THE CARTOON BOOK OF

MOTORBALL



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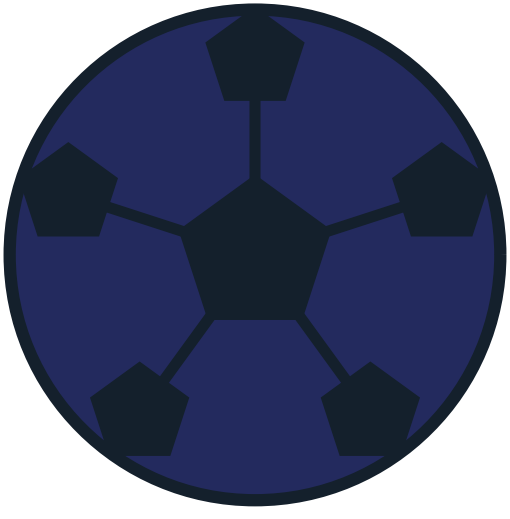
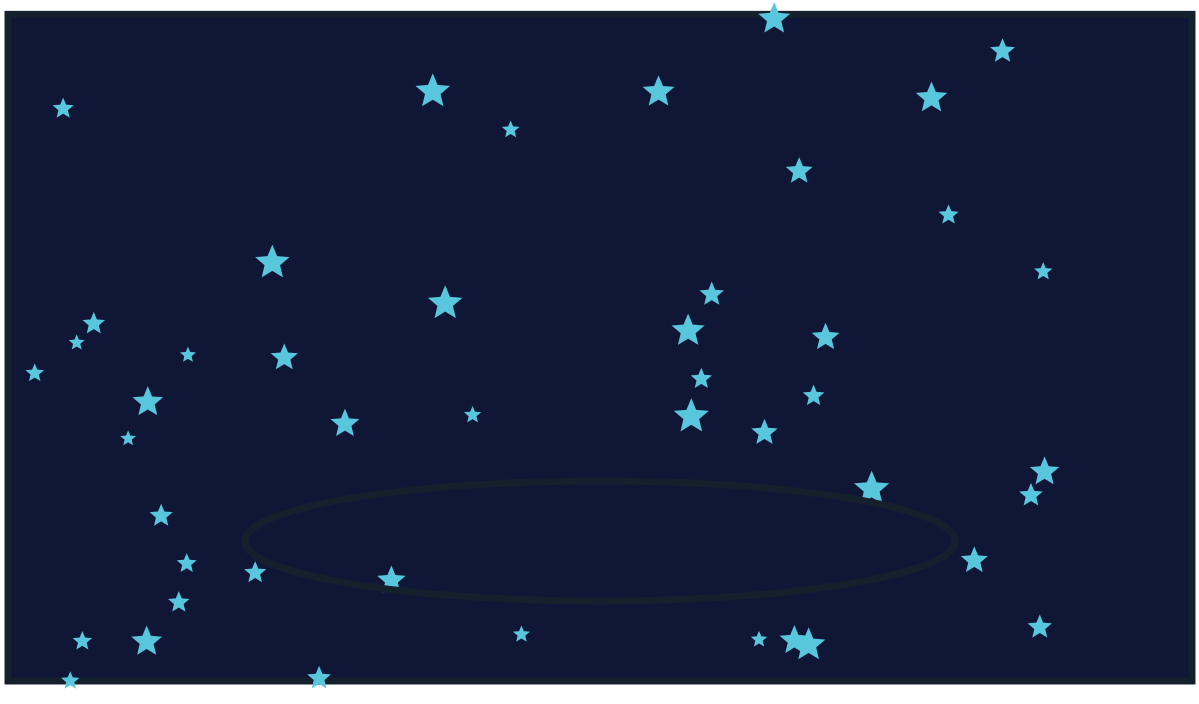
Meet Motorball!

Cyborg racing from Alita: Battle Angel.



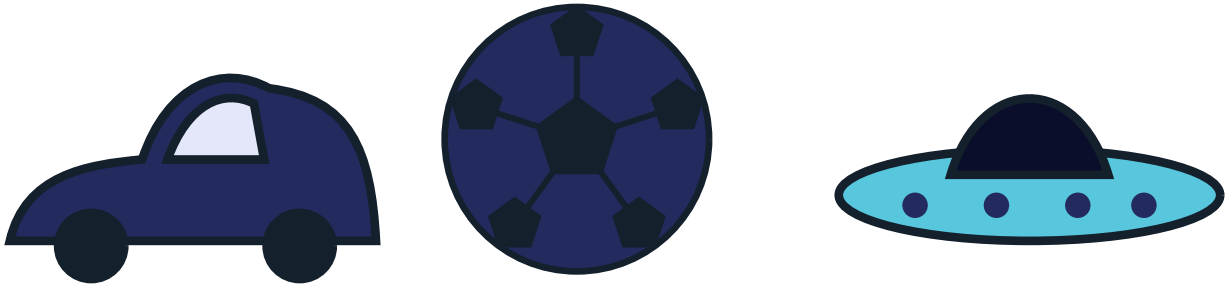
Where It Is Played

An enclosed, banked professional motorball arena track with hairpin turns and traps; street games use Iron City streets.



The Gear

A cyborg / motorised racing body with powered wheels, armour and fitted weapons (chains, spikes, blades), and the motorball itself.



How It Starts

Fictional — in the film's world, players start in street motorball and try out for the 2nd League; there is no real-world version.



