THE CARTOON BOOK OF

AXE THROWING



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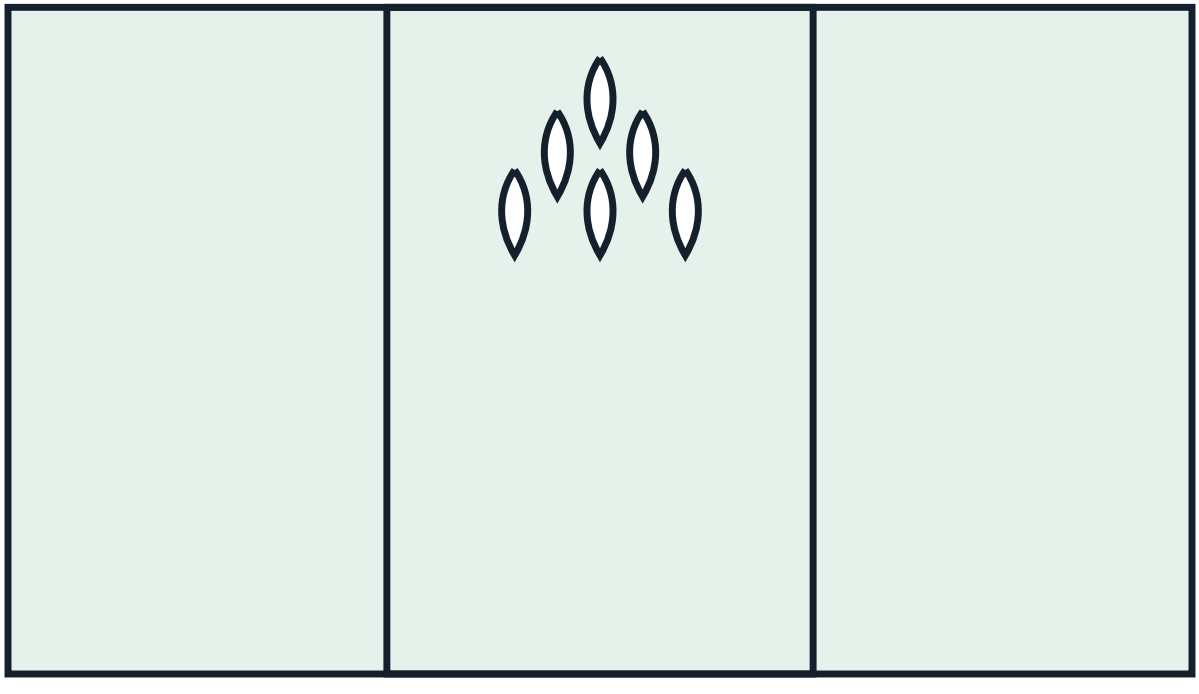
Meet Axe Throwing!

Hit wooden bullseyes with throwing axes.



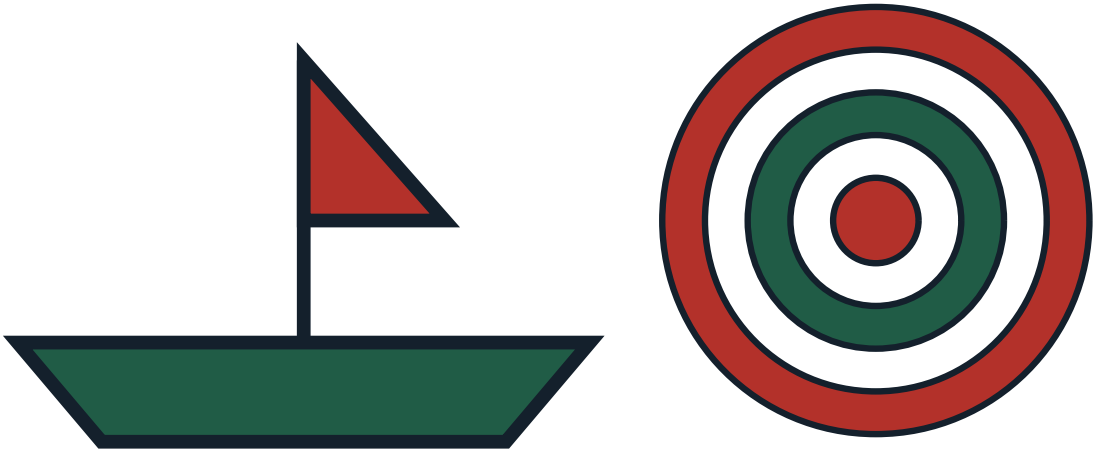
Where It Is Played

A lane with the target mounted on a wall/frame and a fault line 12 feet from the target for hatchet (15 feet for big axe).



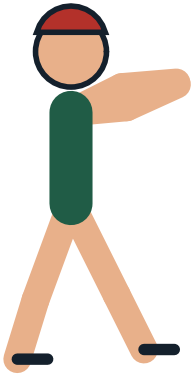
The Gear

A WATL-spec hatchet (big axe for the big-axe discipline) and a wooden plank target with concentric rings, a centre bullseye and two blue killshot circles 1.5 inches in diameter.



How It Starts

Have your axe inspected, stand behind the 12-foot line, throw one-handed or two-handed overhand so the blade sticks, and score the ring it lands in — saving your two killshot calls for when you need 8 points.



