THE CARTOON BOOK OF

COOPER'S HILL CHEESE-ROLLING



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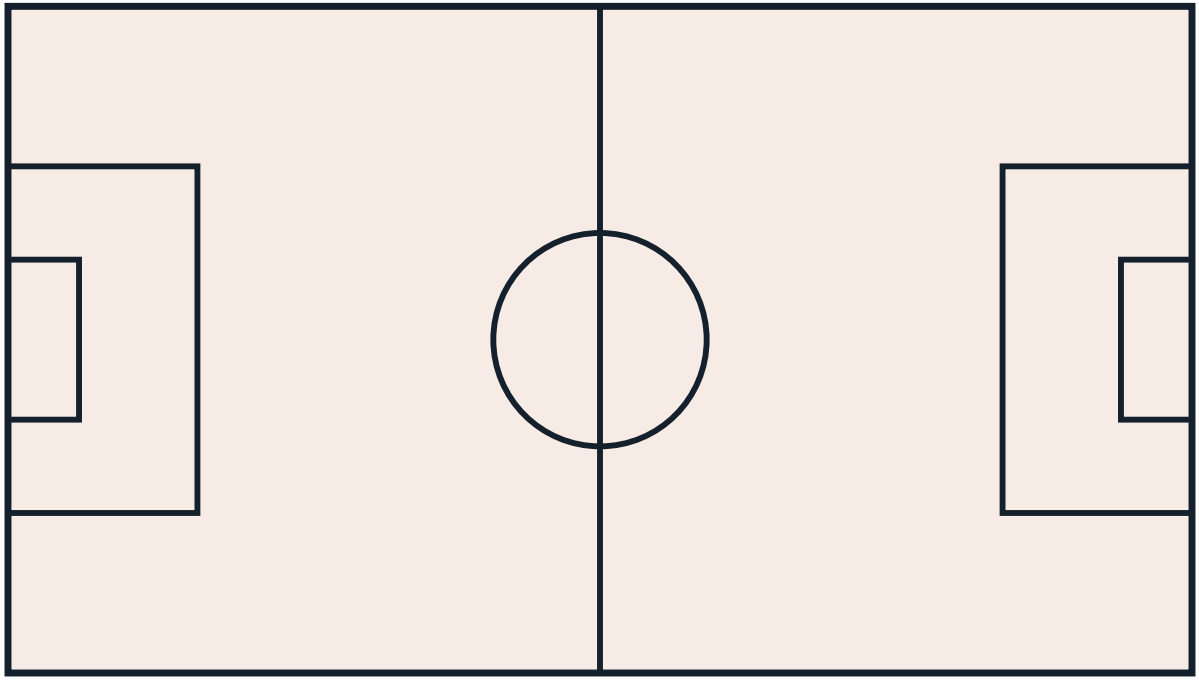
Meet Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling!

English race chasing a cheese wheel down a hill.



Where It Is Played

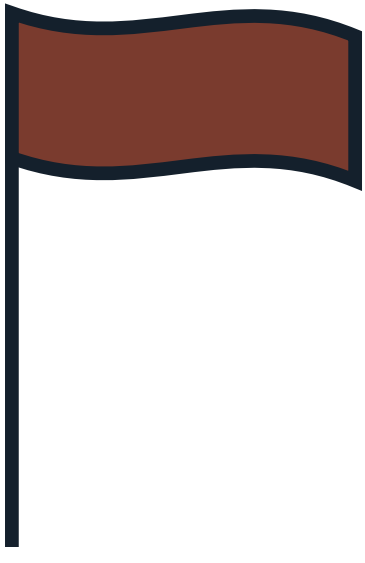
Cooper's Hill near Brockworth, Gloucester: a 200-yard (about 180 m) hill, about 1:2 gradient, steep and uneven with loose rocks and nettles.



The Gear

No equipment — sturdy clothes you do not mind ruining and protective clothing is strongly recommended; the cheese (or foam replica) is provided by the event.





How It Starts

There is no entry process: be over 18, arrive at the top of Cooper's Hill before the first race at noon on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, and race at your own risk.



How to Play

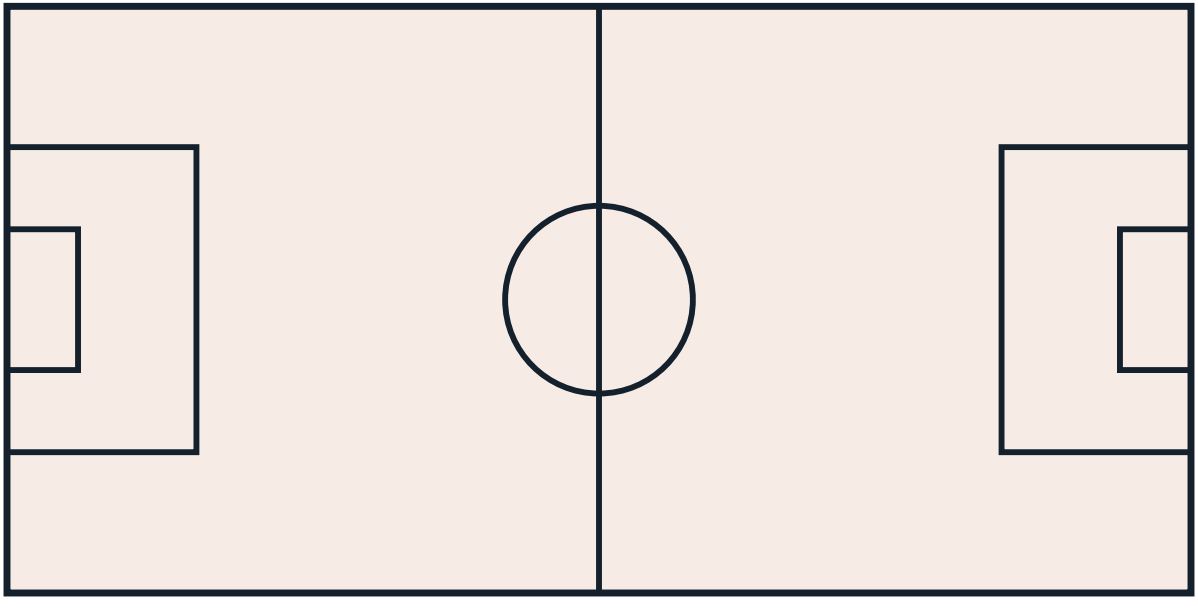
- Format: a series of downhill footraces chasing a wheel of cheese — separate races are held, including men's and women's races.
- A 9-pound round of Double Gloucester cheese is rolled down the hill from the top.
- The cheese is given a one-second head start before the players chase it, on the Master of Ceremonies' count.
- In theory the person who catches the cheese wins it; in practice the cheese can reach up to 70 mph and is almost never caught.

