THE CARTOON BOOK OF

LAWN BOWLS



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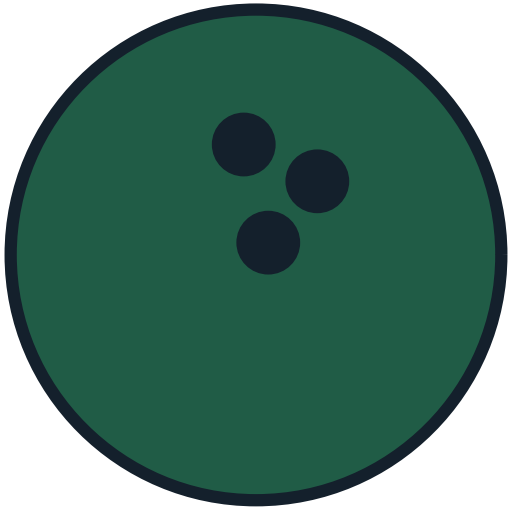
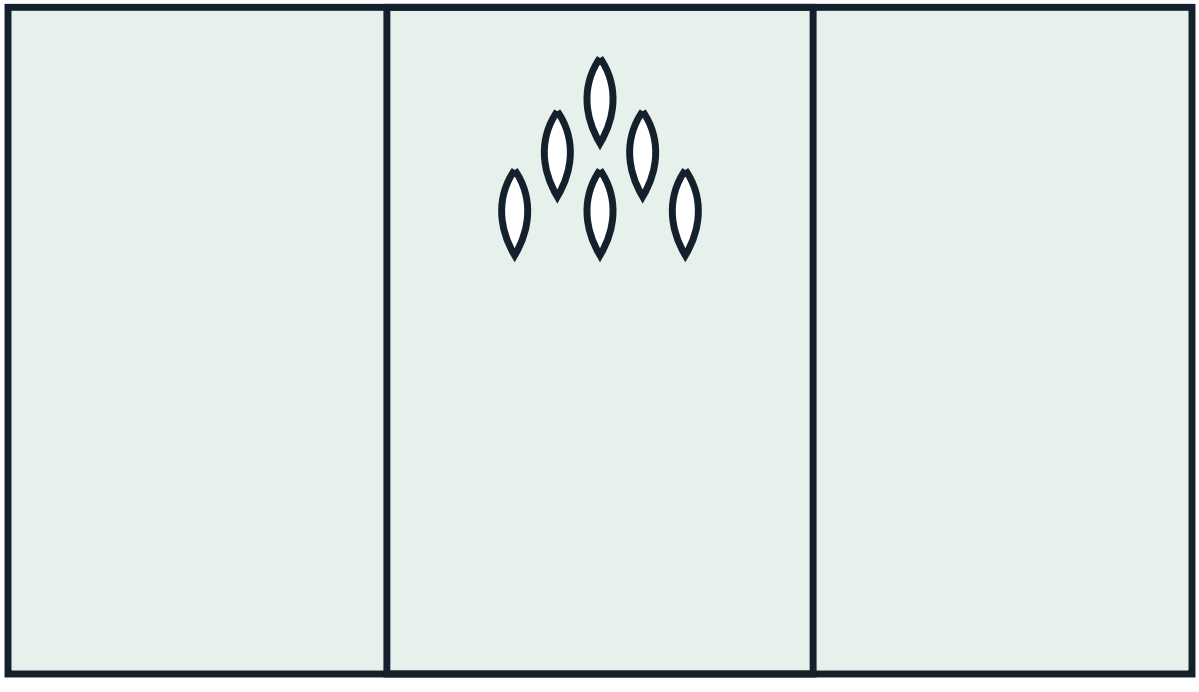
Meet Lawn Bowls!

Roll biased bowls close to a jack on a green.



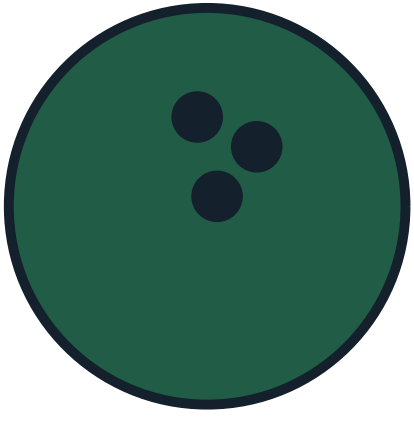
Where It Is Played

A flat green 31–40 m in the direction of play, divided into rinks 4.3–5.8 m wide outdoors, each end bounded by a ditch and bank.



The Gear

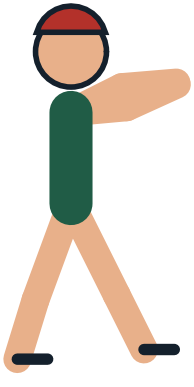
A set of biased bowls per player, a white or yellow jack (63–64 mm across on outdoor grass, 225–285 g) and a mat 600 mm long by 360 mm wide.





How It Starts

Place the mat at least 2 m from the ditch, roll the jack at least 21 m and have it centred, then bowl alternately, aiming wide of the jack to allow for the bias curve.



