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BASKETBALL



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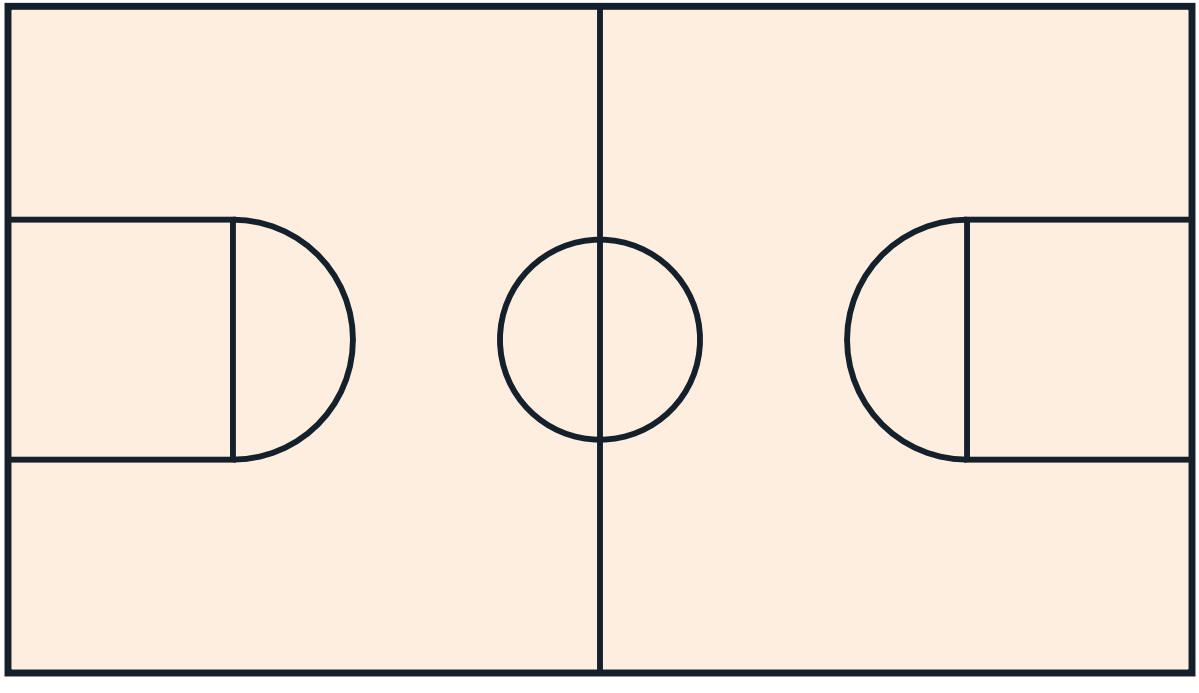
Meet Basketball!

Five players per side shoot a ball through a hoop 3.05 m high. Players dribble or pass; points are worth 1, 2, or 3.



Where It Is Played



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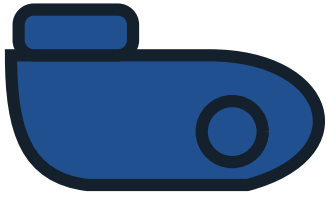