How to Play

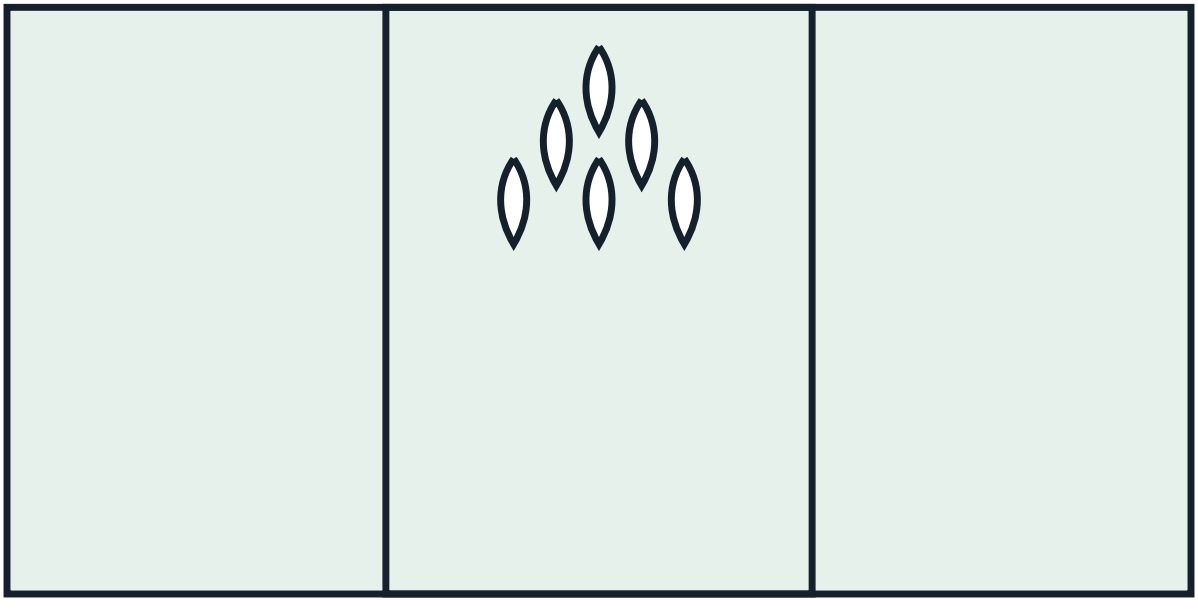
- Format: head-to-head matches of 10 throws; throwers alternate throws and the higher total after 10 throws wins, with tied matches decided by sudden-death killshot throws.
- Scoring (WATL target): bullseye 6 points, then the rings score 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 point moving outward; an axe that does not stick, or falls before it is scored, scores 0.
- Killshots: the two small blue circles inside the outer (1-point) ring are worth 8 points, but only on a called attempt — a player may call a killshot up to twice per match, and a missed called killshot scores 0.
- Throwing distance: hatchet is thrown from behind the 12-foot fault line (15 feet for big axe); any part of the foot over the line makes the throw score 0 / a foot fault.

More of the Game

- An axe's score is determined by where the blade/head rests in the target, judged before the axe is removed; if the blade crosses into a higher zone the higher value applies under venue judging of the scoring area.
- League format: WATL sanctions four seasons a year of eight weeks — weeks 1–7 are gameplay weeks with four games per competitor per week, and week 8 is playoffs for the local champion.
- Safety and equipment: every axe is inspected before league play, broken axes and loose heads may not be used, and axes must meet WATL specifications.
- Only the thrower may be in the lane while throwing; no one enters the lane until all axes have been retrieved.

The Shape of a Match

Head-to-head target throwing: 10 hatchet throws per match from 12 feet at a wooden ring target, highest total wins, sudden-death killshots break ties.



More of the Target & precision Family

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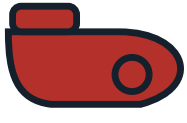
- Ten-pin Bowling — Roll a ball to knock down pins.
- Disc Golf — Golf played with flying discs and baskets.
- Archery — Target shooting with bows, an Olympic sport.

A Note on the Rules

Axe throwing is governed by the World Axe Throwing League (founded 2017) and the NATF under authored codes (target rings, the 'clutch' call, match formats) written for the venue-business era of the sport. A recent codification with no older law history. No major documented rule change is carried for axe throwing.



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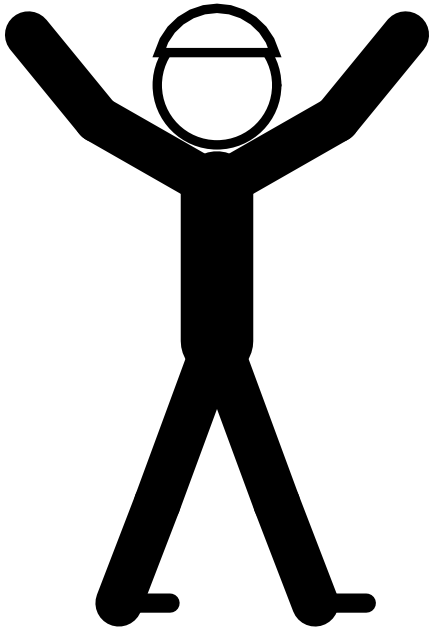

