THE CARTOON BOOK OF

YUKI GASSEN



WINTER

SPORT ON EARTH

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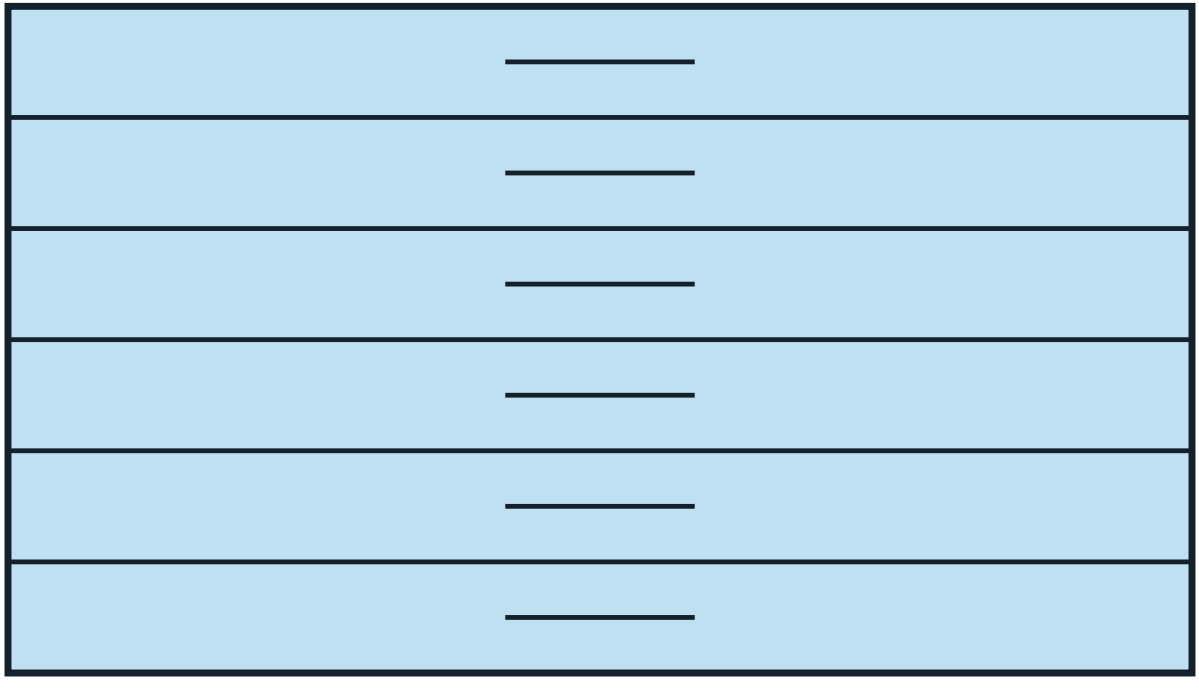
Meet Yuki Gassen!

Japanese organised snowball fight.



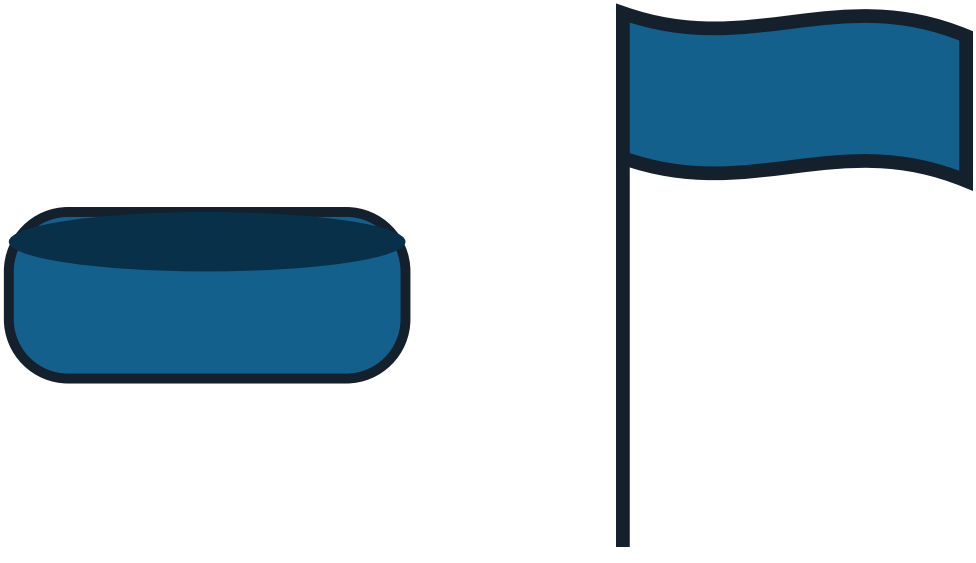
Where It Is Played

Snow court 36 m by 10 m with a centreline, backlines, shelters, chateaus and flags as laid out in the JYF rules.



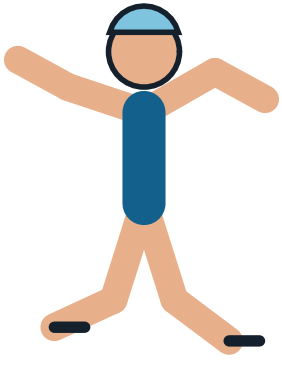
The Gear

Yukigassen helmet with face shield, gloves and winter clothing; 90 pre-made snowballs per team per set are supplied.



How It Starts

Form a 10-person team, practise throwing and sheltering in the snow, and enter a local tournament — the Showa-Shinzan International Yukigassen in Hokkaido is the original world championship event.



