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Meet Sumo!

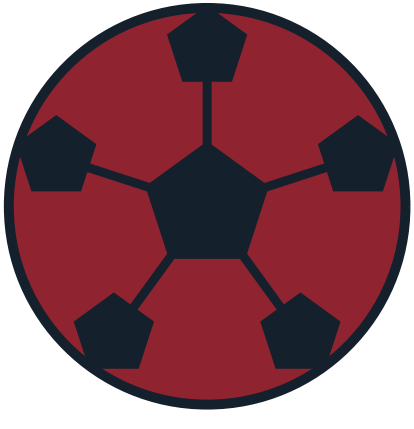
Japanese wrestling with six annual tournaments.

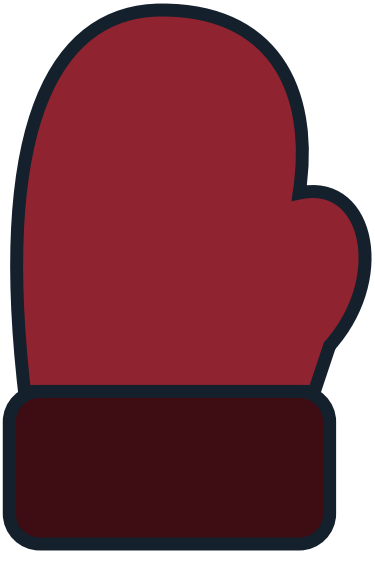


Where It Is Played



The Gear





Meet the Combat Family

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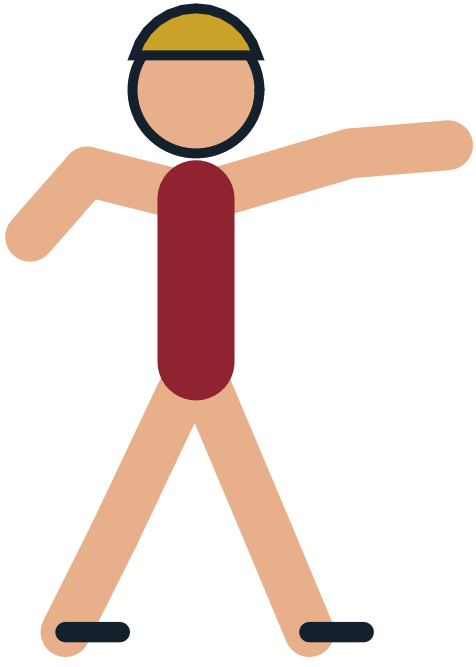

The Playing Area



Good to Know

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More of the Combat Family

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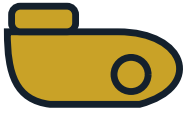

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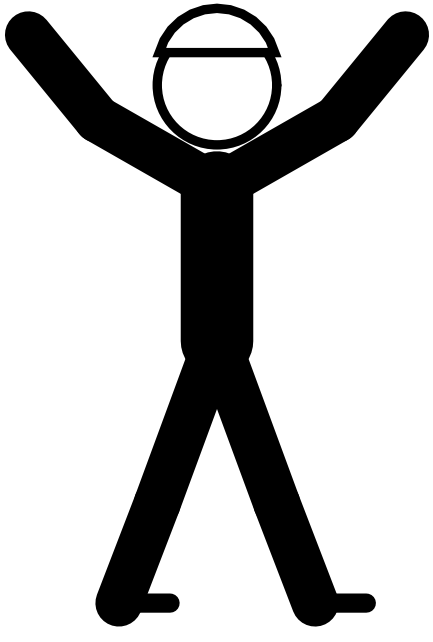

