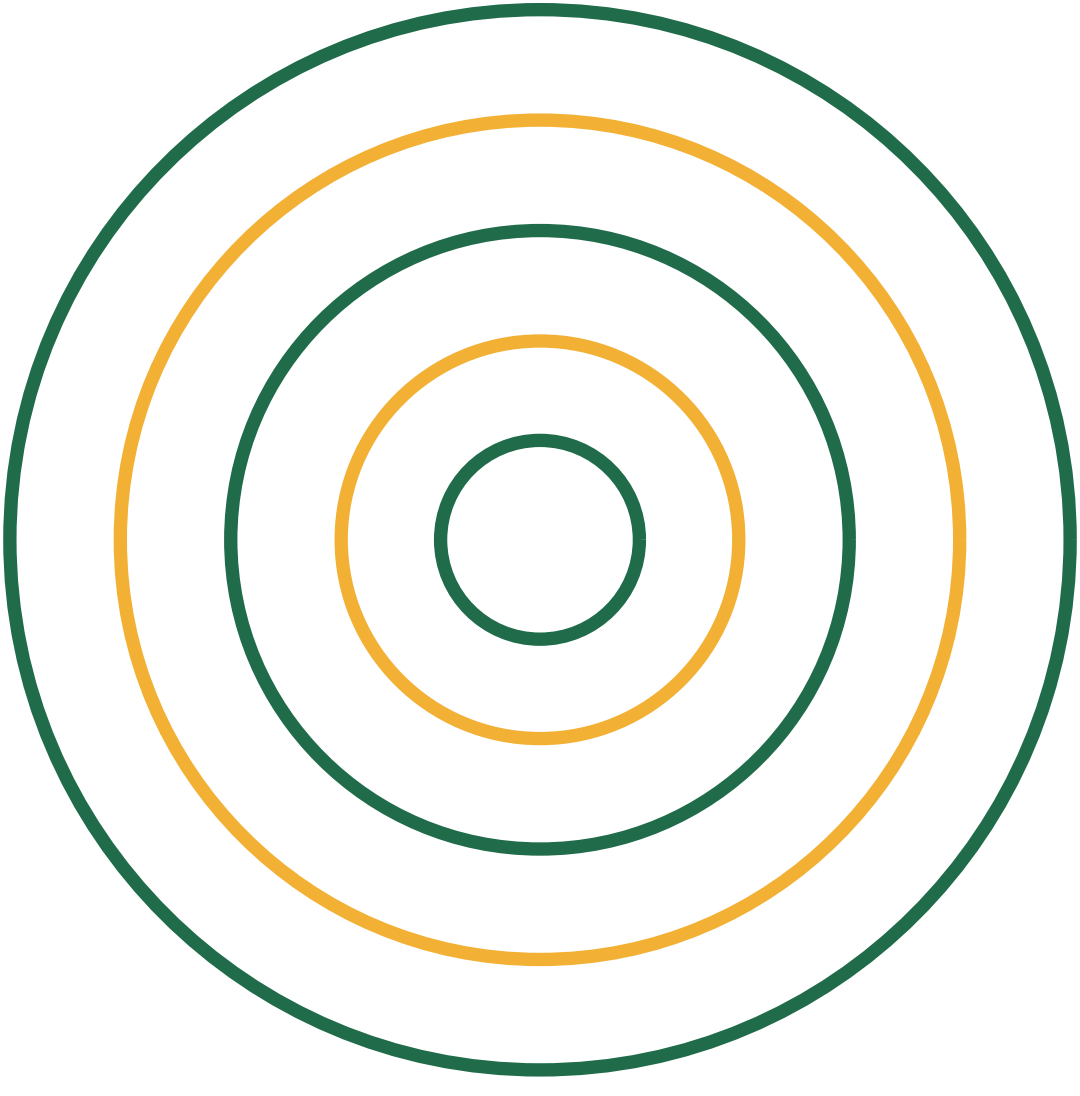
At School and College



Play It Near You



Through the Year



The Ball & goal 