THE CARTOON BOOK OF

KIBASEN



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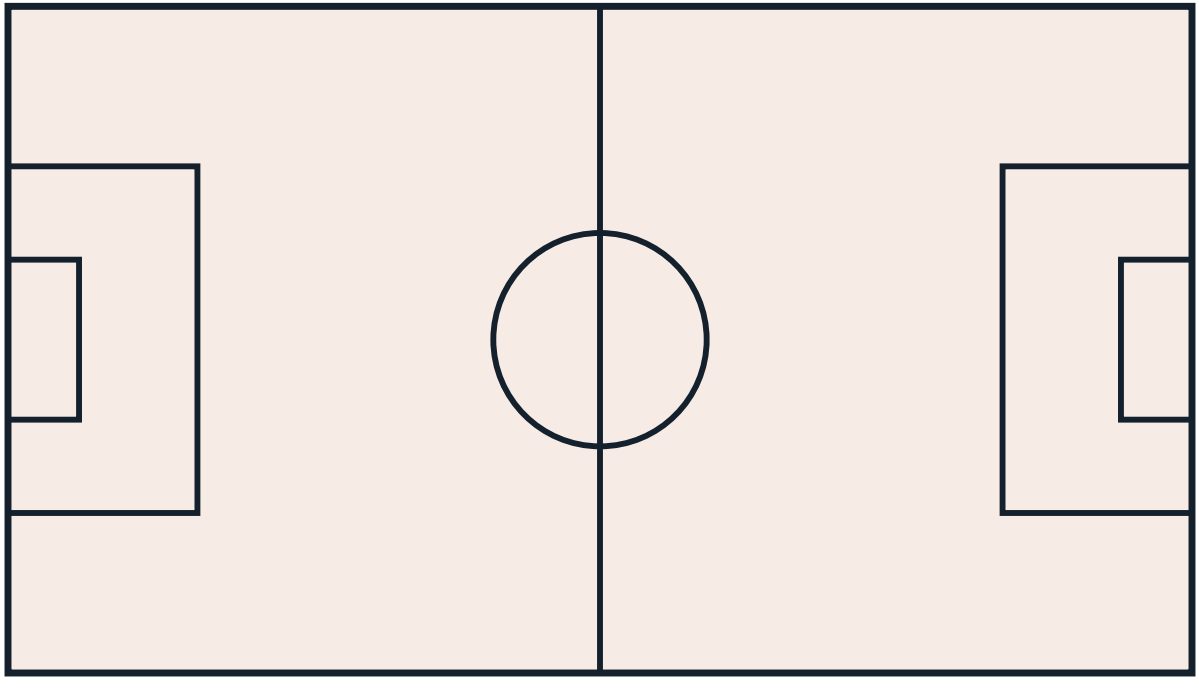
Meet Kibasen!

Japanese cavalry battle with human horses.



Where It Is Played

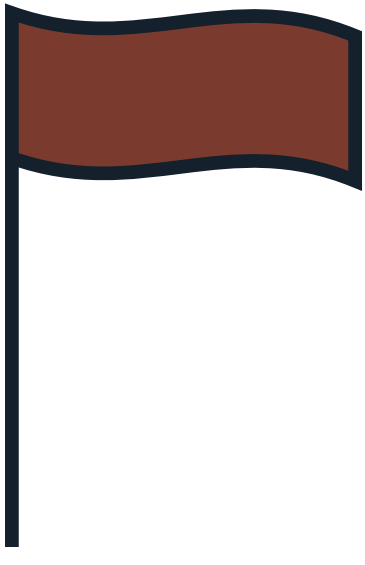
A large open school field, with as many four-player units taking part as the space allows.



The Gear

A bandana or hat for each rider; no other equipment — the 'horse' is three teammates holding hands.





How It Starts

Form a group of four, link hands to make the horse, lift the rider on top with a bandana on, and join a school or festival sports-day game.



How to Play

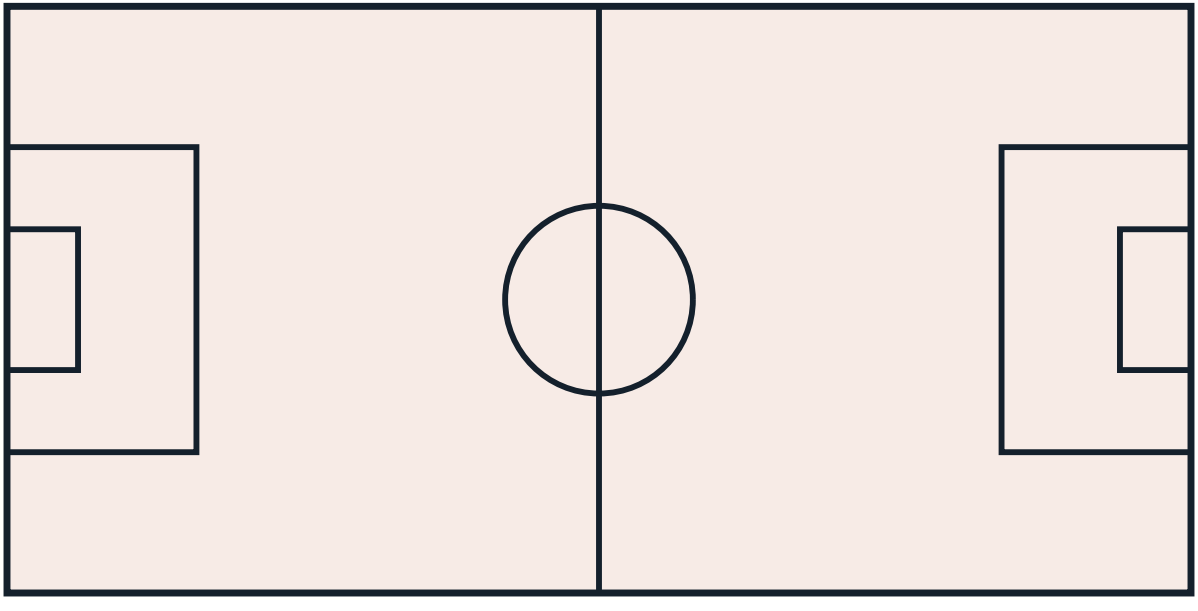
- Players form units of four: three players on the ground form the 'horse' and one player rides on top of them.
- The three horse players join and hold hands to support the rider; the rider wears a bandana (or hat) that is the target.
- The aim is to grab the bandana of an opposing team's rider; a team whose rider's bandana is taken is eliminated.
- A team is also eliminated if it is knocked down, or if one of the ground players becomes separated from the others.