How to Play

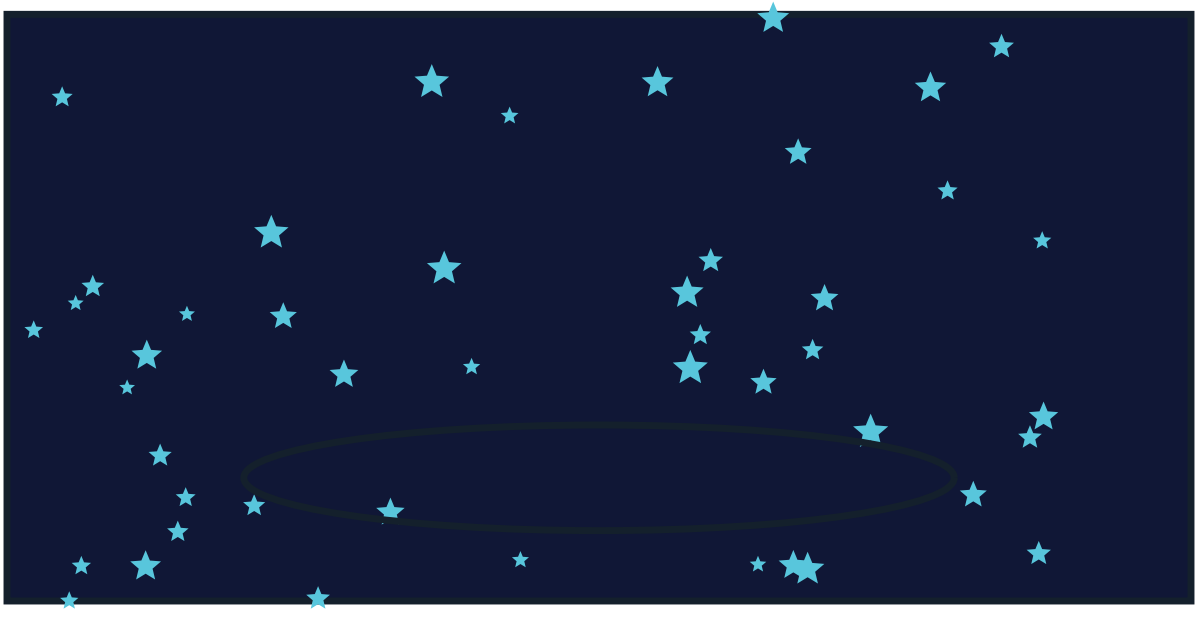
- Format: cyborg racers on rocket-propelled motorised skates / wheels race around a banked, trap-filled track contesting possession of a single ball.
- Scoring is by possession, not by goals: as Holland states, Motorball is not about shooting into an end goal or a hoop — the longer a player is in possession of the ball, the more points they score.
- The league game is played by seven-person teams; there is also a more cutthroat free-for-all version in which everybody is pitted against each other, which is the form of Alita's professional tryout in the film.
- Racing is at extreme speed — described in production material as about 100 mph through hairpin turns on a track designed to damage cyborg parts.

More of the Game

- Combat is part of the sport: racers are fitted with chains, spikes, blades and armour, and professional motorball in the film is effectively last-player-standing violence as much as scoring.
- Street motorball is the informal neighbourhood version played by Iron City youths, the game Hugo teaches Alita before her league tryout for the 2nd League.
- The sport's champions are Iron City's heroes, and the Final Champion earns the one known route for an Iron City inhabitant to ascend to Zalem.

The Shape of a Match

High-speed track racing on motorised wheels where holding the ball accumulates points; played by seven-person teams or as a free-for-all, with full-contact cyborg combat.



More of the Fiction & speculative Family

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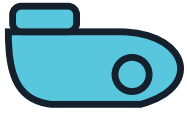
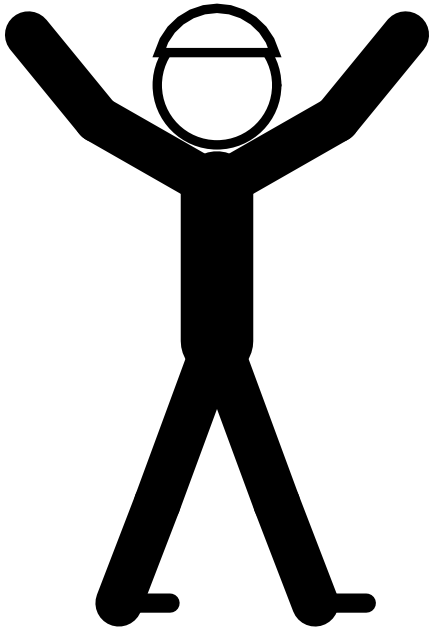
- Zero-G Athletics — Concept sports designed for microgravity.

A Note on the Rules

Motorball (motorcycle football) is governed under FIM Europe's championship tradition: five-a-side riders on 250cc bikes playing football on a dirt pitch, a European code (strongest in France, Germany and Russia) stable for decades. No major documented rule change is carried for motorball.



