THE CARTOON BOOK OF

FREERIDE SKIING



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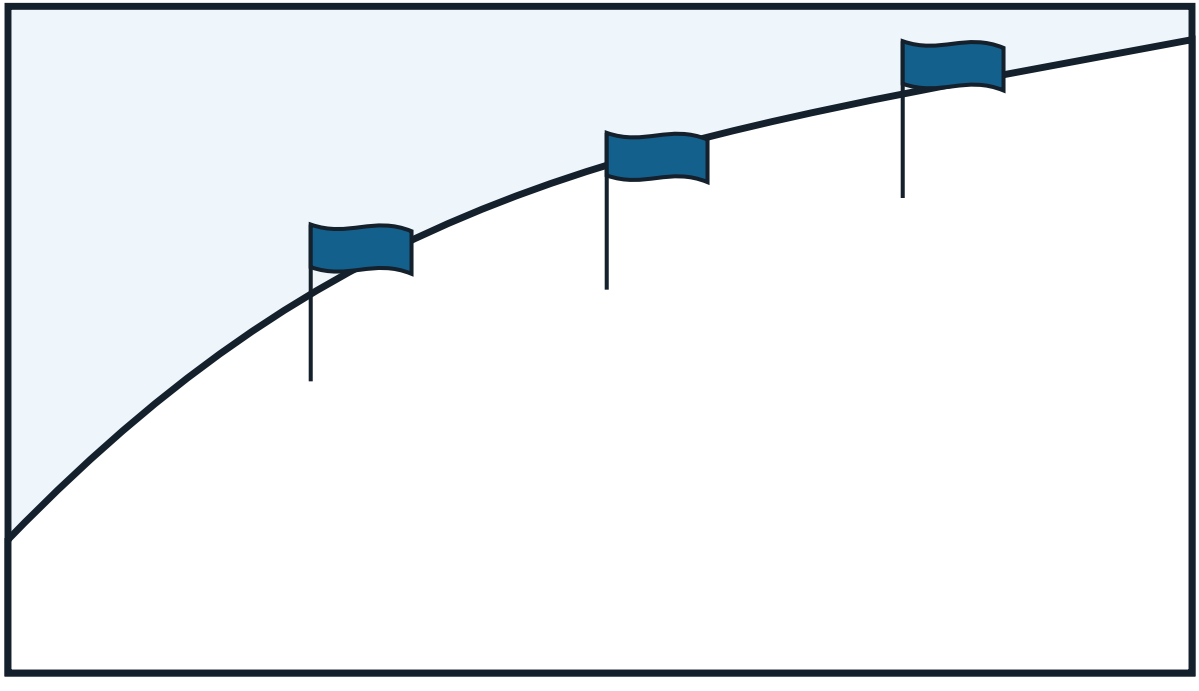
Meet Freeride Skiing!

Big-mountain skiing judged on line choice.



Where It Is Played

A natural, steep, ungroomed mountain face — often lift-inaccessible — bounded only by a start gate at the summit and a finish gate at the bottom.



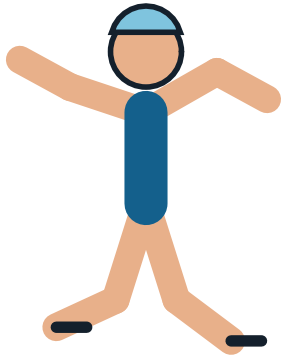
The Gear

Freeride skis (or a snowboard for the snowboard categories) and standard ski touring/resort safety kit for a natural mountain venue; the face itself is entirely natural with no man-made kickers.



How It Starts

Build expert off-piste skiing first, enter FWT Qualifier or Junior events to learn judged competition, and study a face and plan a line before ever dropping in.



How to Play

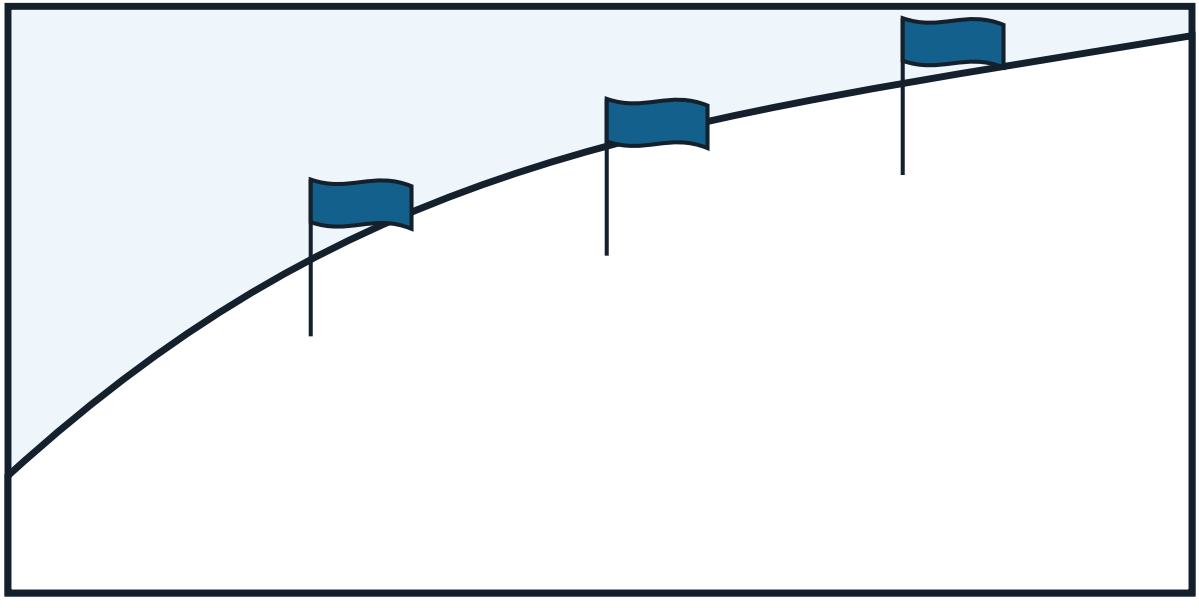
- Format: a single judged descent of a steep, natural, ungroomed mountain face; each rider chooses their own line, so no two runs are the same.
- There is a start gate at the top and a finish gate at the bottom — and nothing set in between.
- Judges award one overall-impression score from 0 to 100 for the run.
- The judging panel is a minimum of 3 certified judges supervised by a Head Judge.