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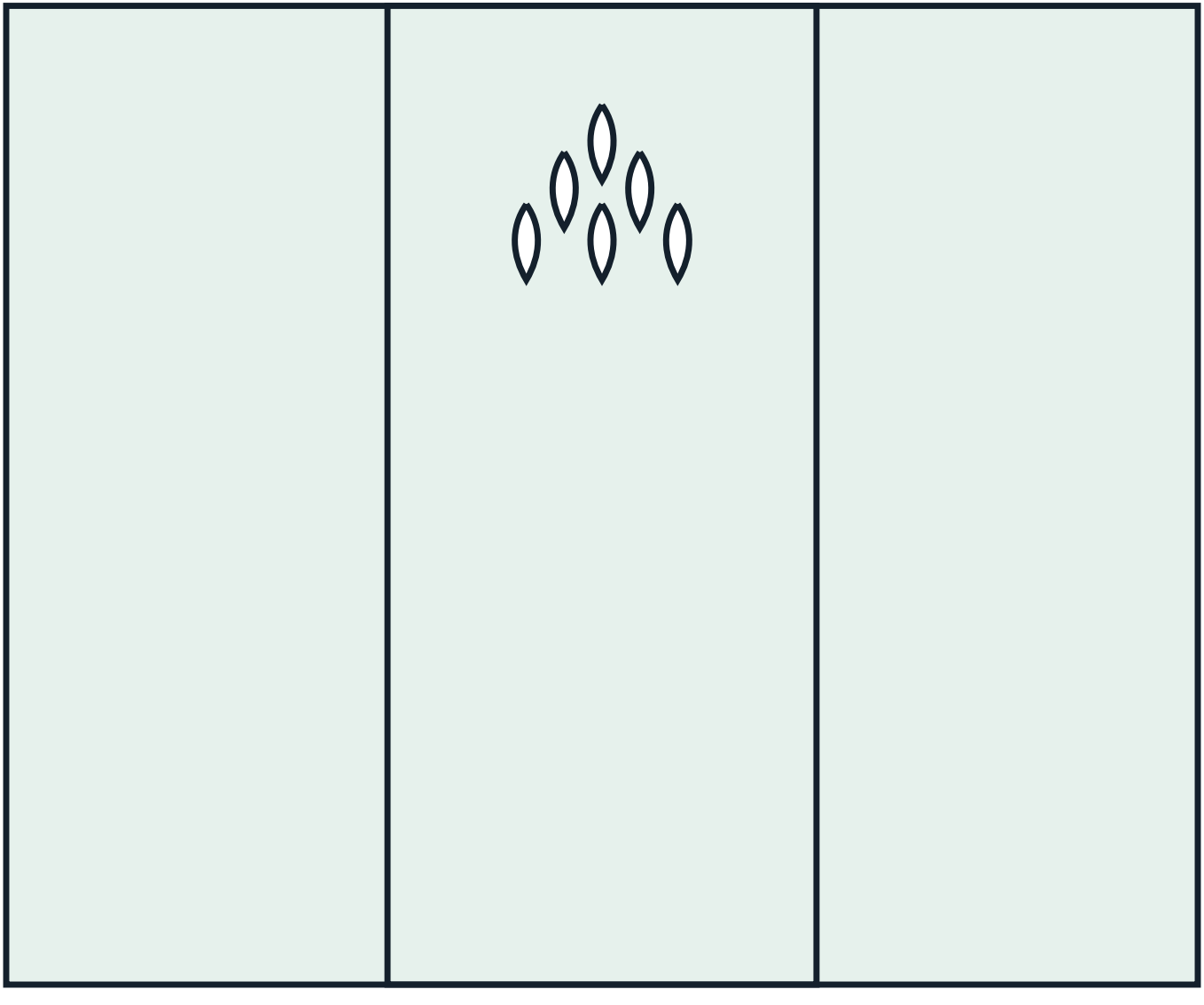

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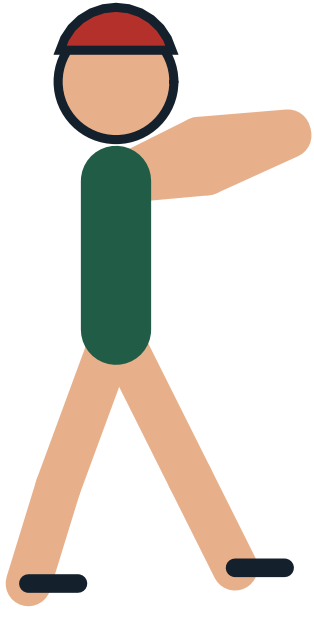