How to Play

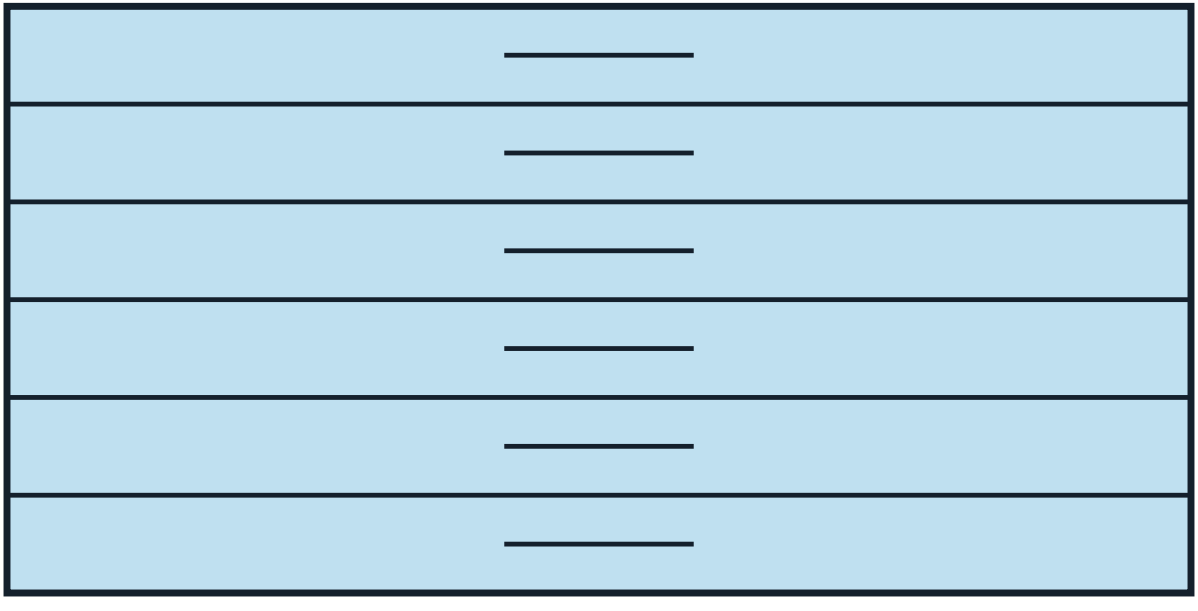
- Format: two teams fight a snowball battle on a snow court, defending their own flag and attacking the opponent's.
- Each match has three 3-minute sets, and the first team to win two sets wins the match.
- Each team consists of 10 people: 7 athletes, 2 substitutes and 1 field coach.
- The court is 36 m by 10 m, divided by a centreline, with shelters to hide behind (two in each territory plus a large centre shelter), a chateau base in each territory, and a flag in front of each backline.

More of the Game

- Each team has 90 snowballs per set; additional snowballs cannot be made during a match, and backs replenish the forwards, who cannot replenish themselves.
- A player who touches an in-play snowball is 'out' and must leave the court until the end of the set — including a snowball thrown by a teammate.
- Up to 3 players may enter the opponent's side of the court at a time; if 4 or more enter, the team loses immediately, and forwards must not go behind their own backline.
- A set is won by eliminating all opponents or capturing the opponent's flag; if unsettled in 3 minutes, the team that hit more opponents wins the set.

The Shape of a Match

Seven-a-side snowball fight meets capture the flag: eliminate opponents with direct hits or steal their flag, best of three 3-minute sets.

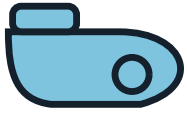


More of the Water & winter Family

- 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.
- Water Polo — Seven-a-side ball game in deep water.
- Sailing — Racing under wind power, from dinghies to the America's Cup.
- 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

Yukigassen (competitive snowball fighting) is governed by the Japan Yukigassen Federation under a code written in Sobetsu, Hokkaido in 1988–89: seven-a-side, regulation snowballs made by mould, flags to capture, elimination by hit. An authored modern codification, stable since. No major documented rule change is carried for yukigassen.



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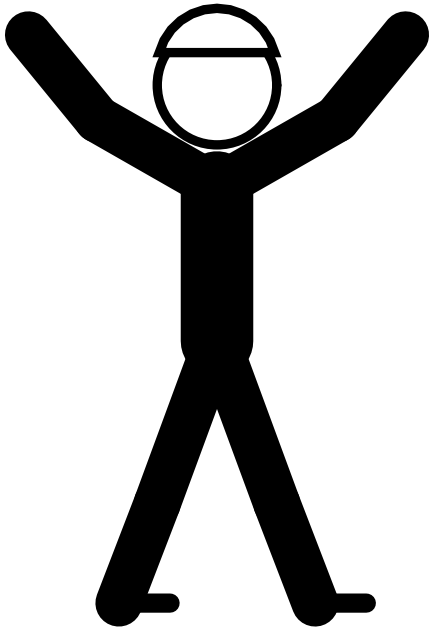