More of the Game

- The winner is the first person to get to the bottom and cross the finishing line, and wins the cheese.
- The event is held each spring on the Spring Bank Holiday at Cooper's Hill outside Gloucester.
- For safety the cheese was replaced by a foam replica in 2013.
- Participants must be over 18 for the downhill races, with no registration — racers simply turn up at the top of the hill on the day.

The Shape of a Match

Sprint, slide and tumble down a near-vertical grass hill after a runaway cheese wheel; first across the line at the bottom takes the cheese home.



More of the Traditional & regional Family

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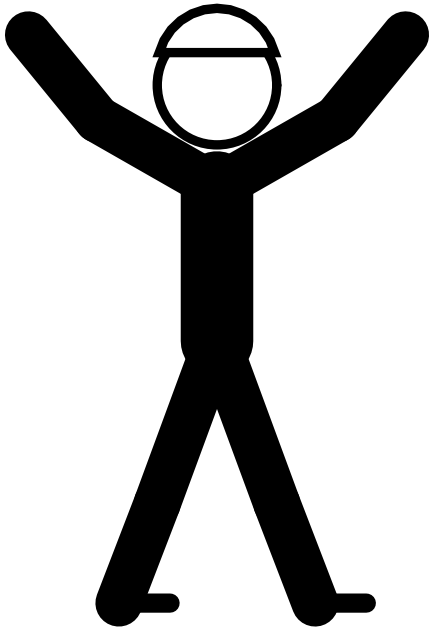
- Gaelic Handball — Irish wall handball played with gloved hands.
- Calcio Storico — Florentine mix of rugby, wrestling and boxing in a sand pit.
- Eton Wall Game — Eton College's slow wall-side football variant.

A Note on the Rules

Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling is an ungoverned folk event (officially cancelled in 2010 over safety/crowd concerns and run unofficially by locals ever since): chase a Double Gloucester down a 1:2 hill, first down wins the cheese. There is no rulebook authority and no law history. No documented rule change is carried for cheese-rolling.



