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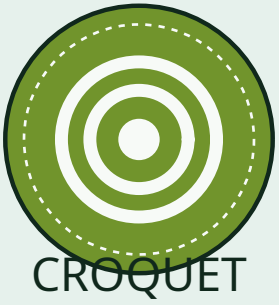
CROQUET



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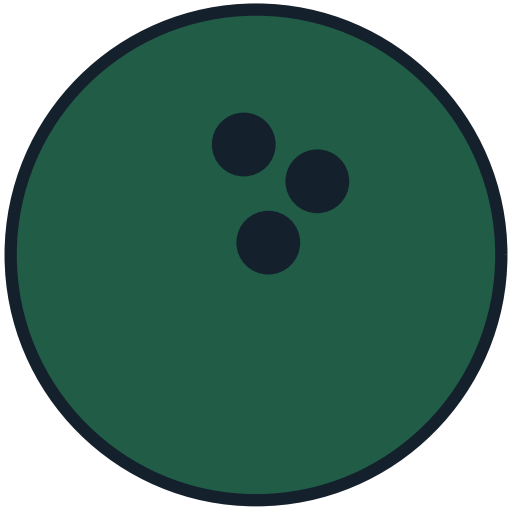
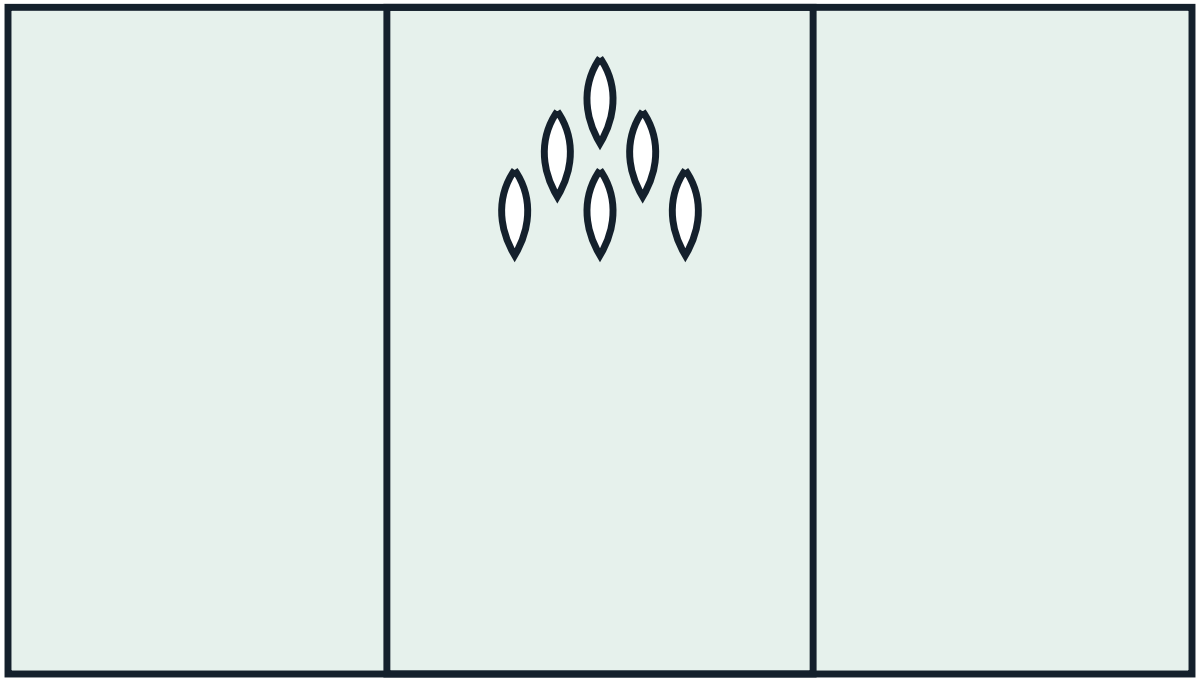
Meet Croquet!

Mallet game hitting balls through hoops.



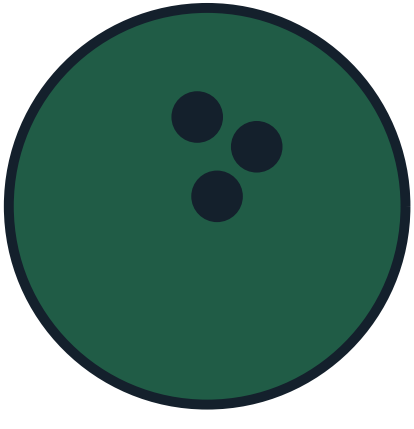
Where It Is Played

A standard court is a rectangle 28 by 35 yards (25.6 by 32 m), with six hoops set around a centre peg, the inner hoops 7 yards either side of the peg.



The Gear

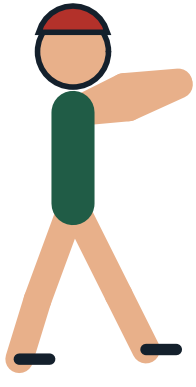
Four balls (blue, black, red, yellow), mallets, six hoops, a centre peg and clips to mark hoop progress.





How It Starts

Start all balls within a yard of corner IV, then in Golf Croquet simply take turns in colour order trying to be first through the first hoop; the side scoring a majority of the game's points wins.