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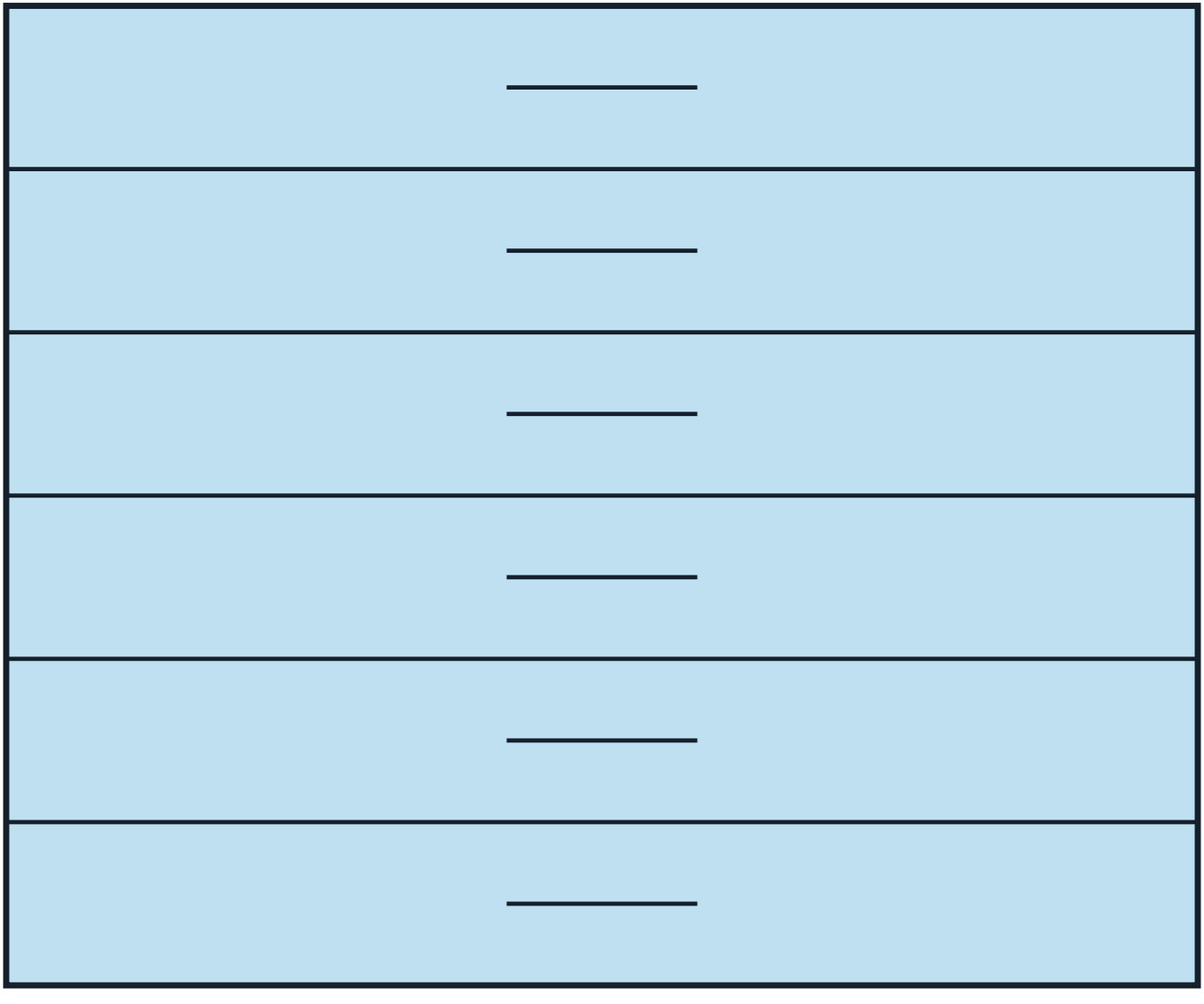
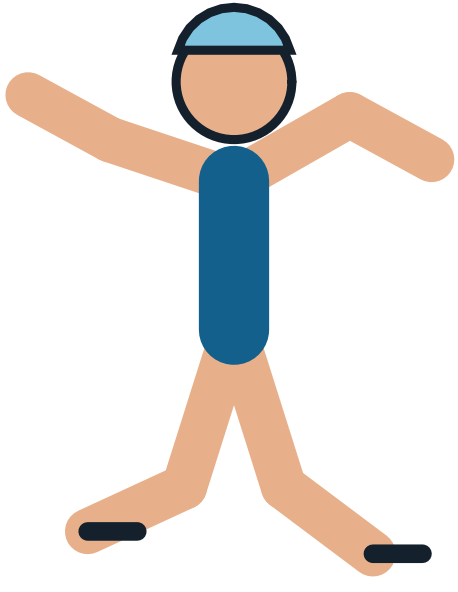