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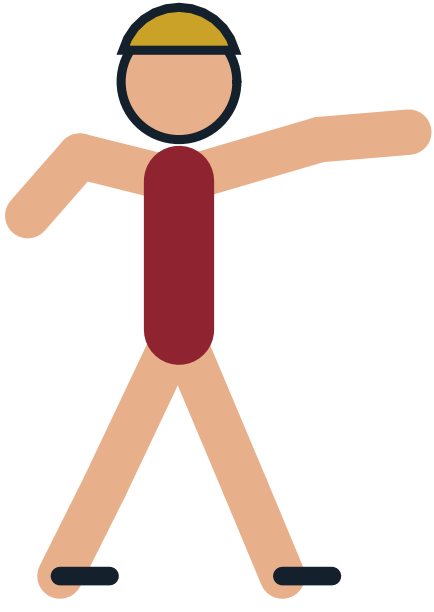
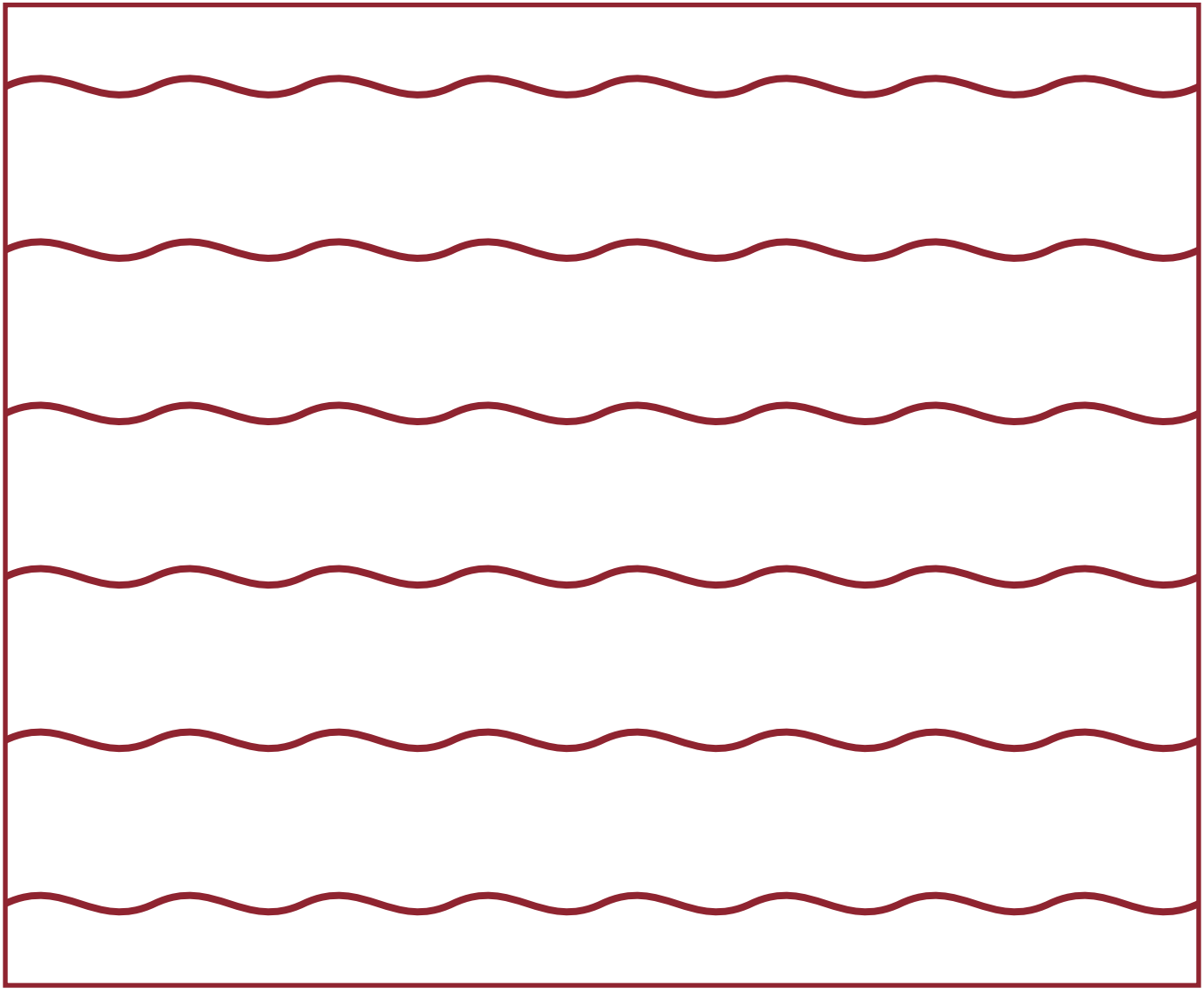
The Sport Today