How to Play

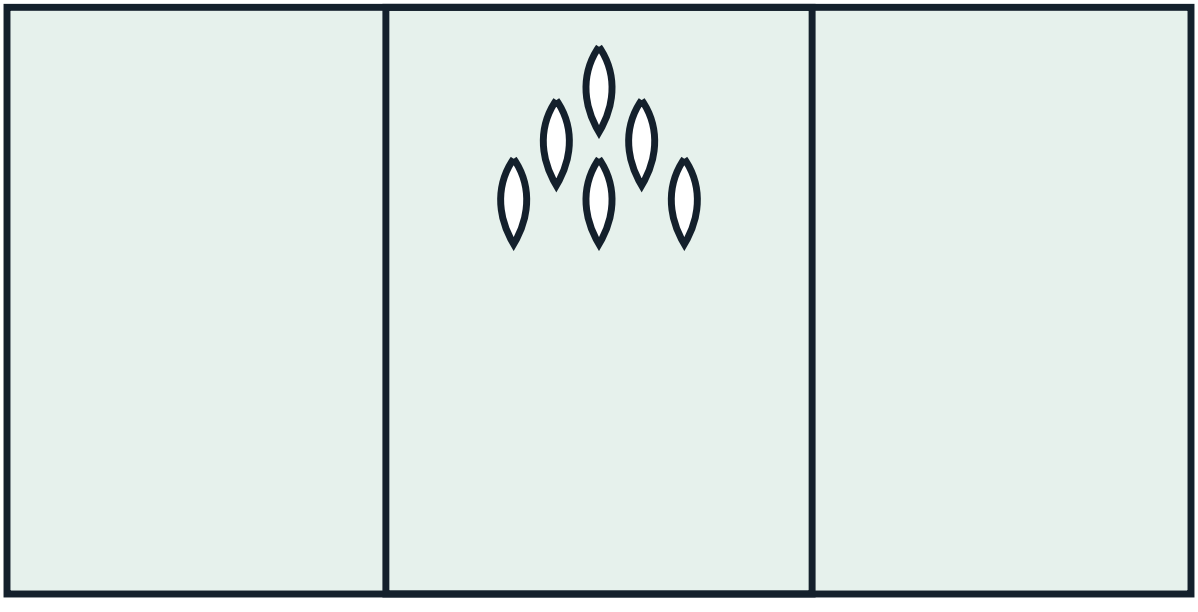
- Format (Golf Croquet): singles (one player plays both balls of a side) or doubles (four players, one ball each), with sides playing blue/black against red/yellow.
- Format (Association Croquet): players build breaks by running hoops in order and using roquets; each ball must run all hoops in order and hit the peg to finish.
- Scoring (Golf Croquet): a point goes to the side whose ball first runs the hoop currently in order; a match is the best of 1, 3 or 5 games of 7, 13 or 19 points, ending when a side has a majority.
- Balls are played in the fixed sequence blue, red, black, yellow; only the current hoop in order can be scored, never a hoop out of order.

More of the Game

- In Golf Croquet each stroke is a single hit with no extra stroke for a hoop or a hit on another ball, unlike Association Croquet.
- In Association Croquet, running a hoop earns a continuation stroke, and making a roquet (hitting another ball) entitles the striker to take croquet — placing the striker's ball against the hit ball and playing a croquet stroke — then a continuation stroke.
- All balls start from within one yard of corner IV, the side winning the toss playing first with the blue ball in Golf Croquet.
- A ball is 3 5/8 inches (92 mm) in diameter and must weigh 16 ounces (453 g); the peg is 18 inches high and hoops stand 12 inches above the ground.

The Shape of a Match

Two mallet codes on one lawn: Golf Croquet, a sequence game where sides race ball-by-ball for each hoop in turn, and Association Croquet, a break-building game of roquets, croquet strokes and hoop running.



More of the Target & precision Family

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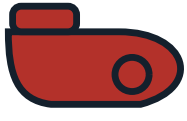
- Disc Golf — Golf played with flying discs and baskets.
- Archery — Target shooting with bows, an Olympic sport.

A Note on the Rules

Croquet is governed by the World Croquet Federation across two codes (association croquet and golf croquet) whose laws are maintained by laws committees in the game's deliberate, club-based tradition. The codes evolve by revision cycles, not landmark changes. No major documented rule change is carried for croquet.



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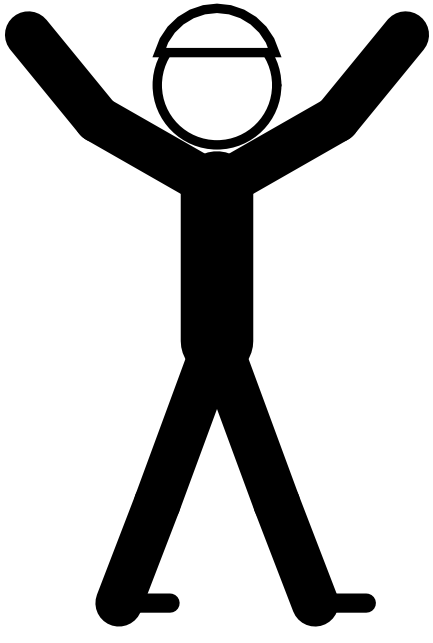