How to Play

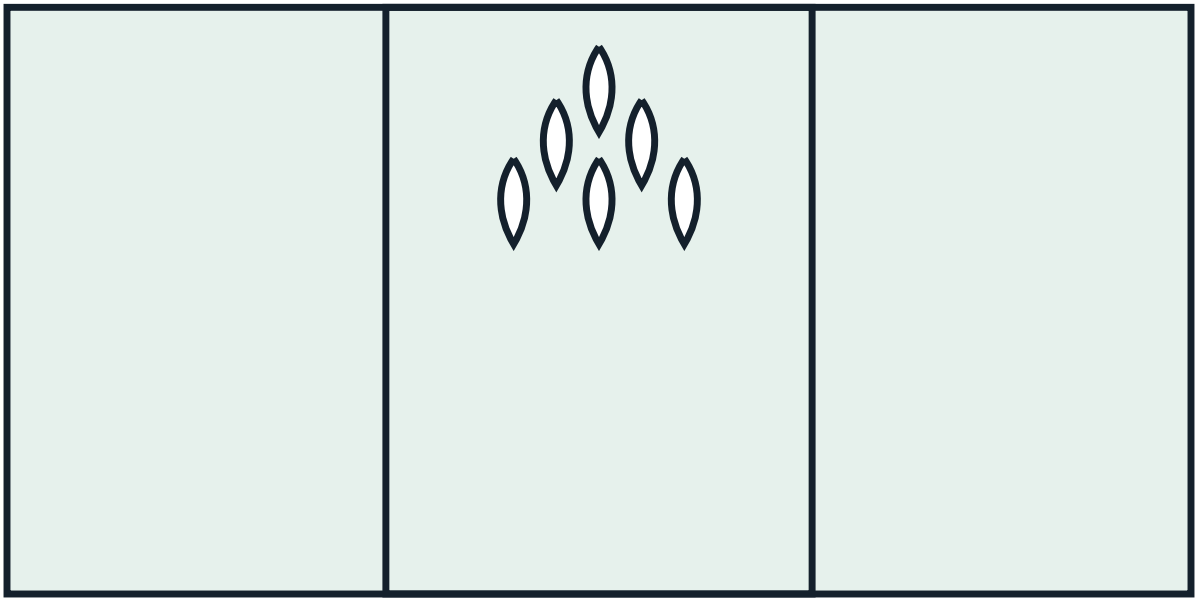
- Format: singles and pairs are played with four bowls per player, triples with three bowls and fours (rinks) with two bowls, delivered alternately end by end.
- The object is to deliver biased bowls as close as possible to the small target ball, the jack; because of the bias each bowl travels in a curved path.
- Scoring: after all bowls in an end are delivered, a side scores one point (shot) for each of its bowls closer to the jack than the opponent's closest bowl.
- An end starts with the mat placed on the centre line at least 2 m from the ditch, and the lead delivers the jack, which is then centred; a jack must travel at least 21 m to be legal.

More of the Game

- A bowl must travel at least 14 m from the front of the mat and come to rest within the rink boundaries to be a live bowl.
- A bowl that touches the jack in its course is a toucher: it is marked and stays live even if it finishes in the ditch.
- A non-toucher bowl finishing in the ditch is dead, and if the jack is driven outside the rink boundaries or into the ditch beyond the side boundaries the end is dead and replayed.
- When delivering, a player must keep at least one foot wholly or partly on the mat.

The Shape of a Match

Players or teams deliver biased bowls alternately along a rink toward a centred jack over a set number of ends; the side with more bowls nearest the jack in each end scores the shots.



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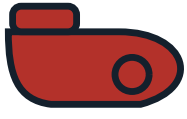
- Archery — Target shooting with bows, an Olympic sport.

A Note on the Rules

Lawn bowls is governed by World Bowls under laws of the sport revised in cycles (the modern revisions concern jack lengths, rink dimensions and burnt-end rules). The game's core — biased bowls, proximity scoring — is unchanged for centuries. No major documented rule change is carried for lawn bowls.



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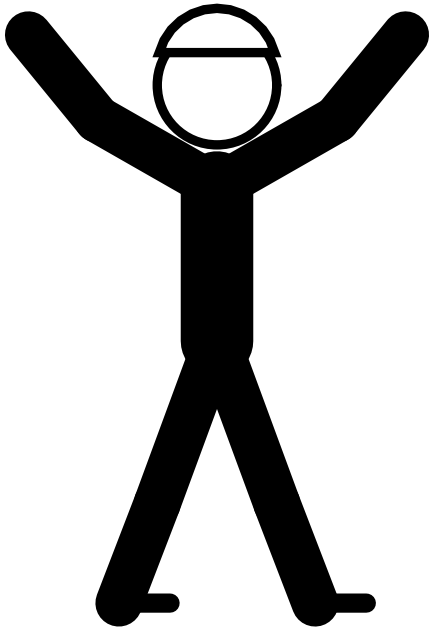