Colour the Action



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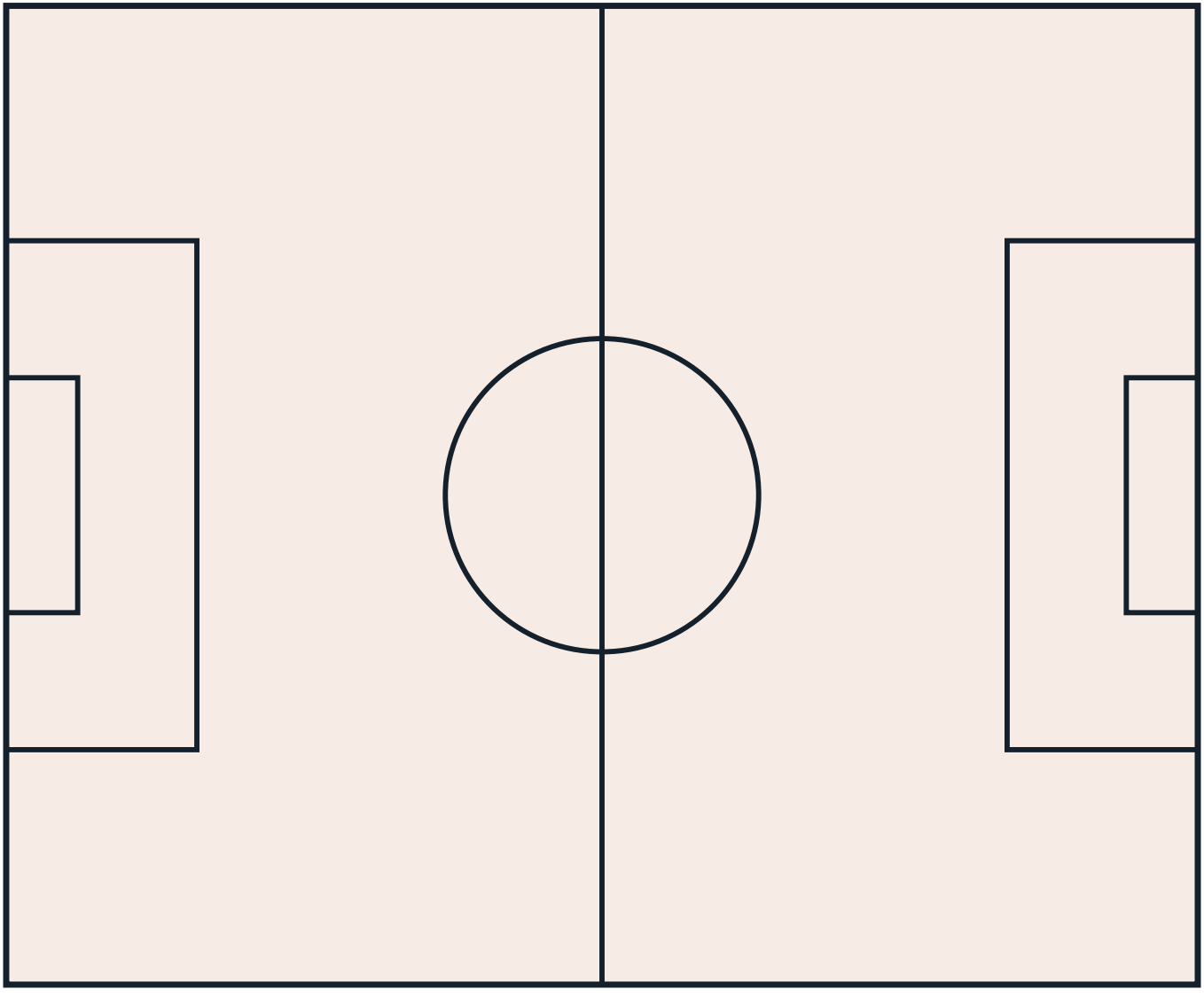
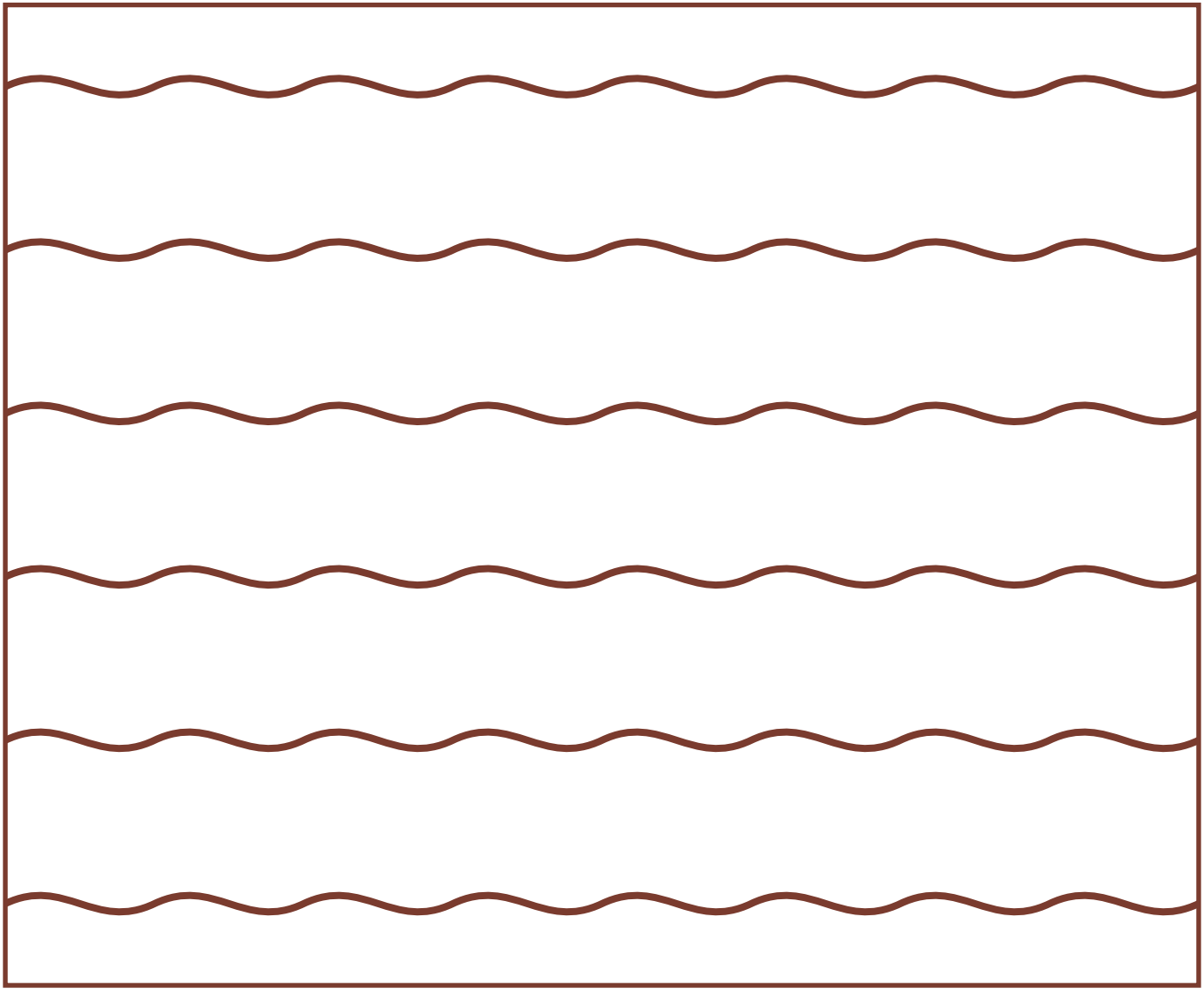
The Sport Today