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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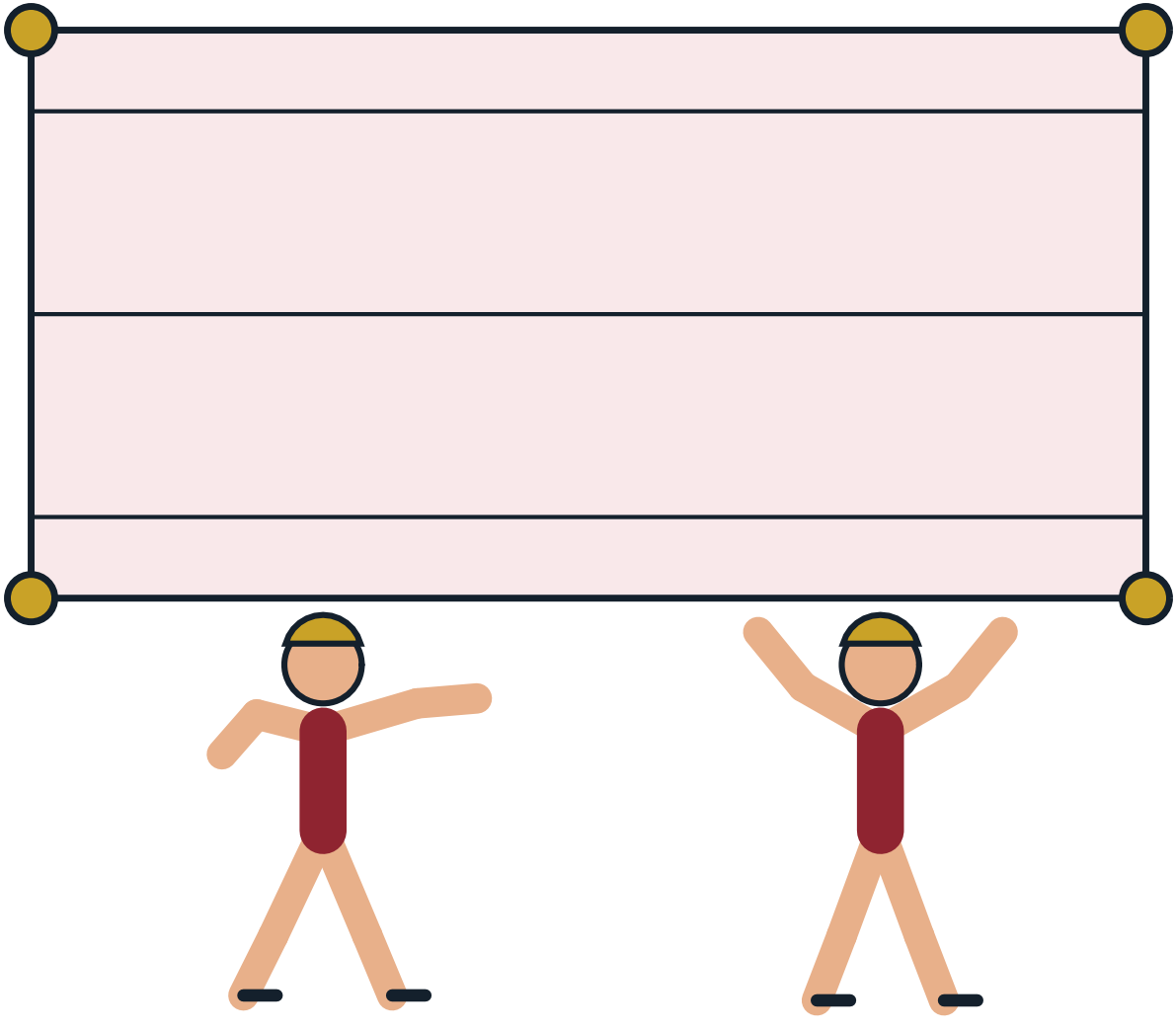
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