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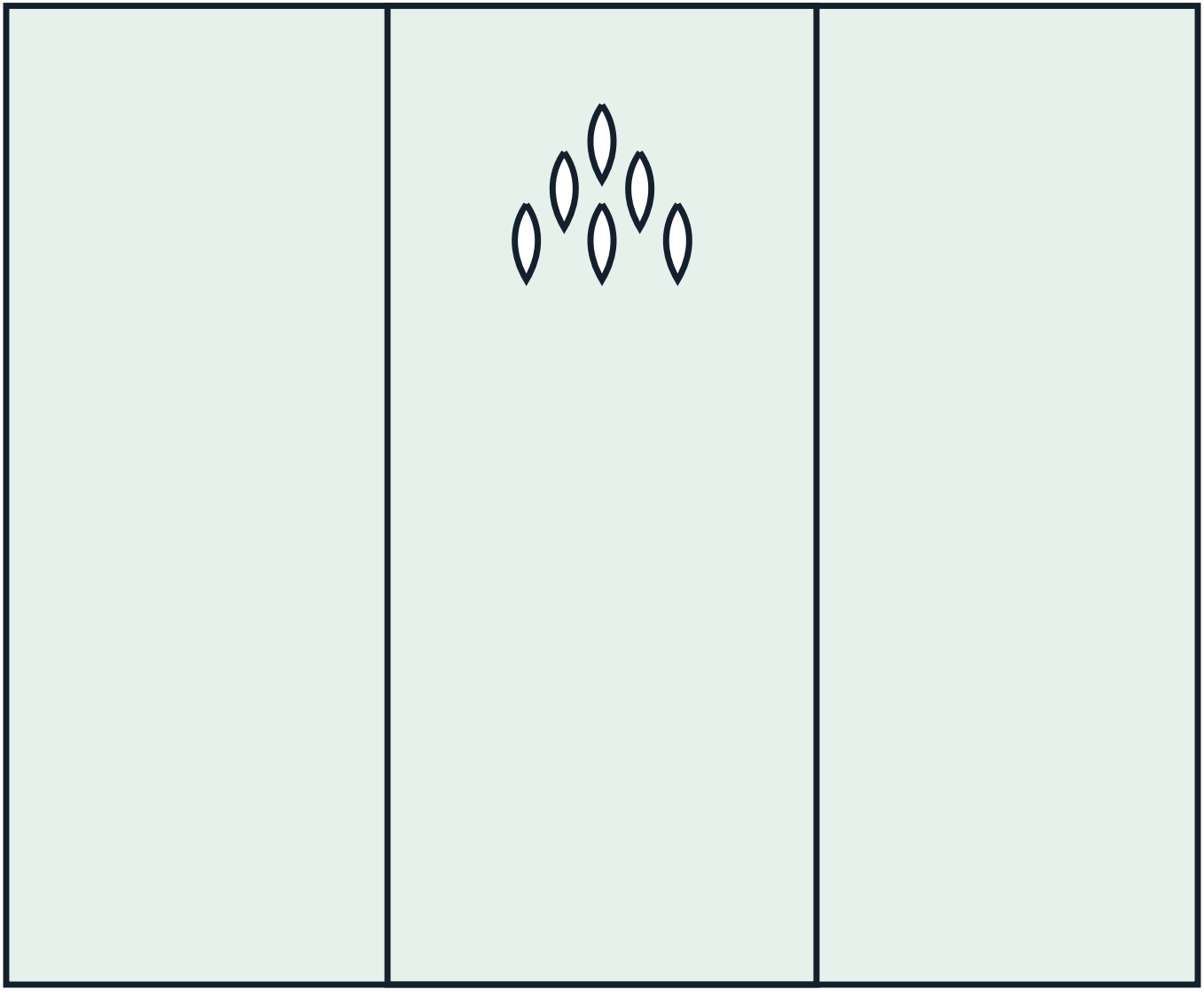

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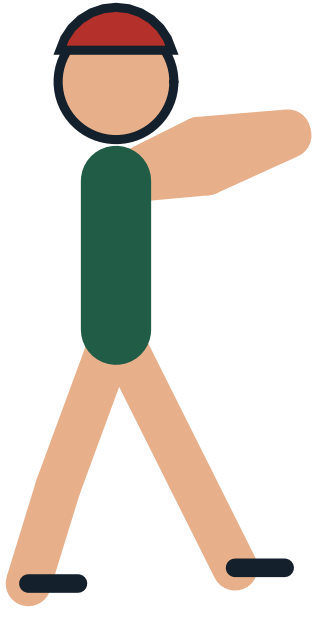