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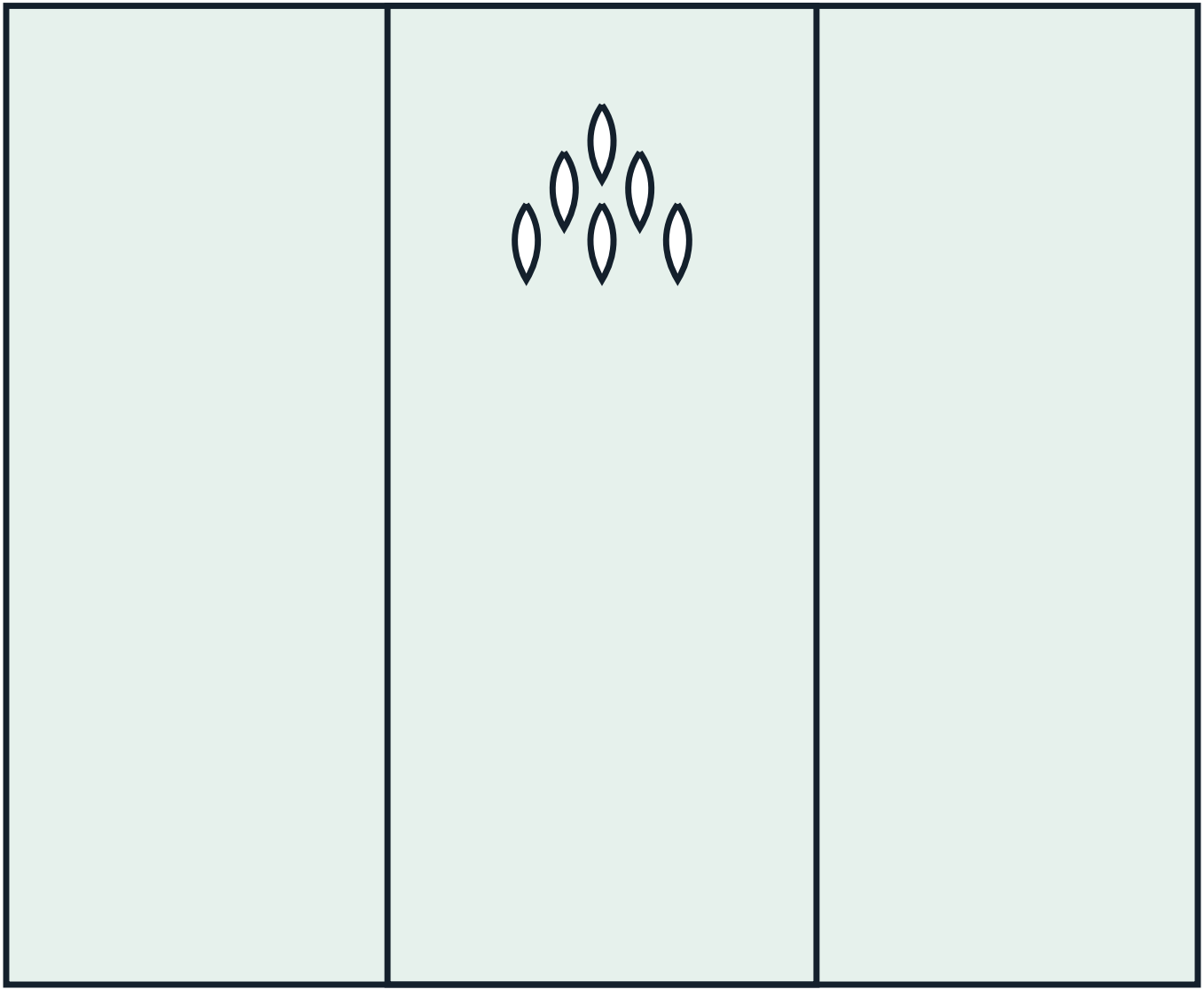

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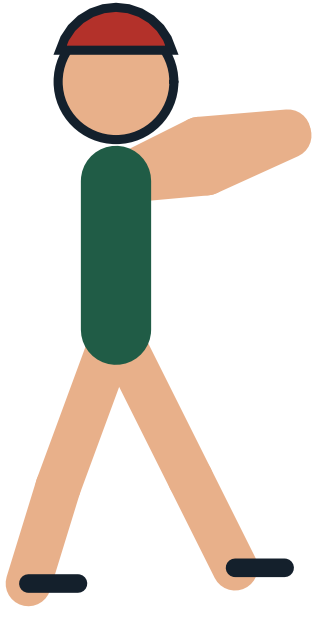

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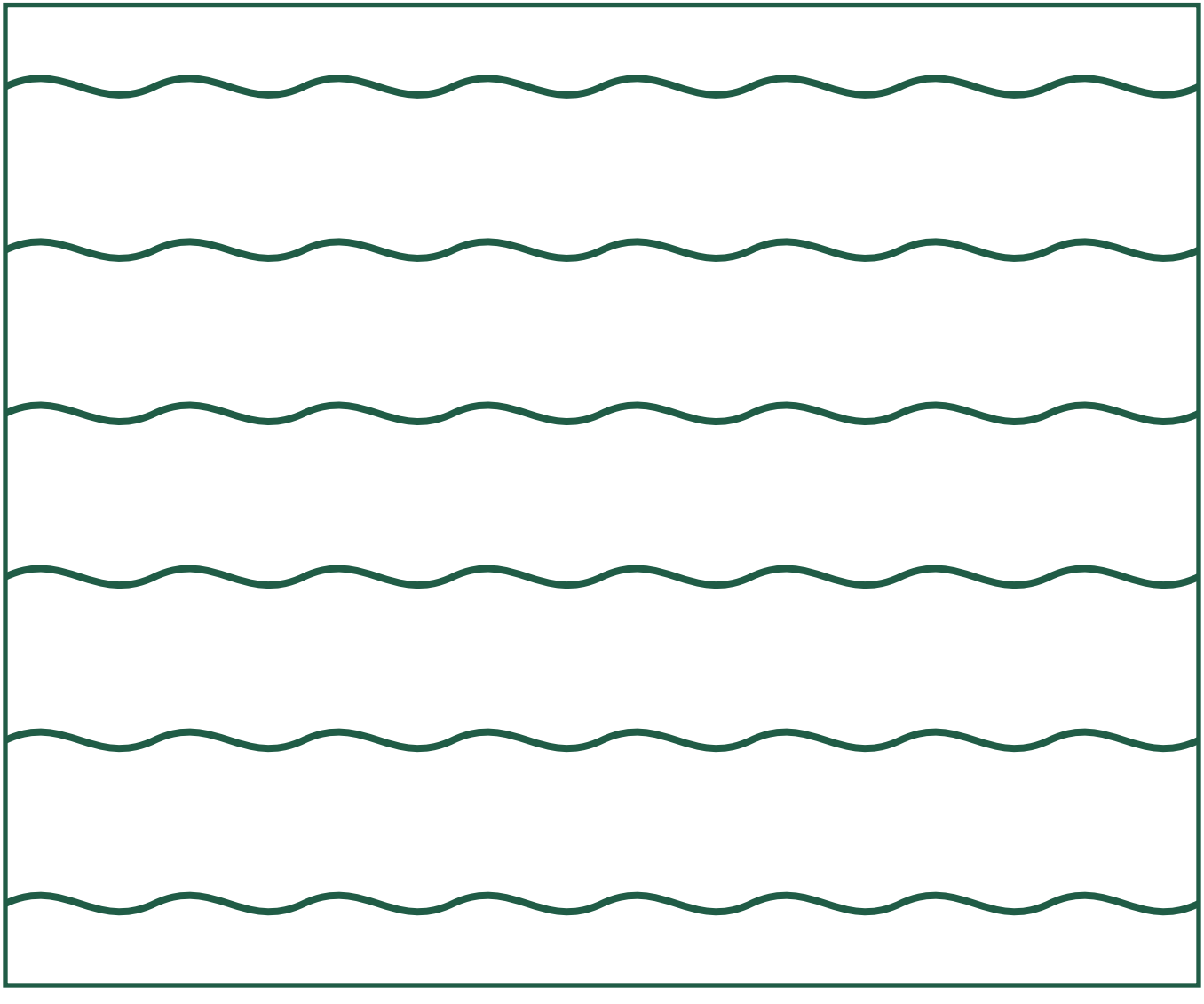