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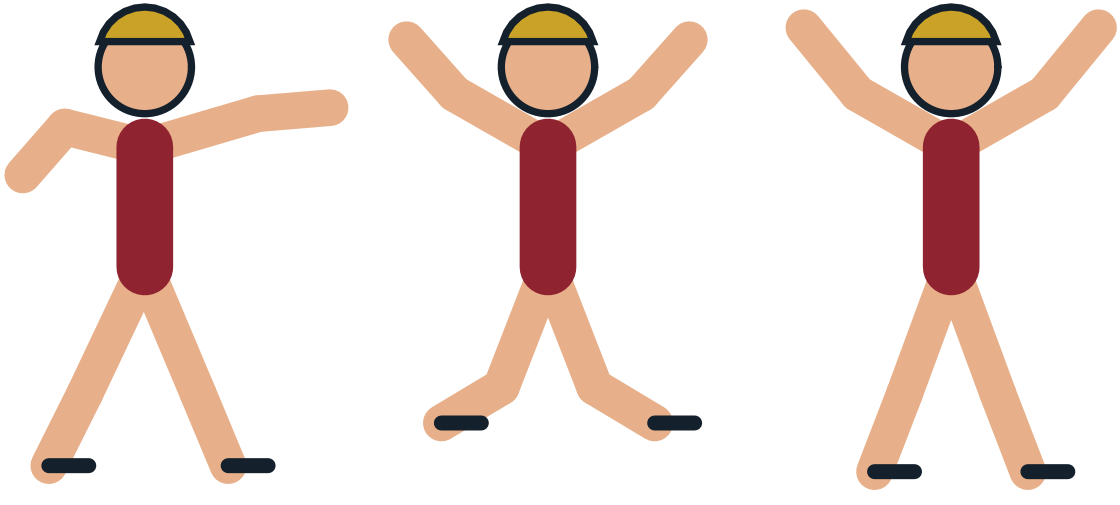
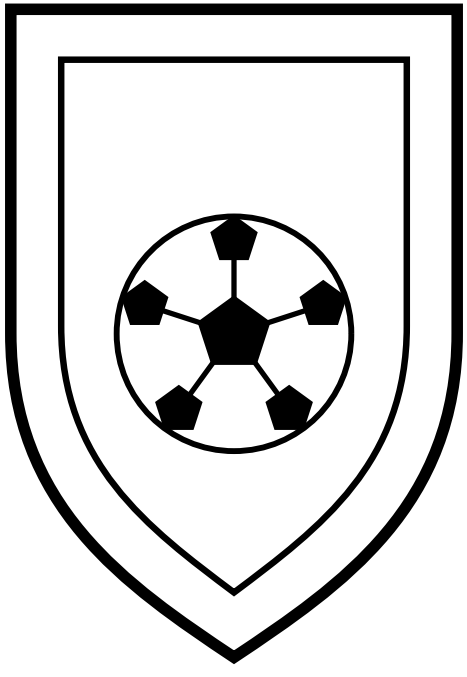
Moves of the Game