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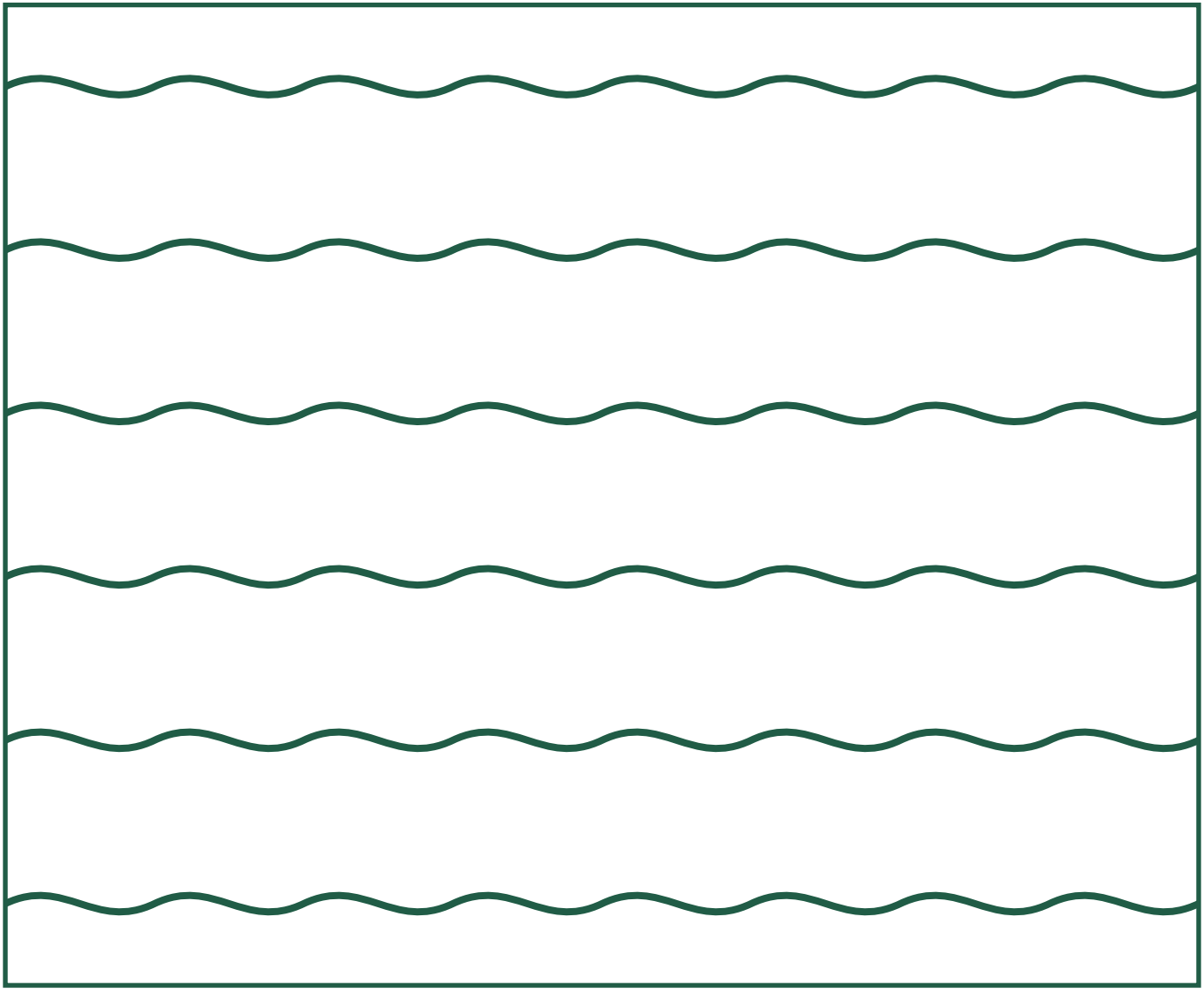
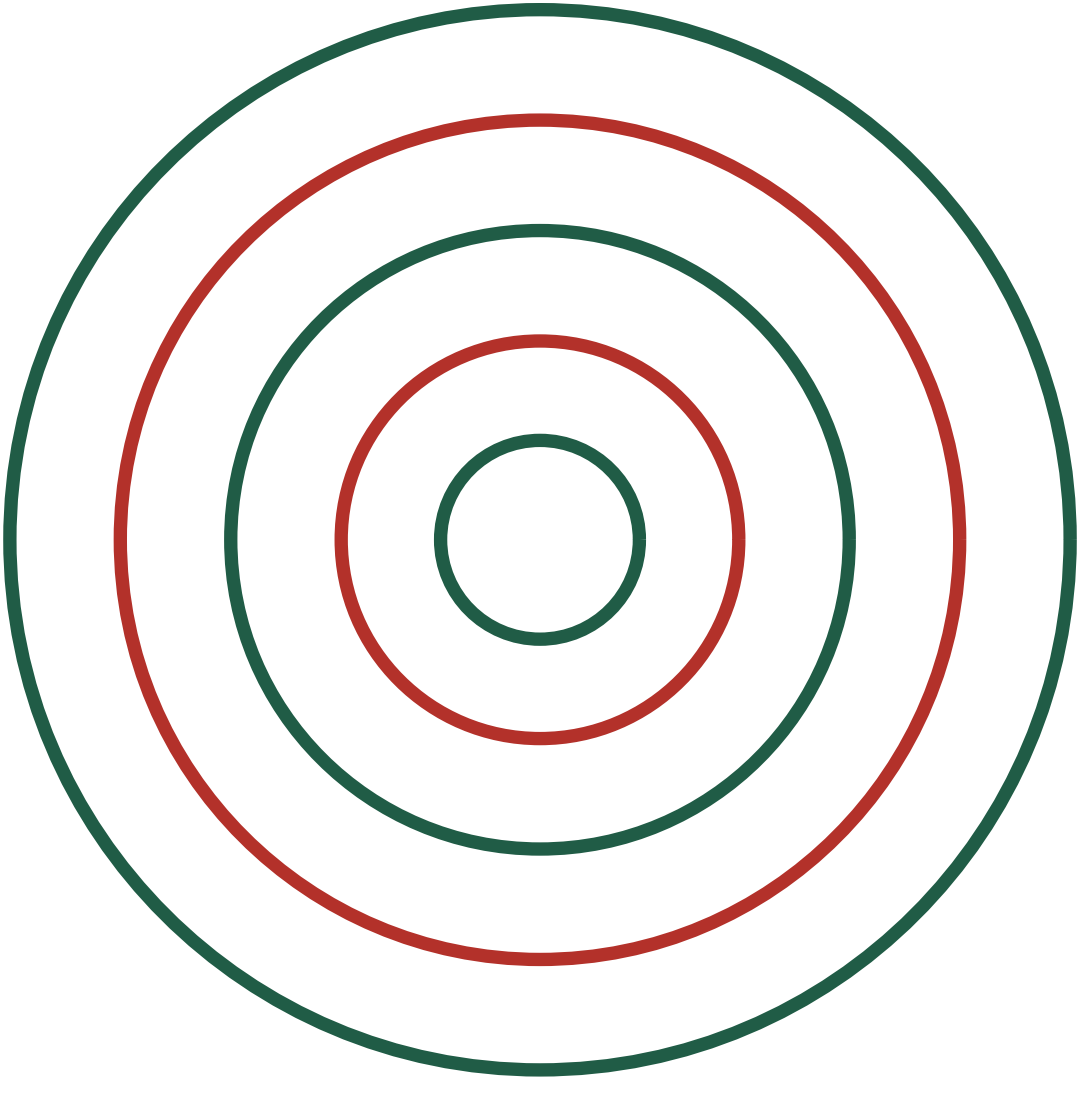