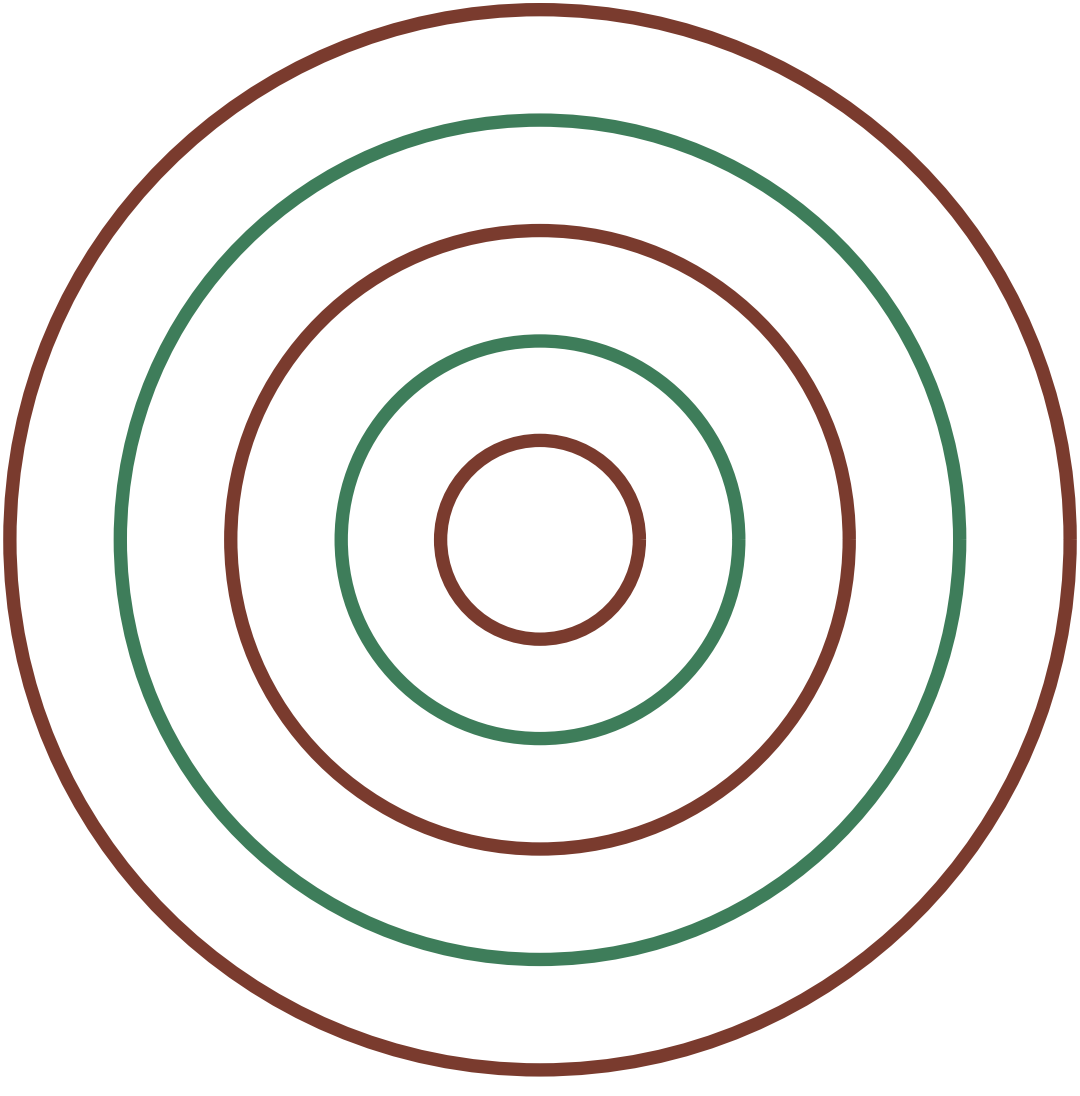
At School and College



Play It Near You



Through the Year



The Traditional & regional 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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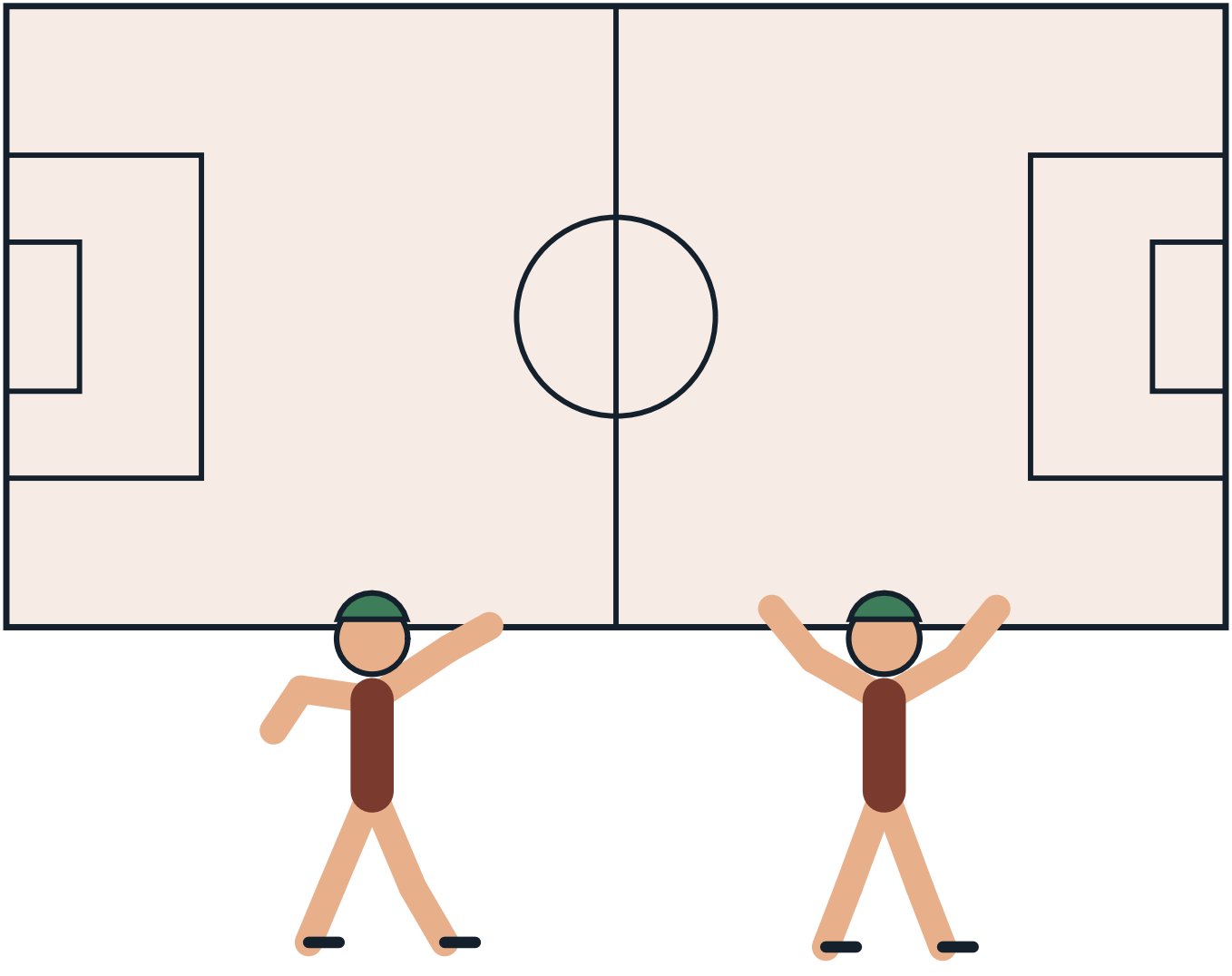