More of the Game

- The players at the bottom are not allowed to use their hands to attack; they use their momentum to charge and knock other units off balance.
- Only the rider, on top, may grab and snatch at opponents' bandanas.
- Many units play at once on one field, each free to target any other unit.
- Play continues until all units are eliminated except one, which is declared the winner (school versions may instead count the most units remaining within a time limit).

The Shape of a Match

A free-for-all 'cavalry battle' of four-person human horses: protect your rider's bandana while your rider snatches everyone else's, and be the last unit standing.



More of the Traditional & regional Family

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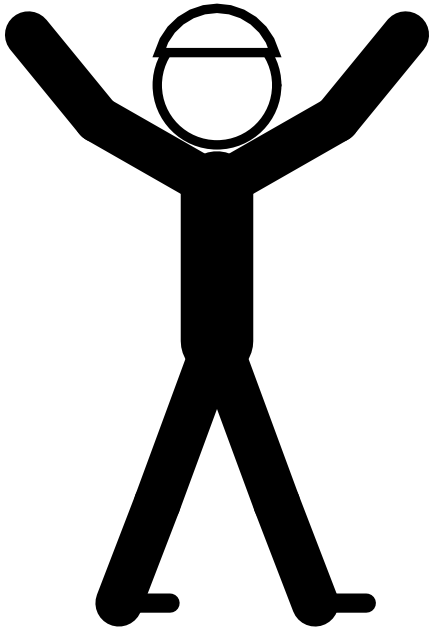
- Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling — English race chasing a cheese wheel down a hill.

A Note on the Rules

Kibasen is a Japanese school-sports-day cavalry battle game (riders on teammates' shoulders, headbands snatched for victory) governed by schools' own event rules. It has no federation and no codified law history. No documented rule change is carried for kibasen.