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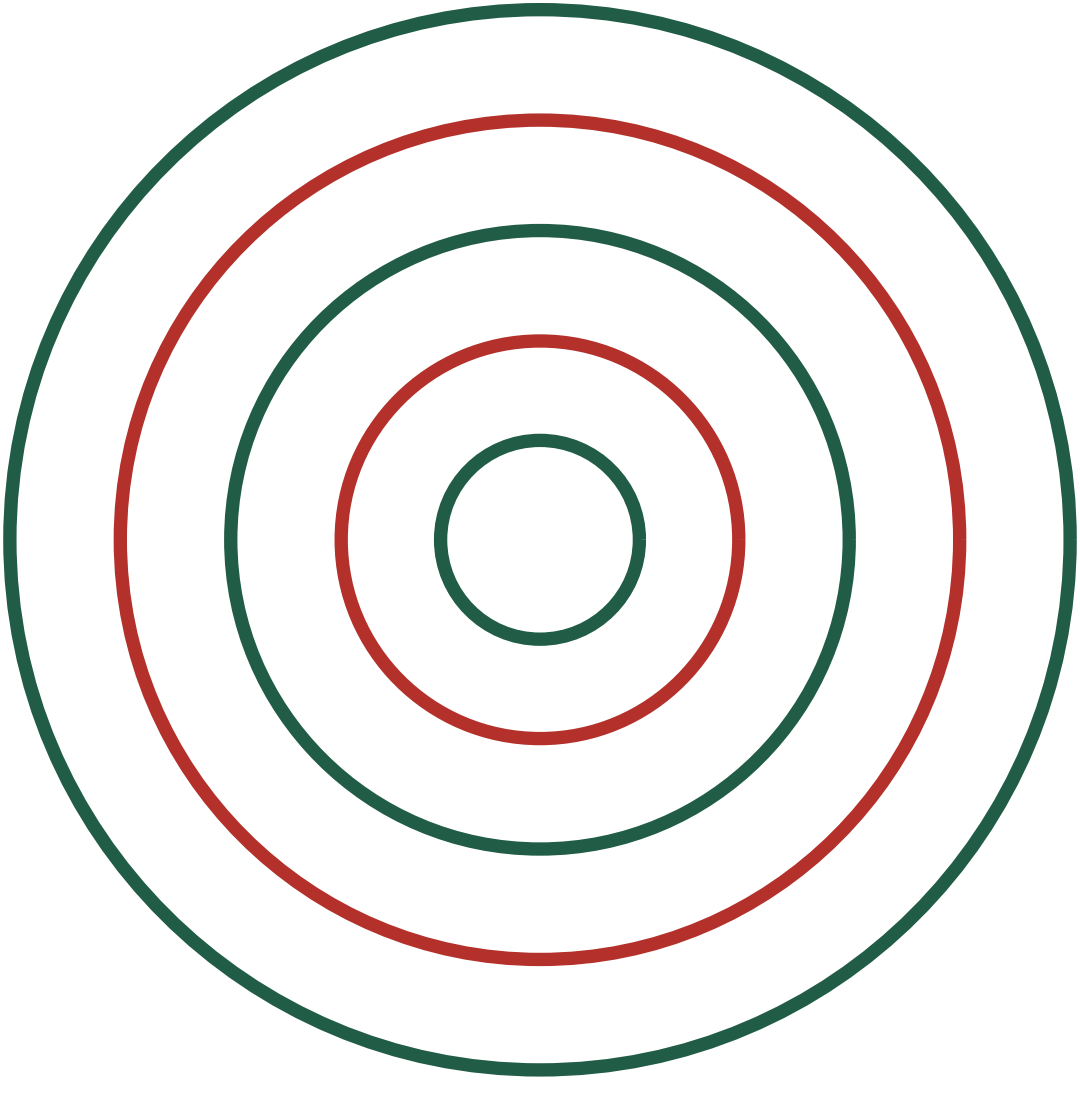