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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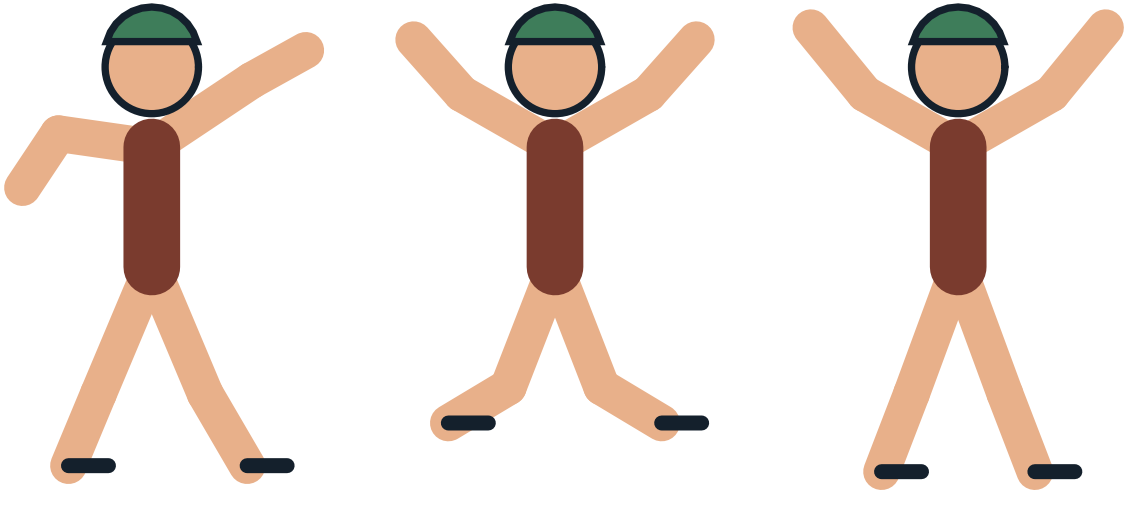
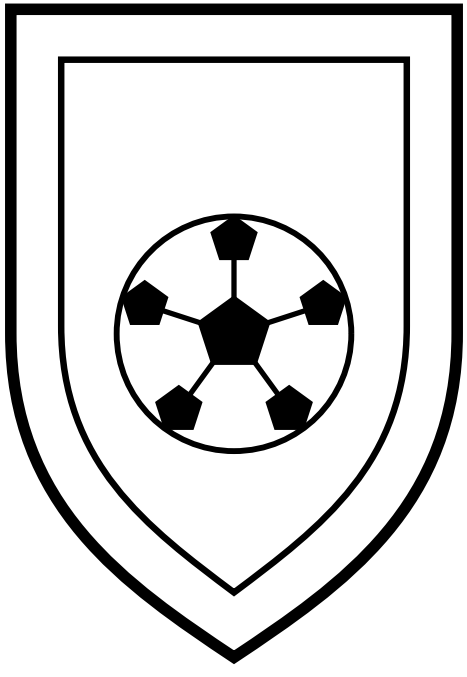
Moves of the Game