Colour the Action



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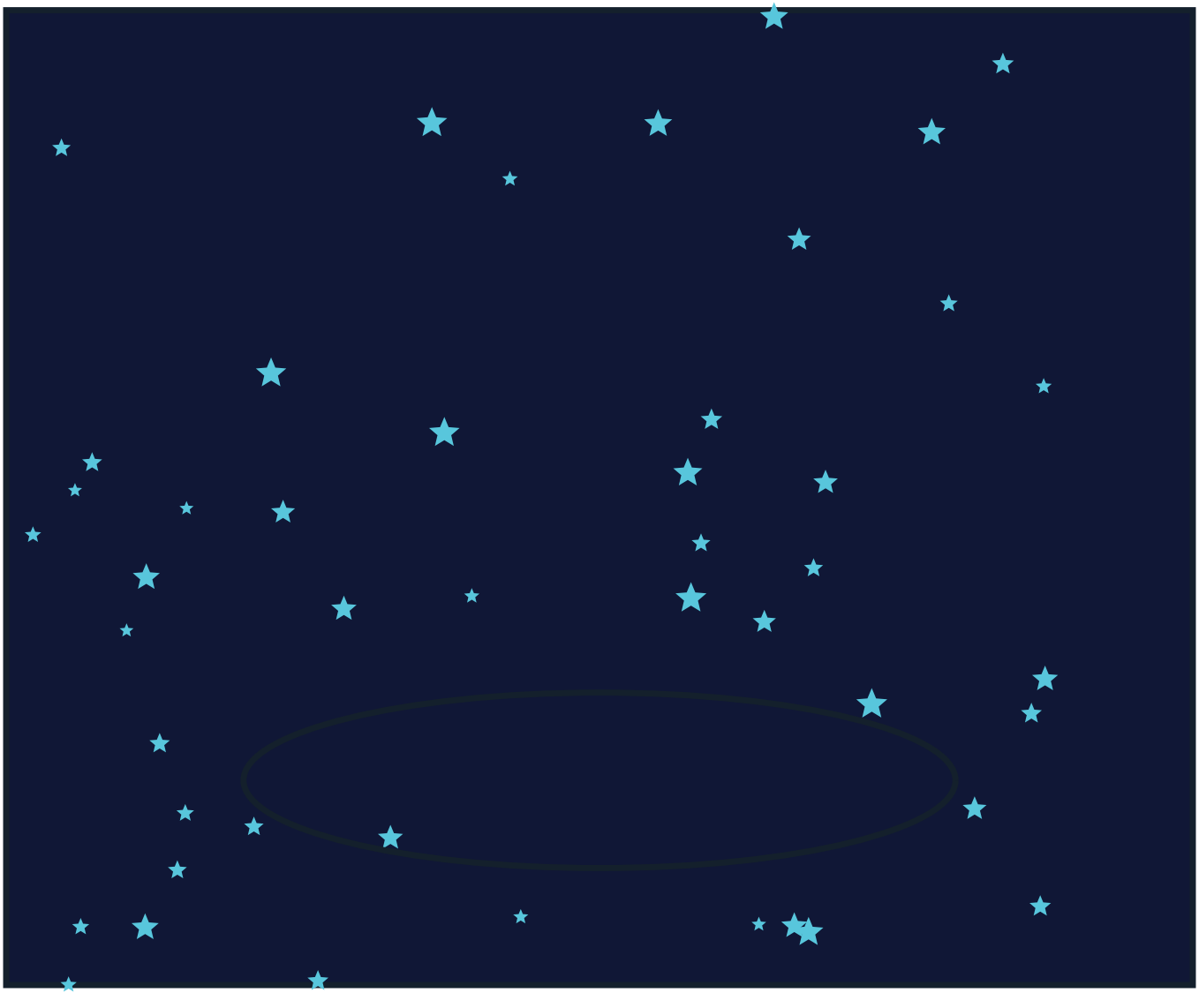
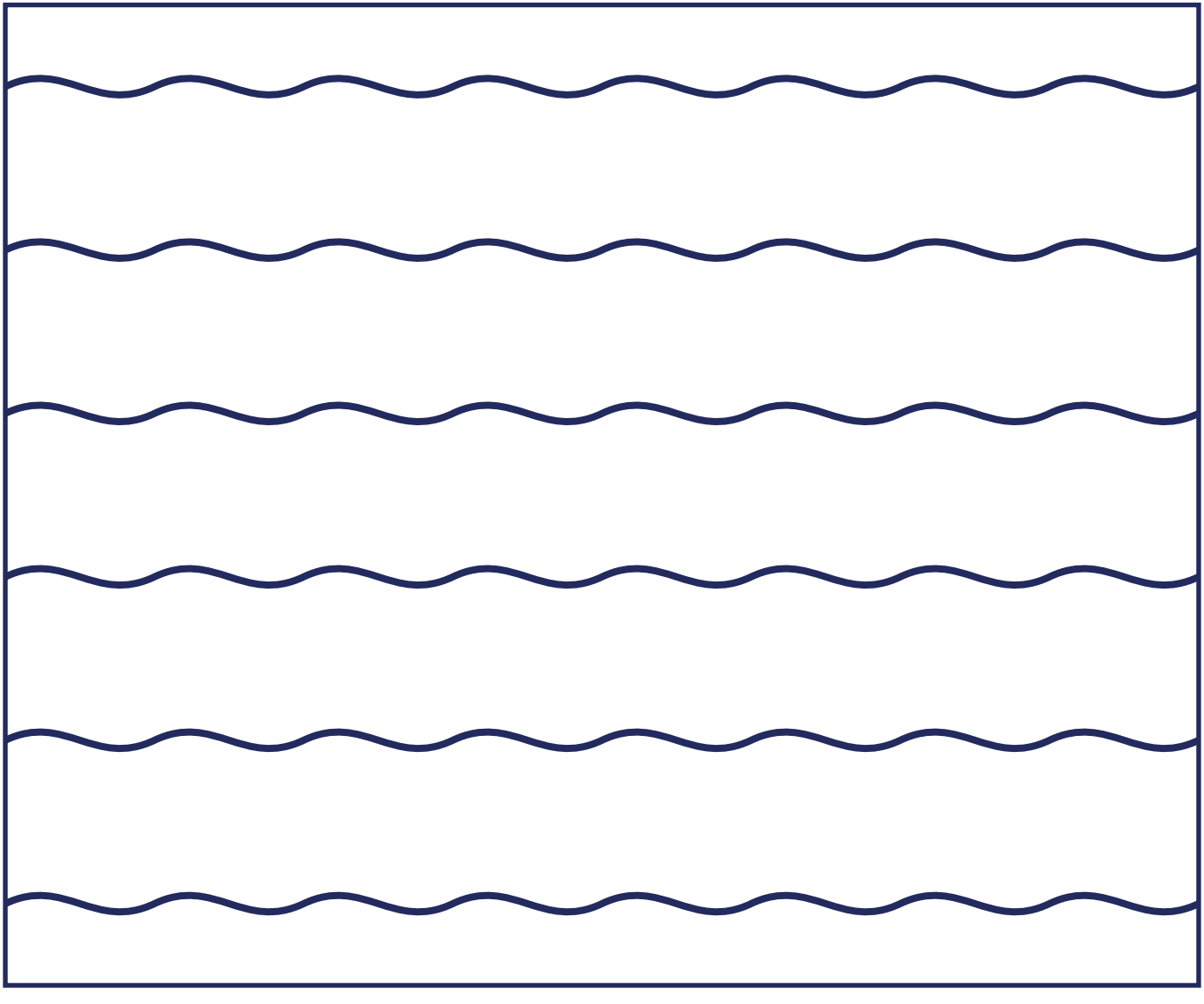


