THE CARTOON BOOK OF

PODRACING



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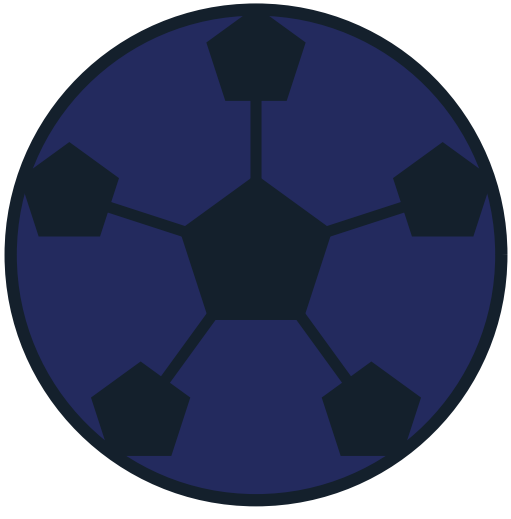
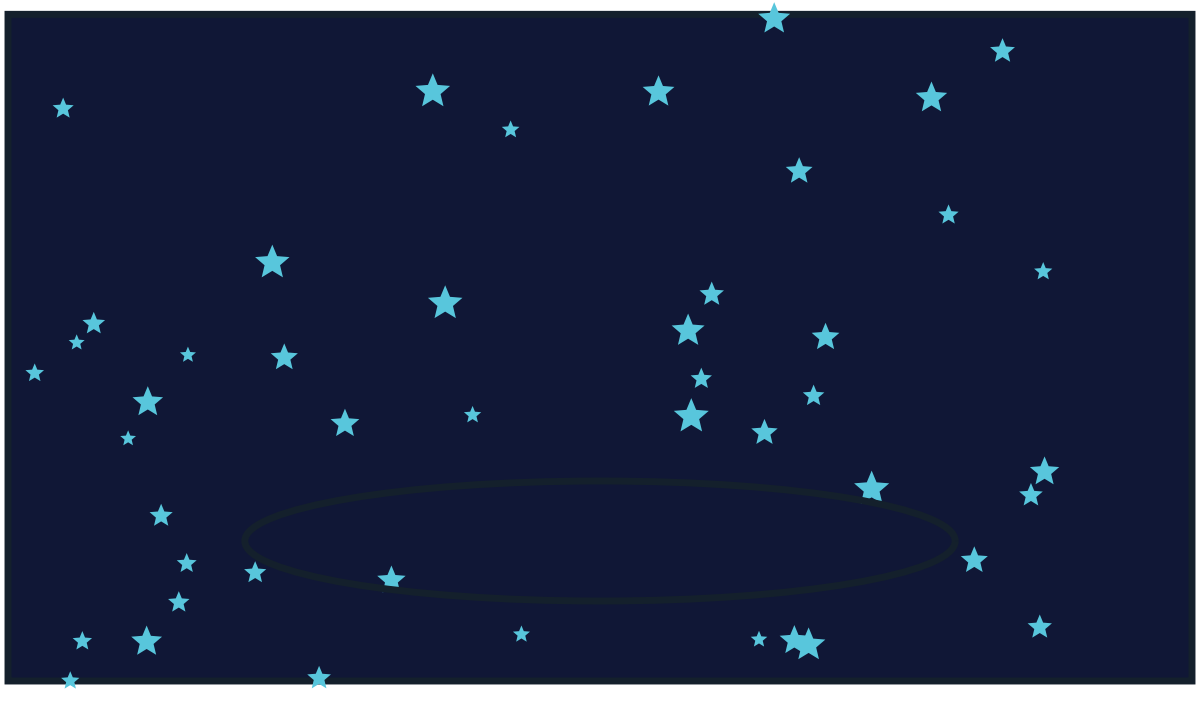
Meet Podracing!

High-speed racing from Star Wars.



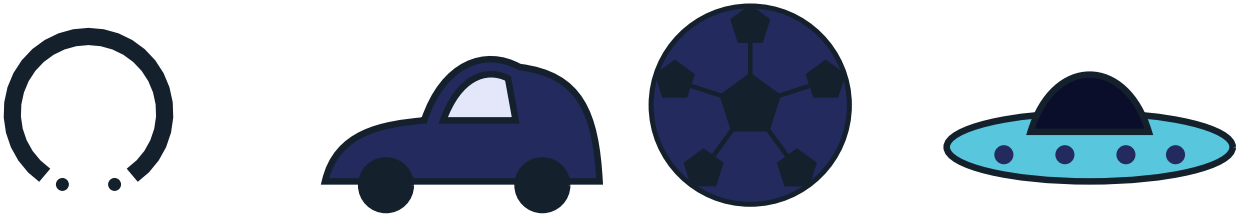
Where It Is Played

An outdoor circuit through desert canyon terrain at Mos Espa on Tatooine, starting and finishing at the grand arena.



The Gear

A custom-built podracer: two turbine engines with air scoops, an energy binder between them, steelton cables and a repulsorlift cockpit pod.



How It Starts

Fictional — in the films, pilots build or modify their own pods and enter Outer Rim races; humans almost never compete because of the reflexes required.