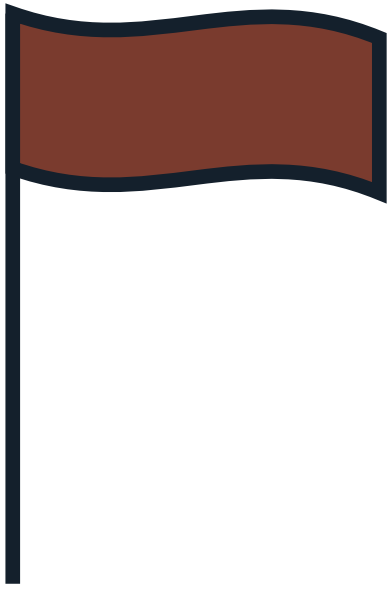
Design a Badge



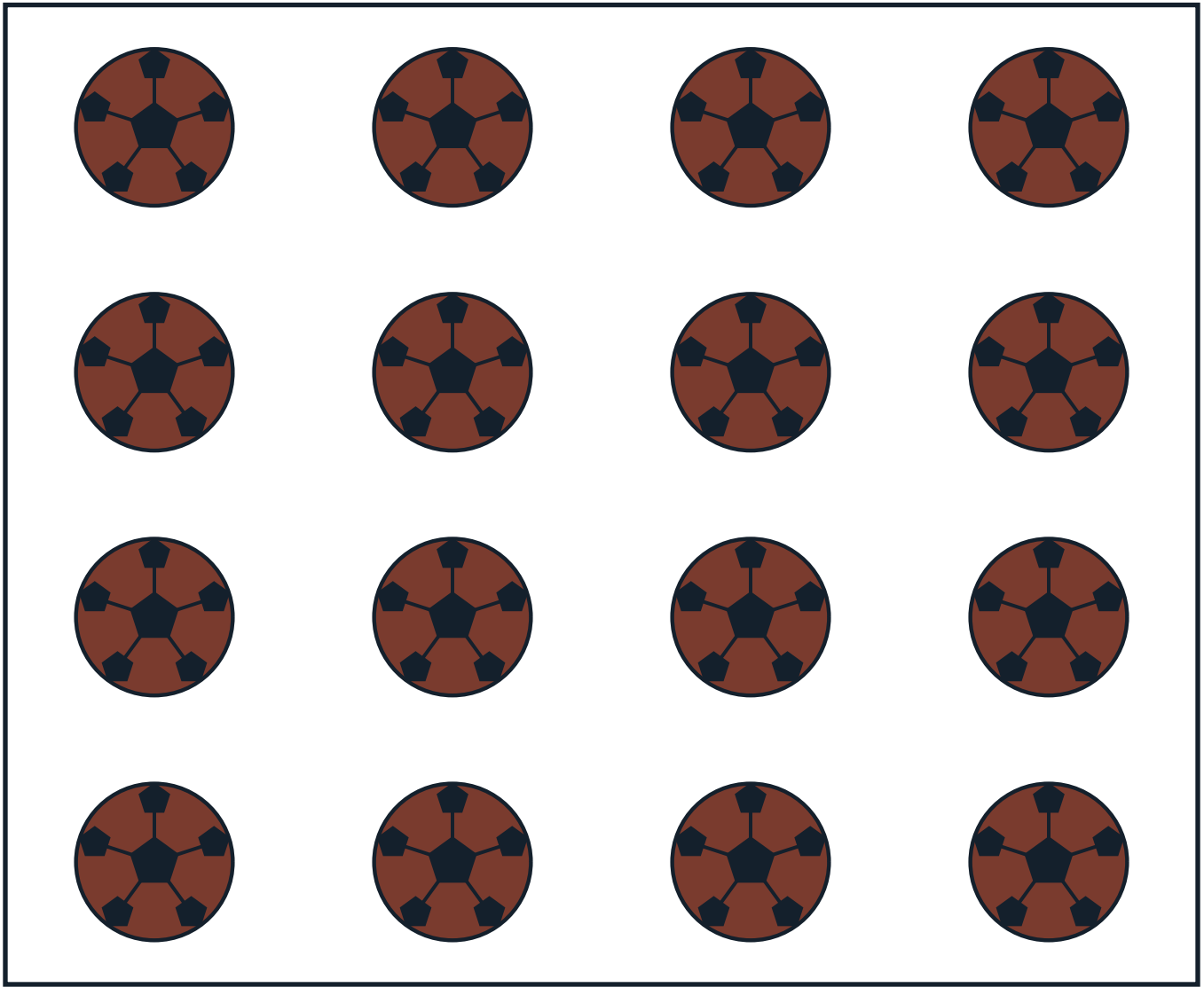
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