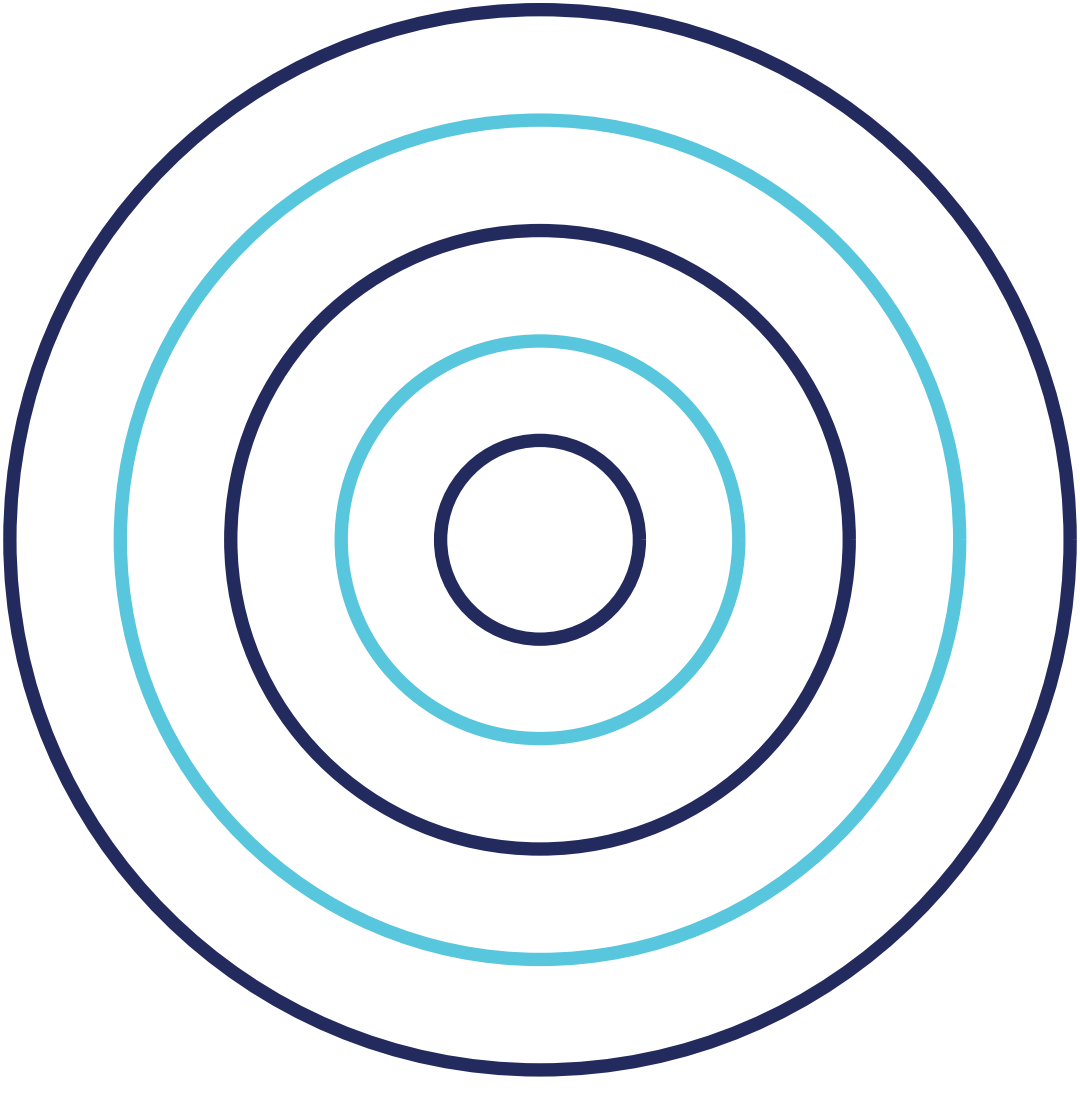
At School and College



Play It Near You



Through the Year



The Fiction & speculative 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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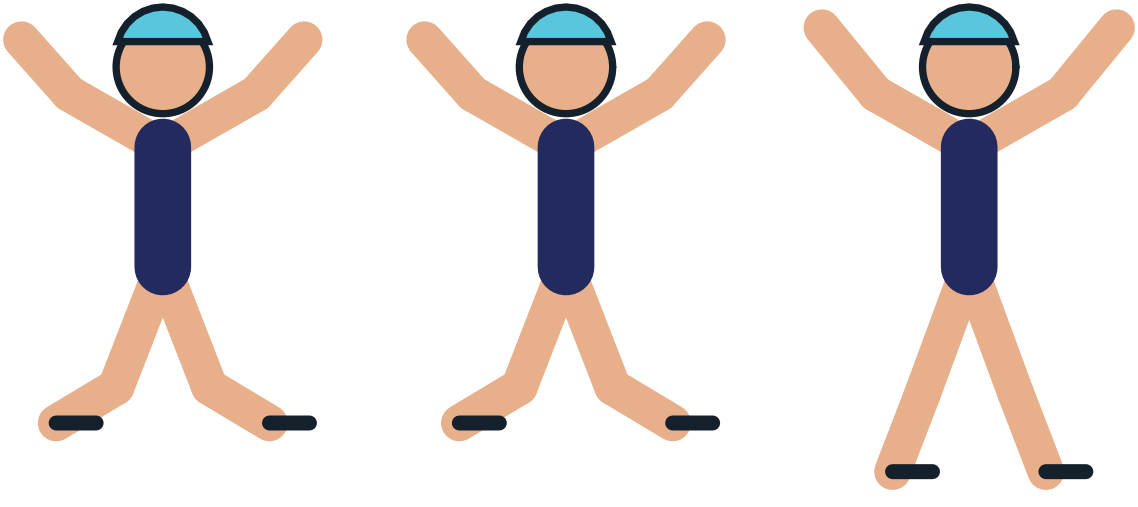
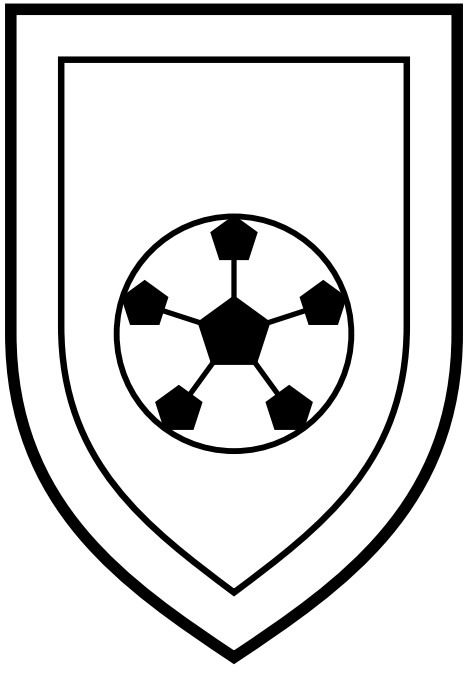
Moves of the Game