How to Play

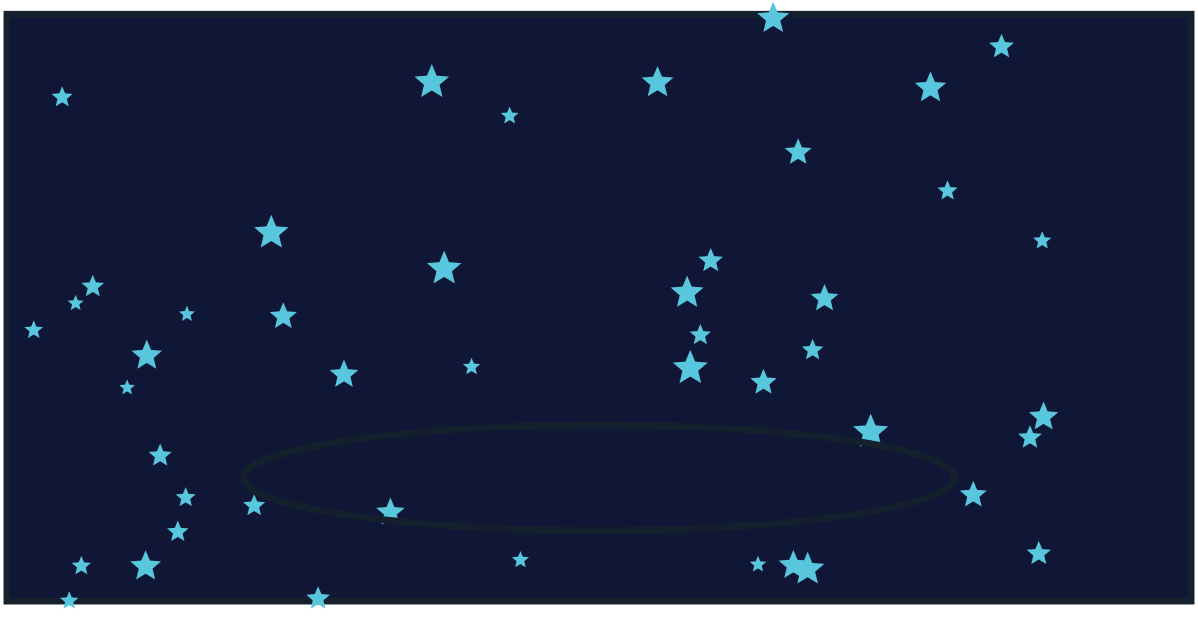
- Format: solo pilots race one-person podracers — a small repulsorlift cockpit towed by two (or more) large turbine engines linked by an energy binder / power coupling and connected to the pod by long cables.
- Winning: the objective is simply to win the race — in the Boonta Eve Classic the winner is the first to complete three laps of the course and cross the finish line.
- Course markers line the track and signal the route to a podracer's navigational system.
- Speeds are extreme: Anakin Skywalker's modified pod is described as reaching up to 947 kph (588 mph), over 100 kph faster than Sebulba's pod.

More of the Game

- Controlling a pod at those speeds demands exceptional reflexes, which is why human podracers are rare and most pilots are non-human species with extra limbs or senses.
- Although rules, regulations, officials and referees exist, they are treated more as guidelines and officials can be bribed, threatened or distracted.
- Anything goes in practice: sabotage of rival pods before and during races, illegal modifications and fitted weapons (such as Sebulba's flame jets) are all part of the sport as depicted.
- Podracing is mostly outlawed within the Republic (and later regimes) but thrives in the Outer Rim, notably the Boonta Eve Classic on Tatooine watched by some 100,000 spectators in the arena.

The Shape of a Match

One-pilot repulsorcraft race over a marked desert circuit — three laps in the Boonta Eve Classic, first across the finish line wins, in a largely anything-goes field.



More of the Fiction & speculative Family

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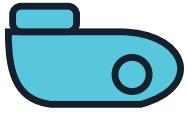
- Light Cycle Racing — Grid racing from Tron.
- Baseketball — Basketball-baseball hybrid from the 1998 comedy.
- Zero-G Athletics — Concept sports designed for microgravity.

A Note on the Rules

Podracing is a fictional sport (from Star Wars) showcased on this site as a screen sport: no governing body, no real-world code, no documented rules beyond the fiction and its games. This section is the honest record: a fictional sport carries no rule history.



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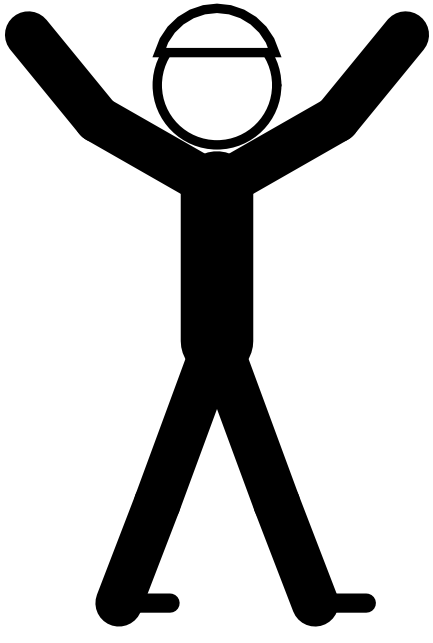