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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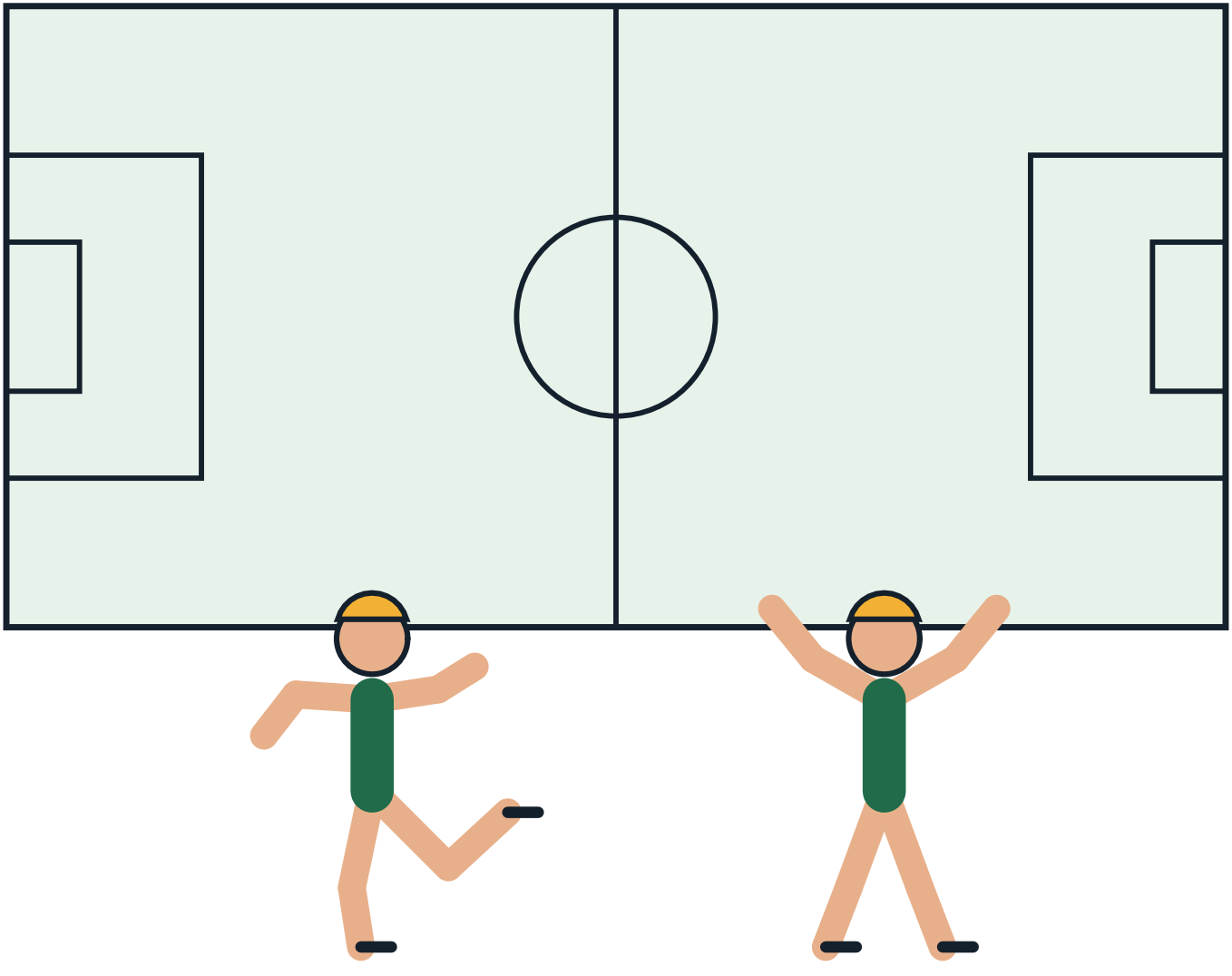
Game Day!