Colour the Action



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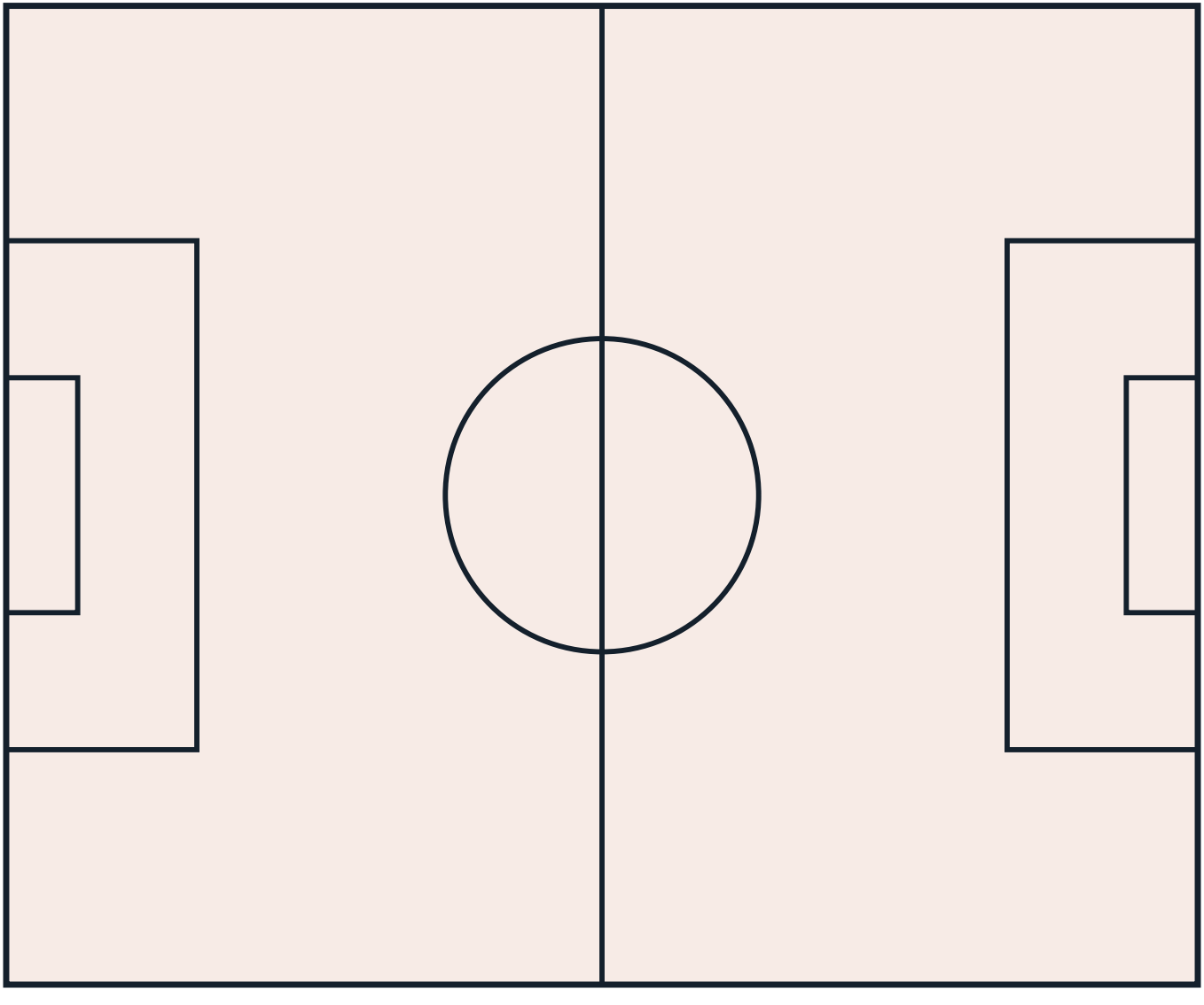
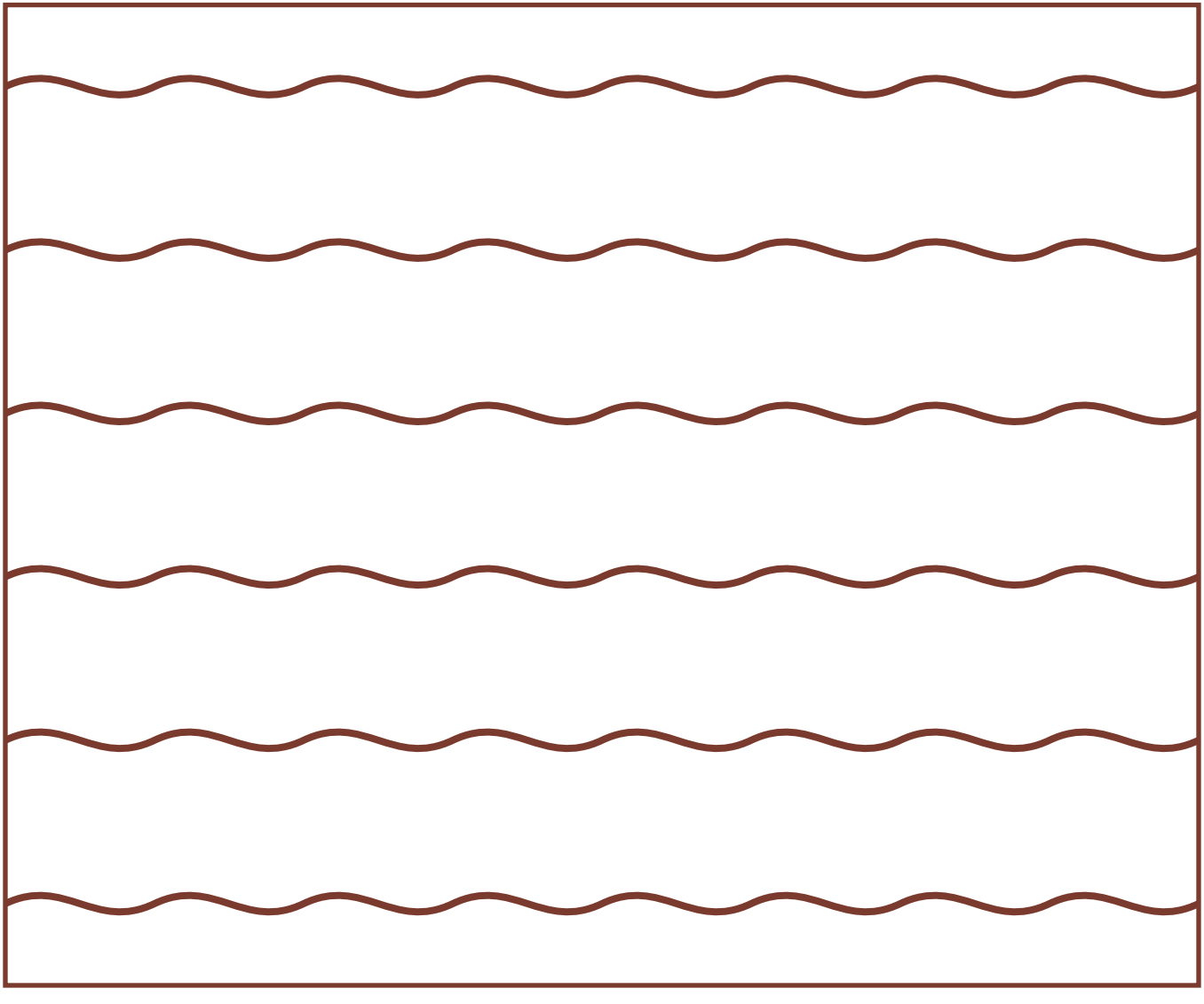
The Sport Today