More of the Game

- Five criteria determine the score: Line (difficulty, danger, creativity and uniqueness of the chosen path), Control, Technique, Fluidity (no hesitation or interruption, speed for the terrain), and Air & Style (size, execution and landing of jumps off natural features).
- Losing control or falling damages the Control score; side-slipping a section others carve damages the Technique score.
- Competition categories are Ski Men, Ski Women, Snowboard Men and Snowboard Women.
- On the 2026 tour, after the first four events only the top 60% of riders, on their best three results, qualify for the two FWT Finals.

The Shape of a Match

Pick your own way down a big natural face in one run and make it the most impressive descent of the day — hardest line, cleanly ridden, with airs.



More of the Water & winter Family

- Surfing — Ride ocean waves on a board; judges score maneuvers, speed, and flow on the best waves.
- Ice Hockey — Skate and pass a puck to score in the opposing net. Six per side, three periods of 20 minutes.
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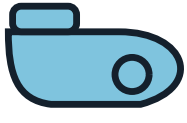
- Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding — Downhill racing on FIS World Cup circuits.
- Figure and Speed Skating — Judged artistic skating and timed racing on ice.

A Note on the Rules

Freeride skiing and snowboarding (the Freeride World Tour) is a judged format — riders scored on line choice, control, fluidity, technique and style on natural faces — under the FWT's own code, taken into the FIS umbrella in recent seasons. Judged-format criteria, not match laws; no landmark dated change is carried for freeriding.



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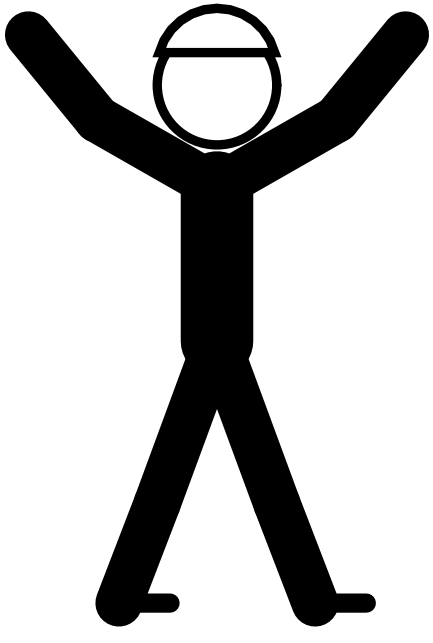

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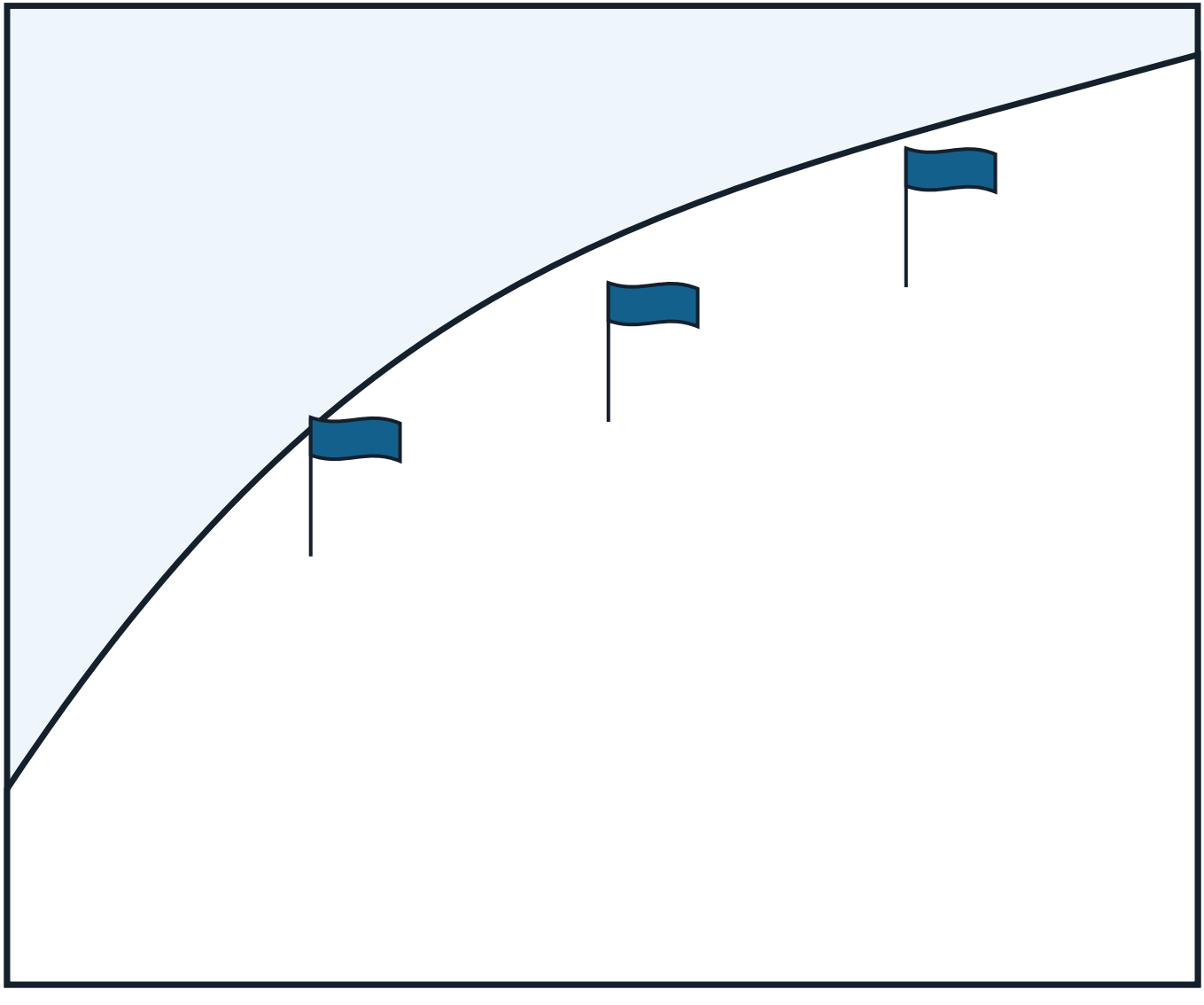
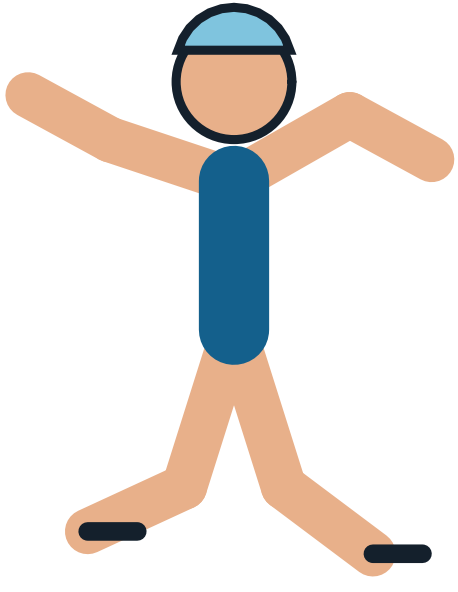