The Target & precision Family

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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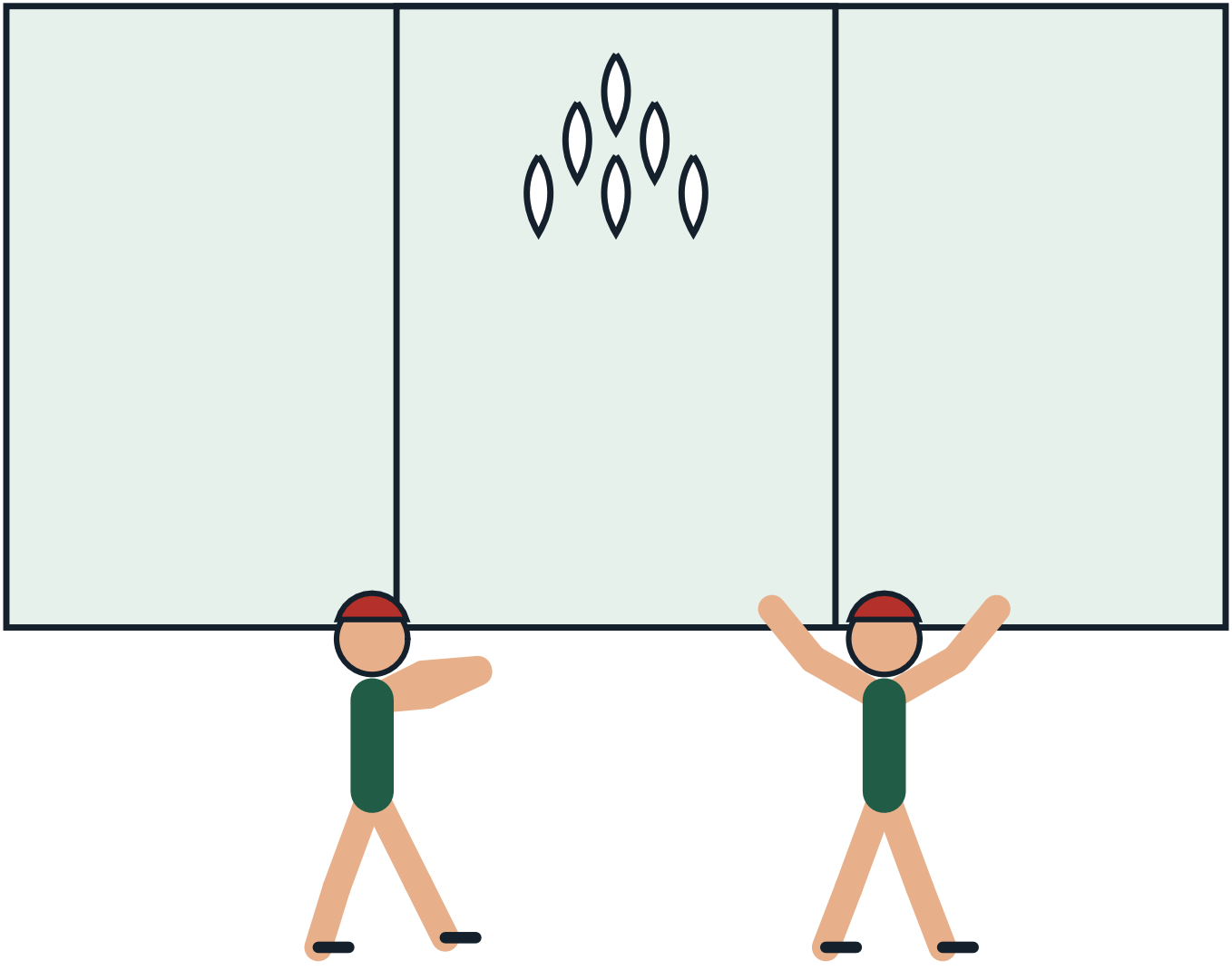
Game Day!



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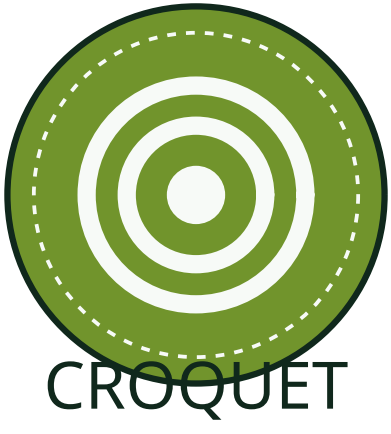
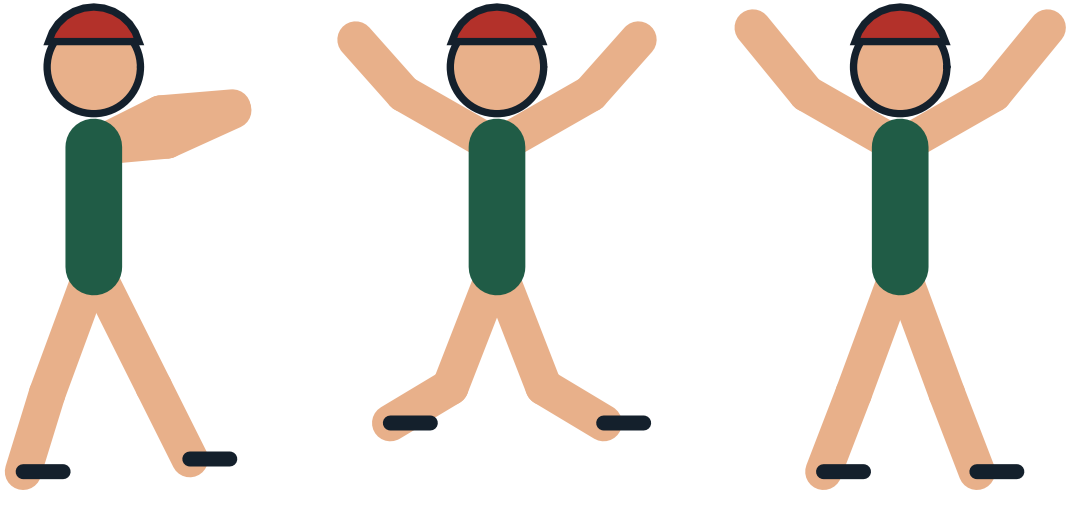
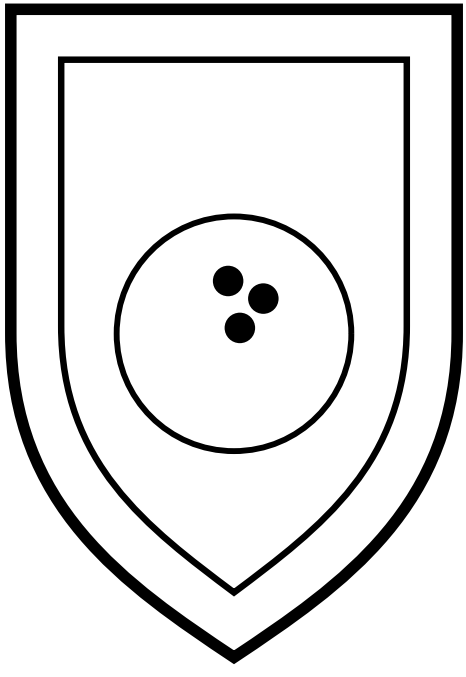