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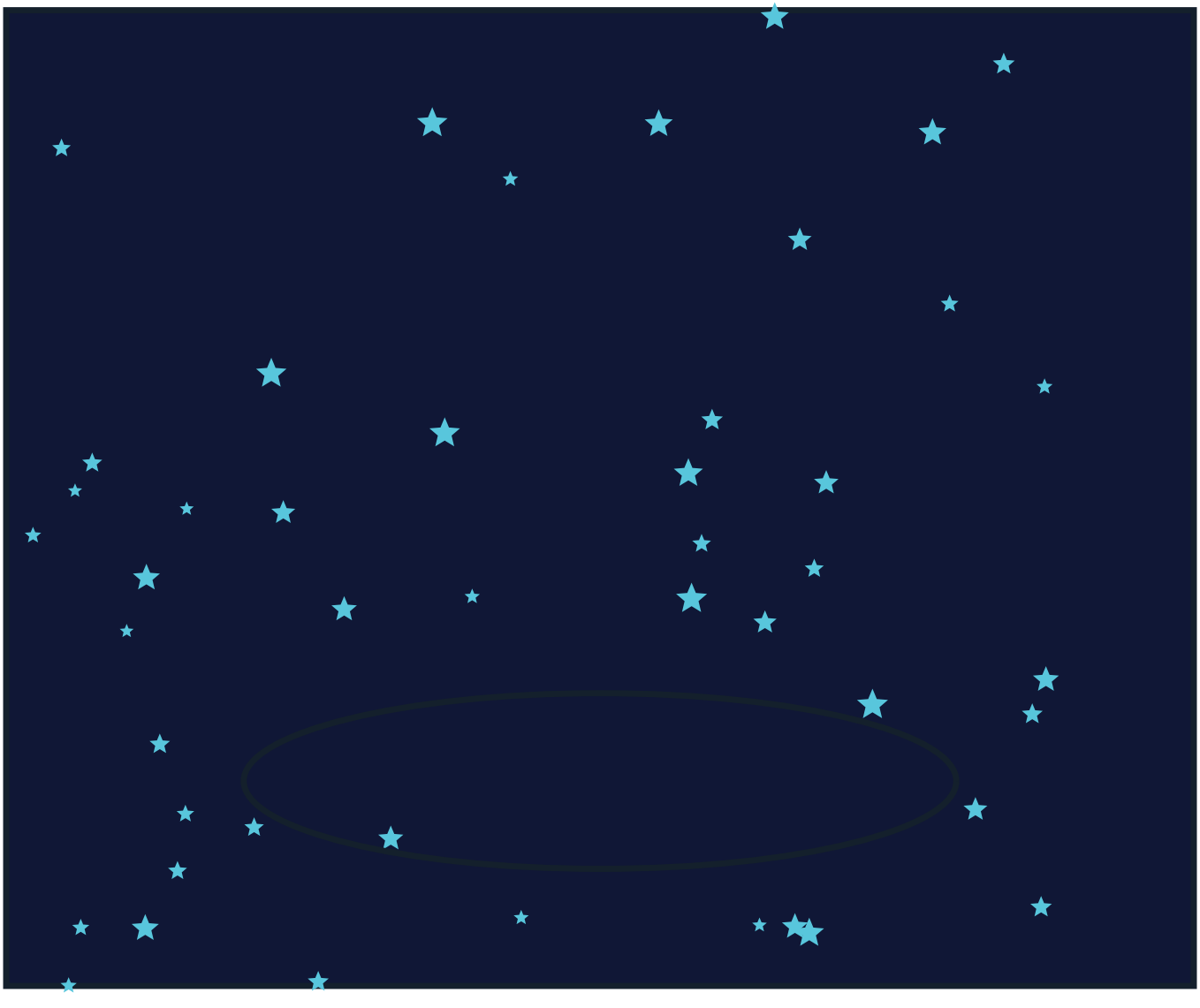
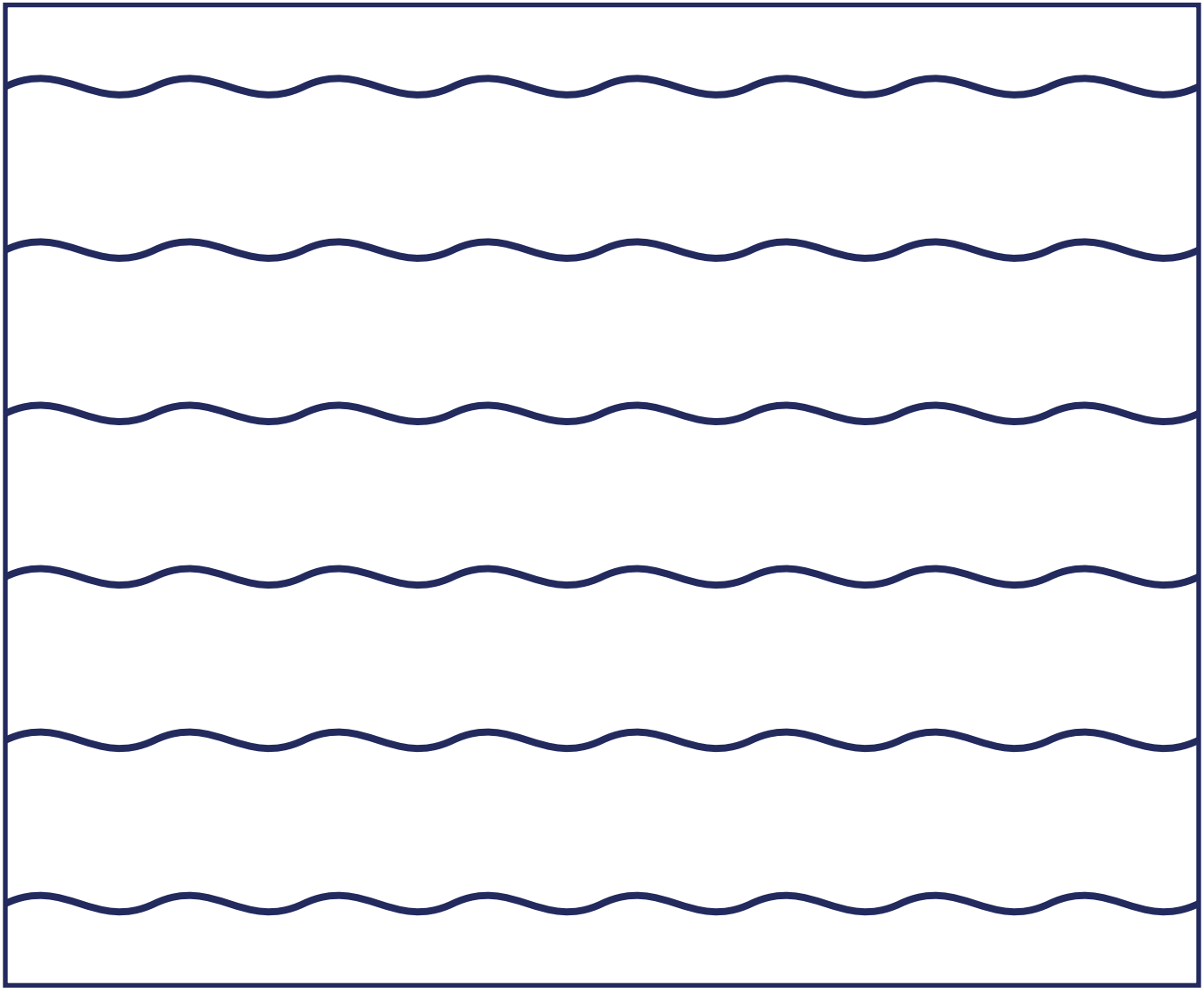
The Sport Today