At School and College



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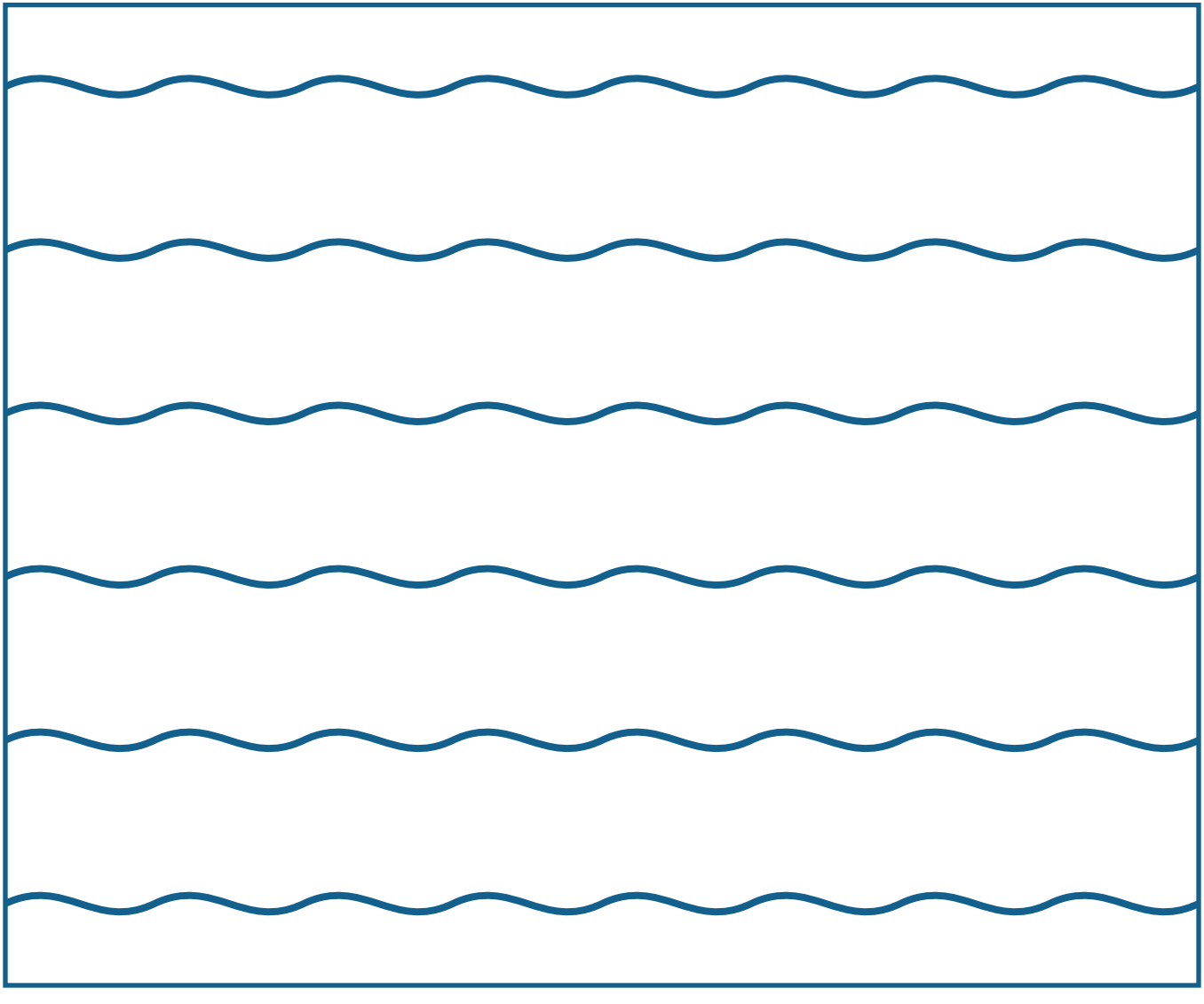
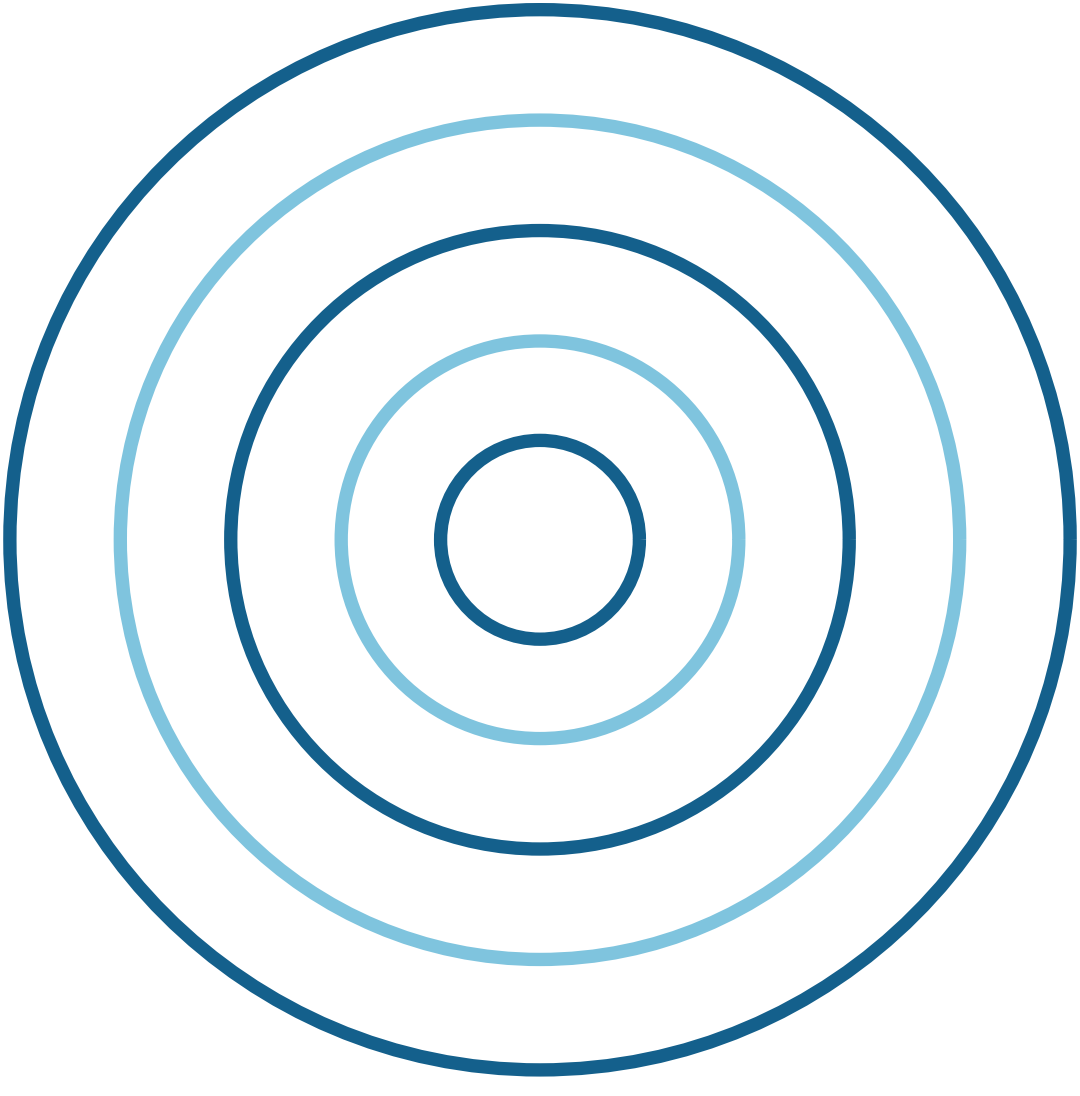