Through the Year



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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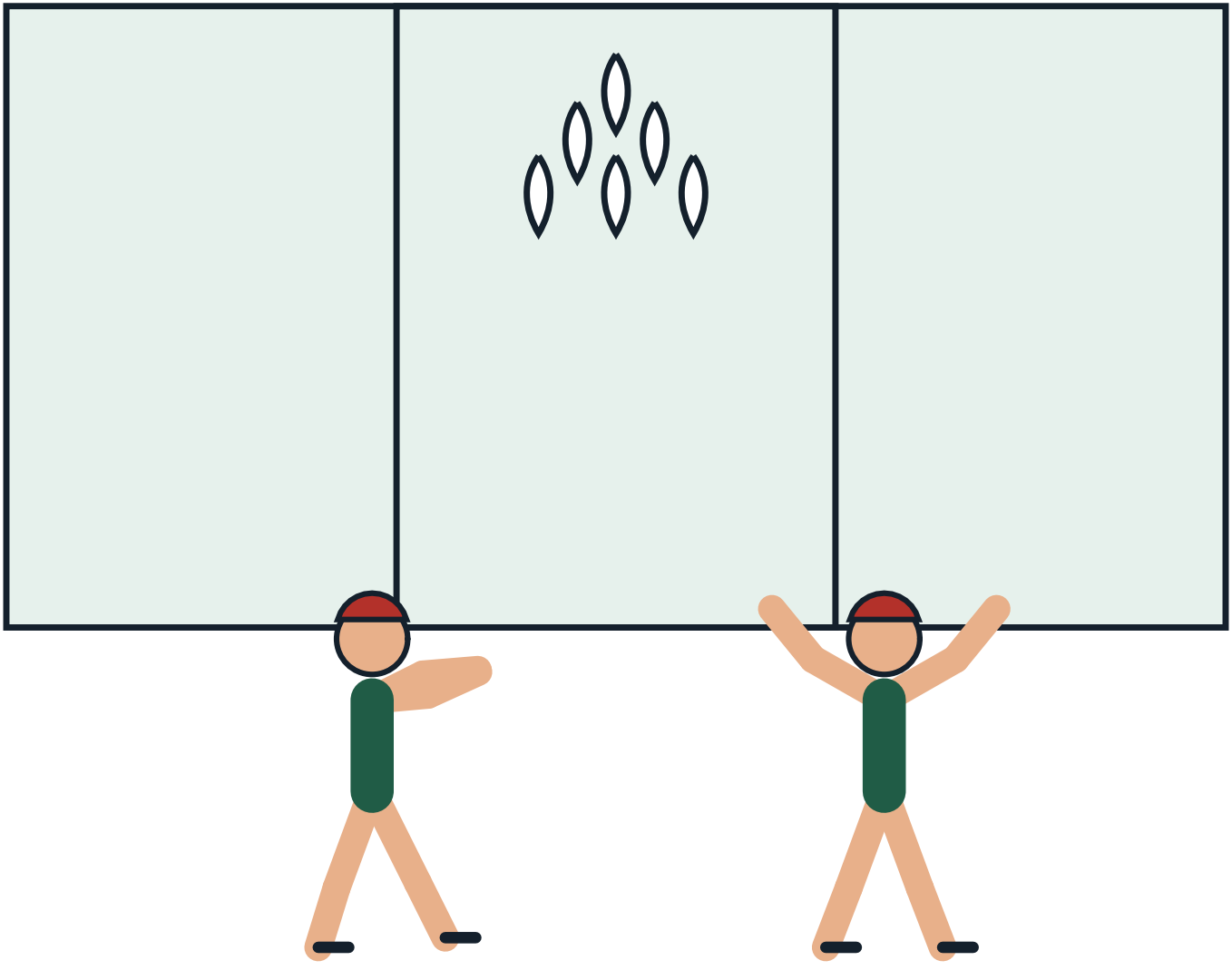
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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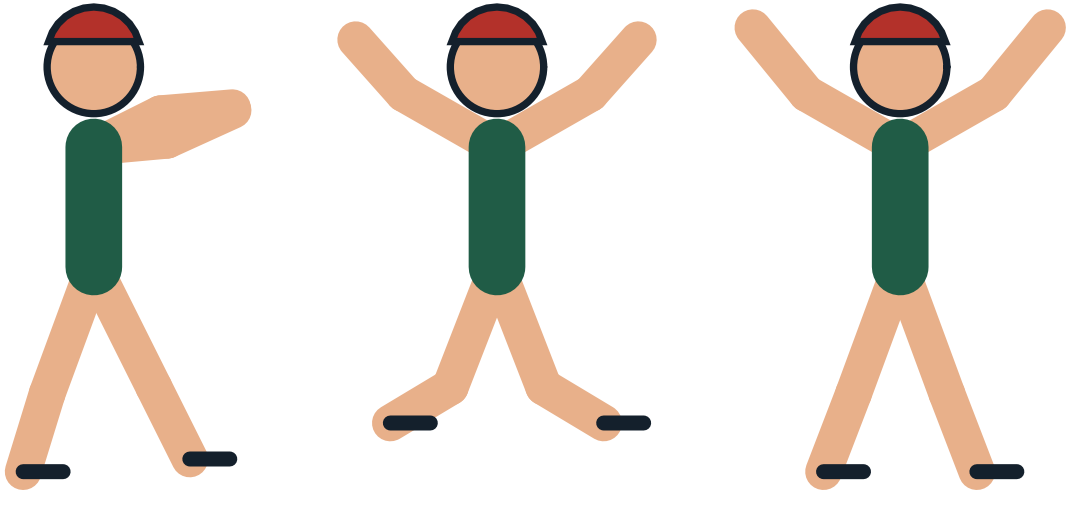
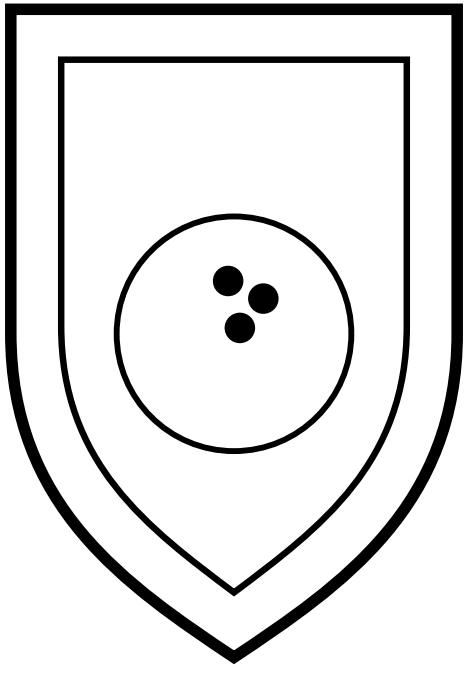
Moves of the Game