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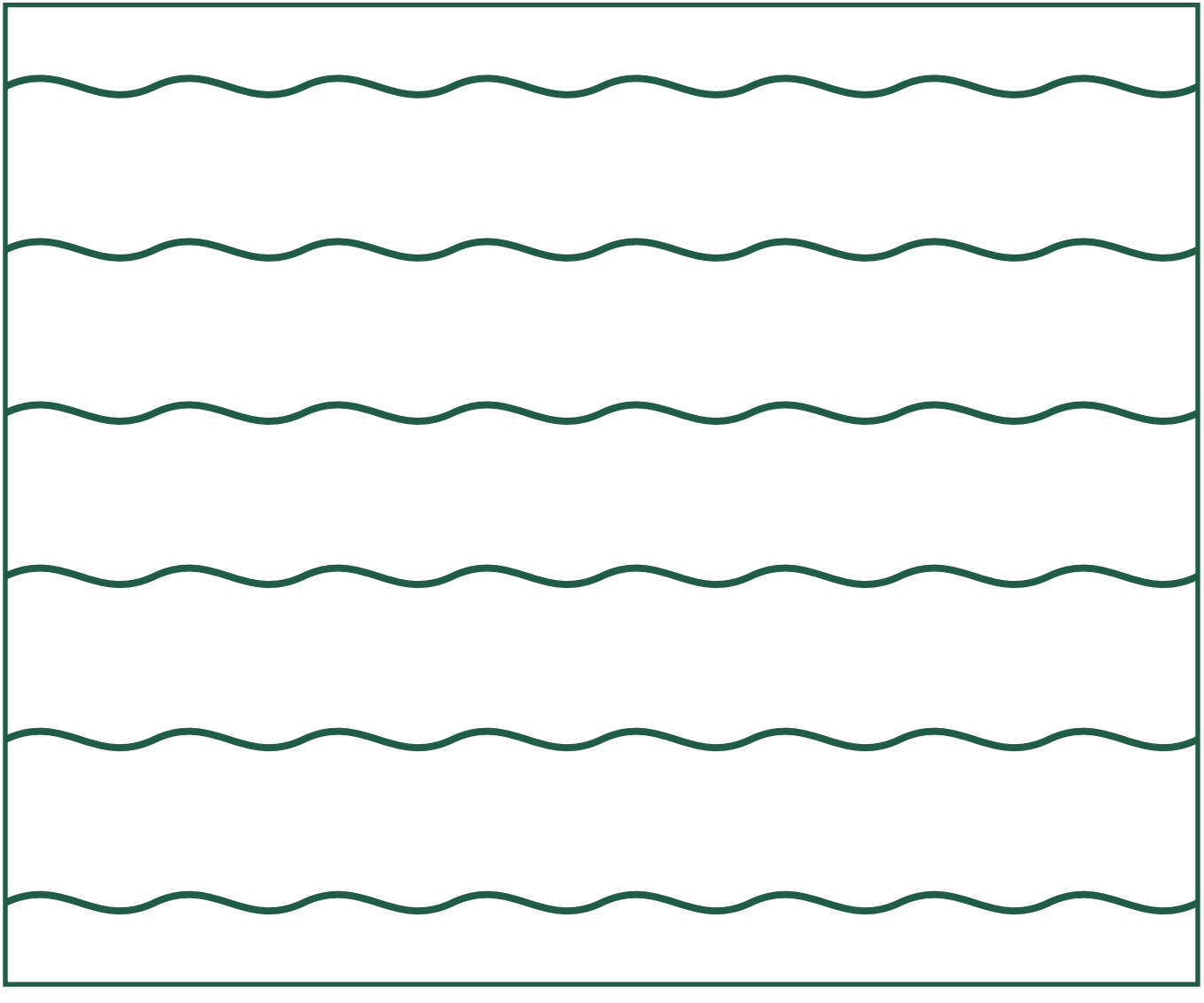
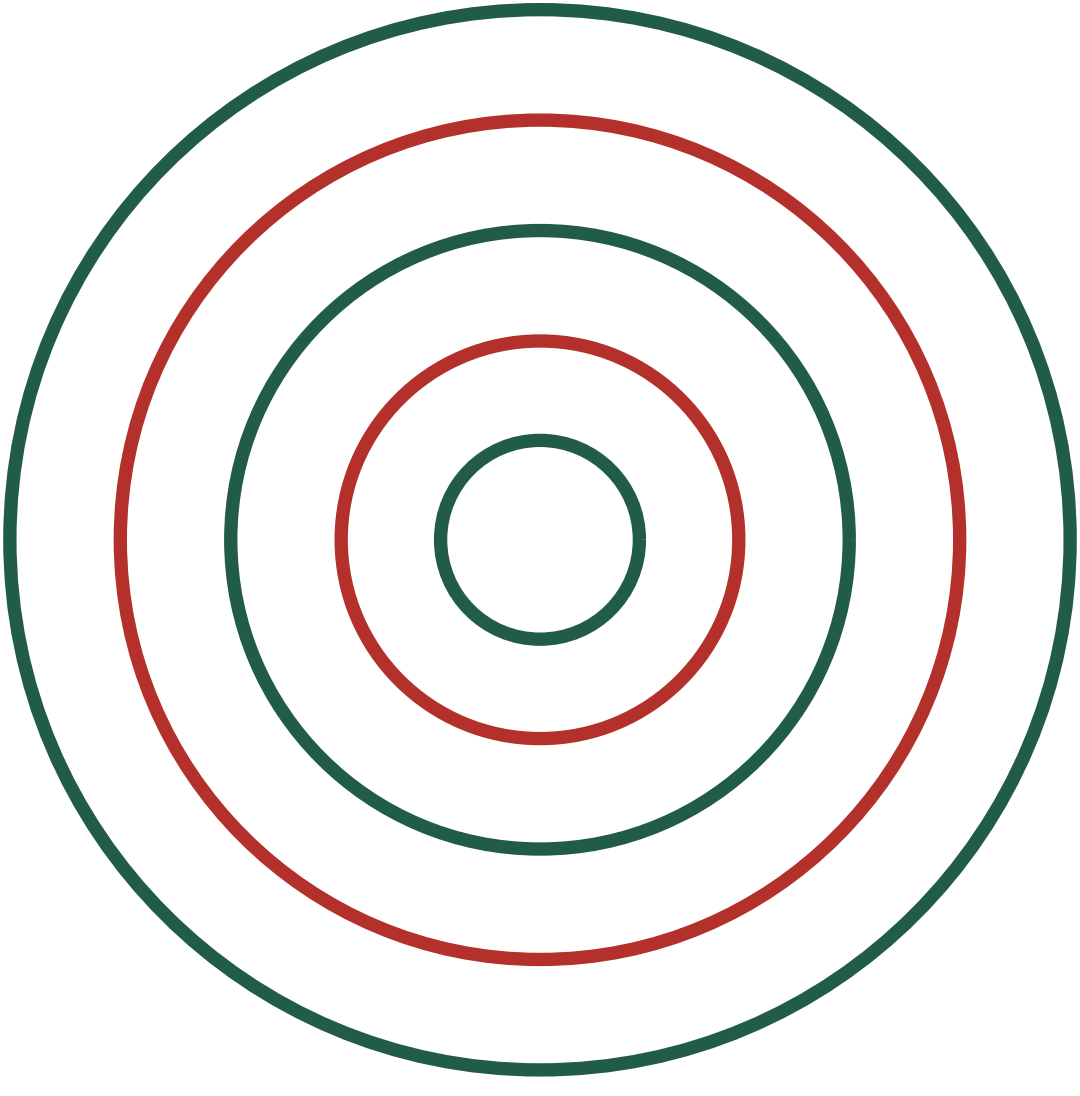