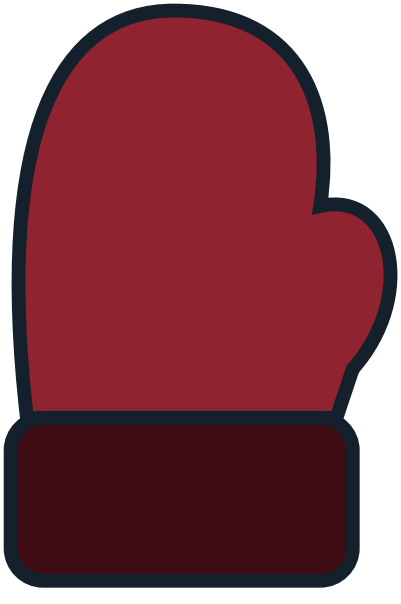
Design a Badge



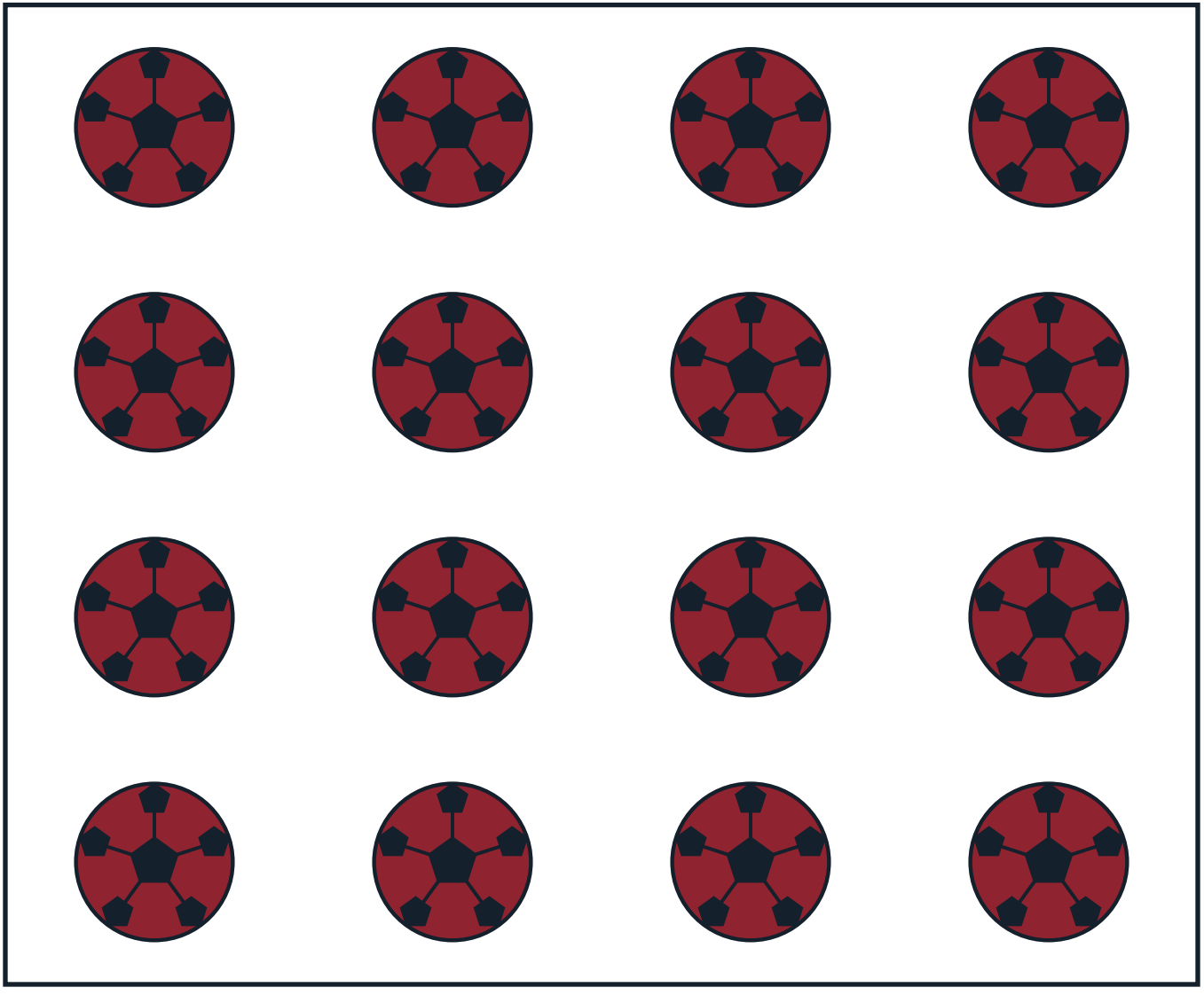
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade