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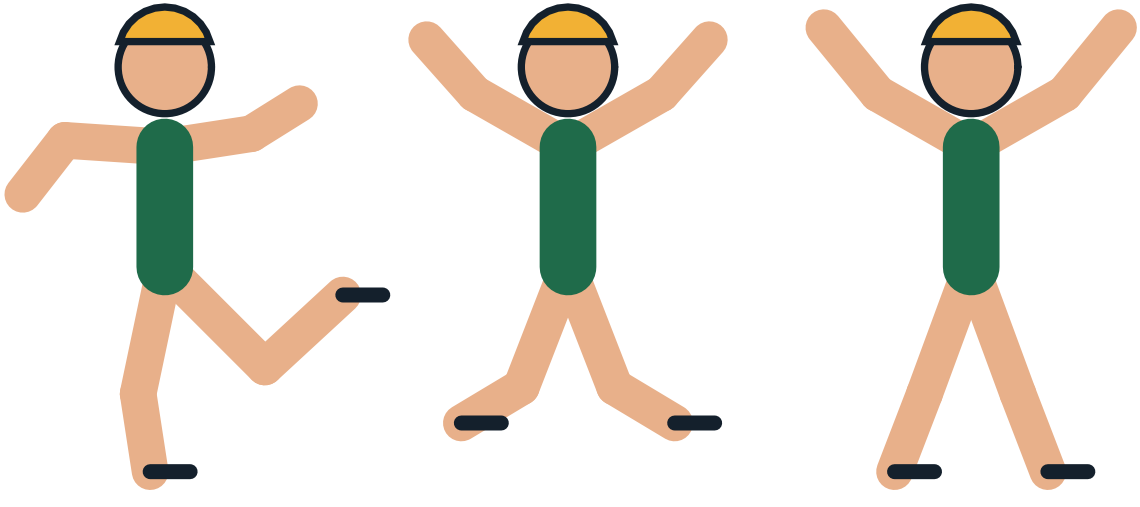
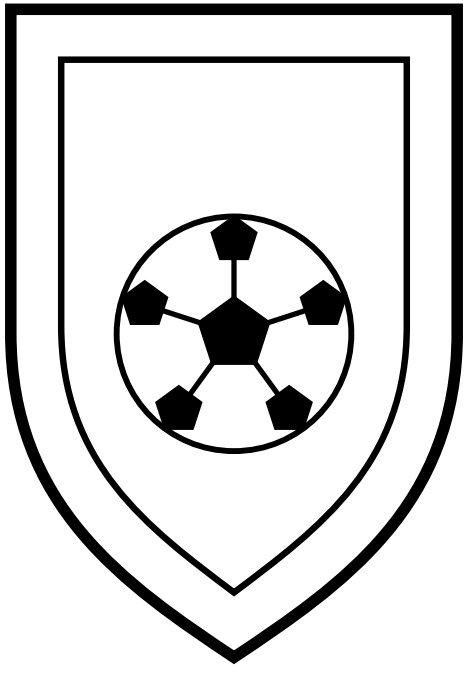