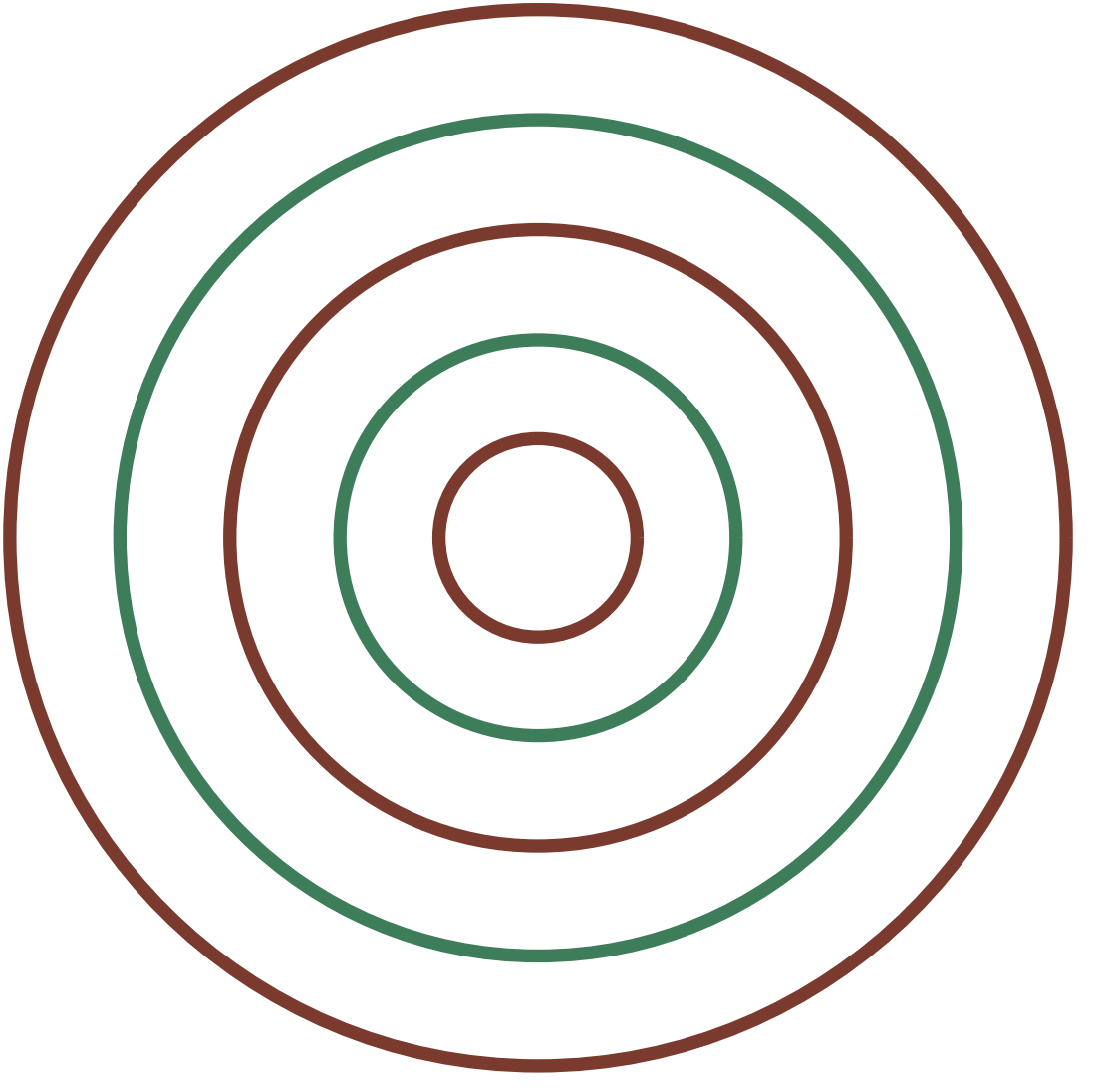
At School and College



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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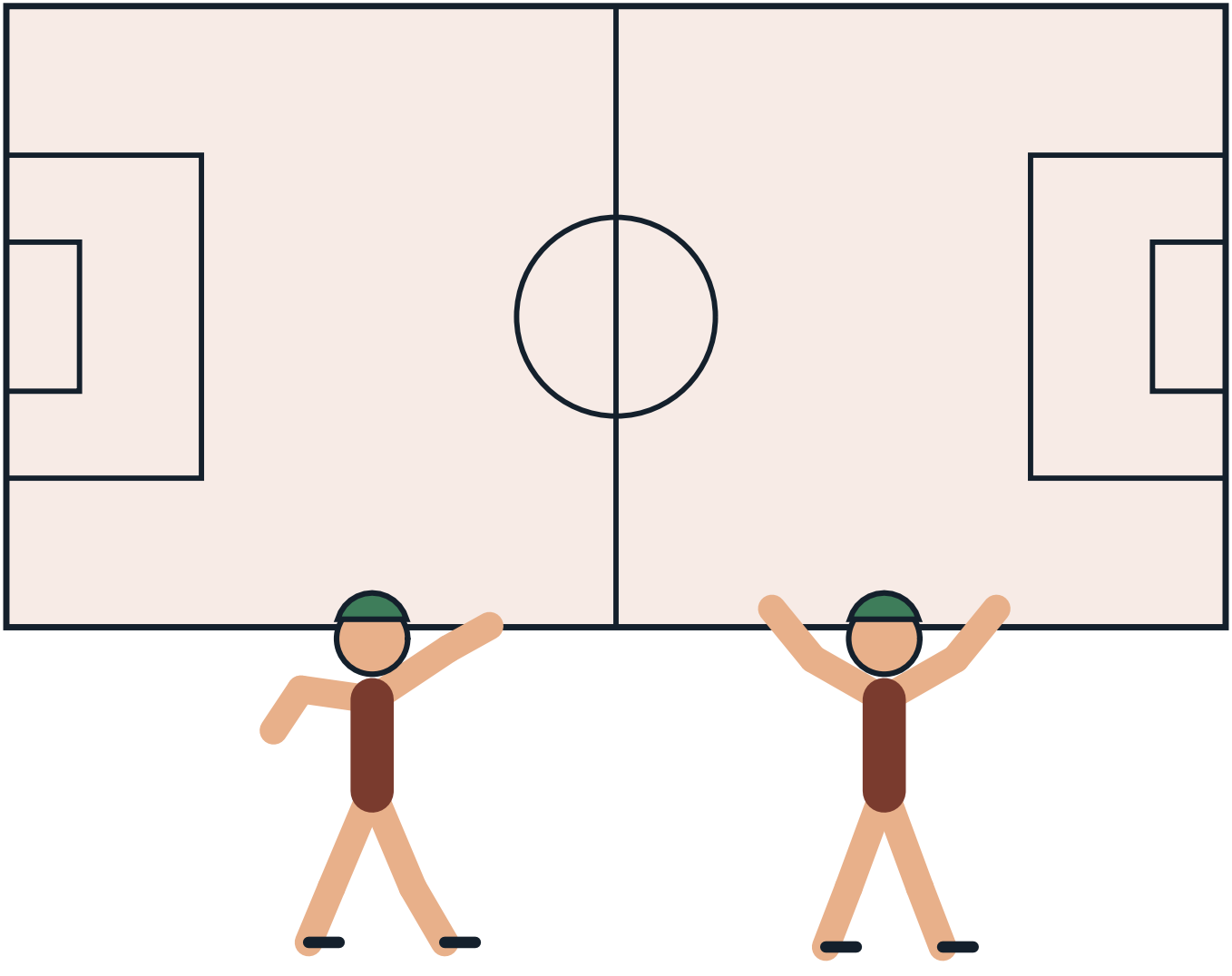
Game Day!