Moves of the Game

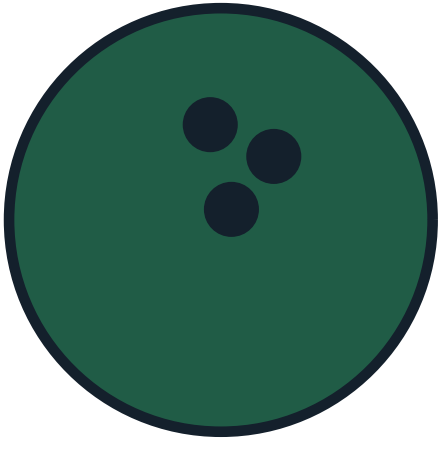


Design a Badge



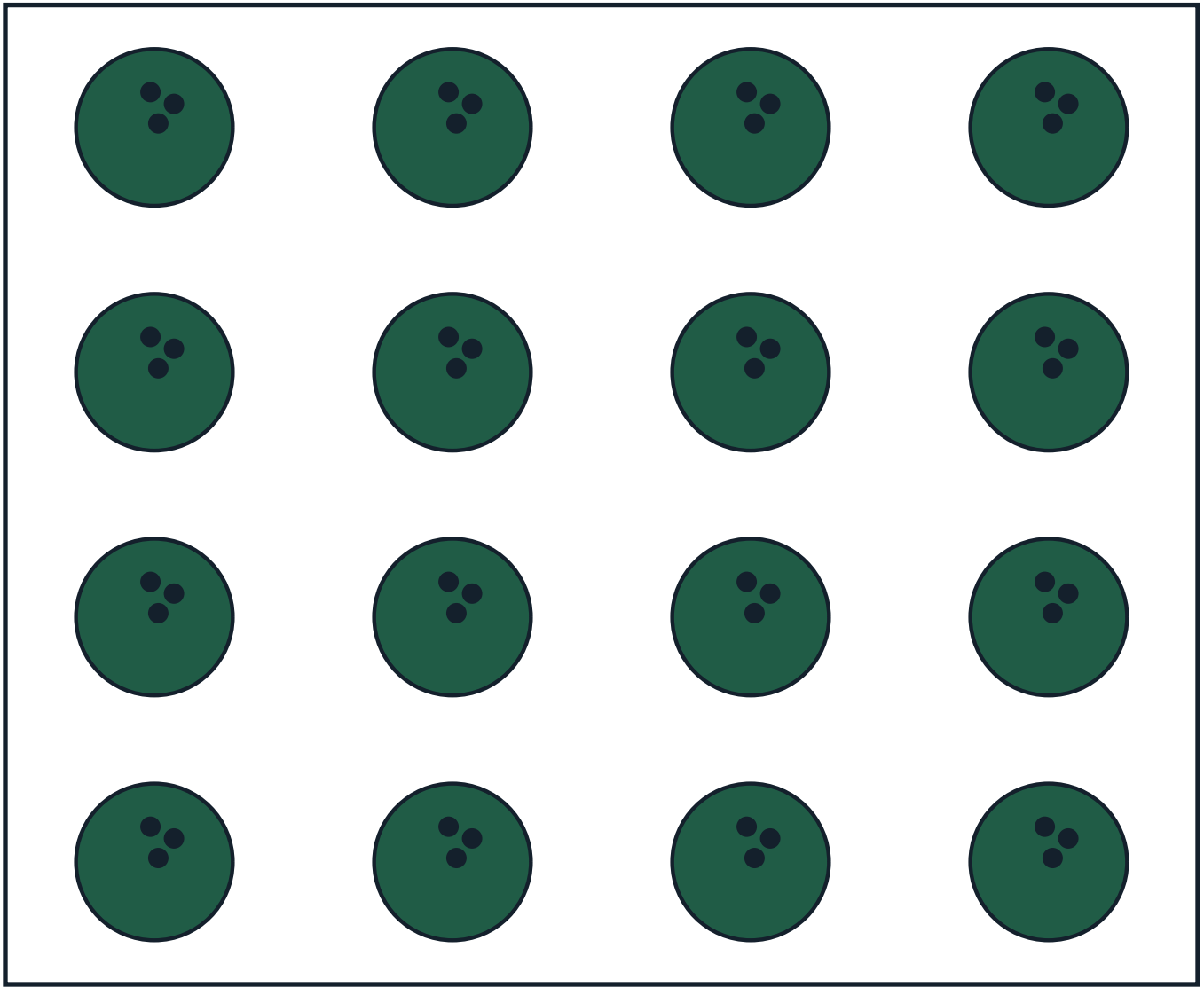
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