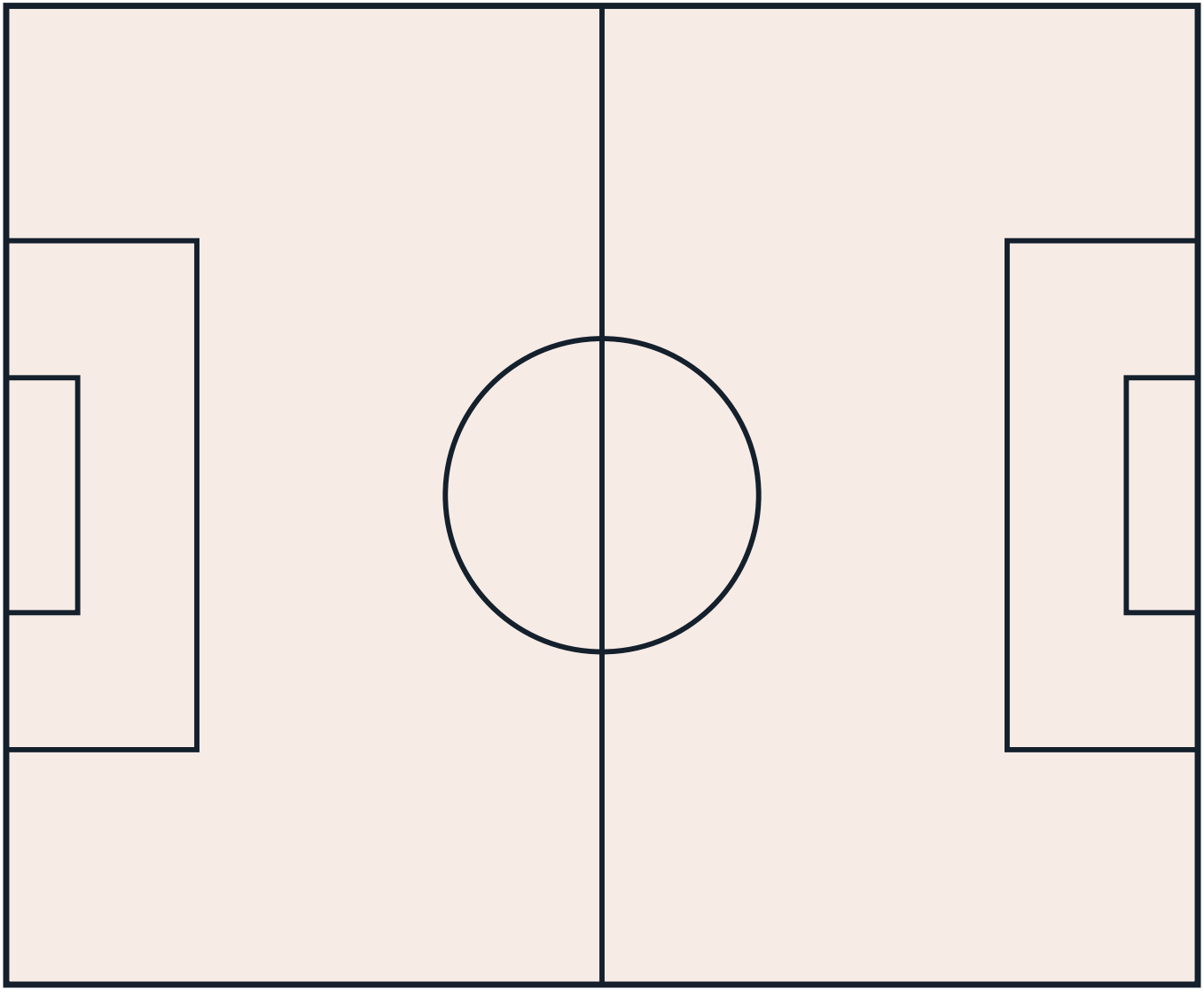




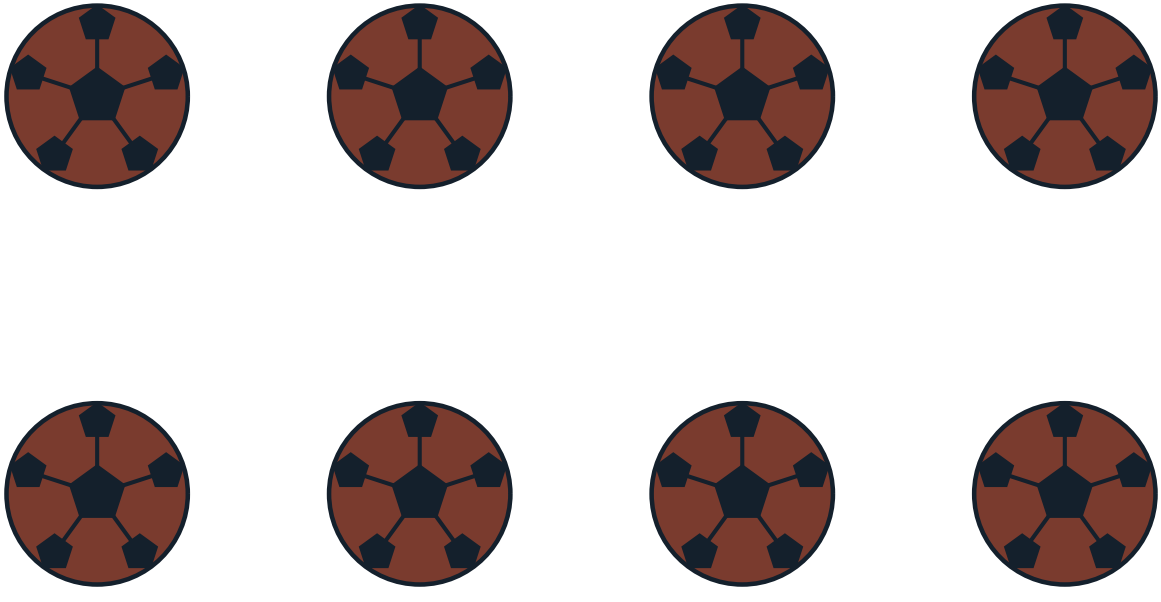
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