Design a Badge

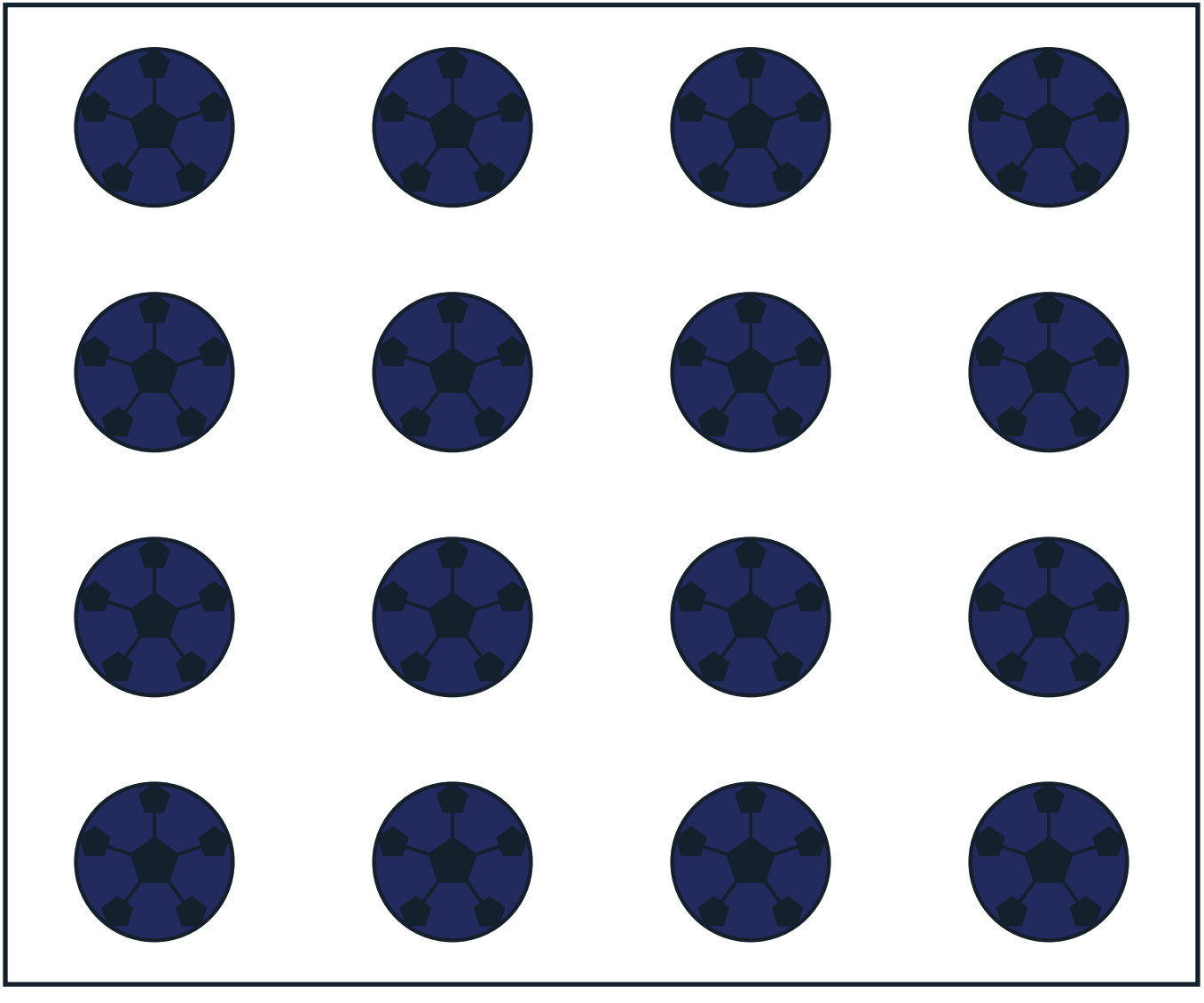


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

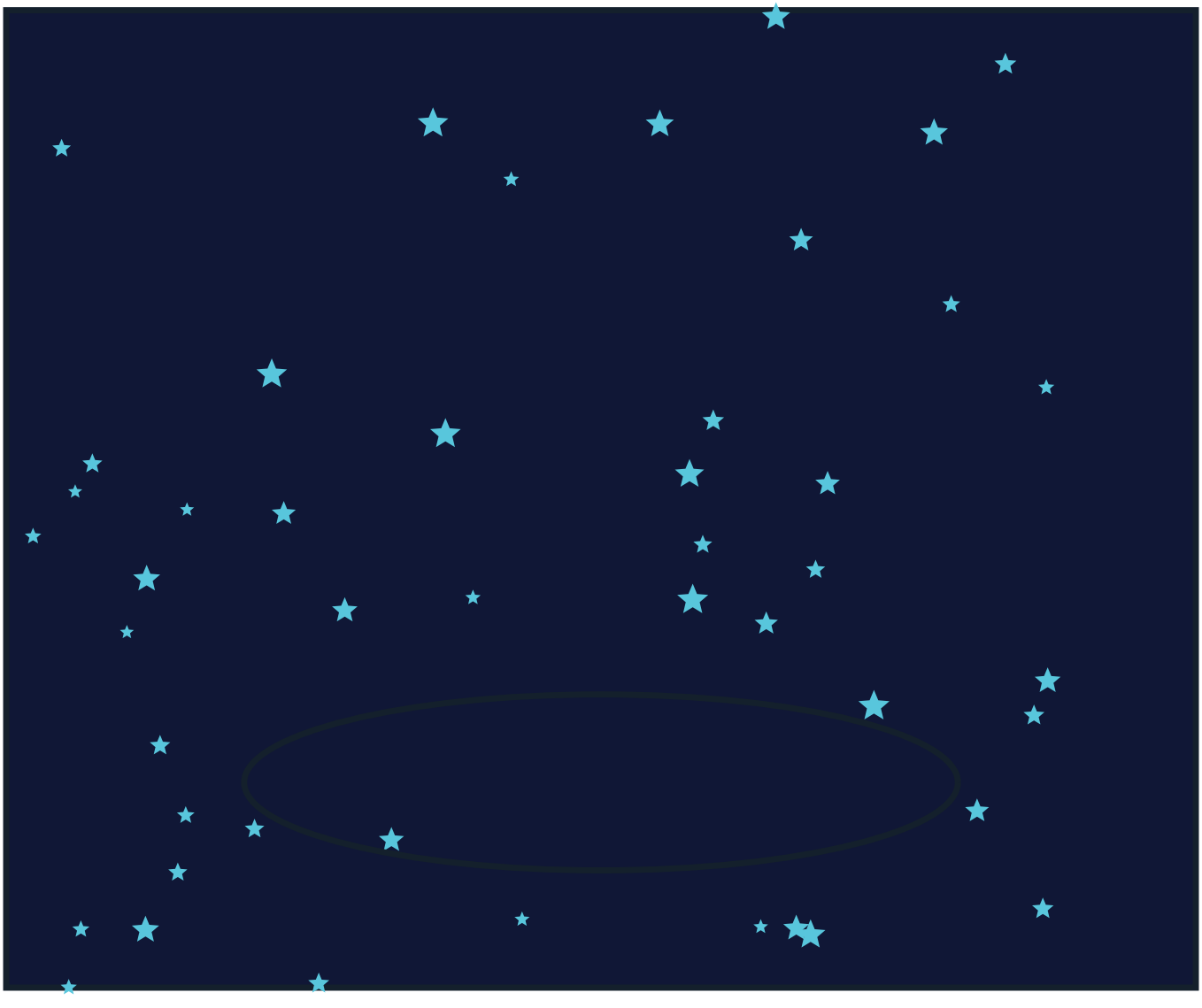
The Gear Parade