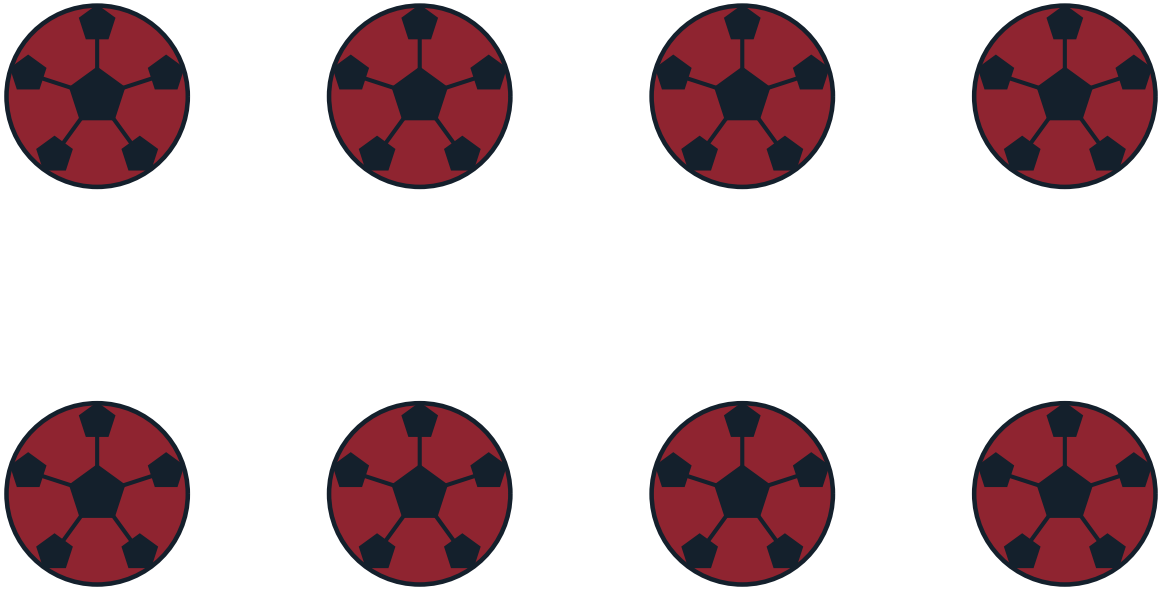
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



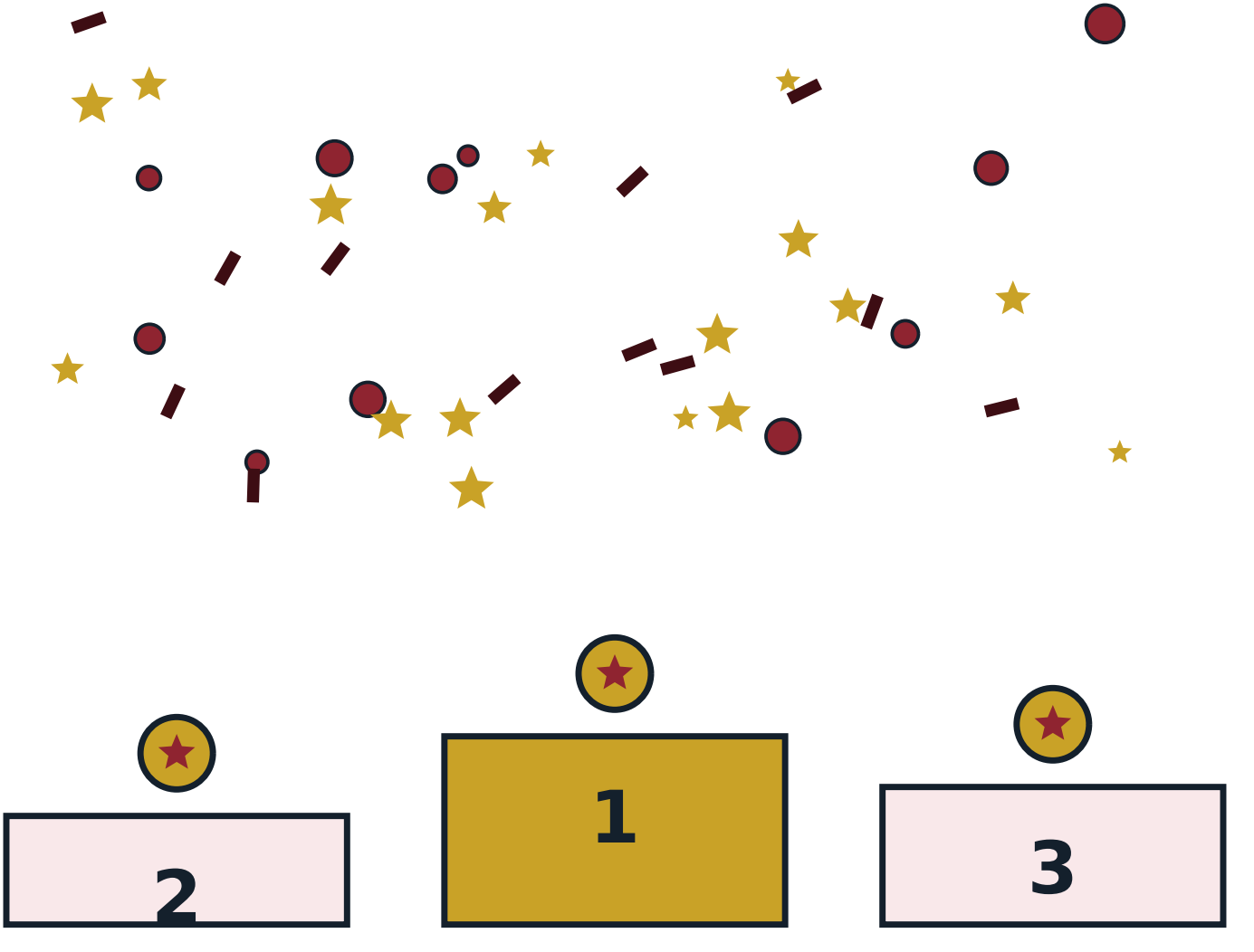
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Sumo