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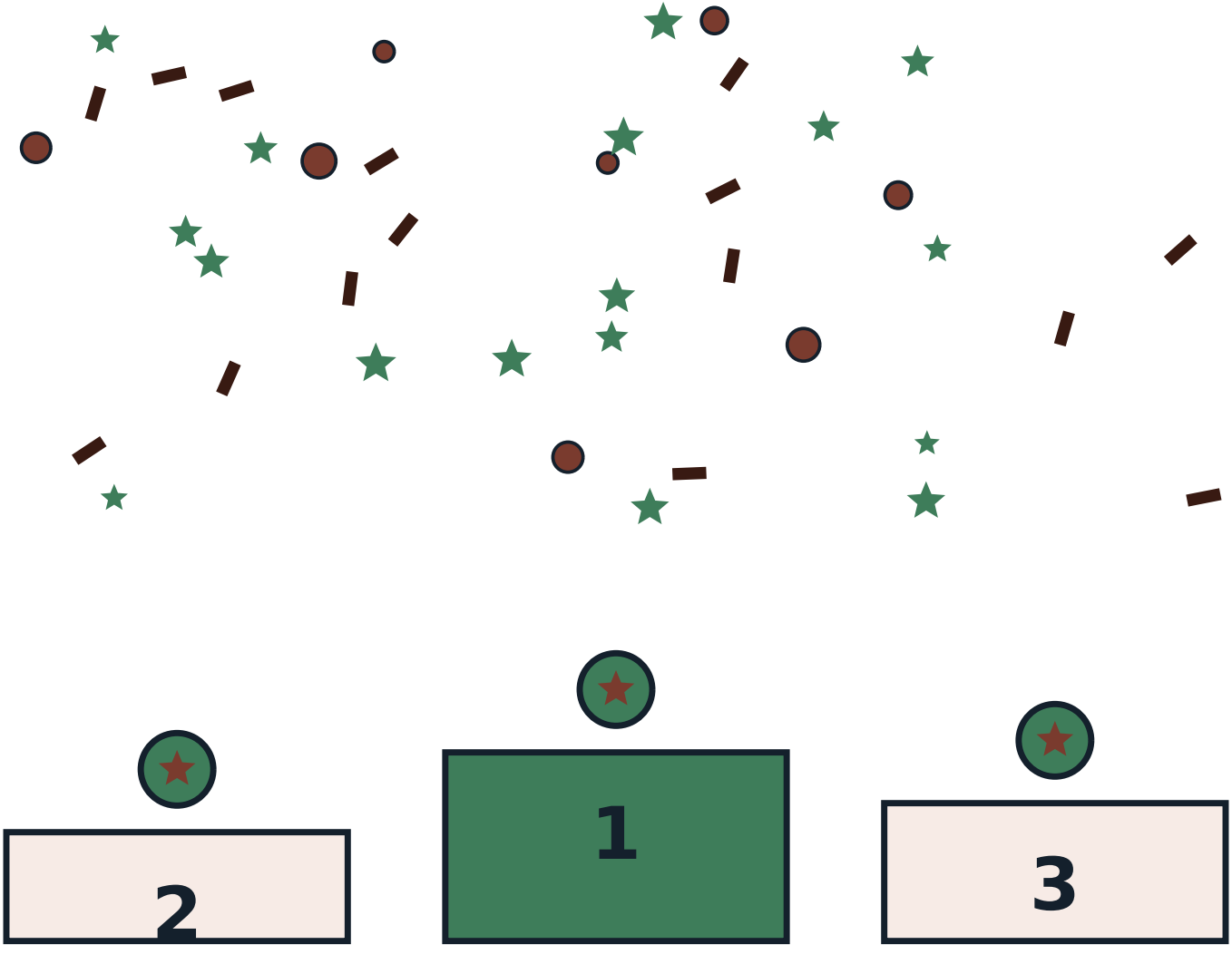
My Favourite Part of Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling

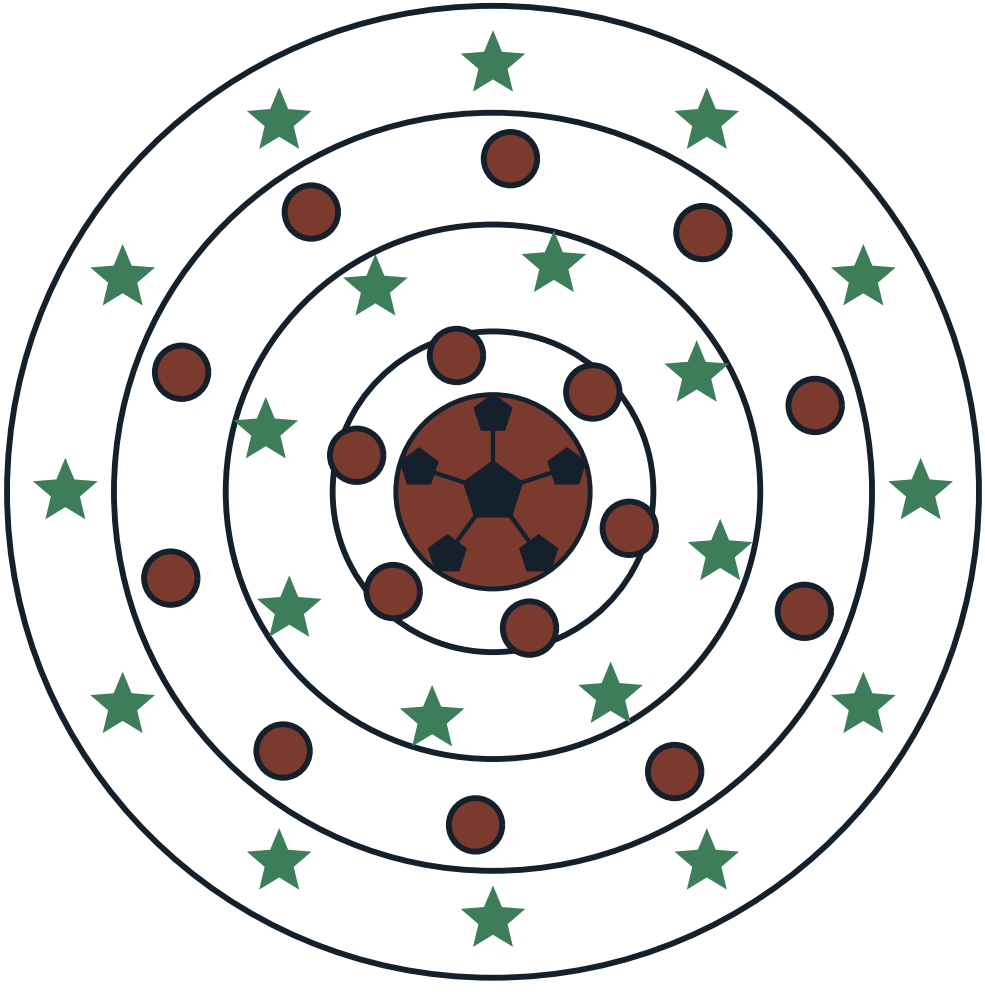
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

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