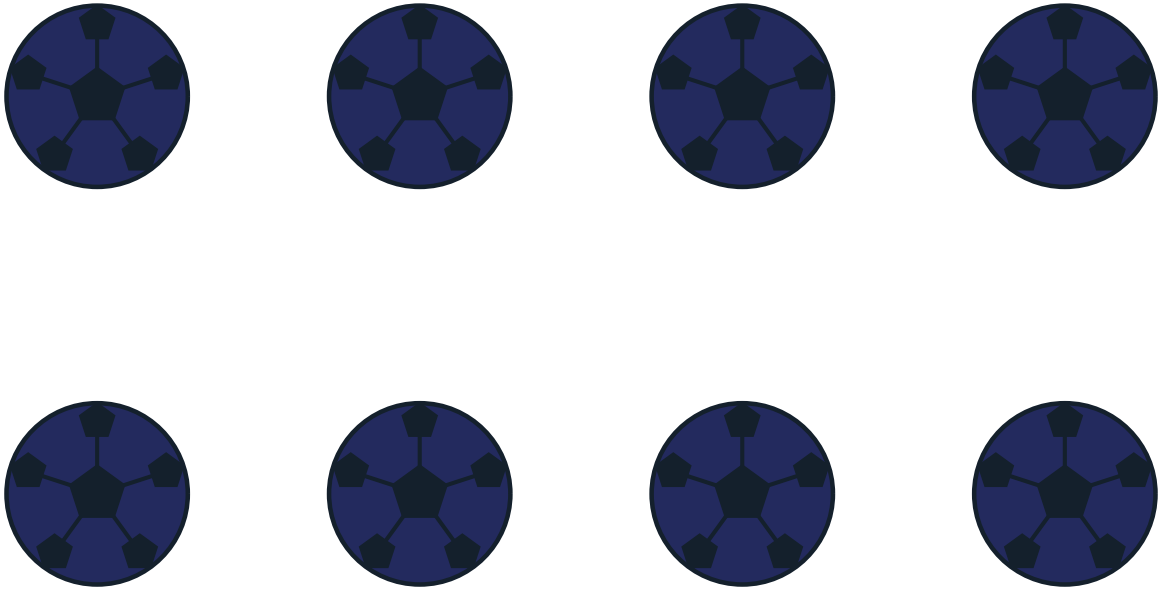
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



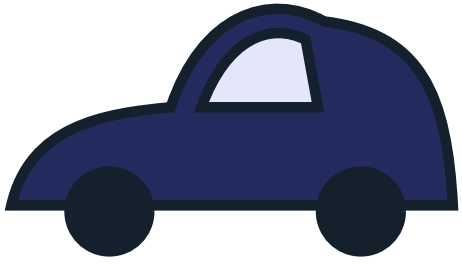
Count the Balls!