Through the Year



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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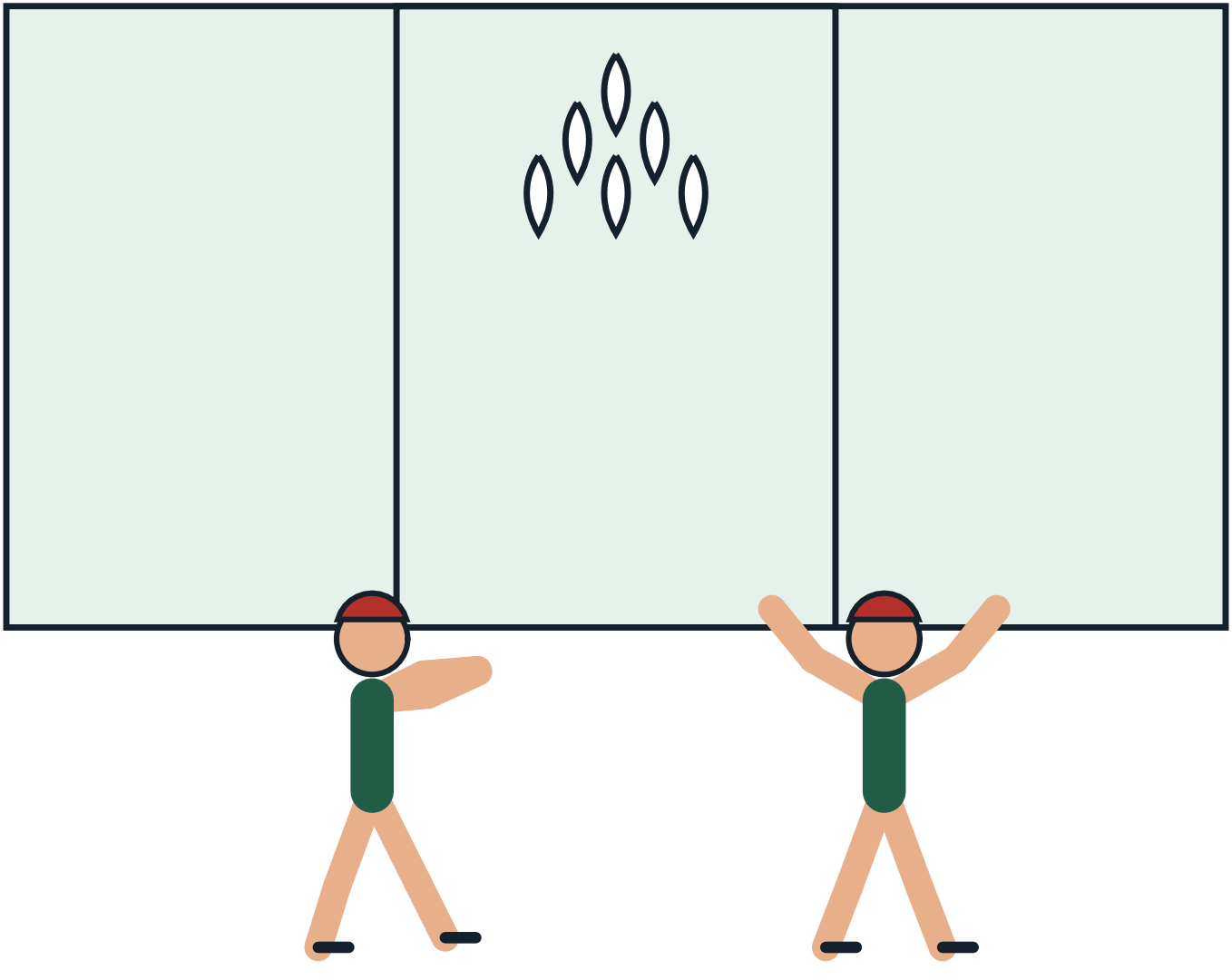
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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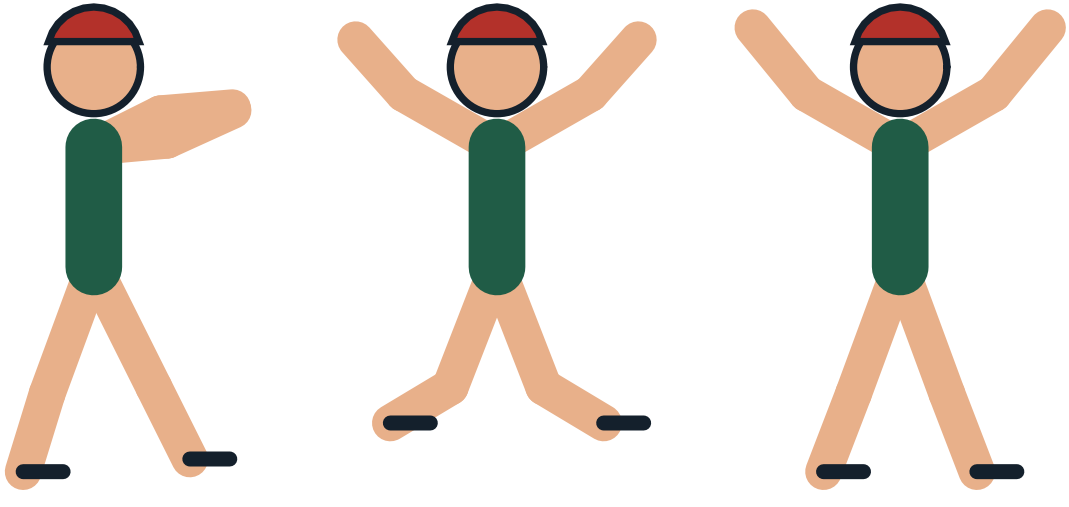
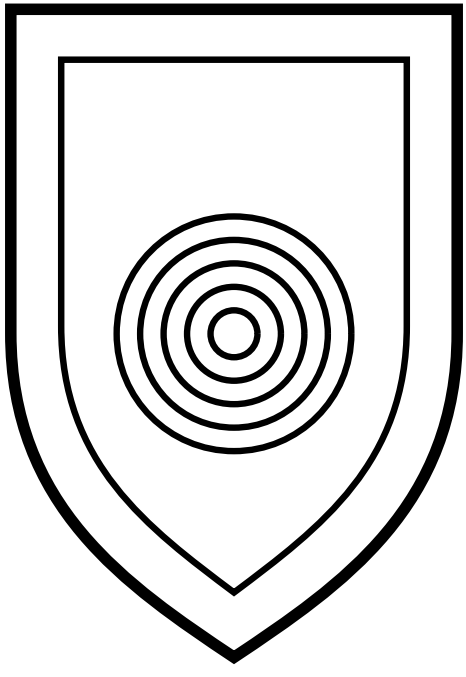
Moves of the Game