At School and College



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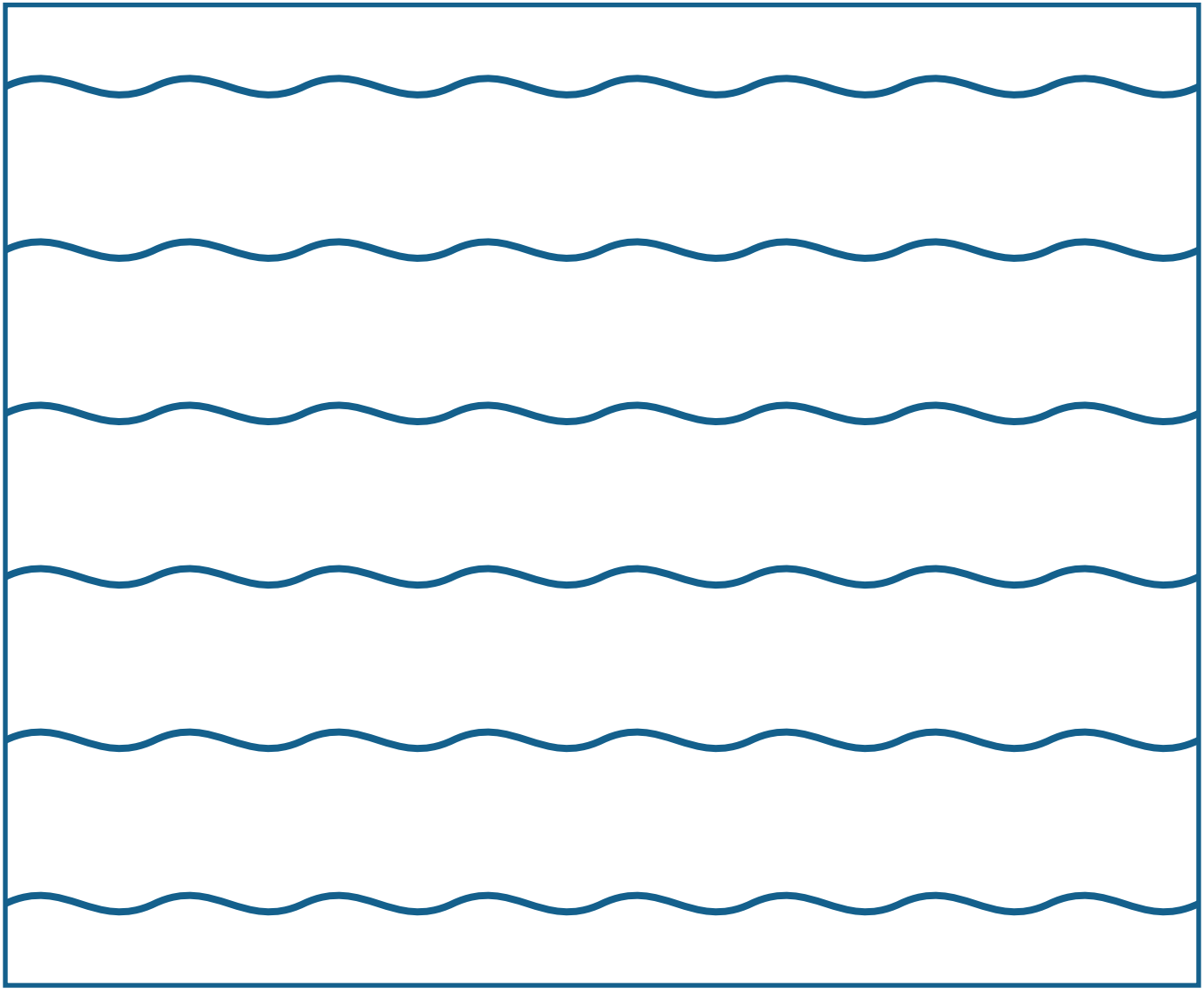
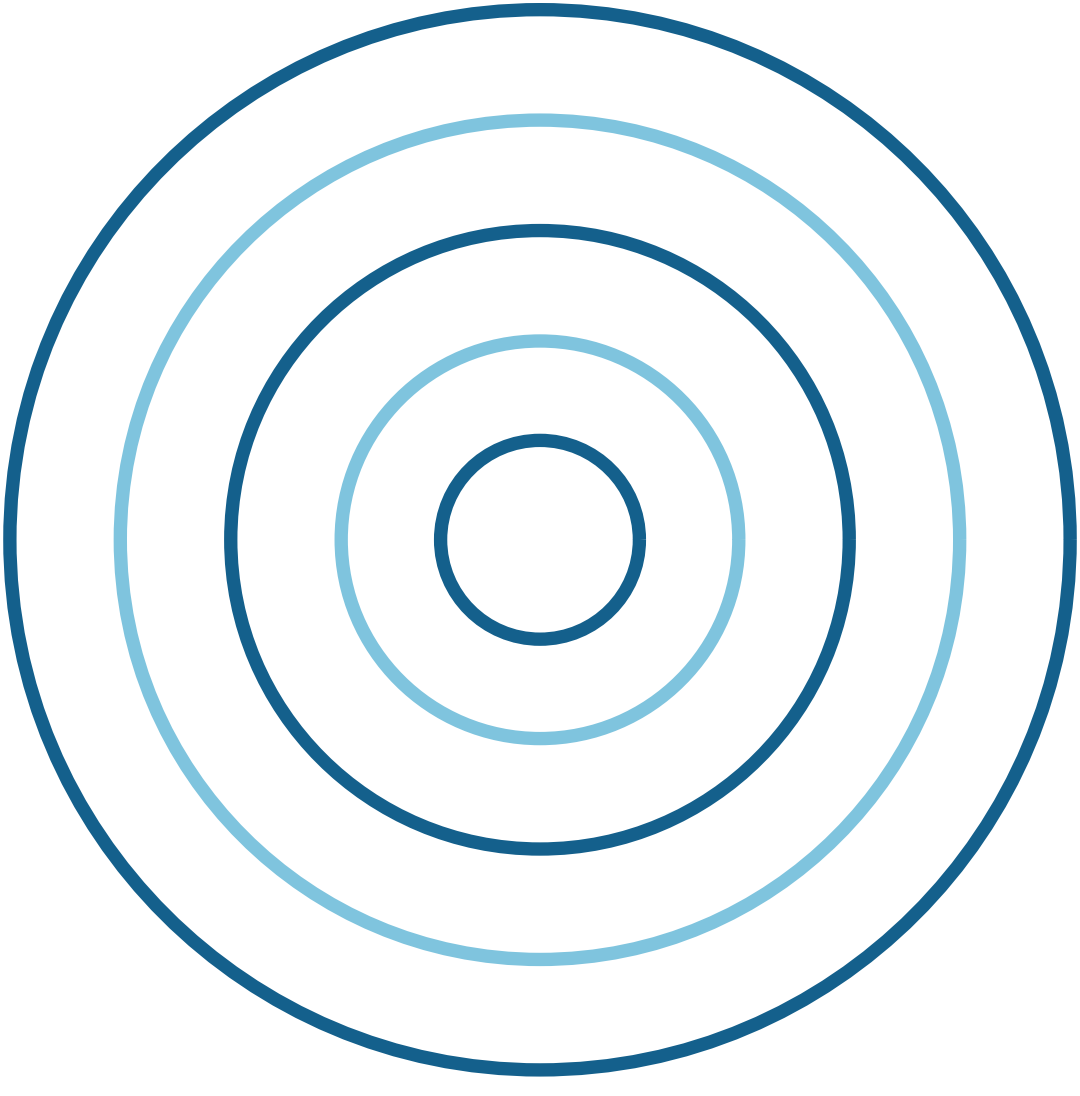