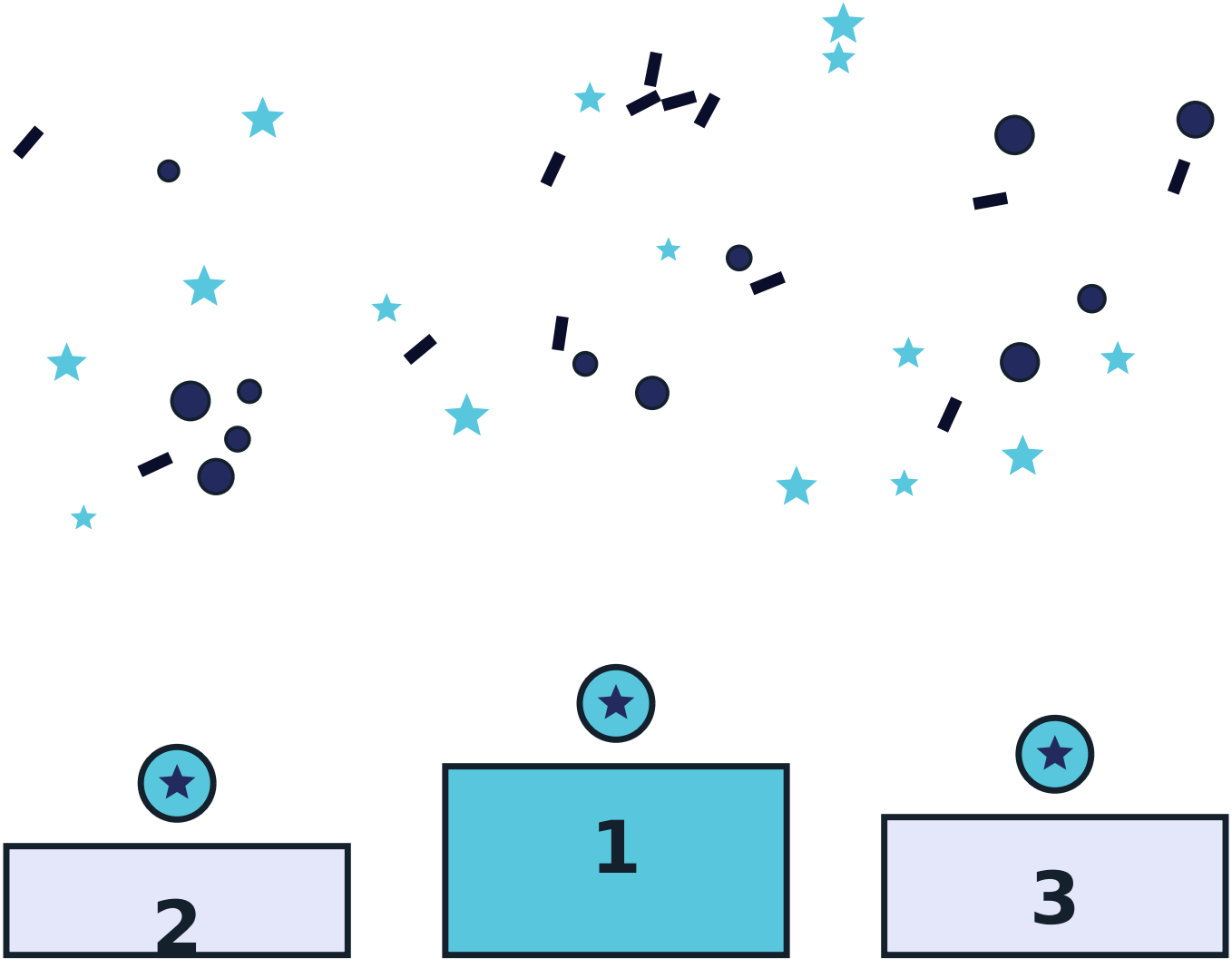
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Motorball

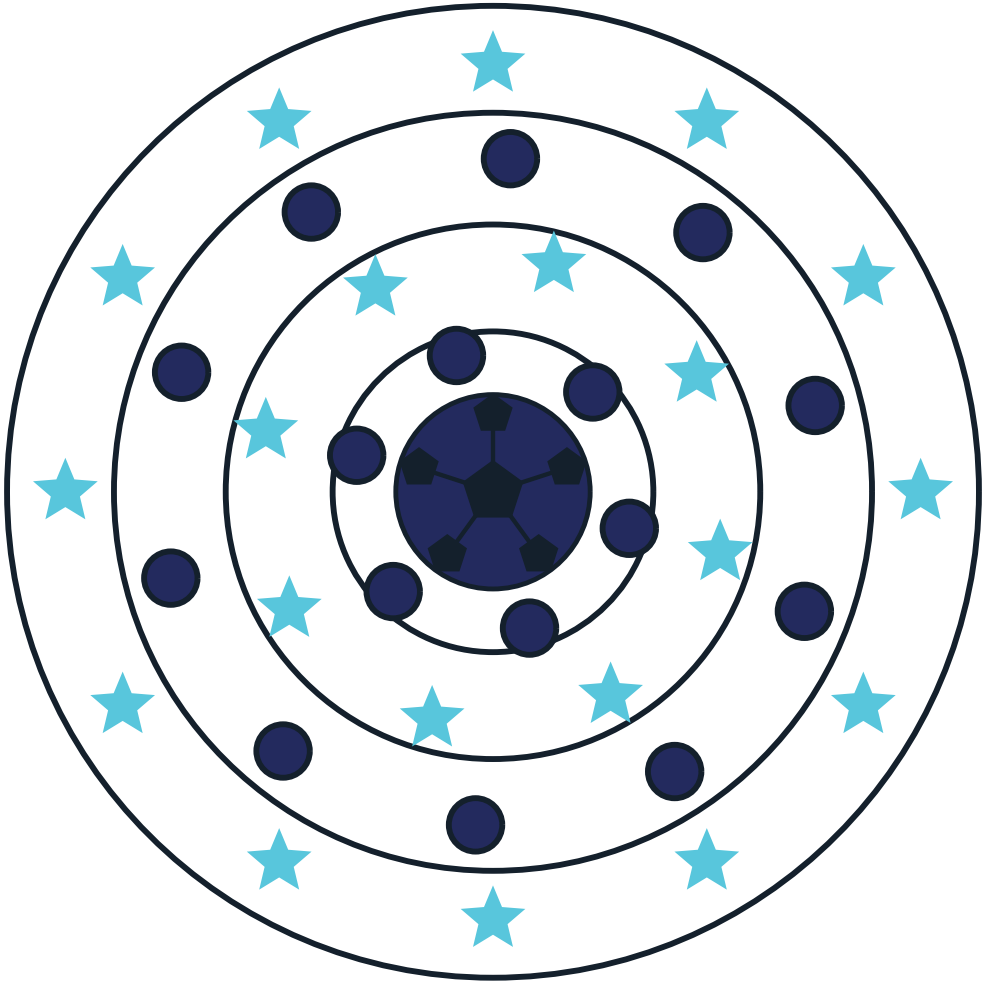
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



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