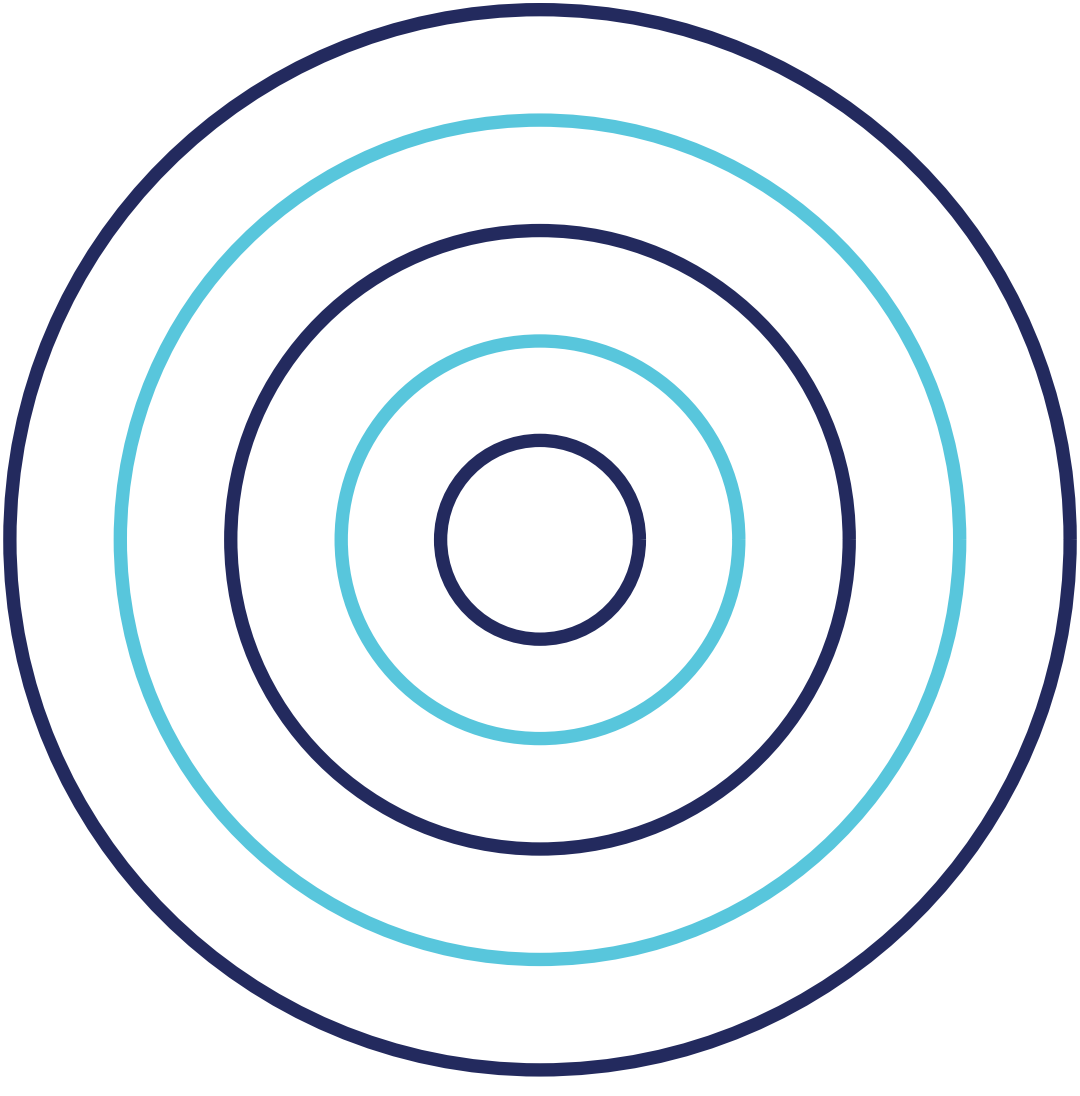
At School and College



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

Every sport on Sport on Earth carries its own original mark, drawn for the site. Here is this sport's.