Design a Badge



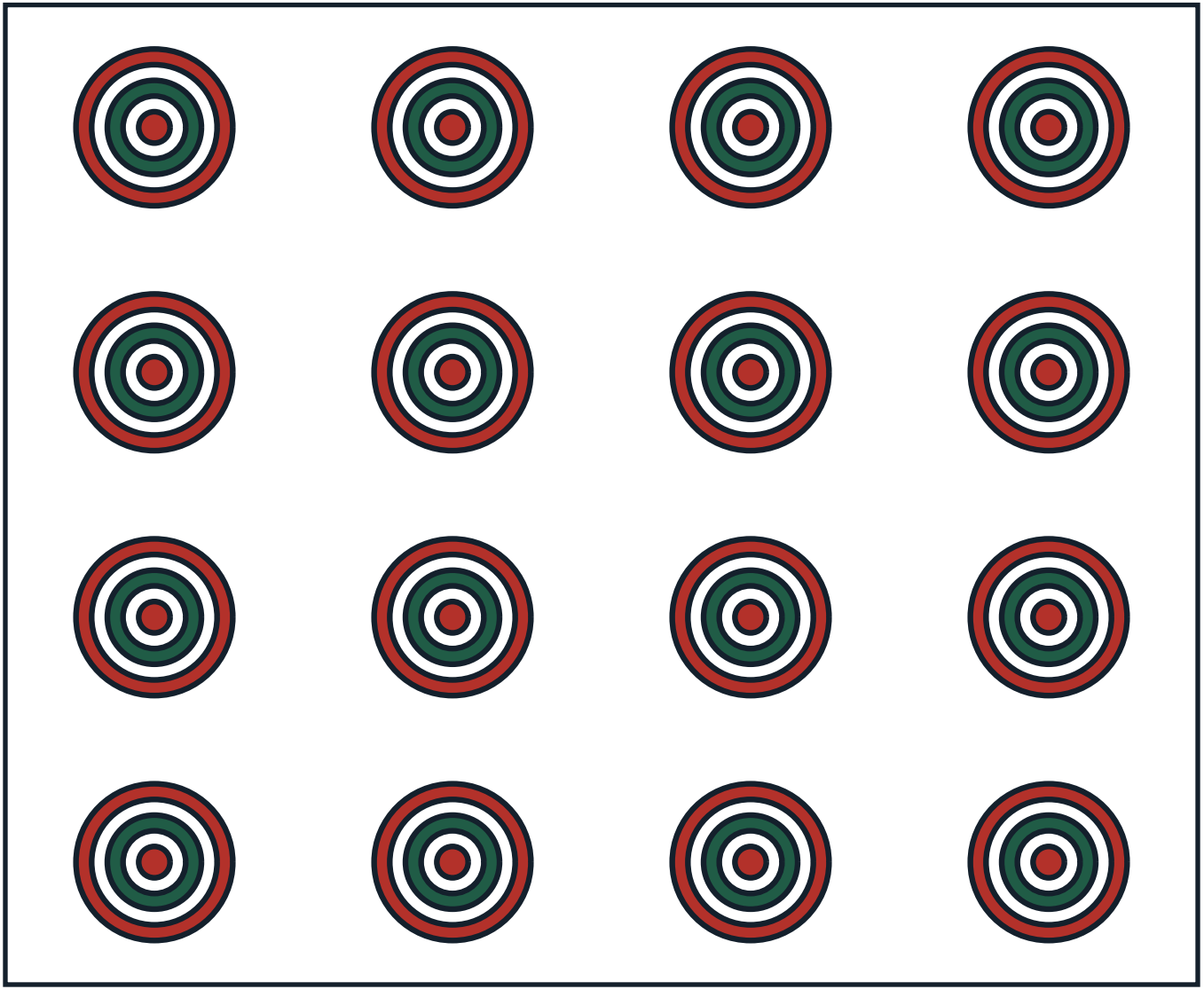
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade





Pattern Play



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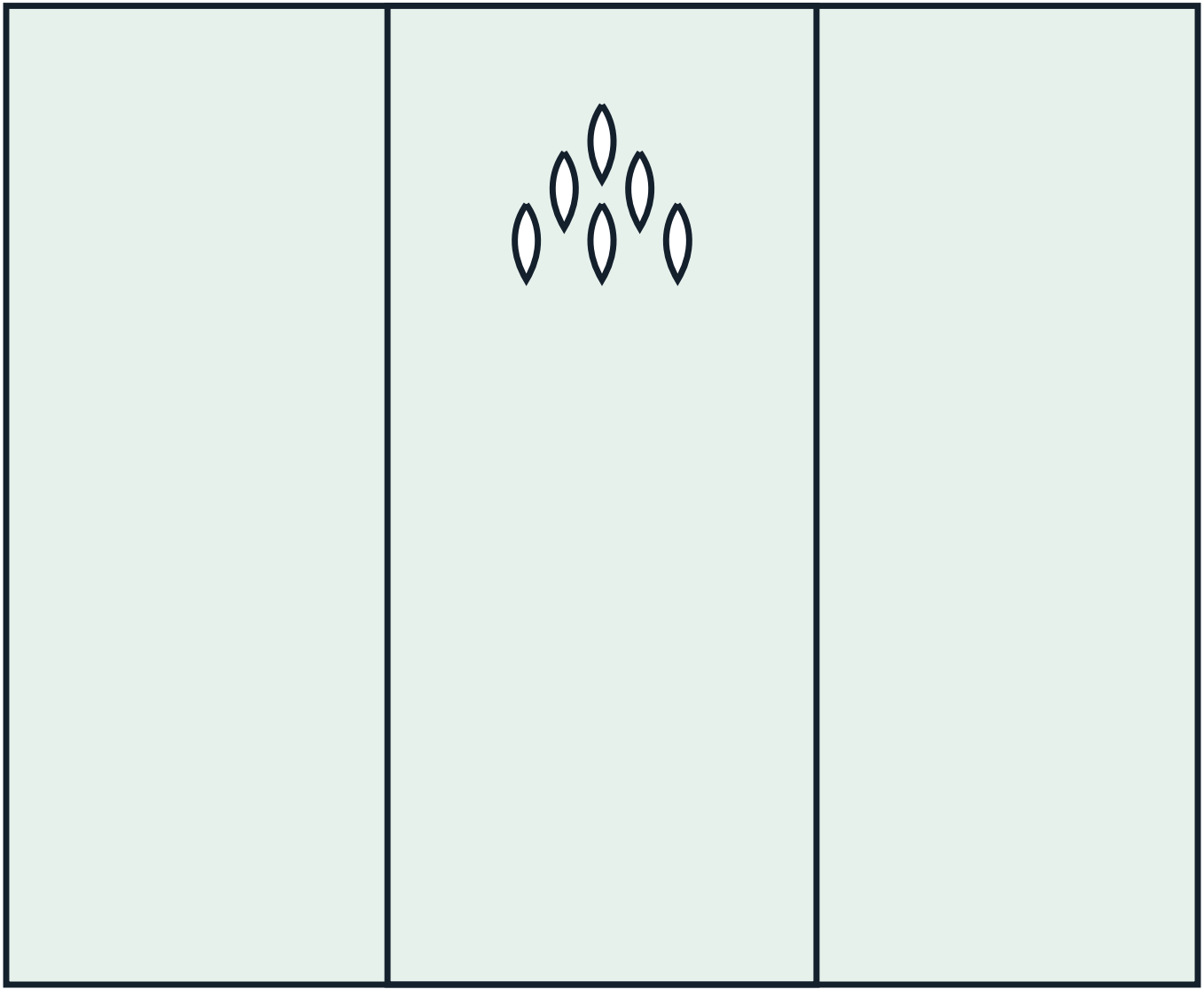
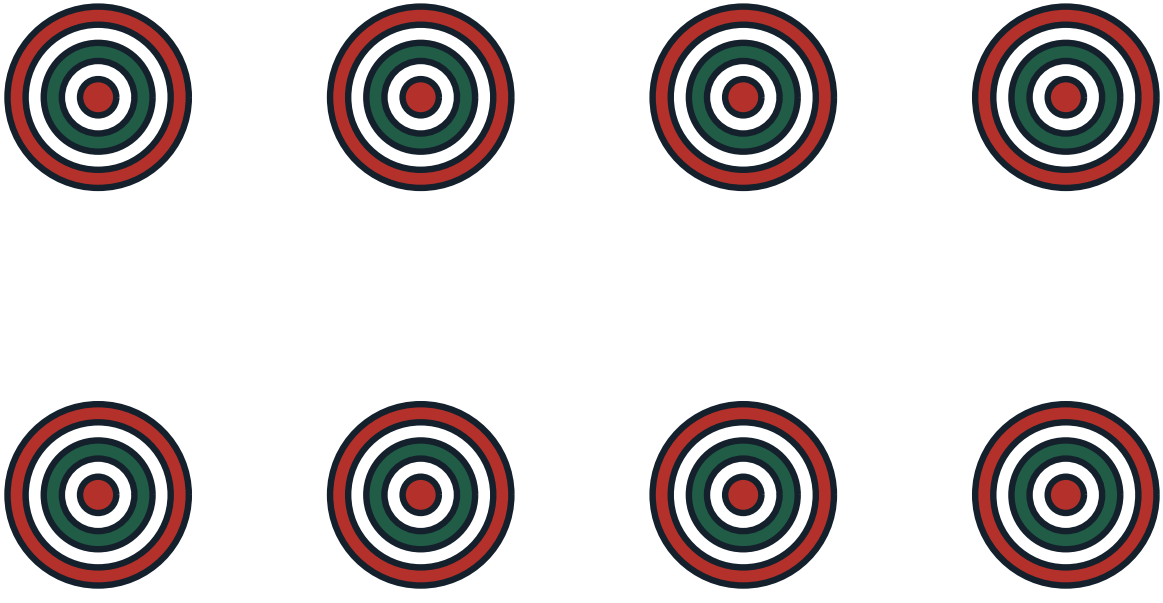


Count the Balls!