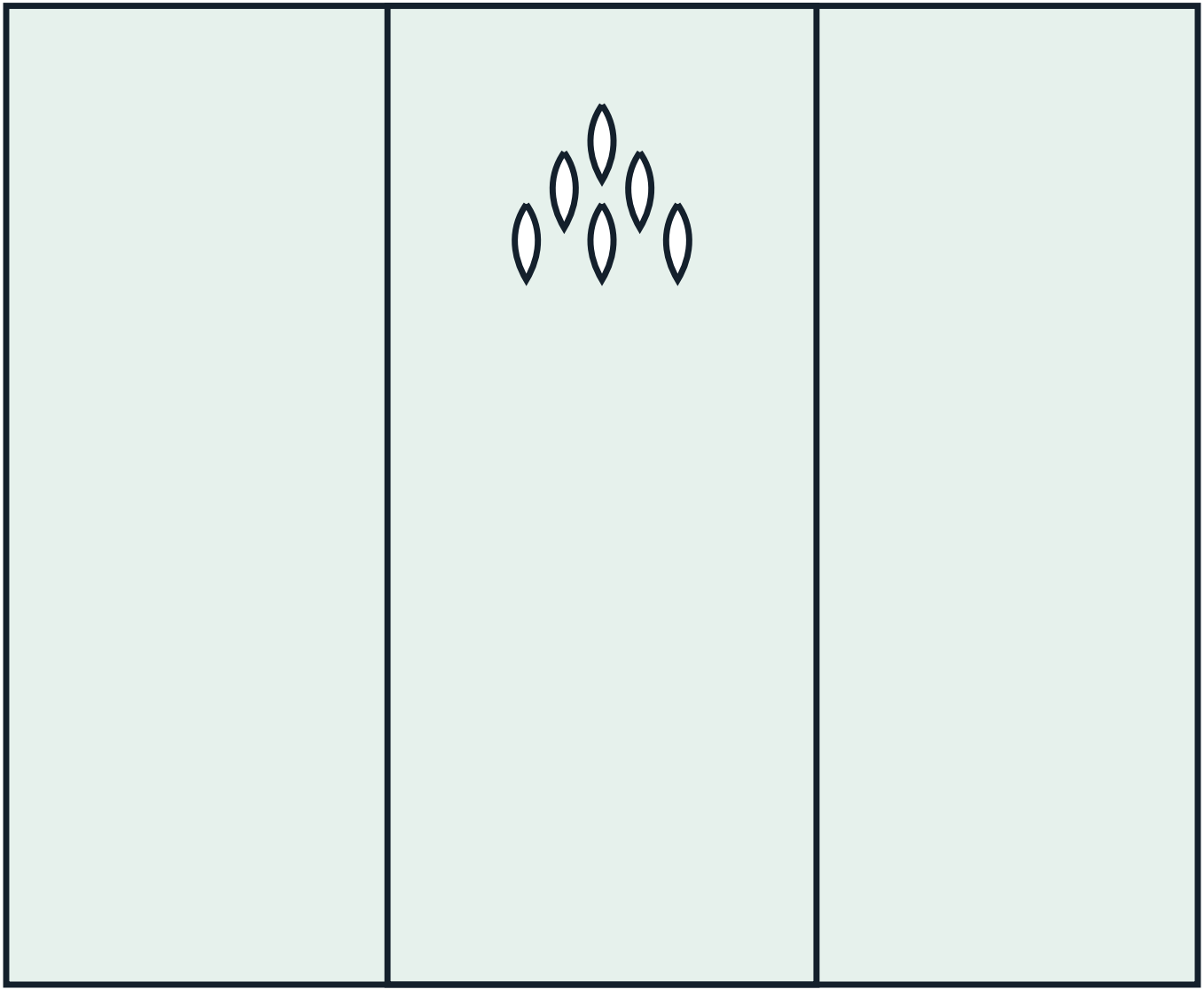




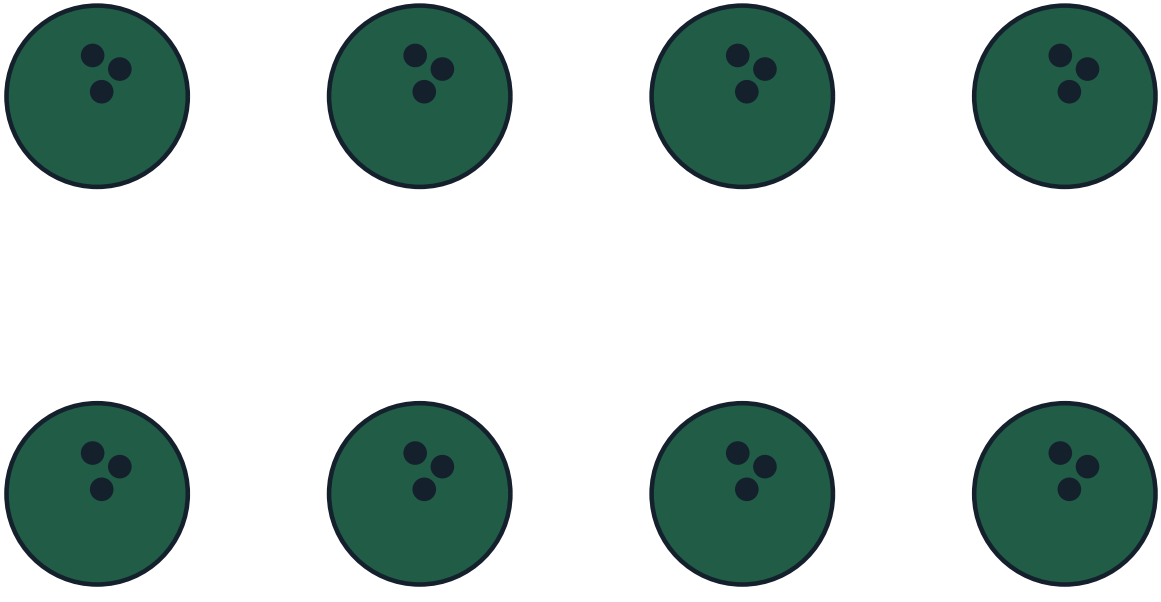
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



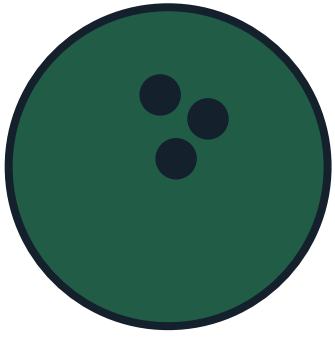
Count the Balls!