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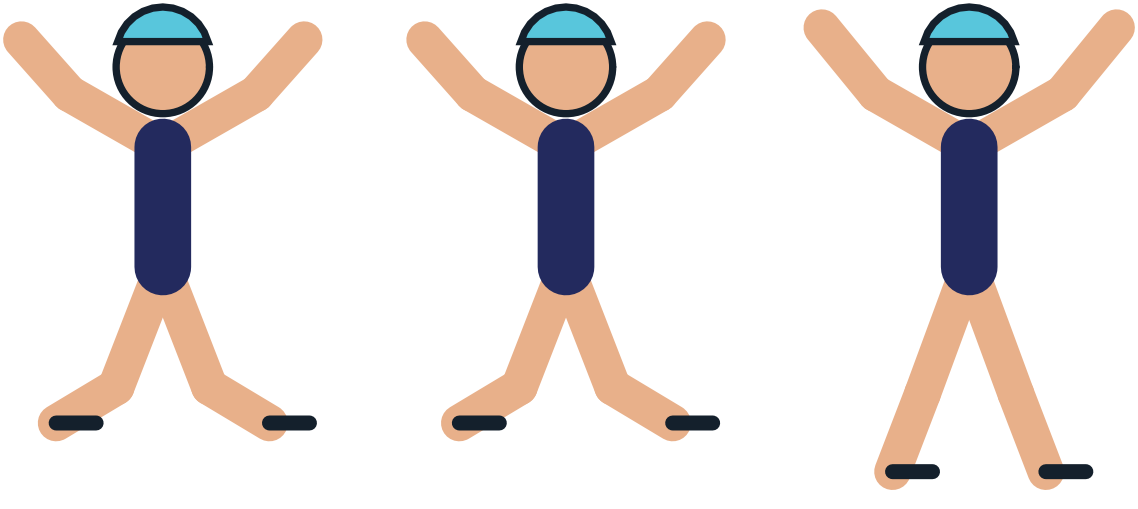
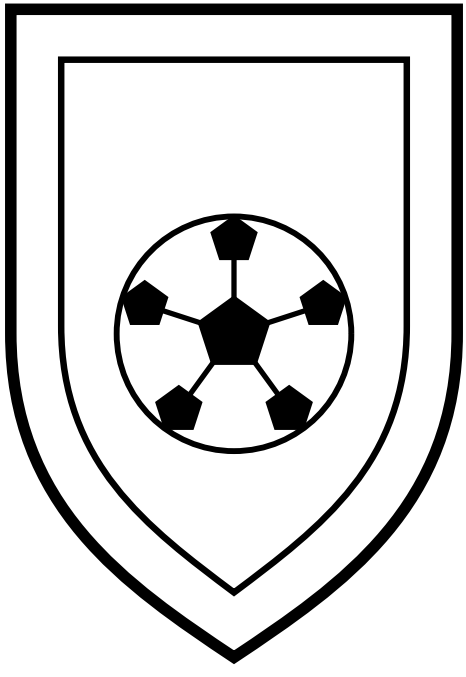
Moves of the Game