Through the Year



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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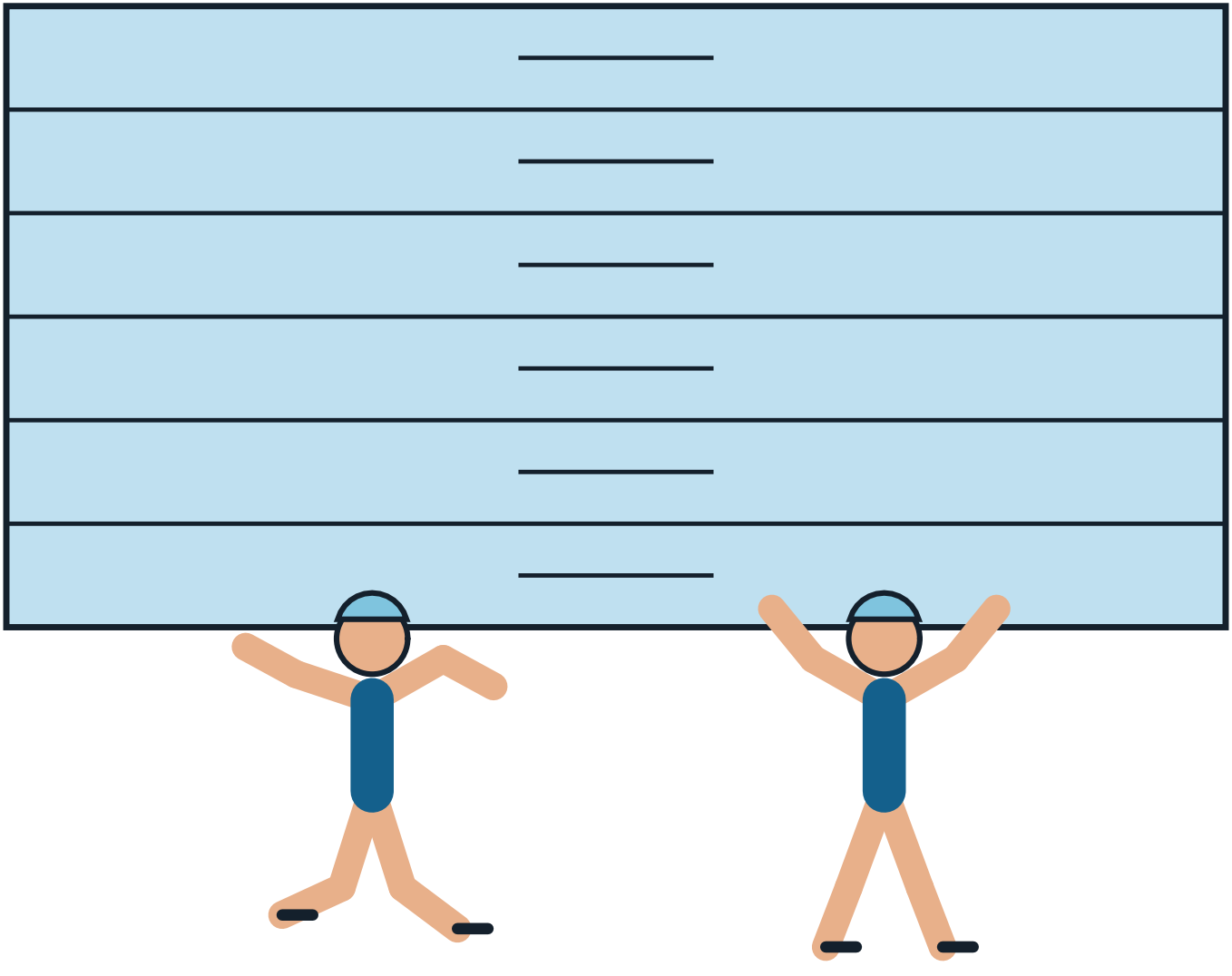
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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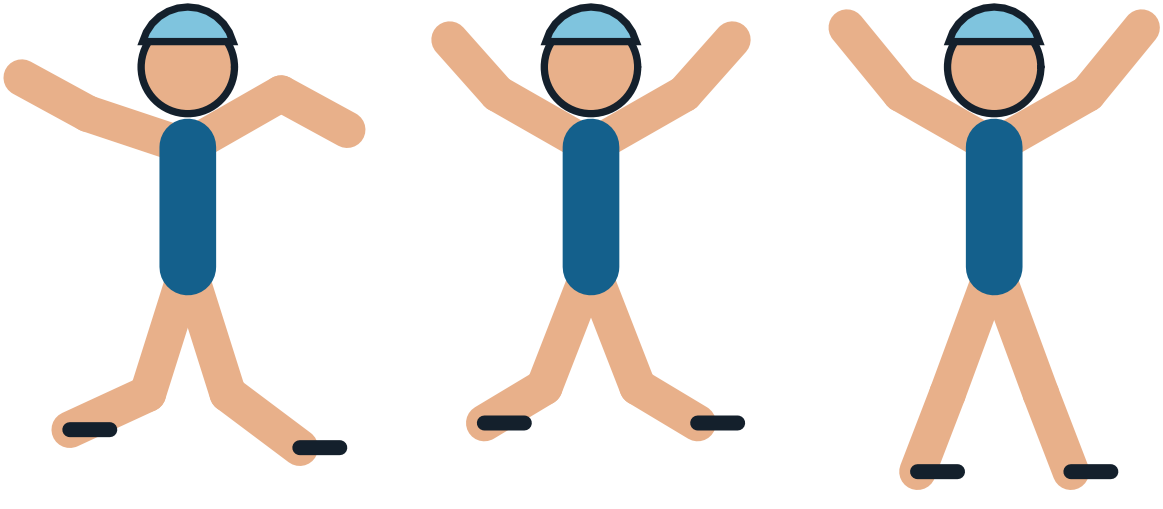
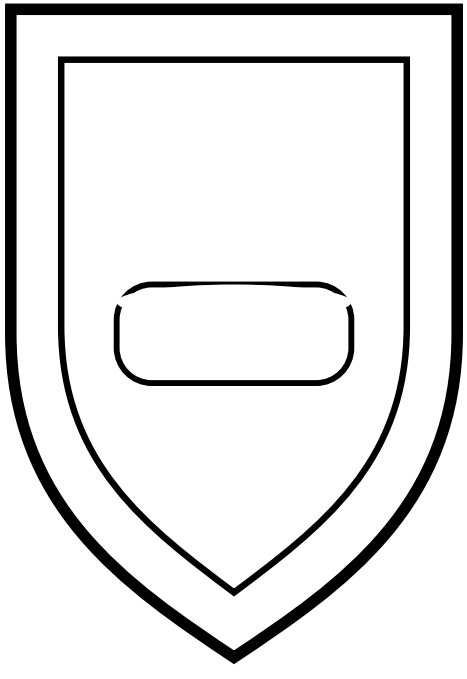
Moves of the Game