Through the Year



The Water & winter 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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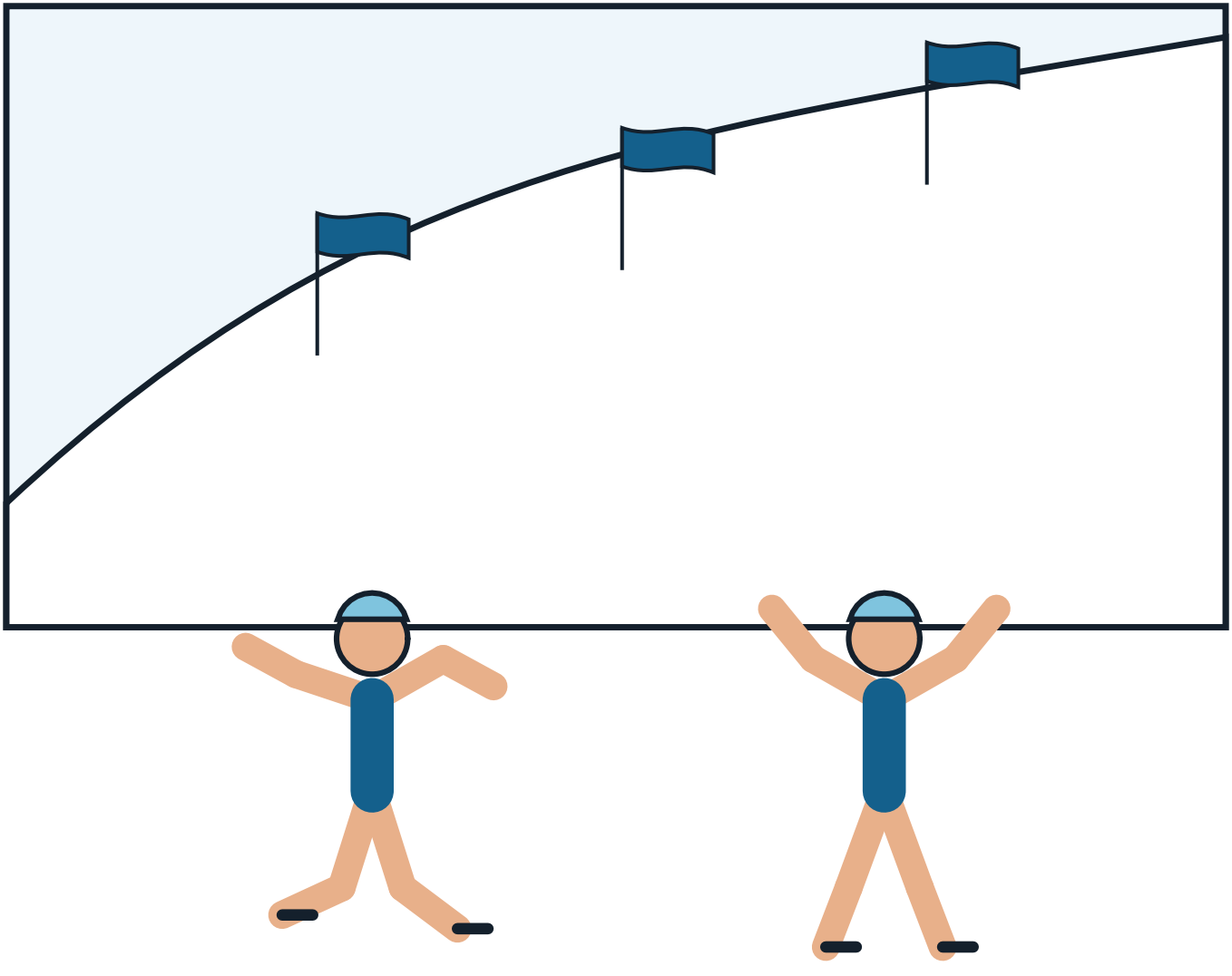
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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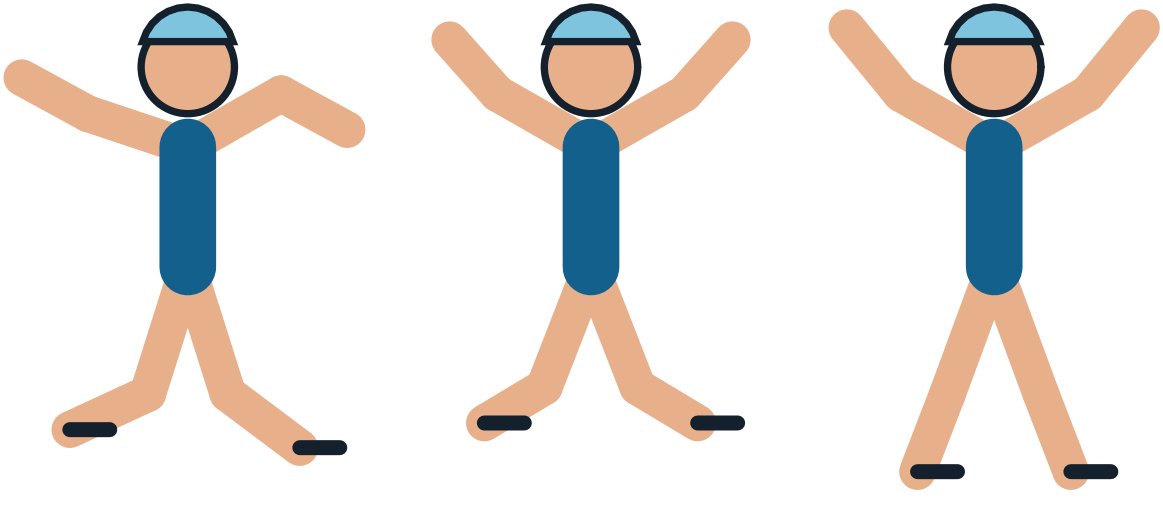
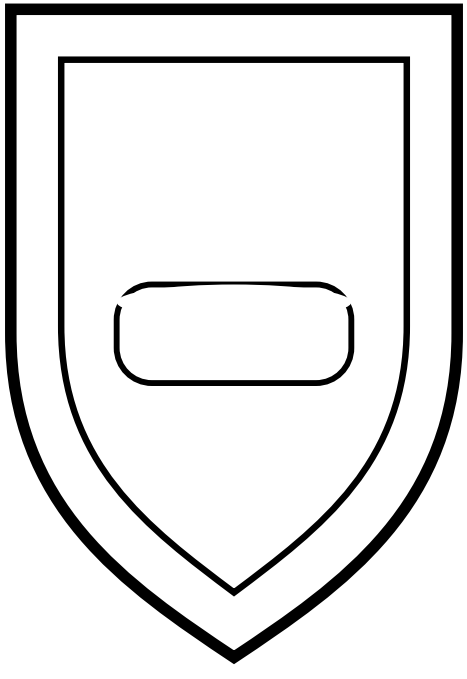
Moves of the Game