Meet the Basket & net Family

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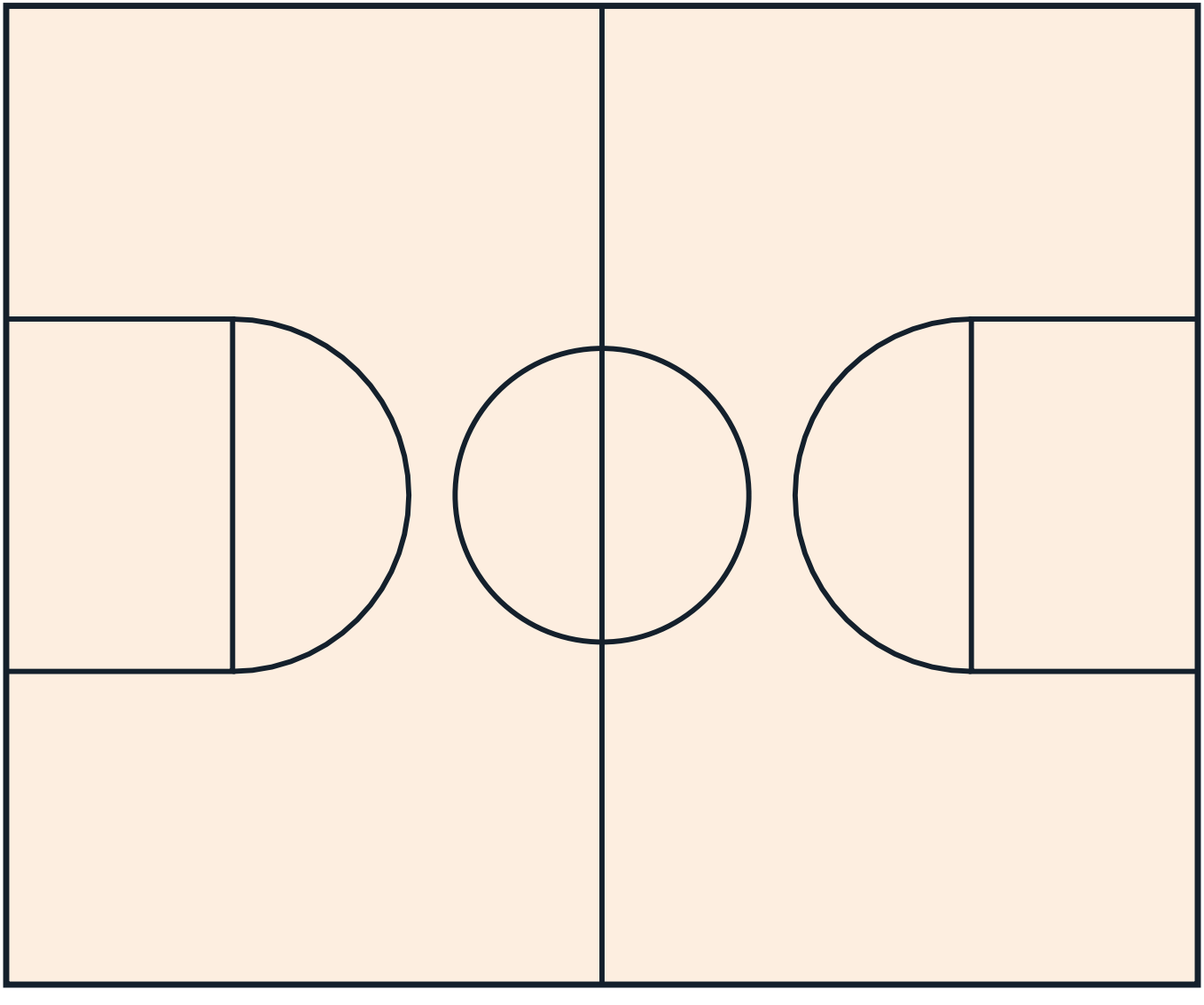
- 3x3 Basketball — Half-court basketball with a 12-second shot clock.
- Freestyle Basketball — Ball-handling tricks set to rhythm and choreography.
- Beach Volleyball — Two-a-side volleyball on sand.

How to Play

World basketball runs on FIBA's rules and America's two great laboratories — the NBA (dossiered on its own league page) and the NCAA. The game's defining geometry — the three-point line, the shot clock, the key — arrived in different years in each jurisdiction, and the staggered adoptions are the story.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

The Story So Far

Invented by James Naismith in Massachusetts in 1891; FIBA formed in 1932; the NBA began in 1946.



Rules That Changed the Game

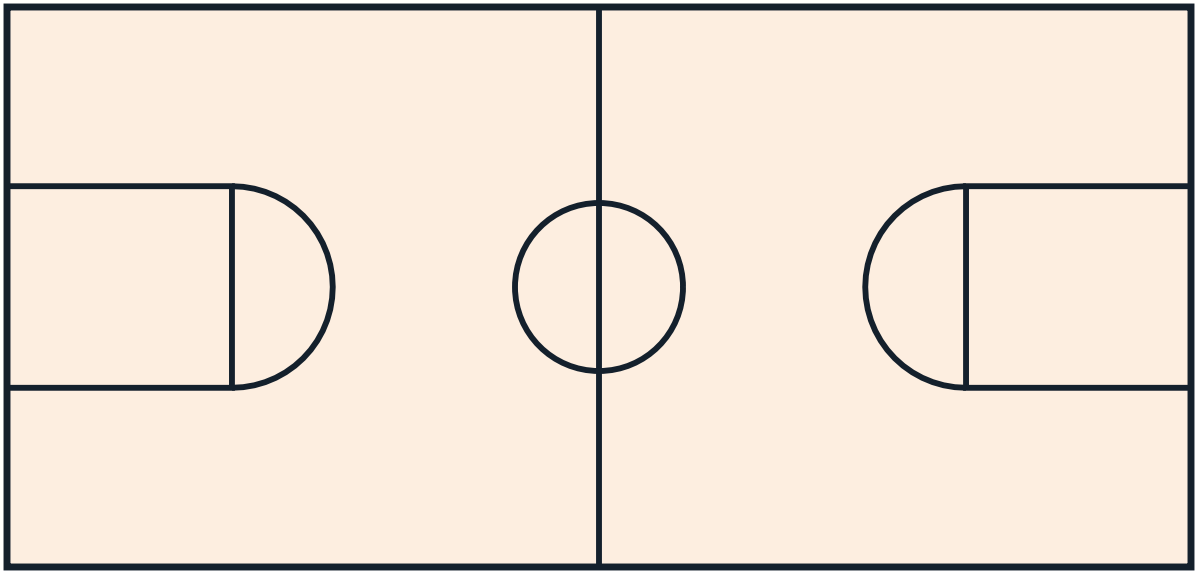
- 1984 — FIBA Adopts the Three-Point Line: The three-pointer is now the dominant shot in world basketball at every level; FIBA's 2010 move of the line outward, with the rect.
- 1985–86 (45 seconds); women's game adopted a clock in 1970 (30 seconds) — The NCAA Shot Clock: The college clock's slow march to 30 seconds is the cleanest illustration of basketball's global tempo convergence — and the 1985 .
- 1986–87 (men and women) — The NCAA Three-Point Line: The three-pointer is now the engine of college basketball's upset economy and its analytics era alike; the line's two retreats (20.
- 2010 — FIBA's Rectangular Key and No-Charge Semi-Circle: A generation of players now grows up on identical court geometry worldwide; the trapezoid survives only in old photographs and the.