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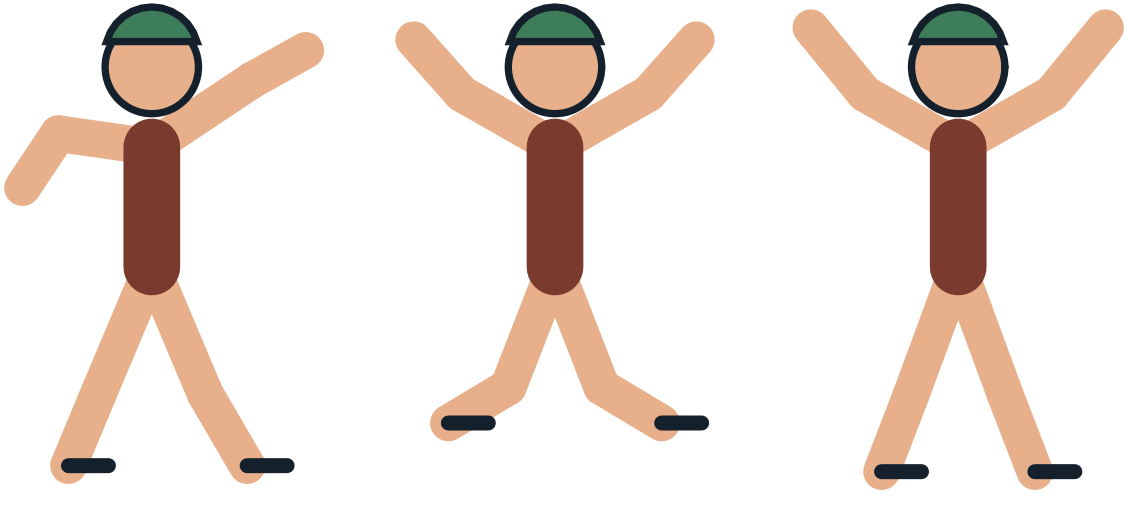
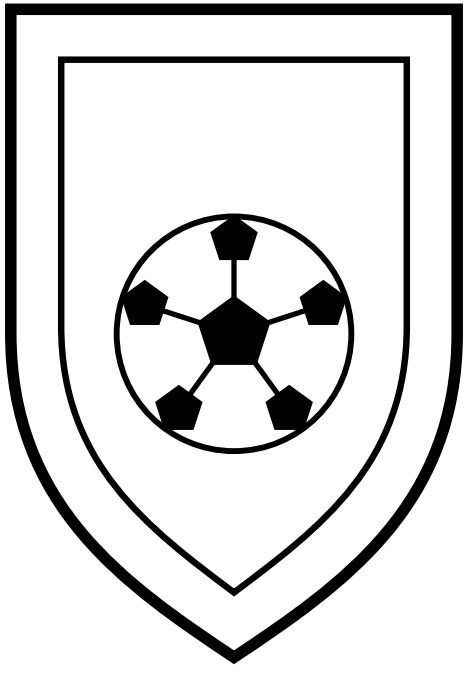
Moves of the Game