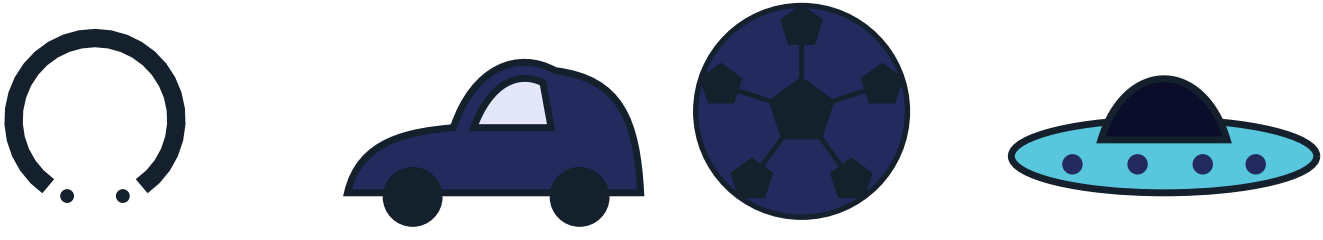


Design a Badge

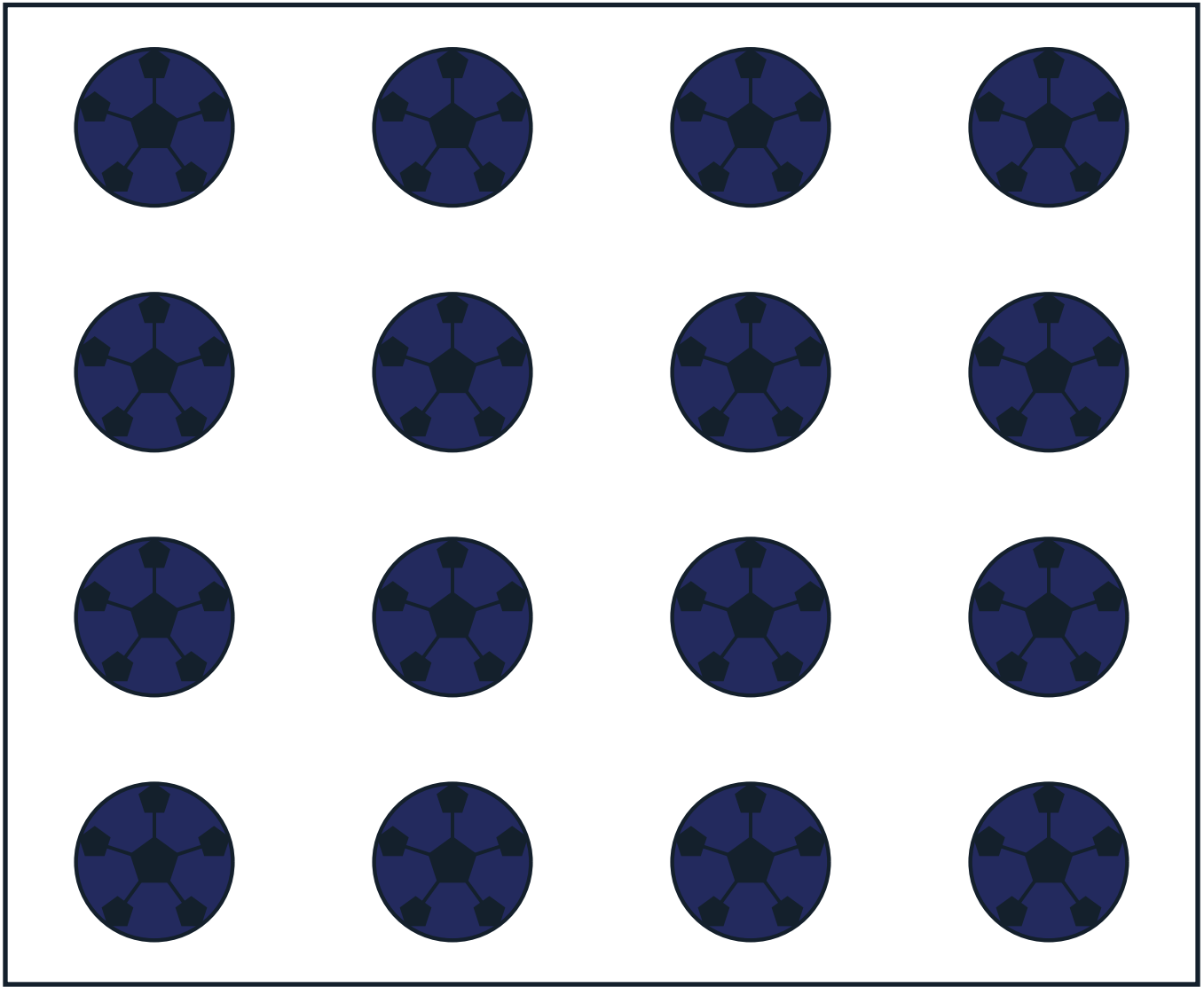


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