Moves of the Game



Design a Badge

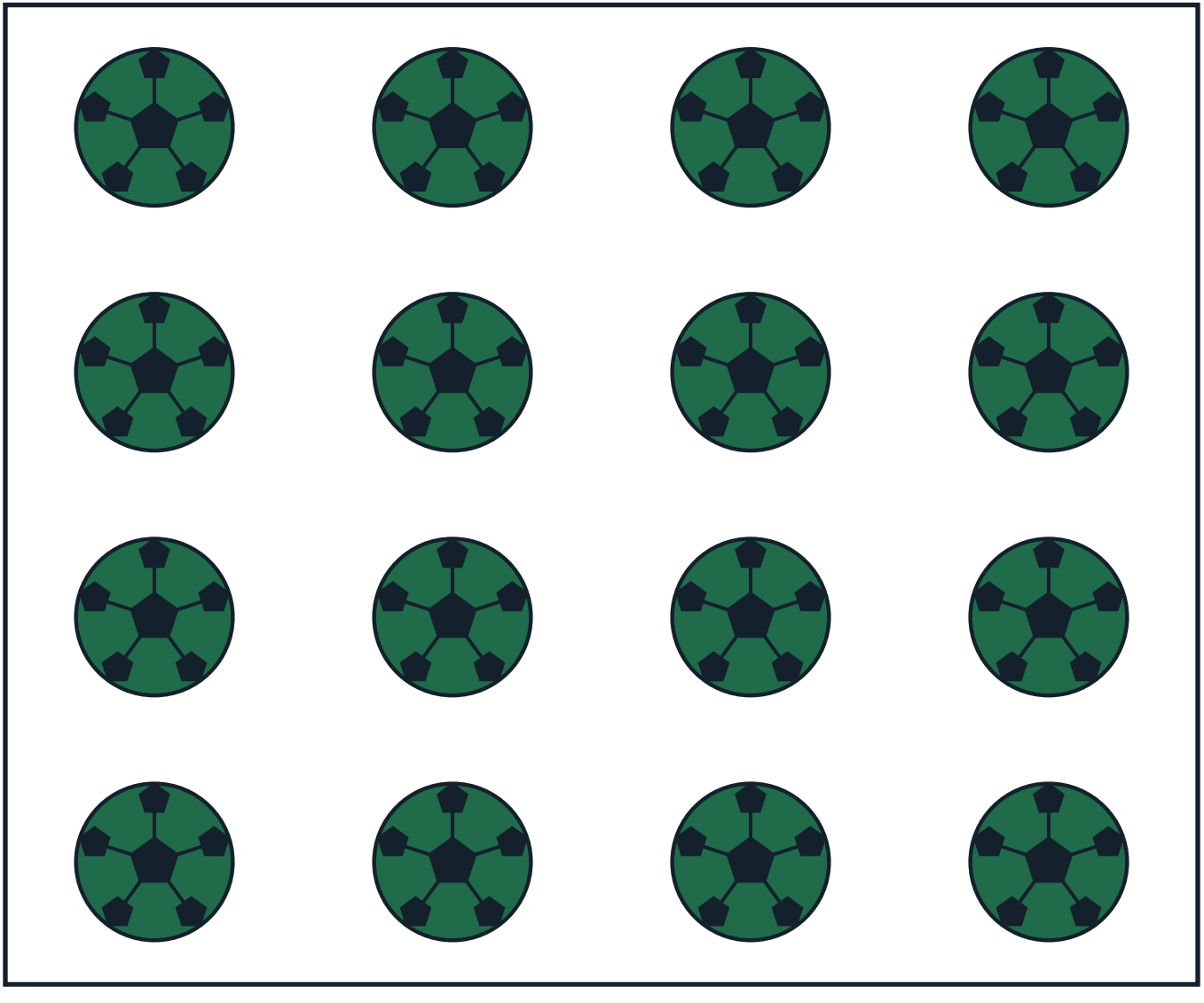


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