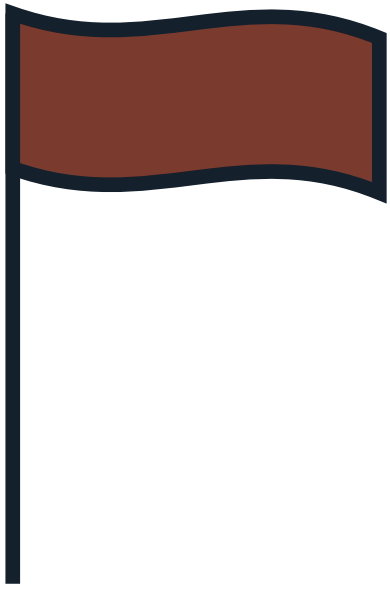
Design a Badge



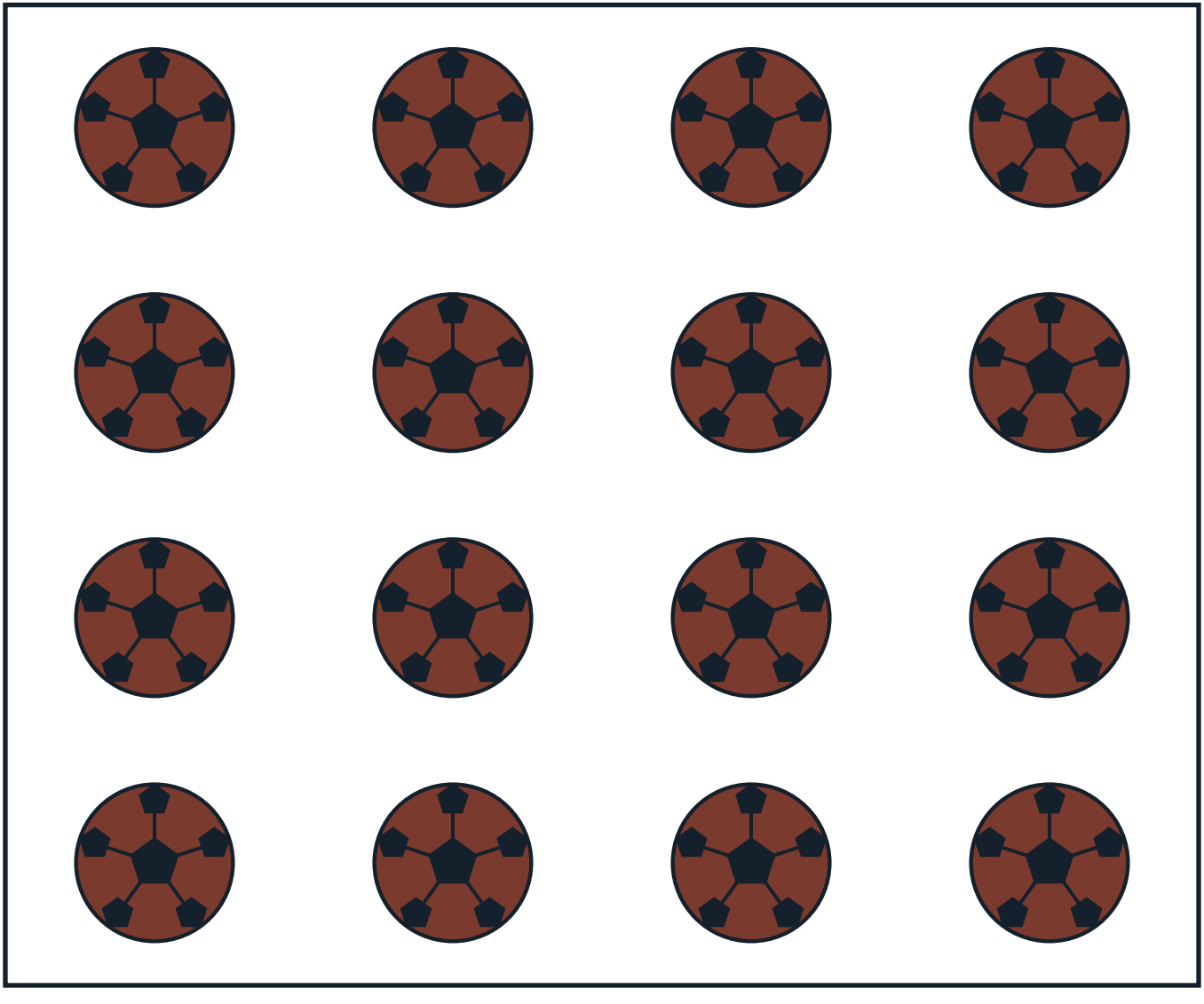
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