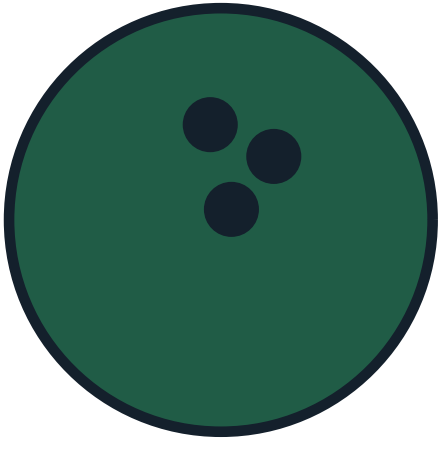


Design a Badge



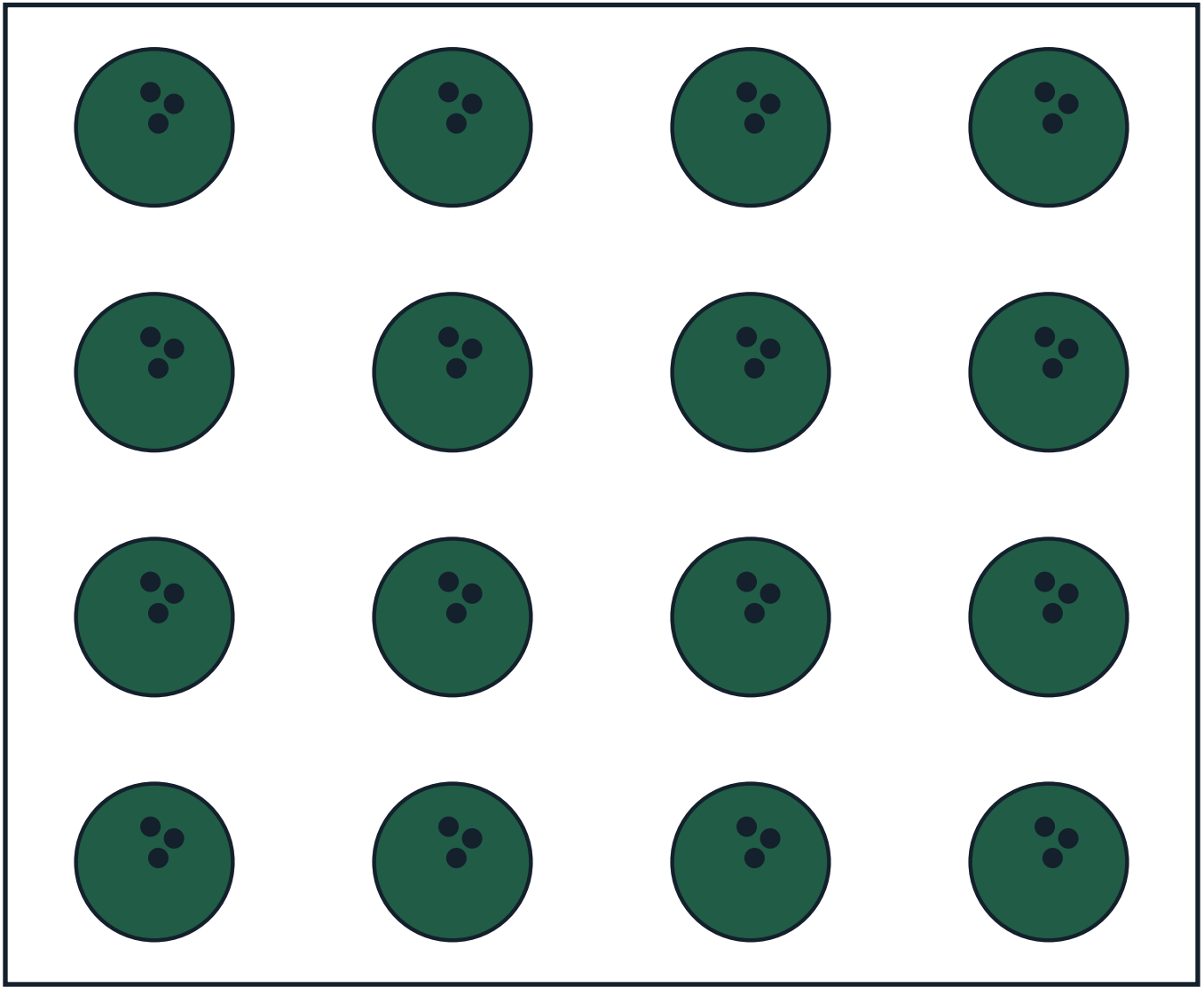
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