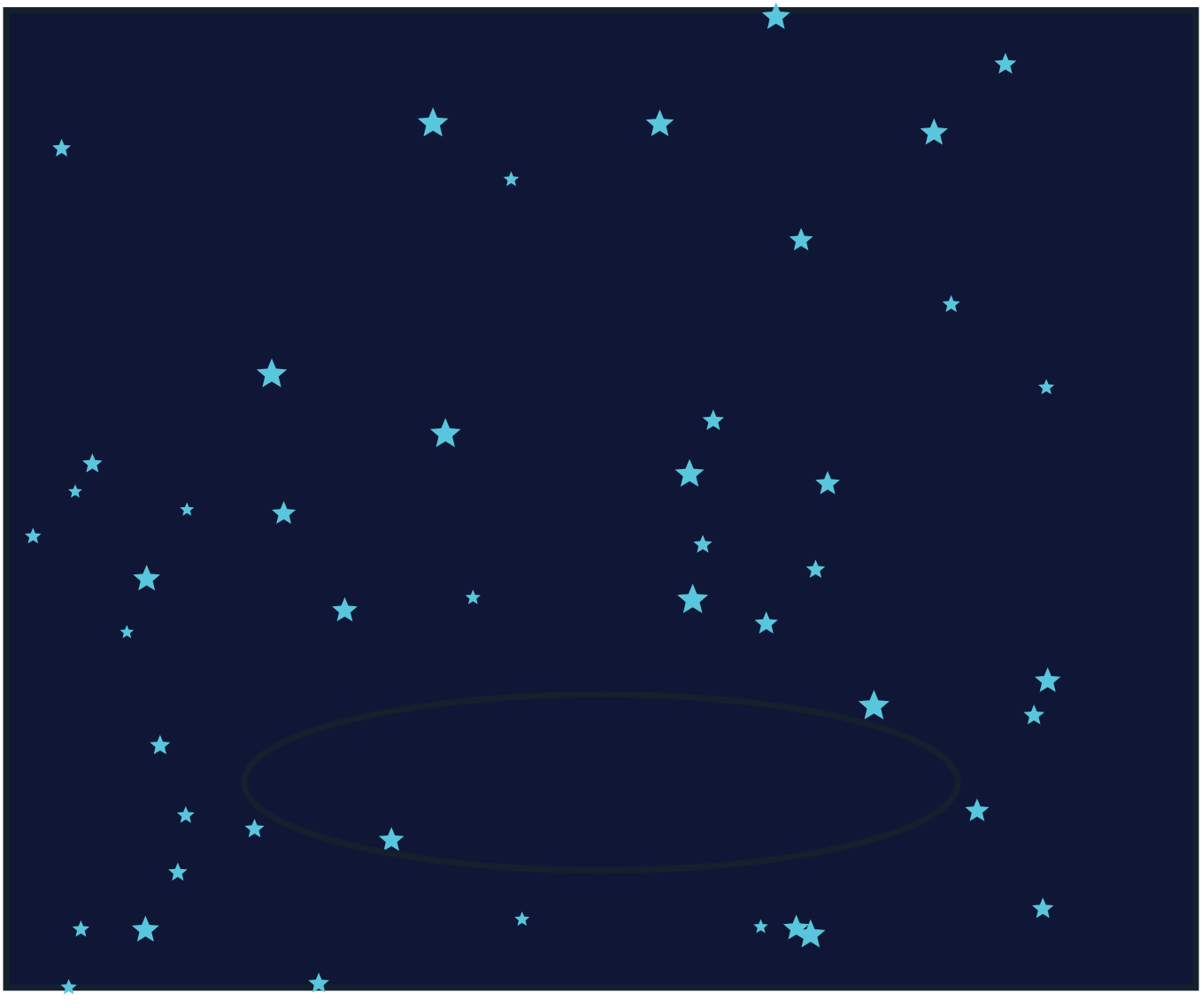
The Gear Parade



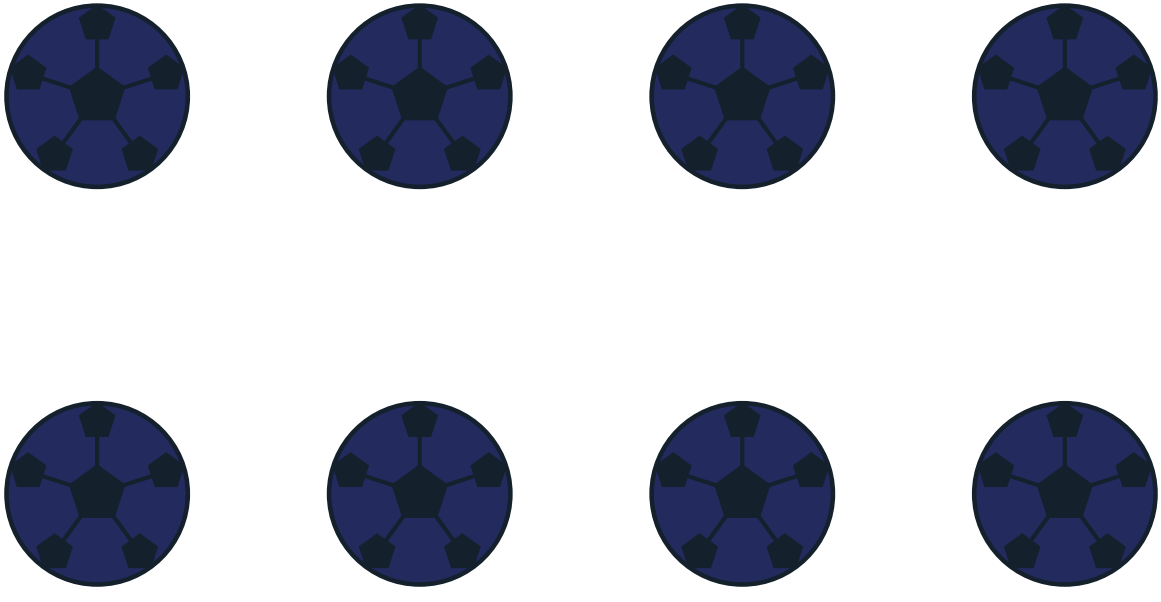
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