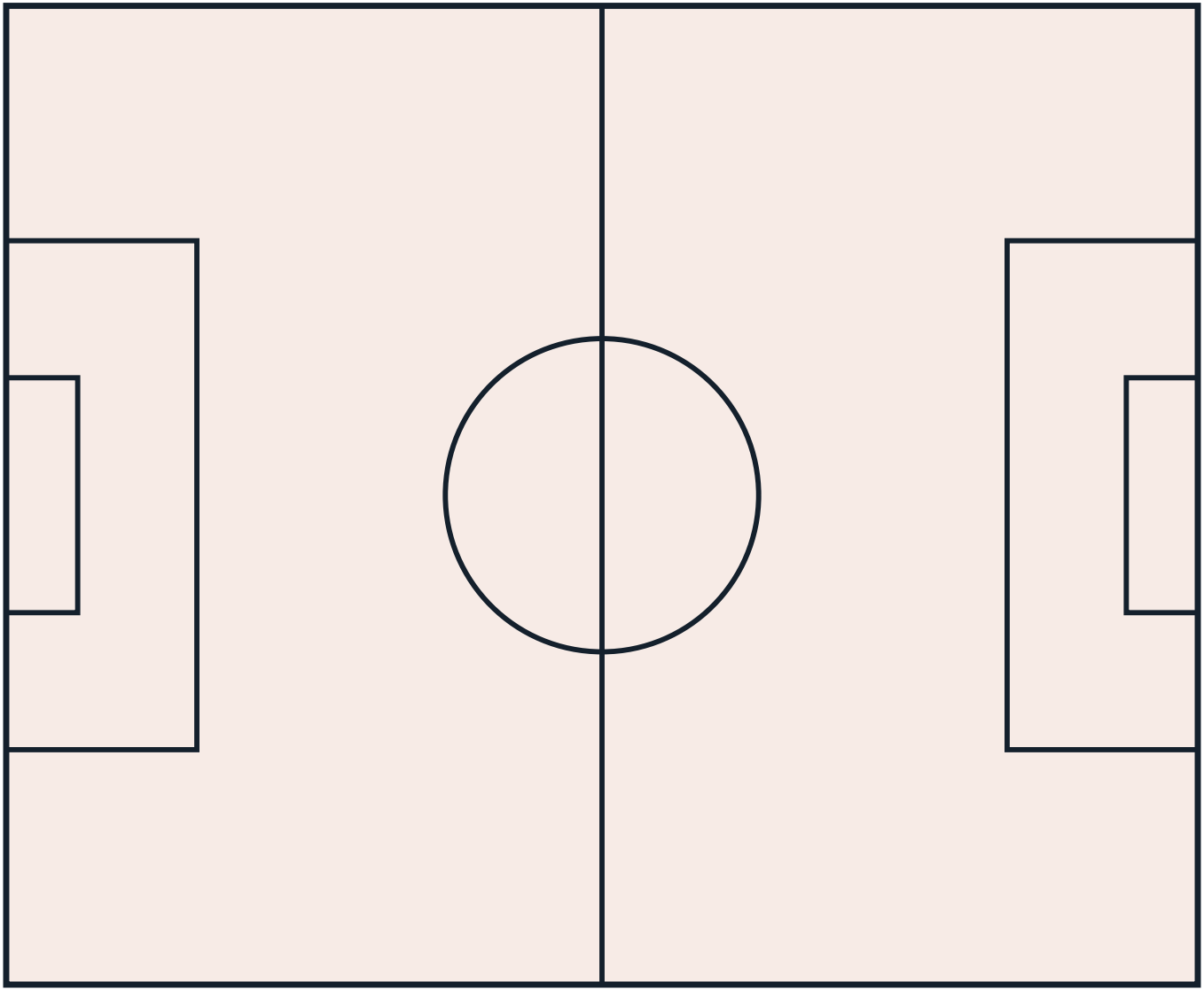




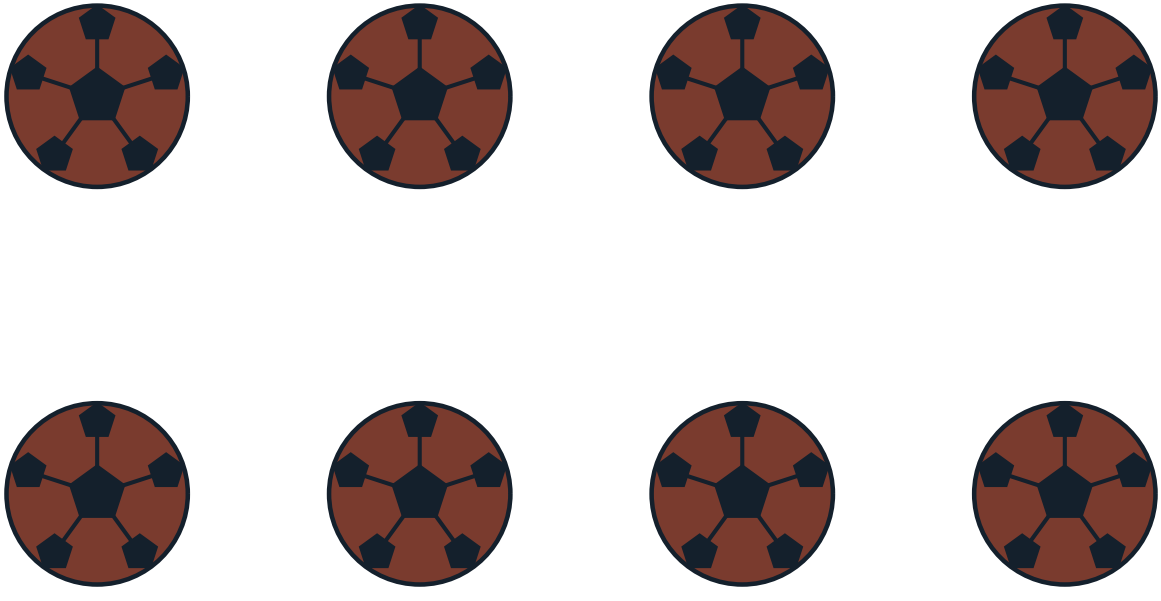
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