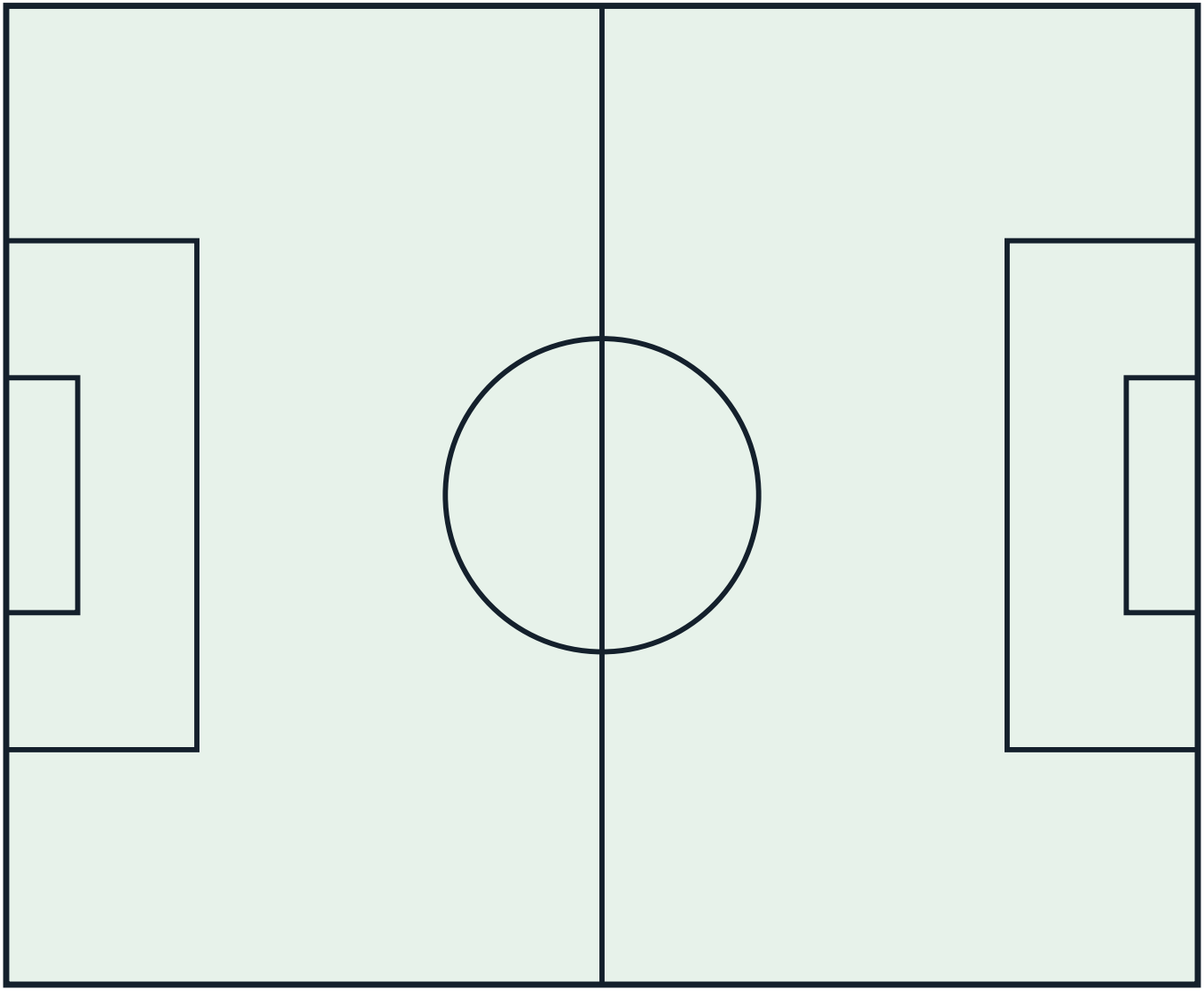
The Gear Parade



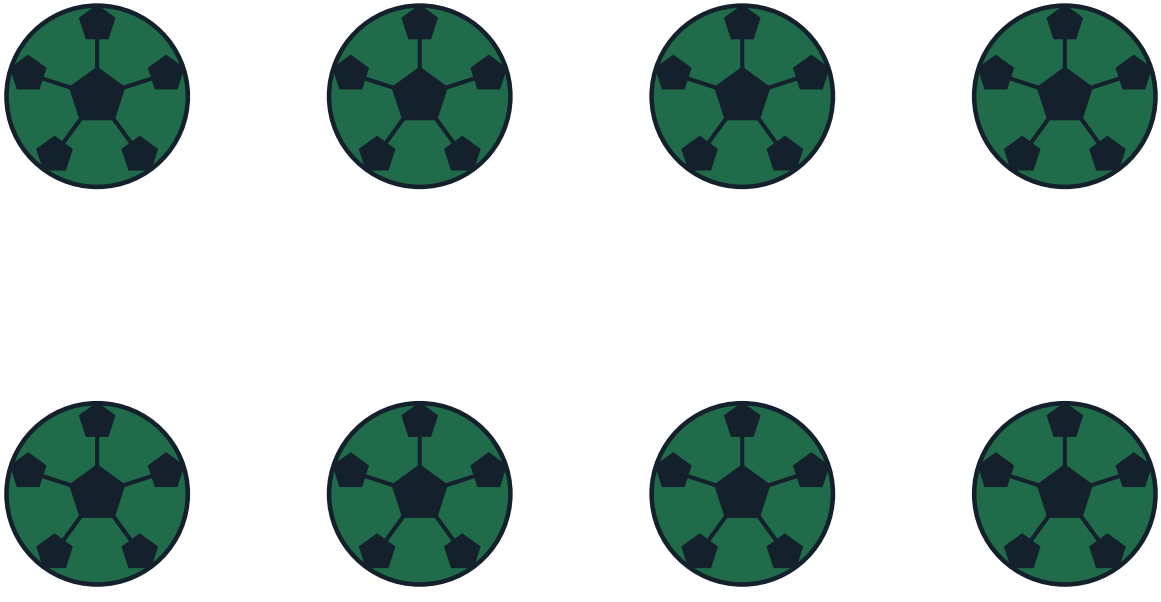
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