Design a Badge

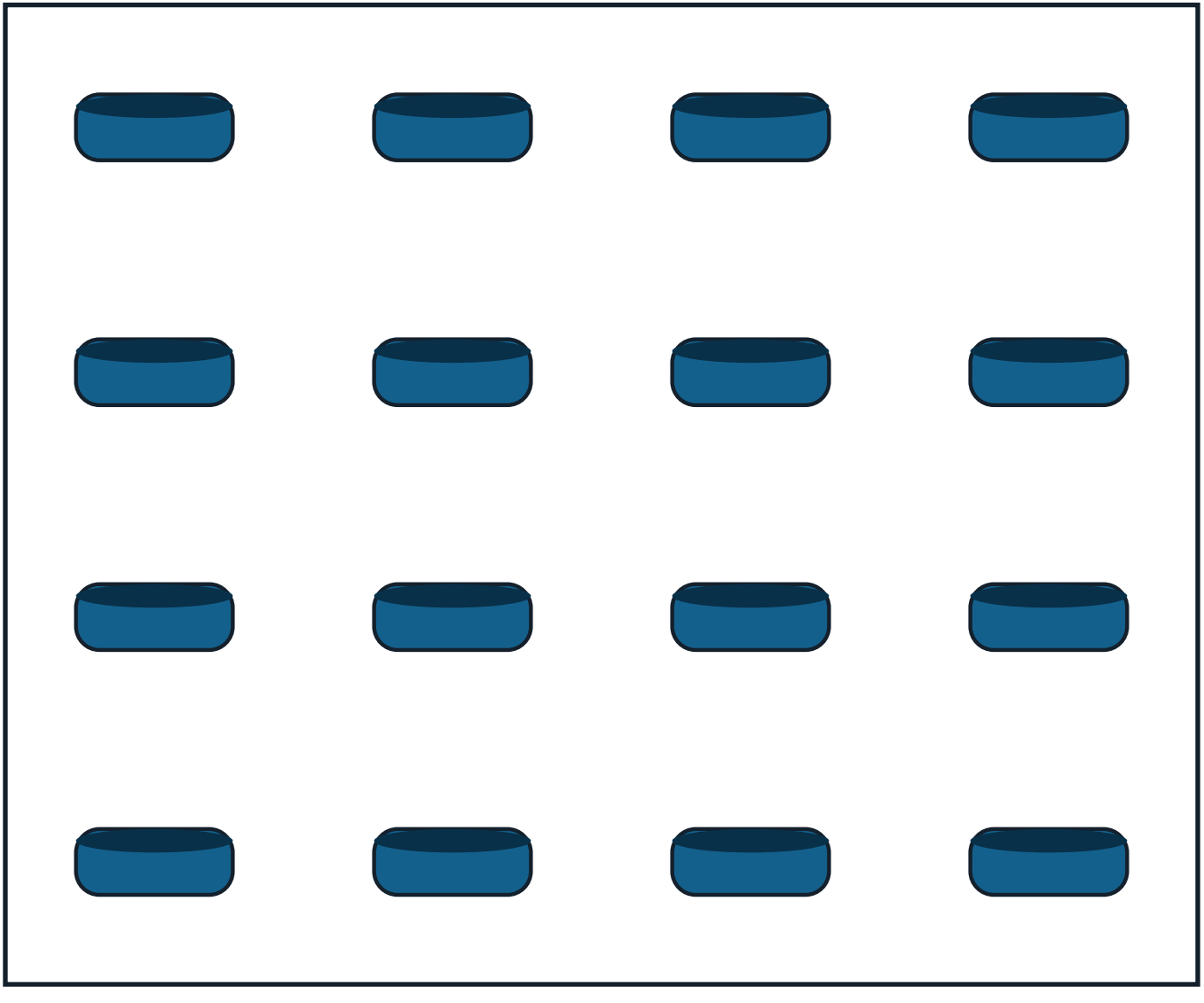


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

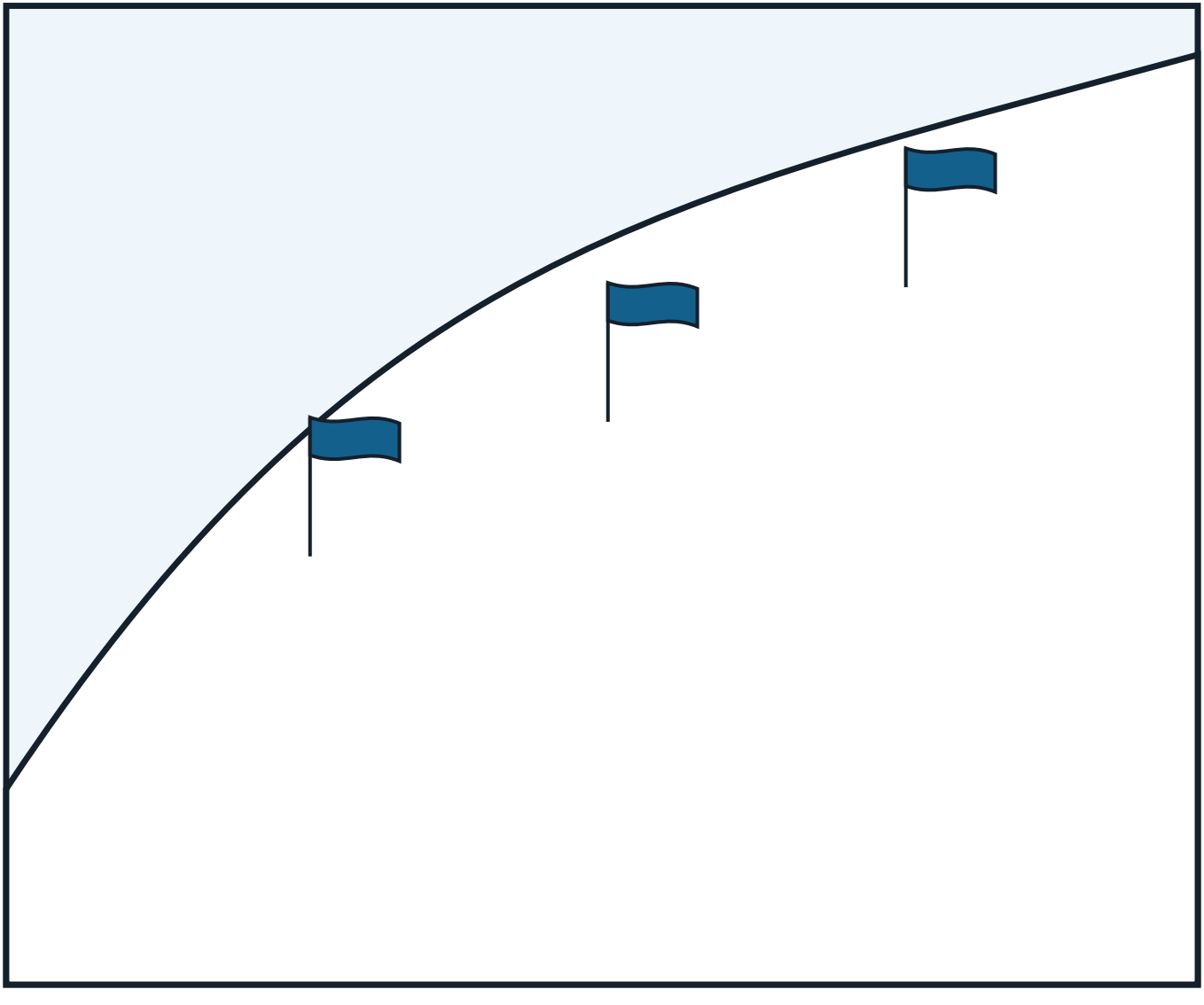
The Gear Parade



Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



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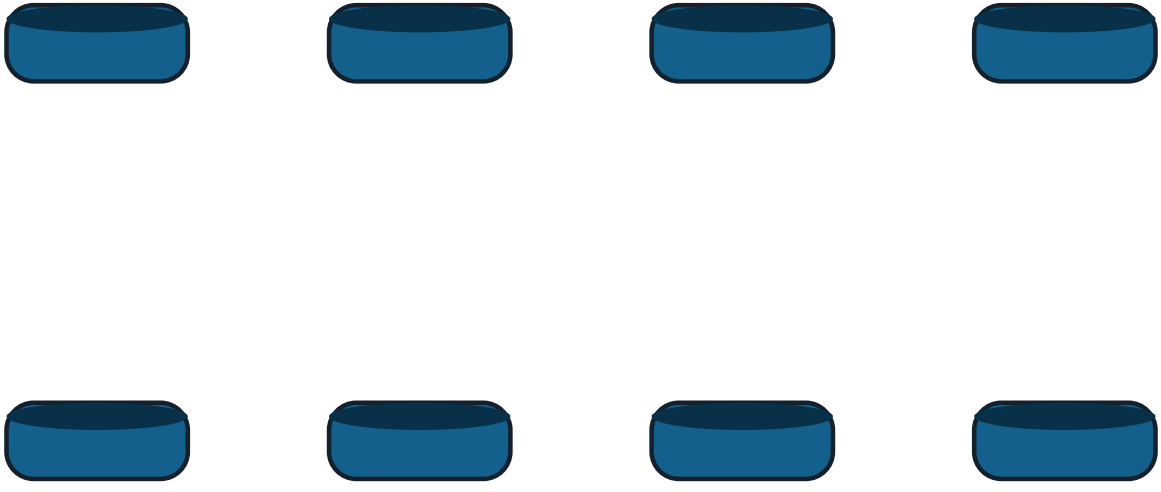
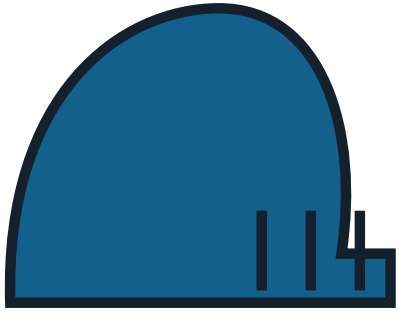