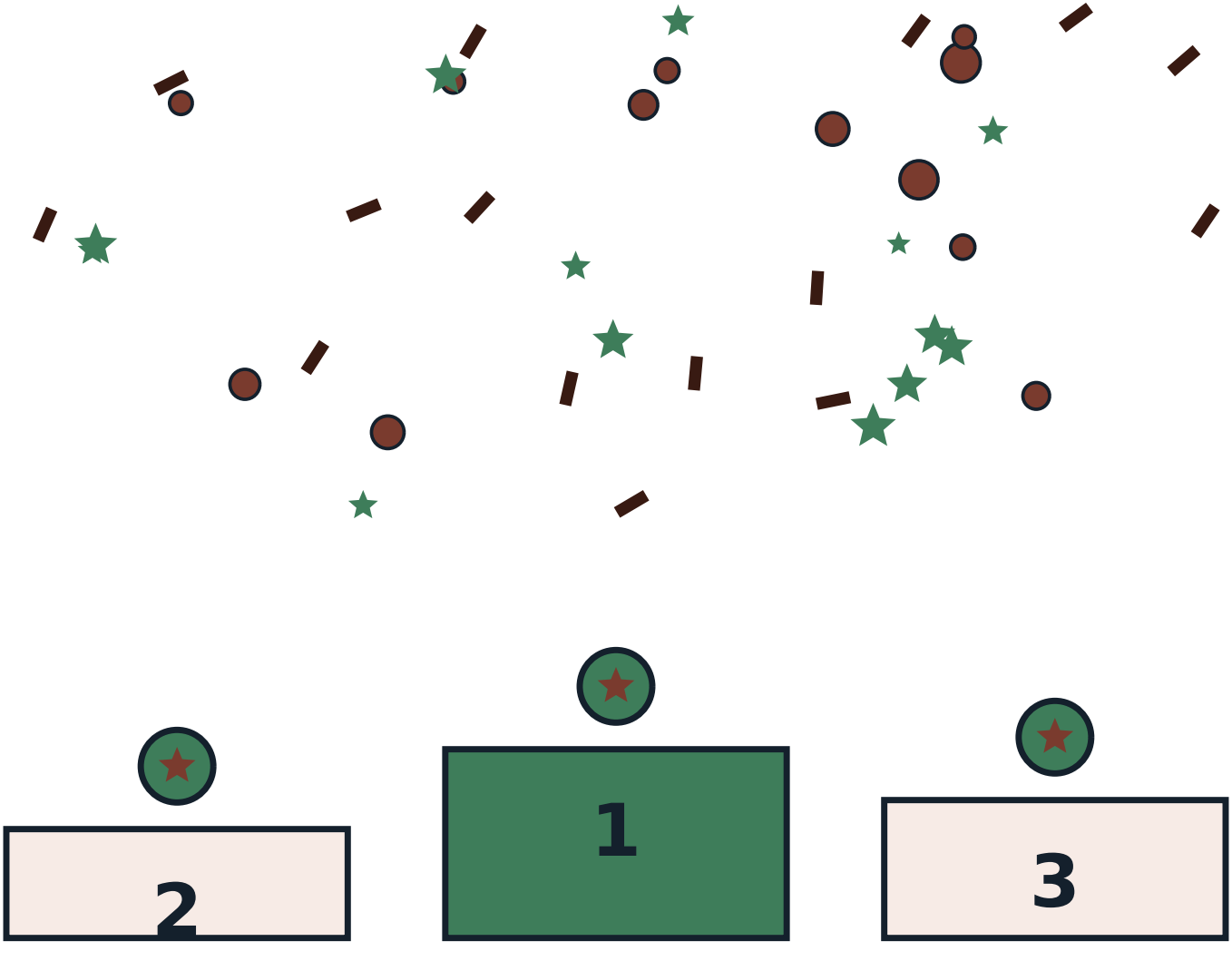
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Kibasen

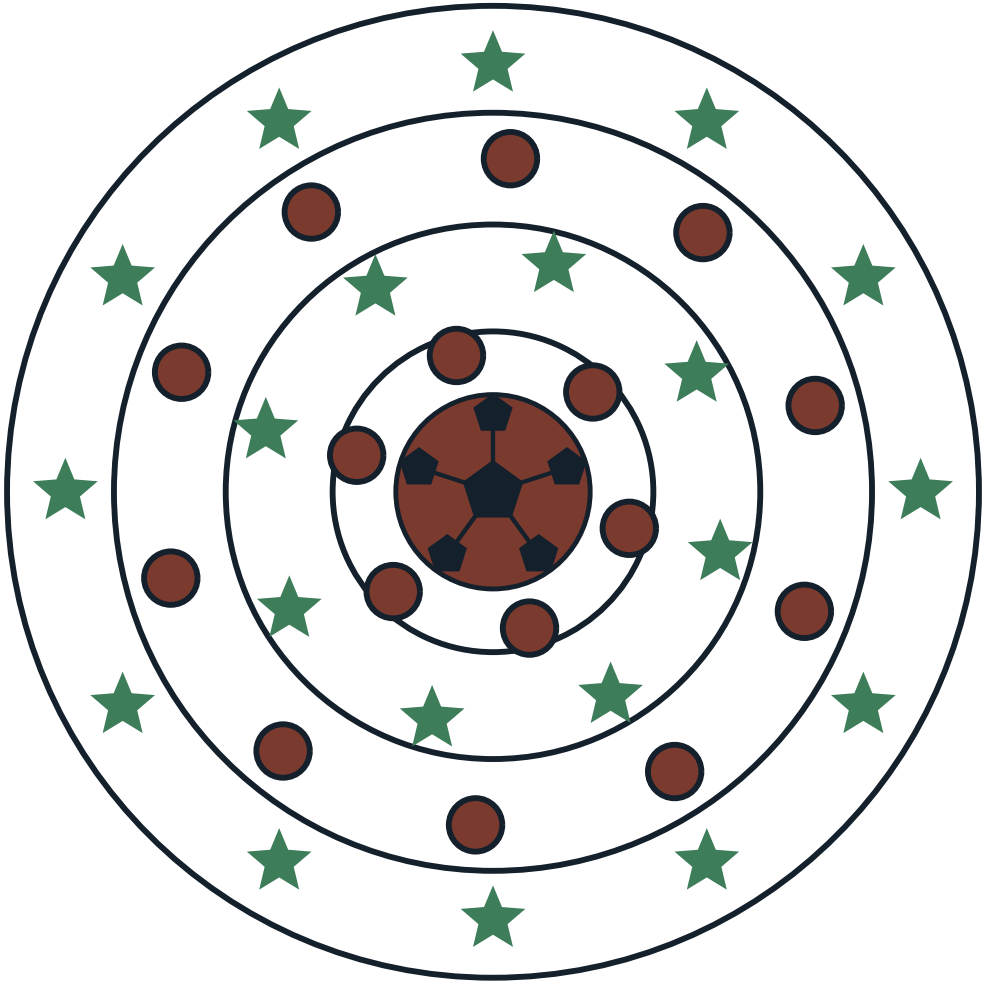
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Governing body: No governing body — Japanese school sports-day tradition. Laws edition the site's rules file follows: Published reference rules for kibasen (cavalry battle) as played at Japanese school sports days. 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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