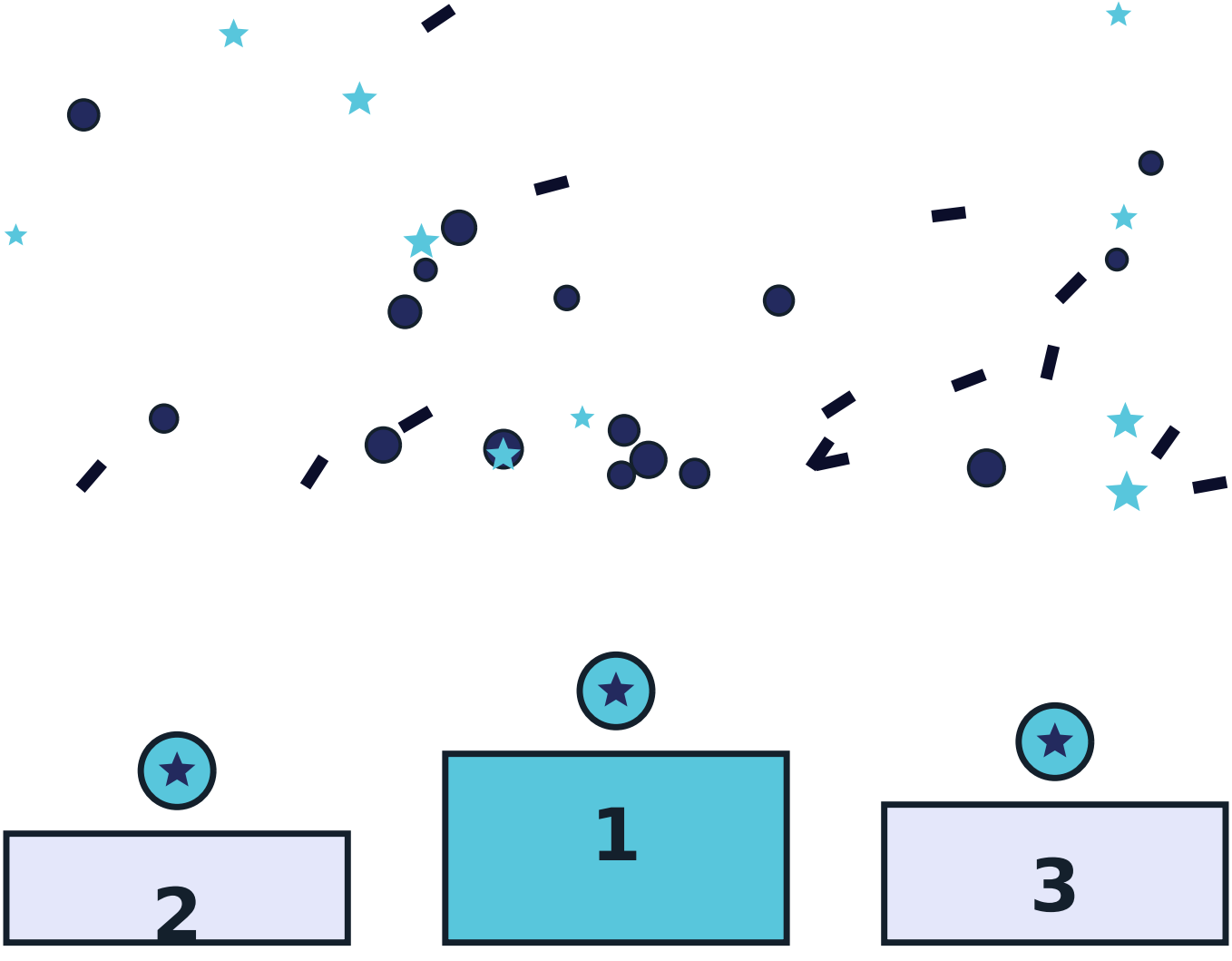
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Podracing

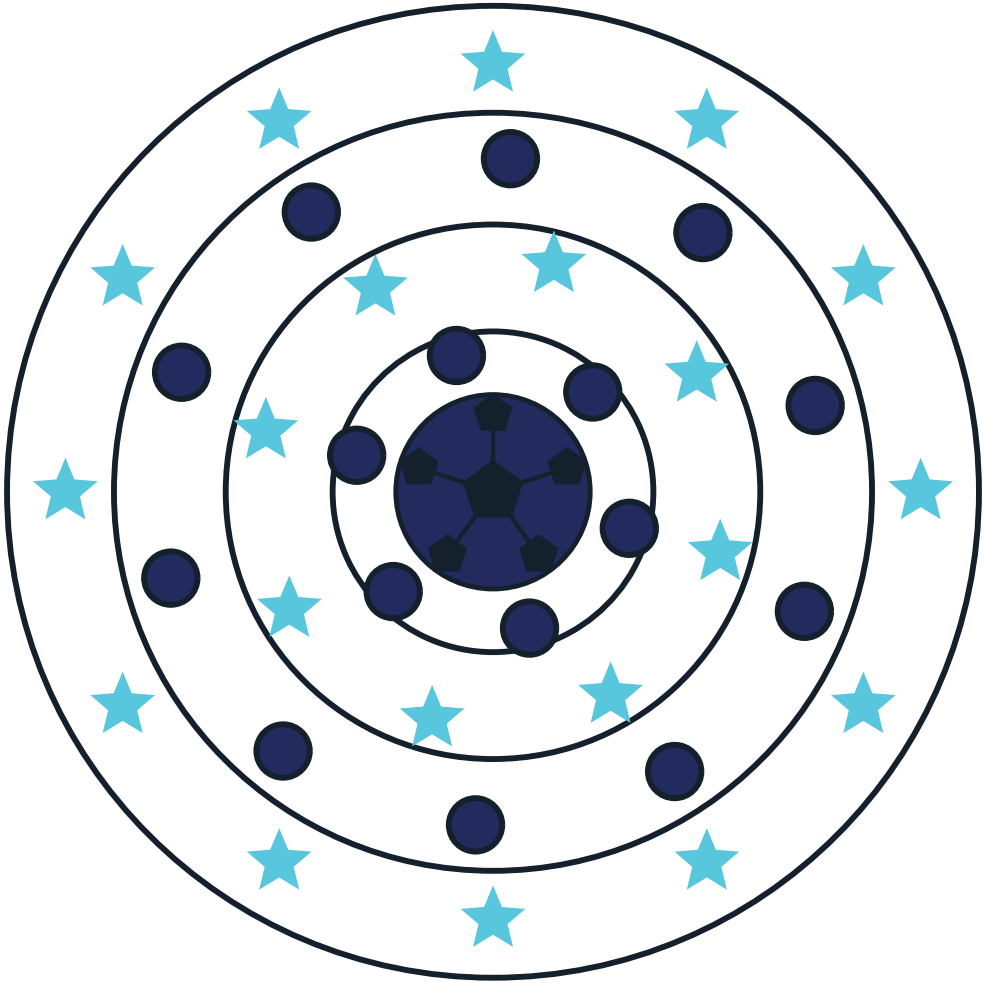
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Governing body: None — fictional sport. Laws edition the site's rules file follows: As defined in Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace (1999) and StarWars.com lore. 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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