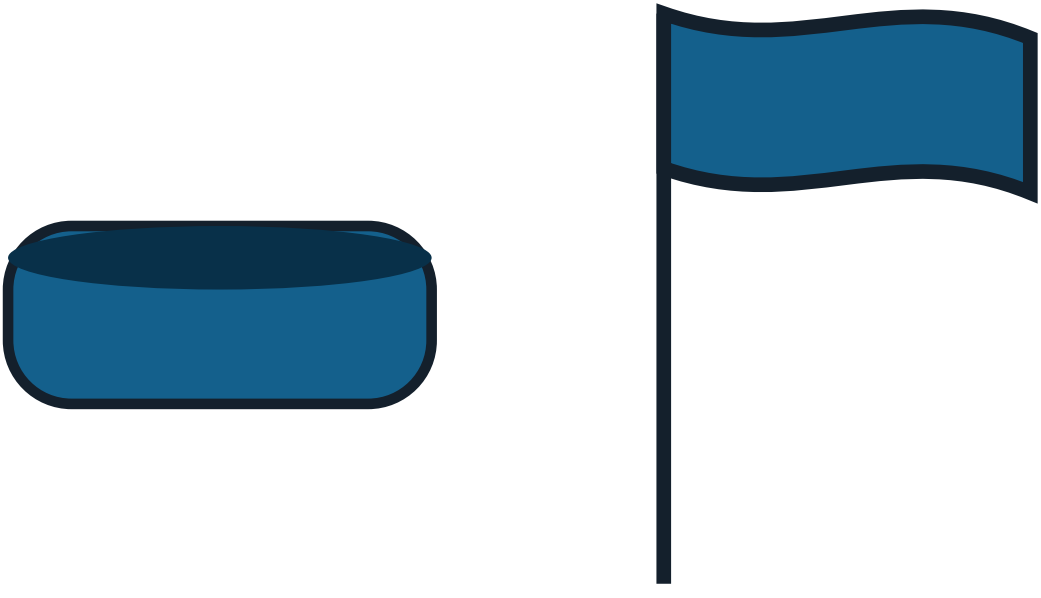


Design a Badge

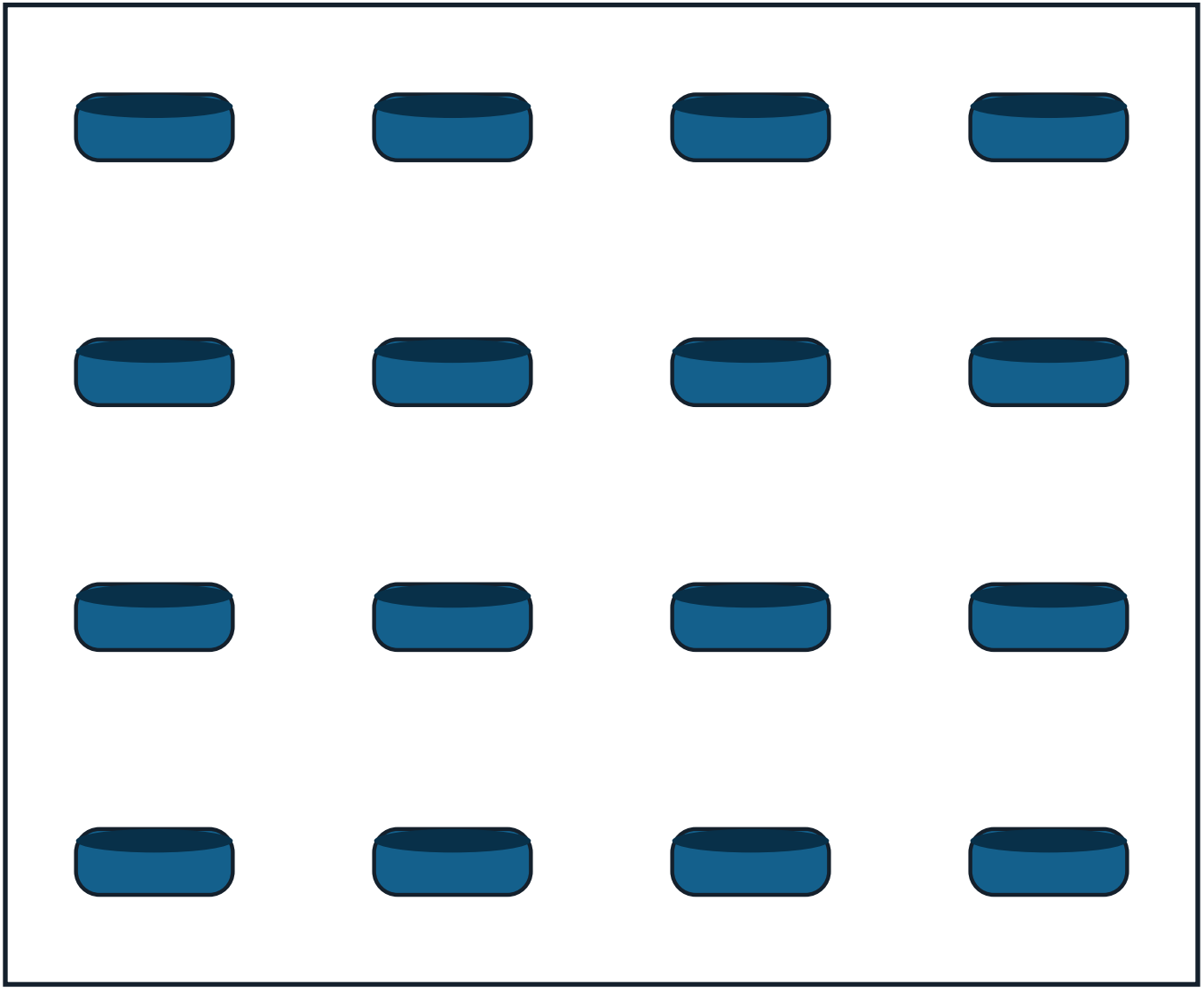


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