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

My Favourite Part of Croquet

Gear Close-Up



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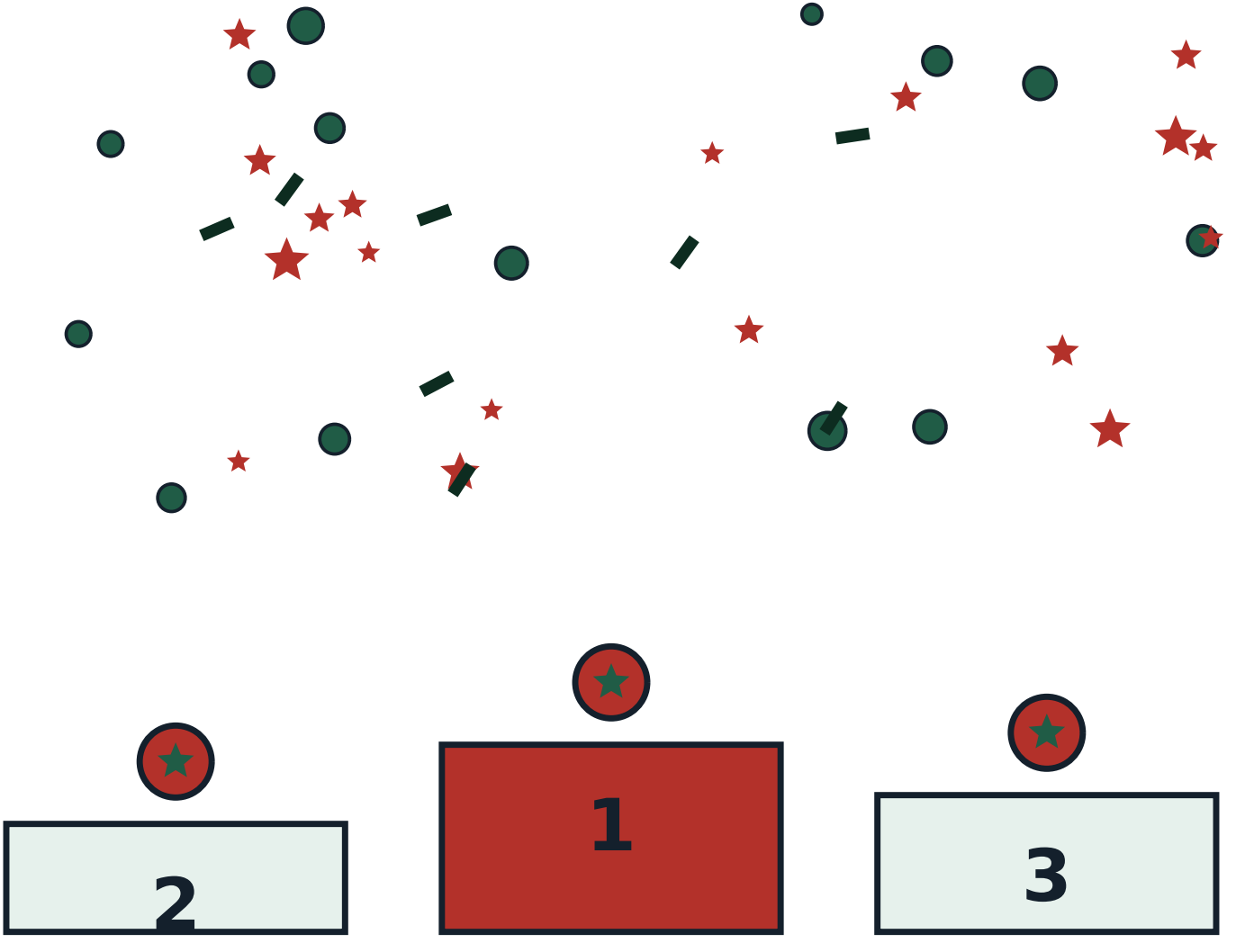

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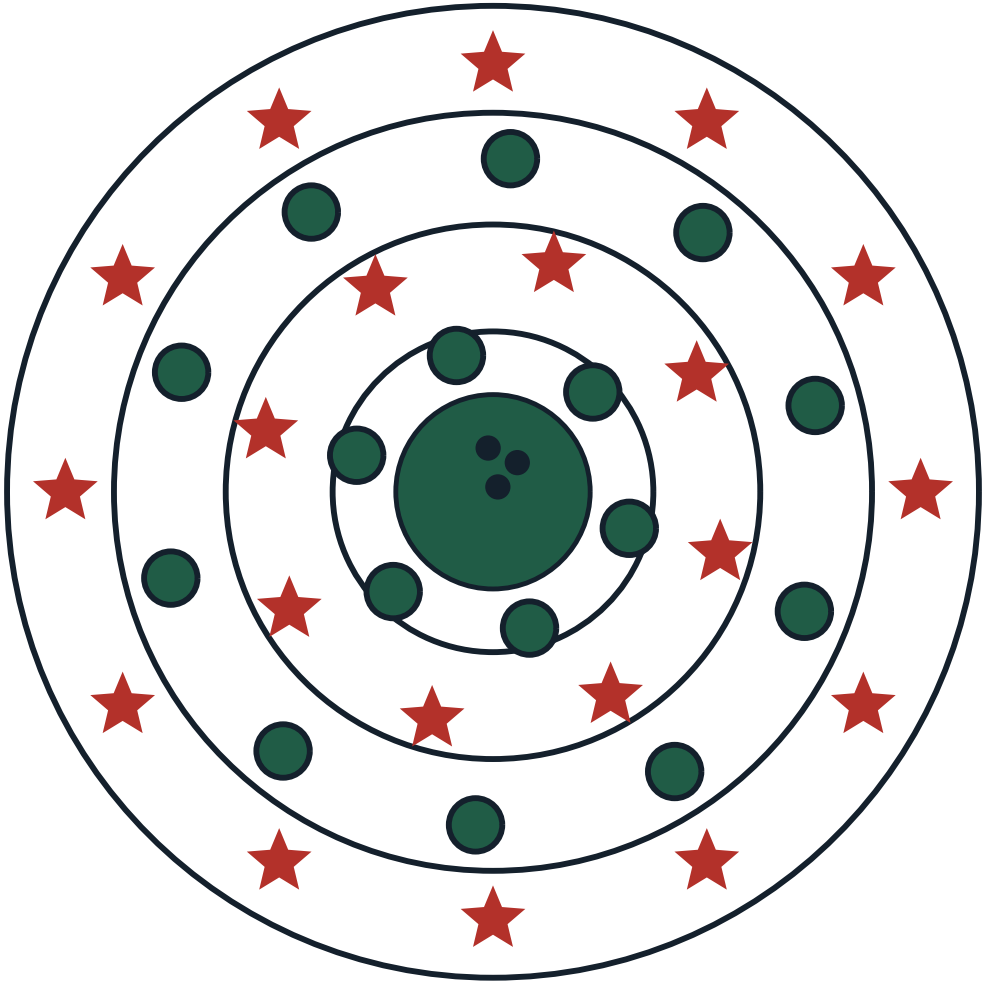

About This Book

Governing body: World Croquet Federation (WCF). Laws edition the site's rules file follows: WCF Rules of Golf Croquet (page read: 2013 Edition, since superseded by the 6th Edition) and WCF Laws of Association Croquet, 7th Edition. 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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