How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Freeride Skiing

Gear Close-Up



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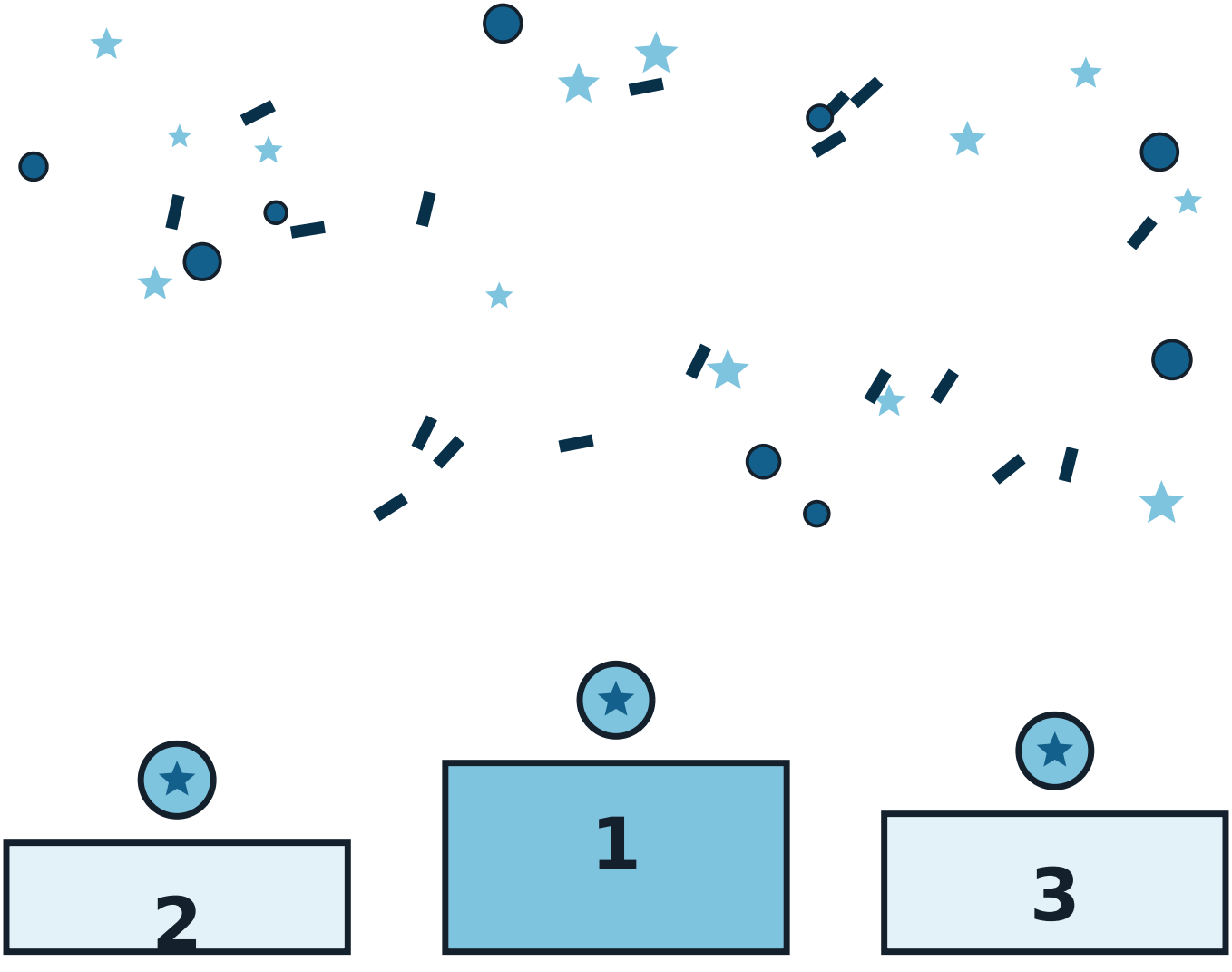
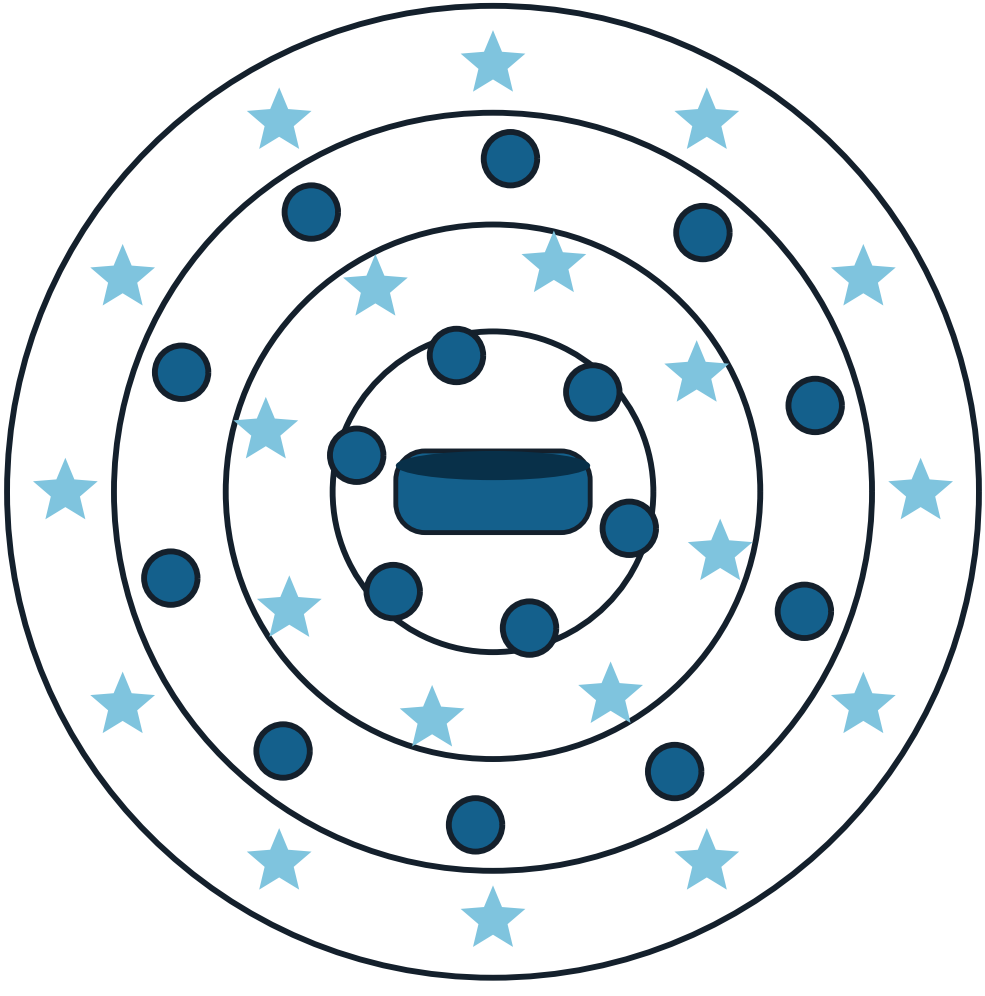


The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Governing body: FIS (International Ski and Snowboard Federation) — Freeride World Tour (FWT). Laws edition the site's rules file follows: 2026 FWT Riders Rulebook (published 1 November 2025) and FWT Judging system. 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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