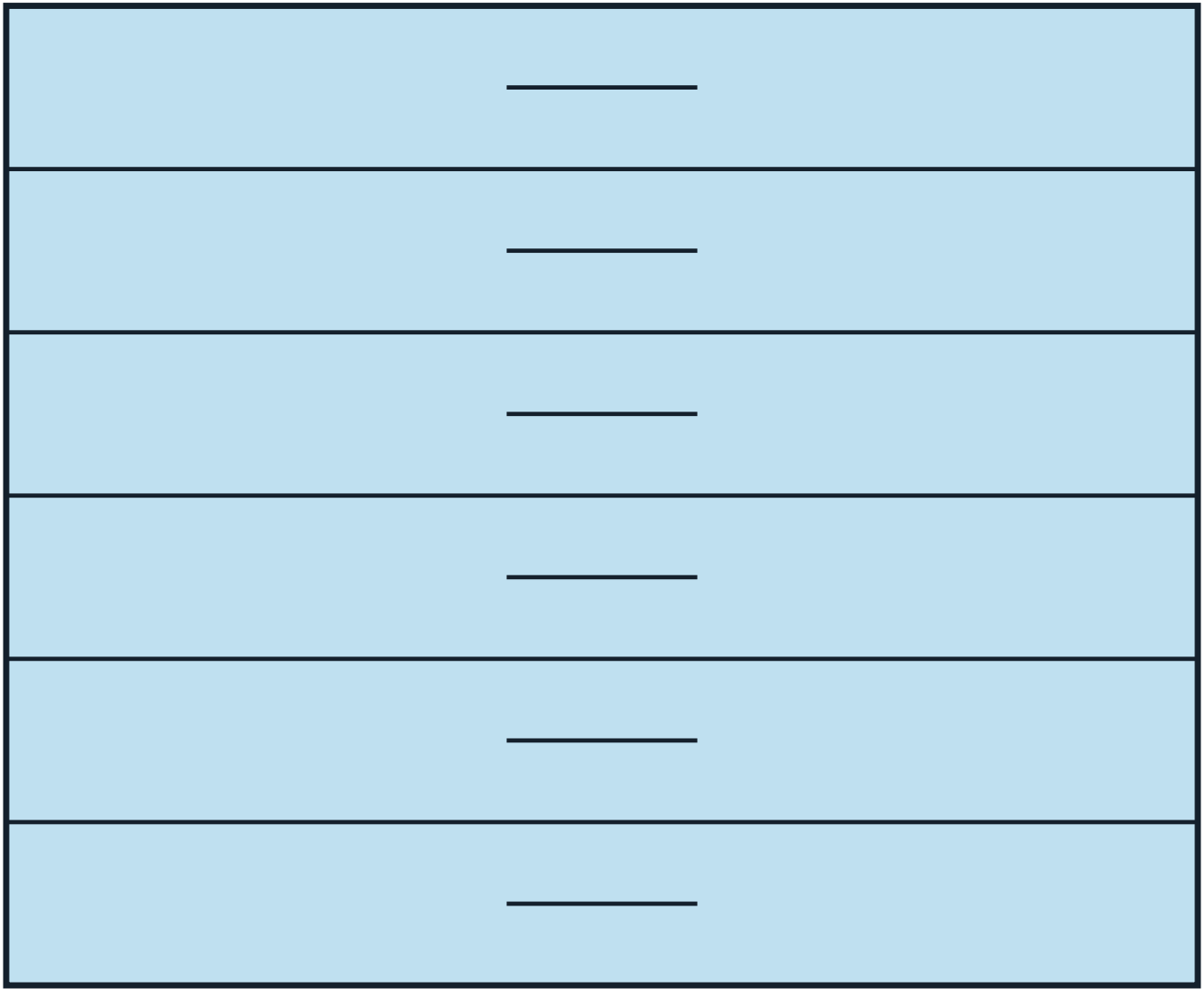
The Gear Parade



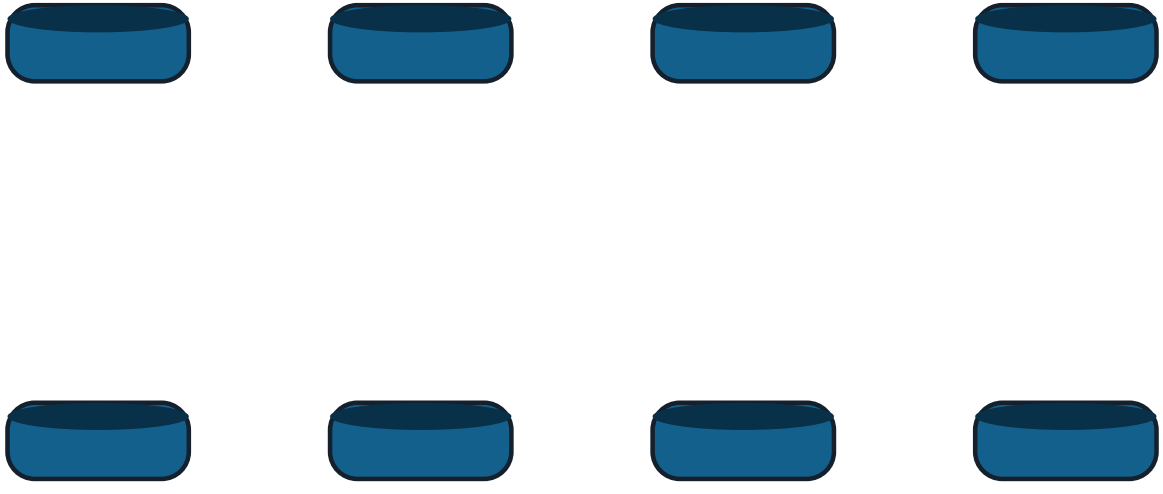
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