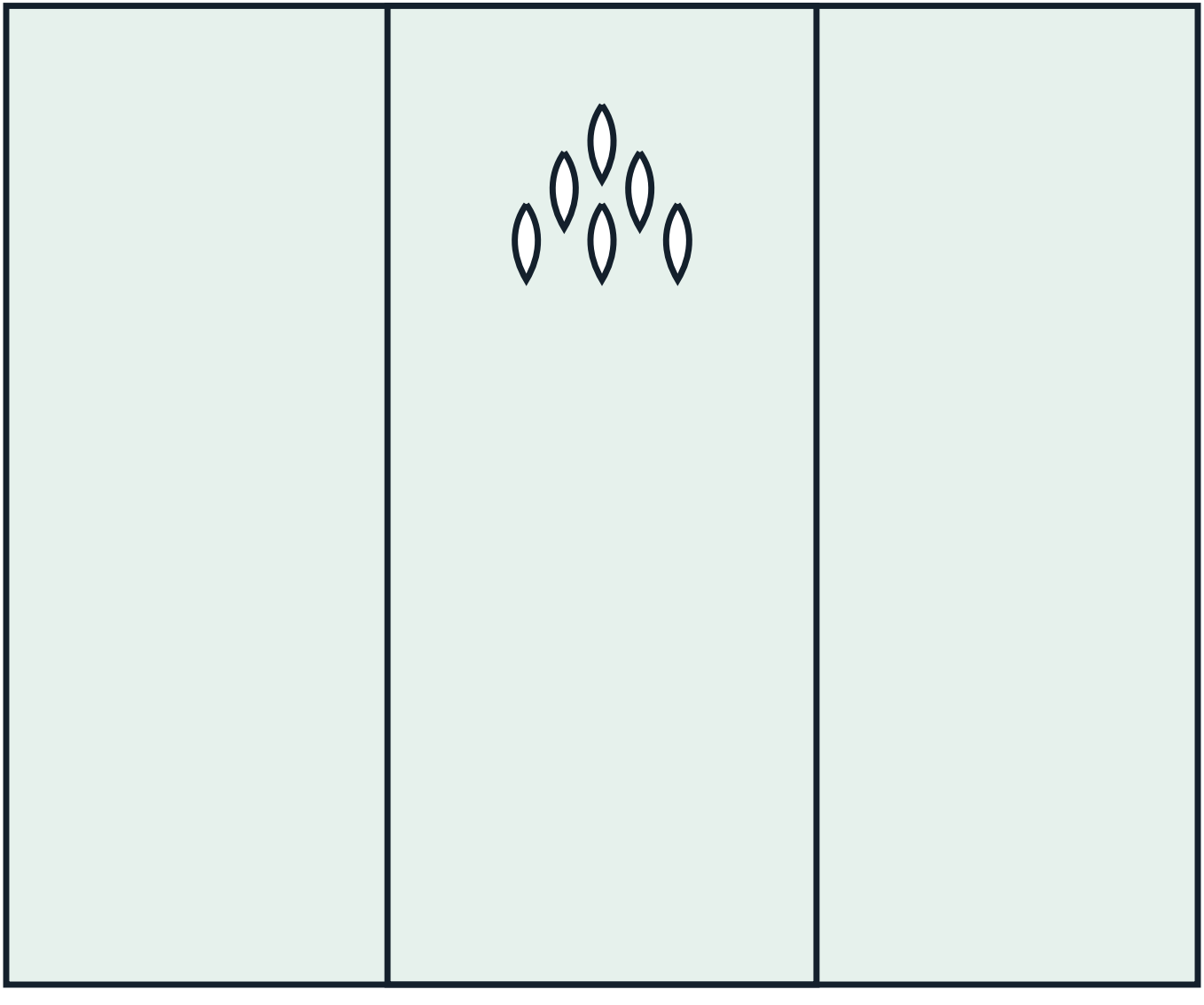




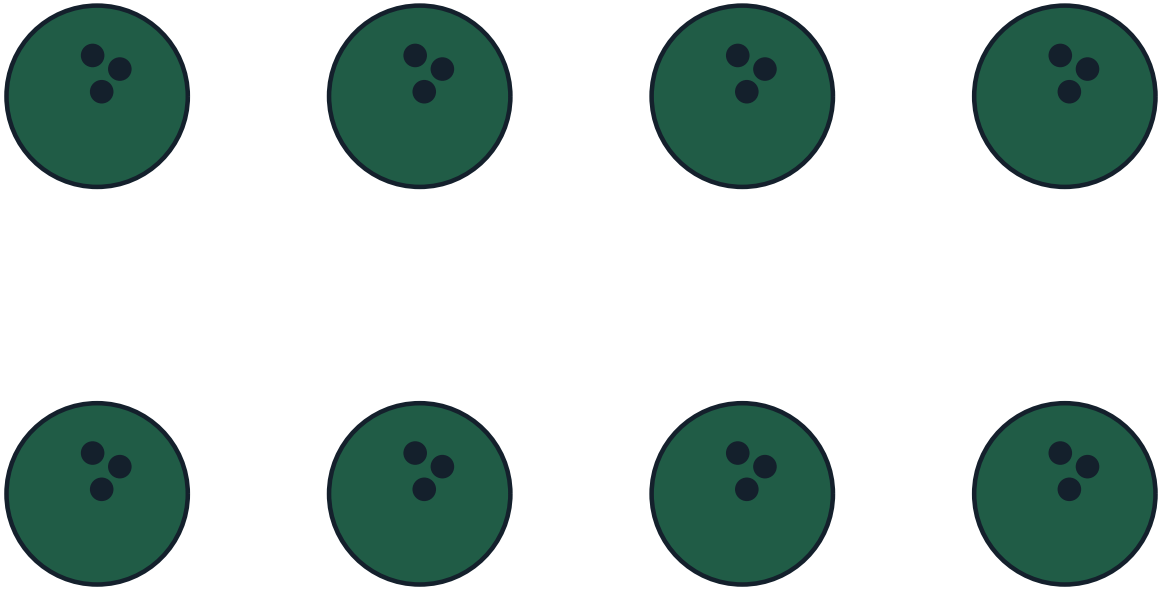
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



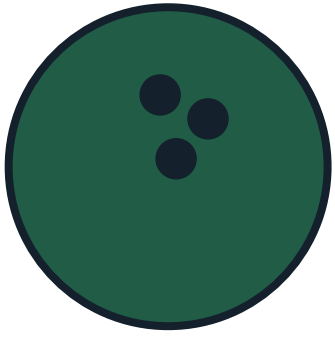
Count the Balls!