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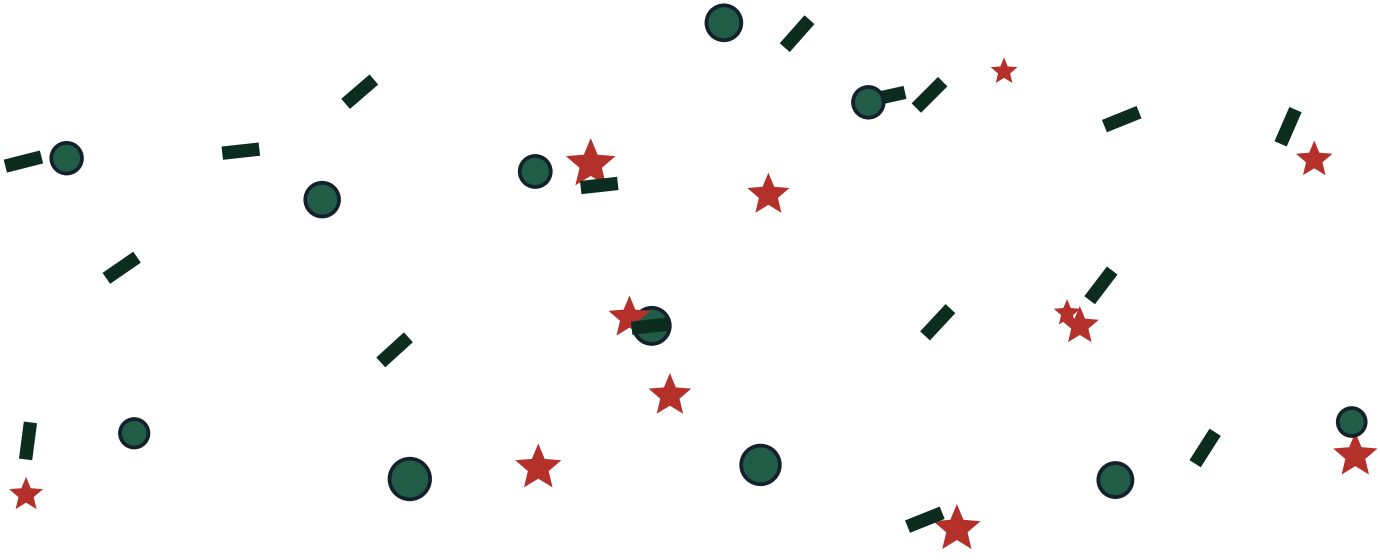
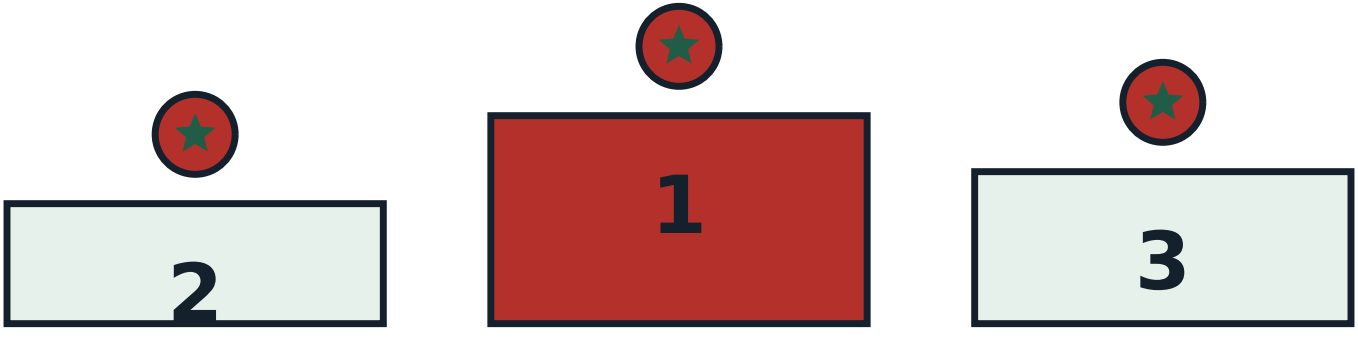
My Favourite Part of Axe Throwing

Gear Close-Up

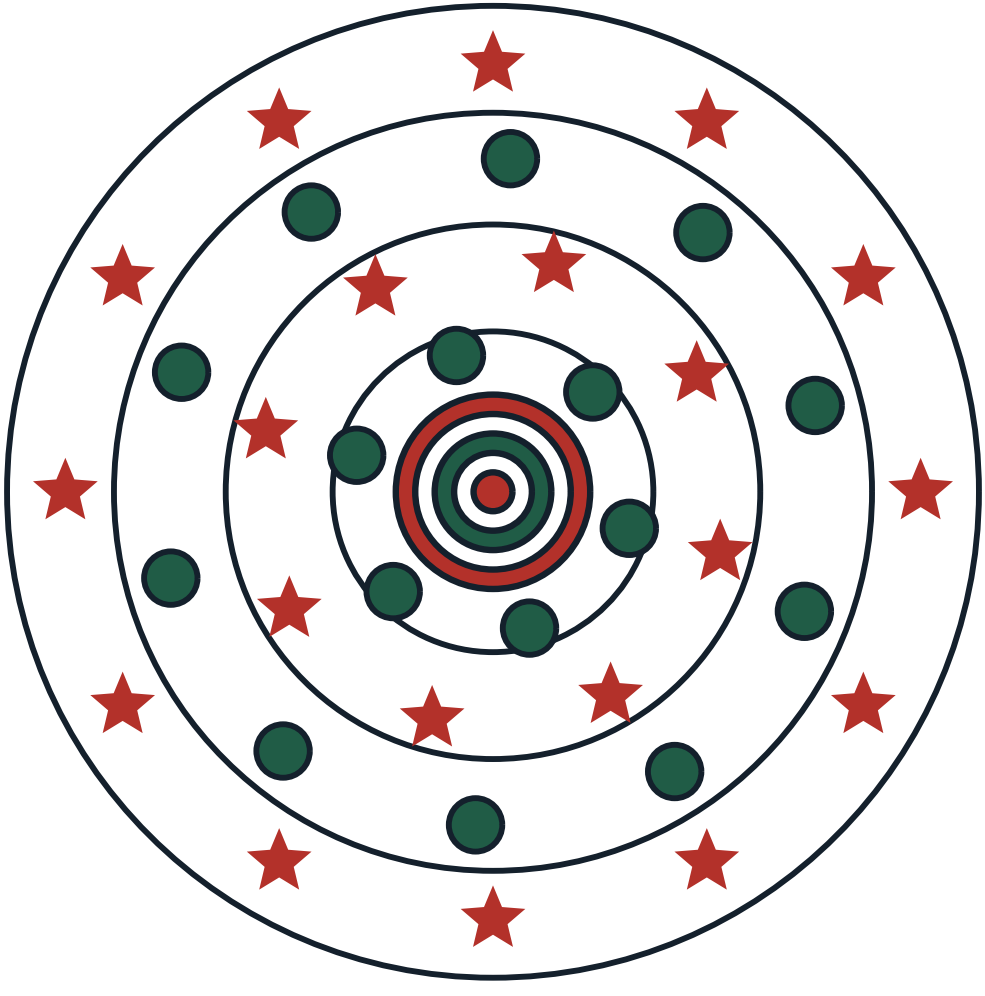


Champions!





The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Governing body: World Axe Throwing League (WATL). Laws edition the site's rules file follows: WATL Gameplay Rules (2026 competitive year; no major gameplay changes announced for 2026). 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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