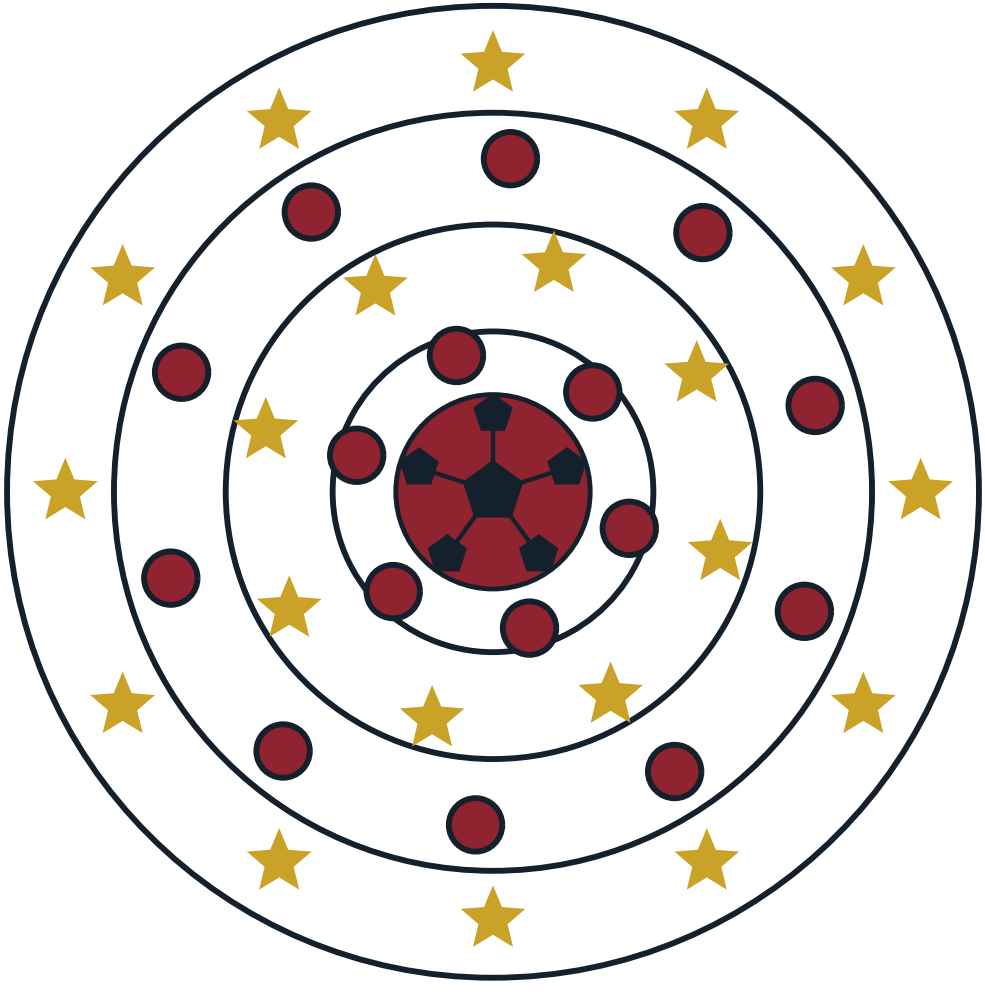
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



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