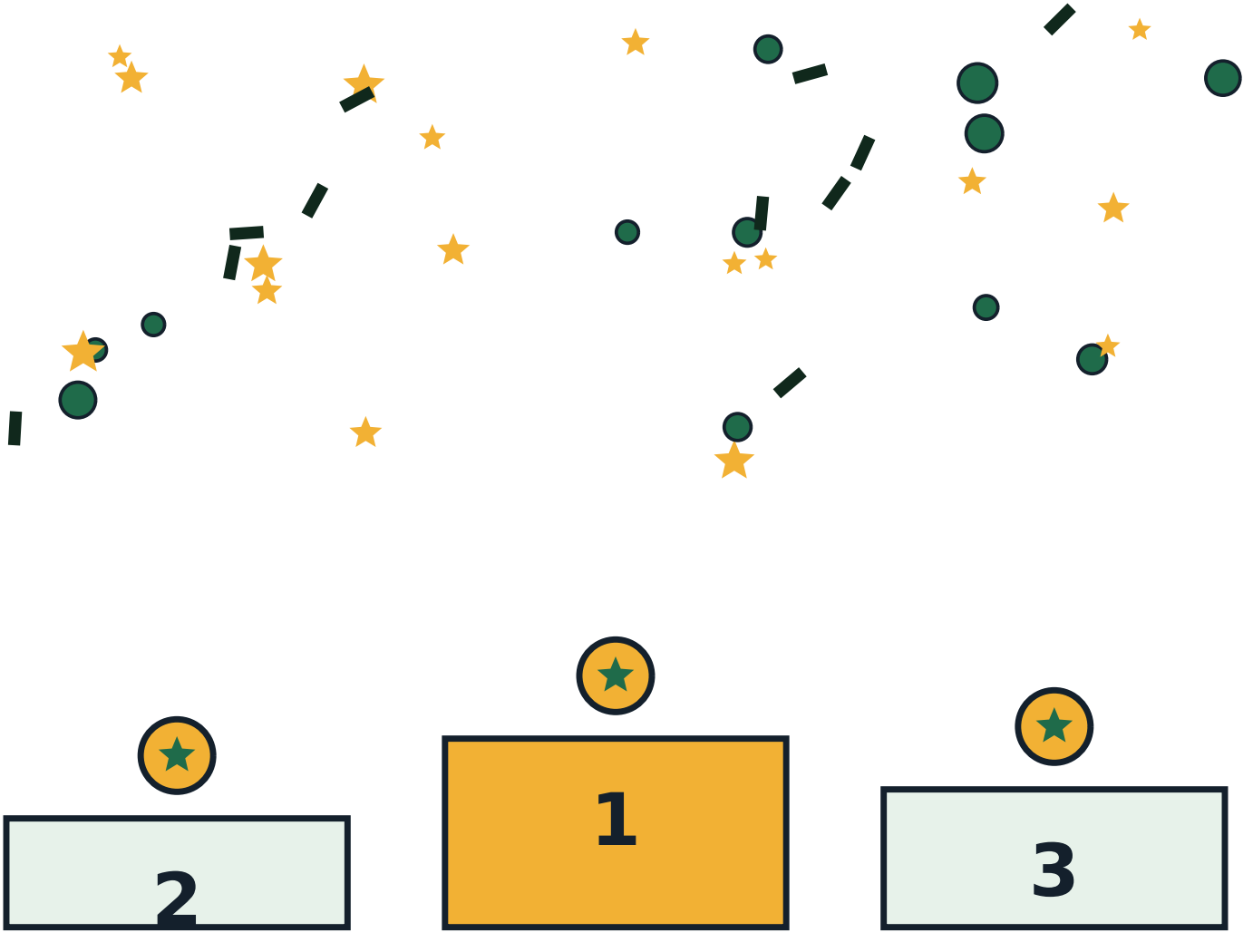
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Beach Soccer