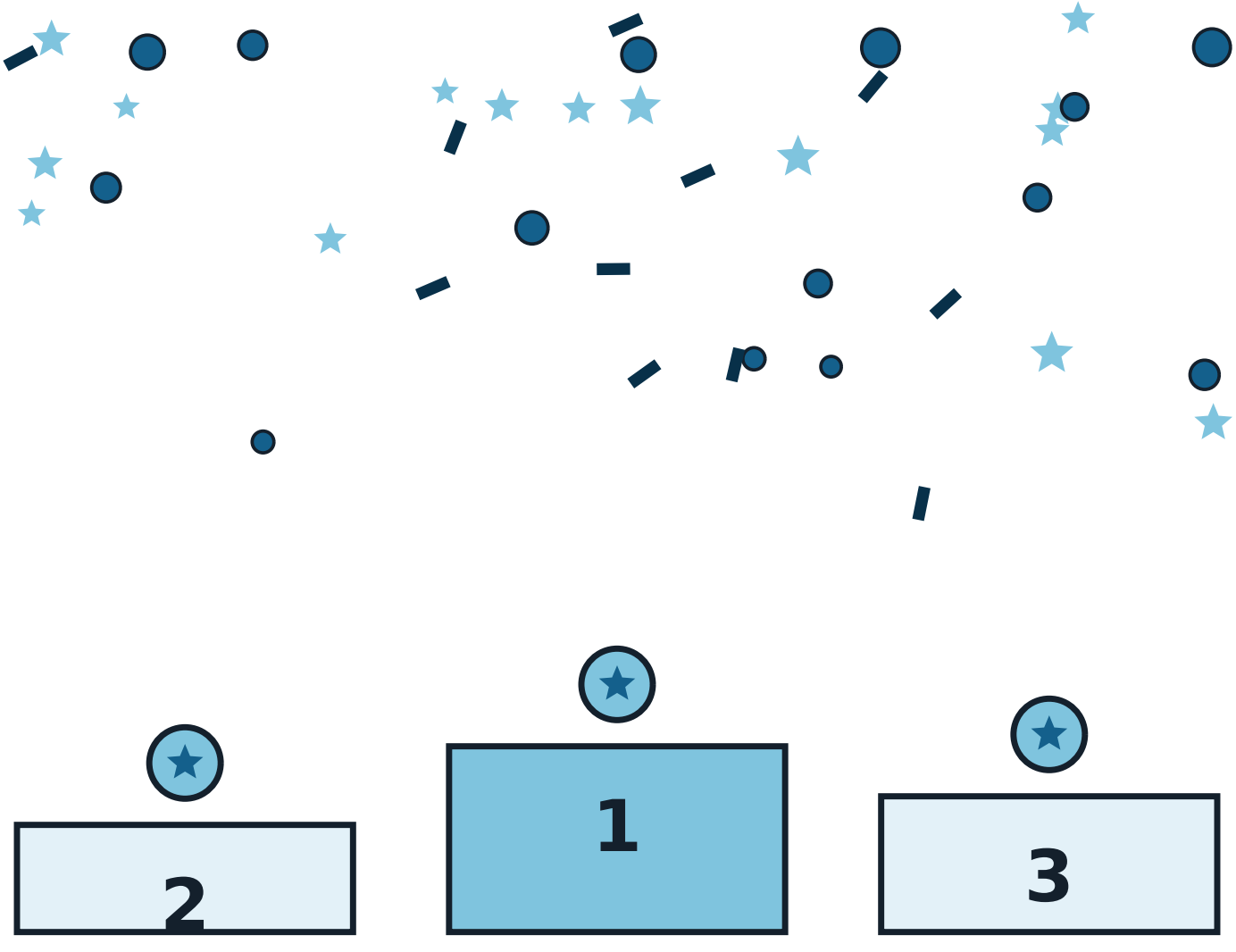
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Yuki Gassen

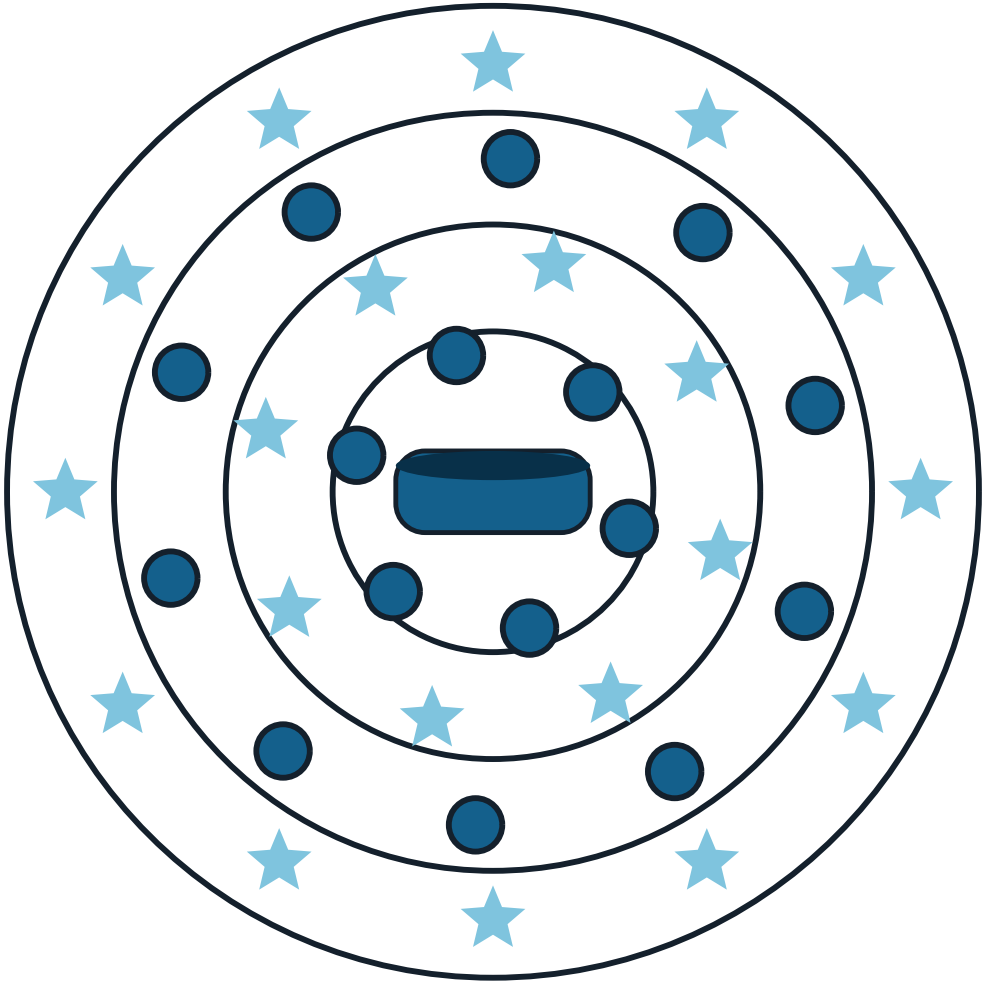
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Governing body: Japan Yukigassen Federation (JYF) / International Alliance of Sport Yukigassen. Laws edition the site's rules file follows: Sports Yukigassen rules (established 1988; JYF published Basic Rules, current). 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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