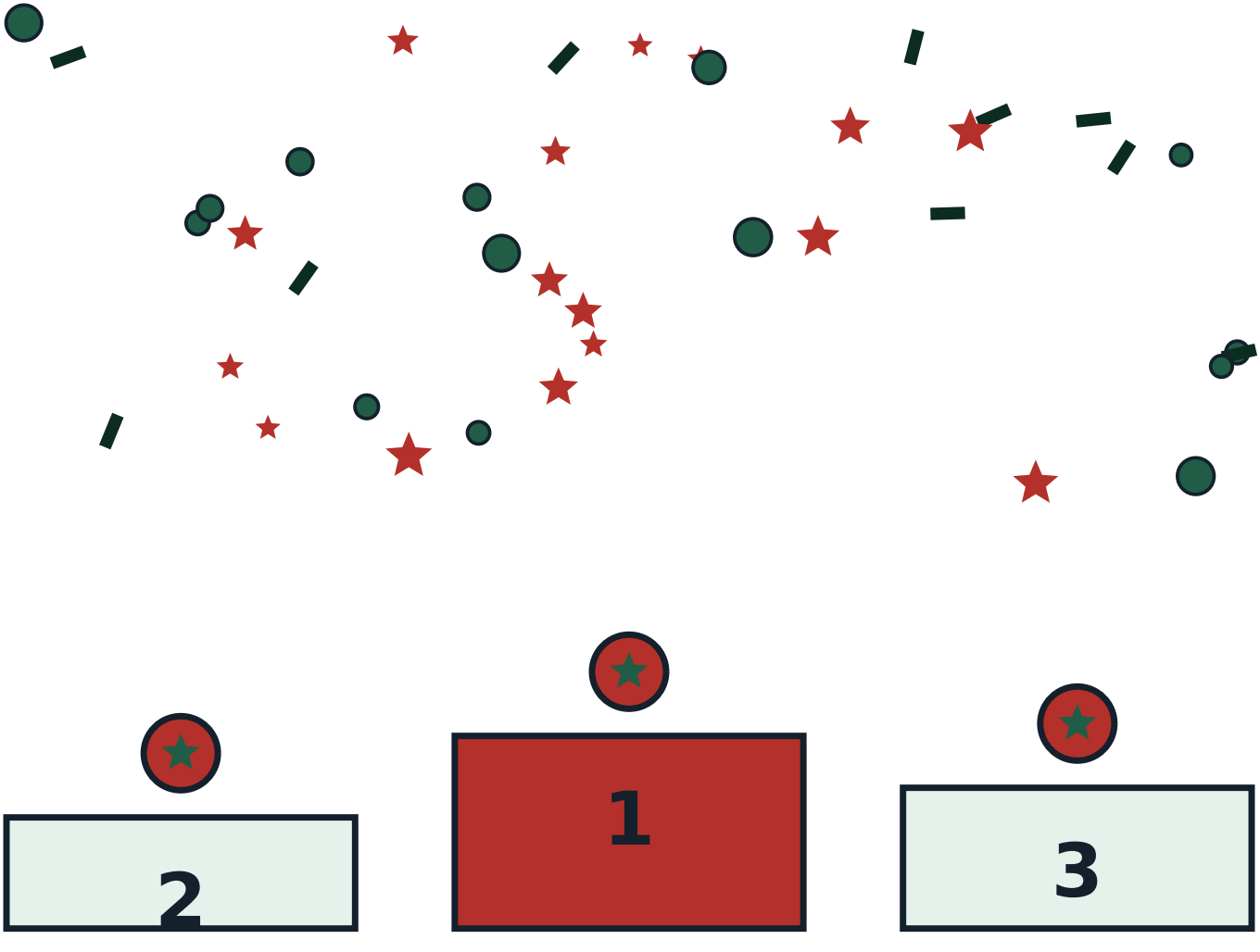
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Lawn Bowls

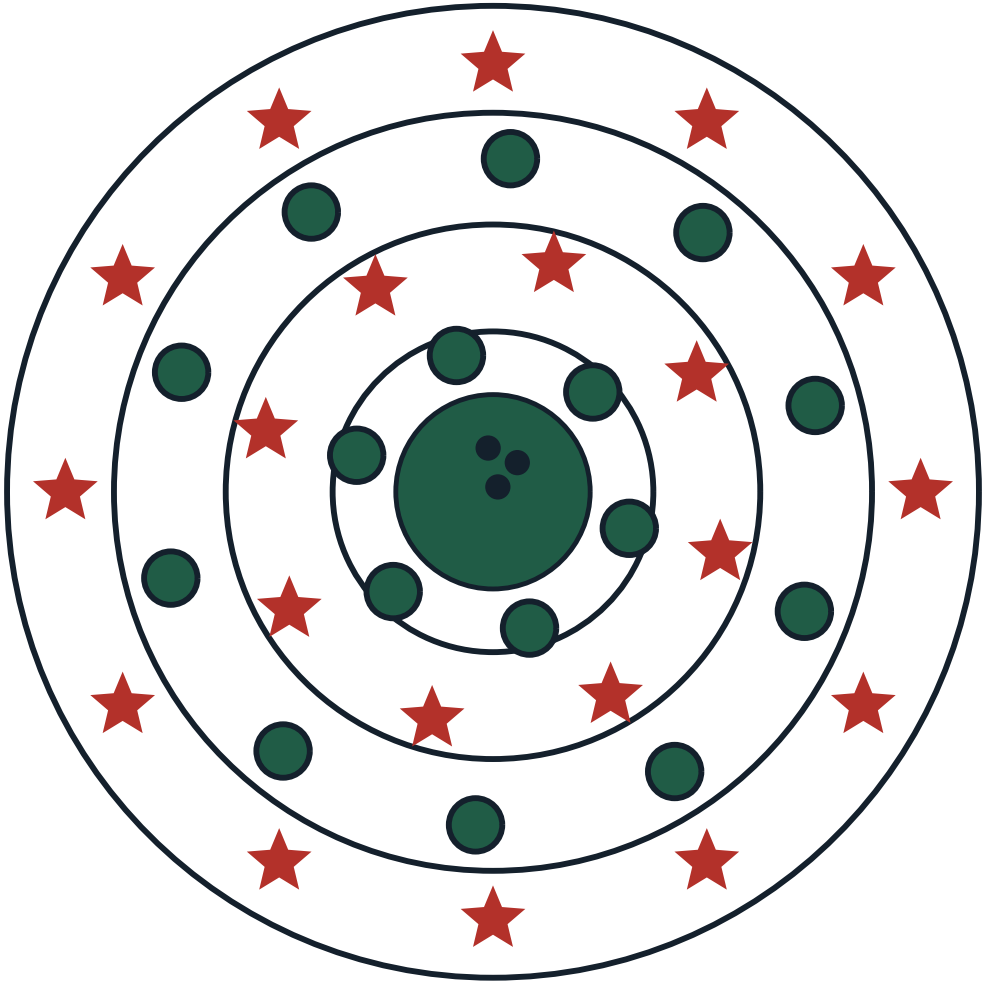
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Governing body: World Bowls. Laws edition the site's rules file follows: Laws of the Sport of Bowls, Crystal Mark Fourth Edition (adopted in Canada 1 April 2023). 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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