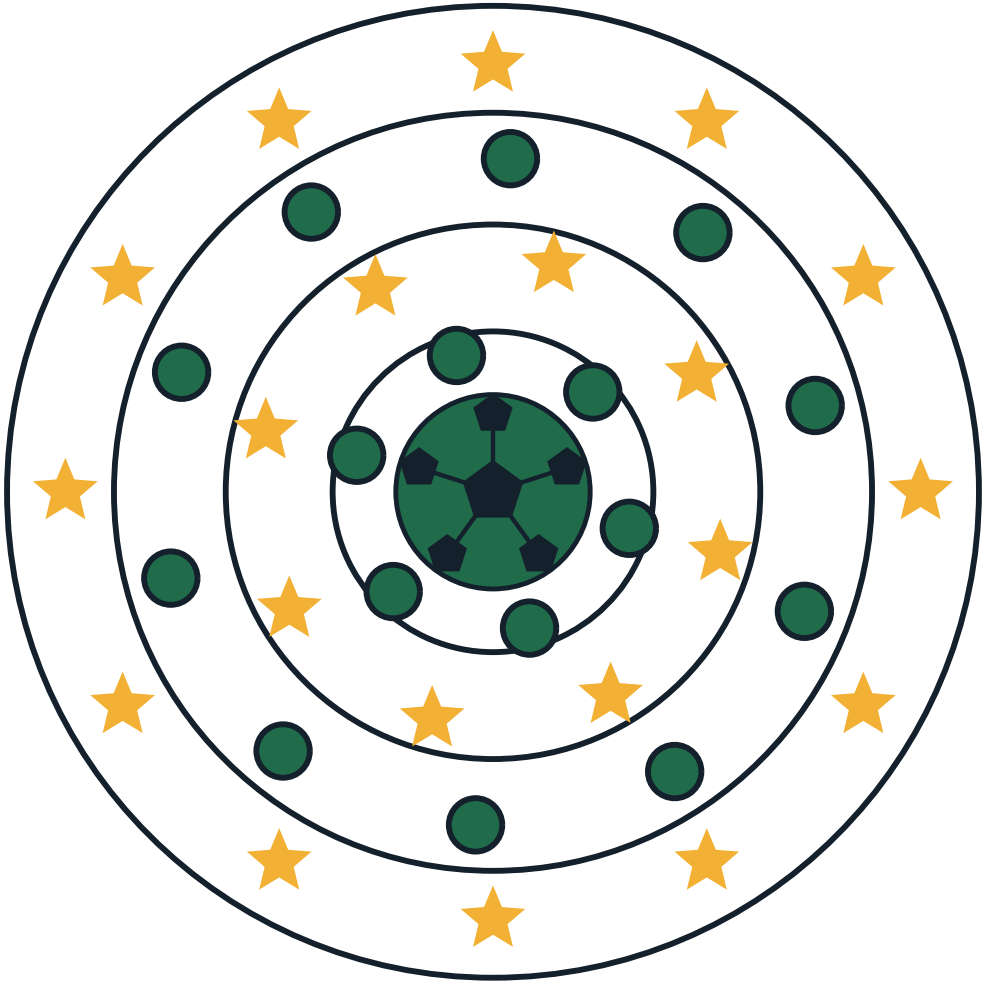
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

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