More Game-Changing Rules

- 2014 (NBA followed in 2018) — The 14-Second Reset: The 14-second reset is now universal in top-level basketball and quietly changed offensive rebounding's value and late-clock play .

The Sport Today

NBA and WNBA in North America; EuroLeague and national leagues in Europe; CBA in China; NBL in Australia; G League and EuroCup as developmental tiers.



At School and College

NCAA Division I to III and NAIA, plus high school systems in the US; a growing pipeline in Europe through clubs.

Play It Near You

Pickup, 3x3, streetball, rec leagues, and wheelchair basketball.

Through the Year

NBA season from October to June; NCAA tournament in March; FIBA World Cup every four years; Olympics.

The Basket & net 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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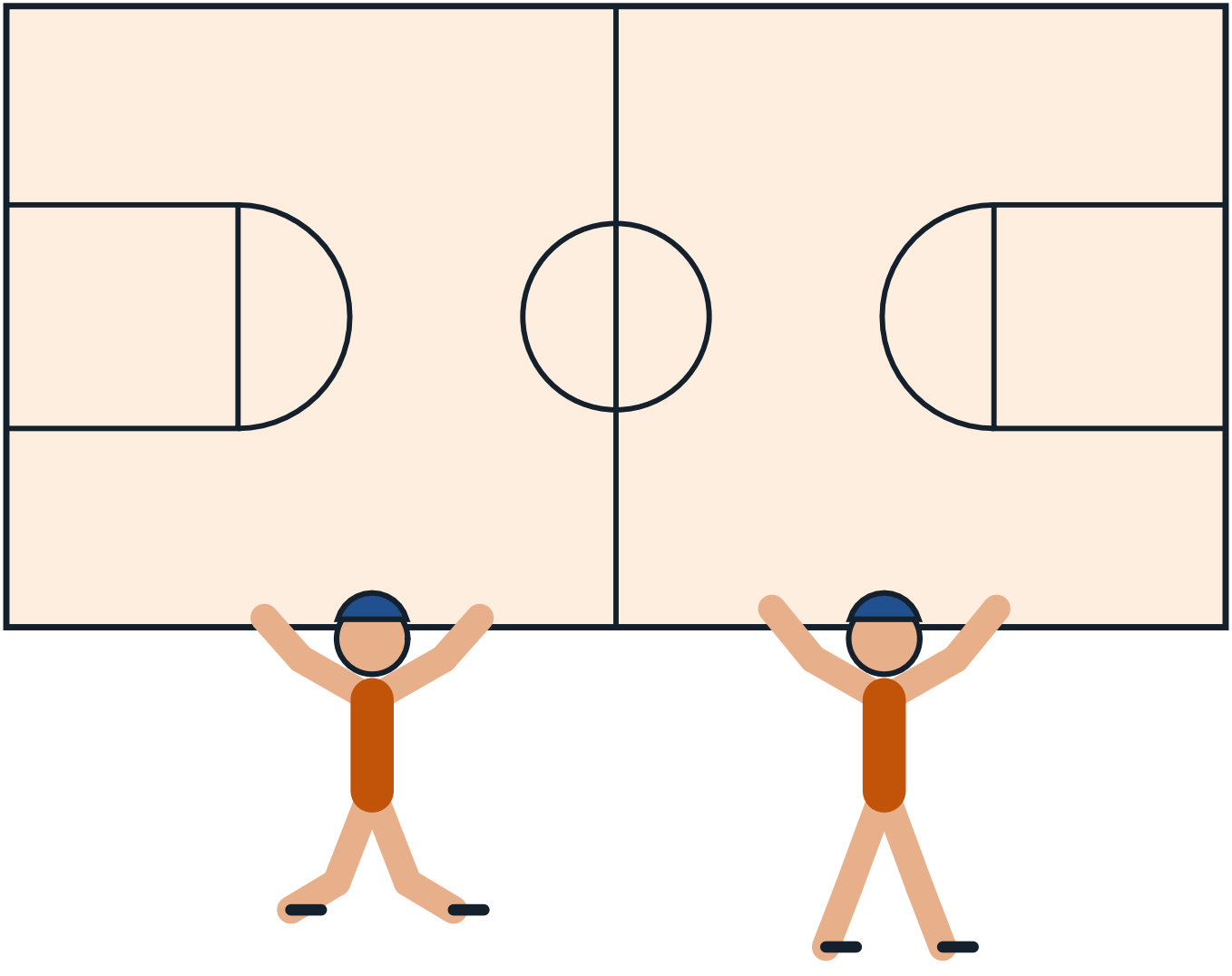
Game Day!



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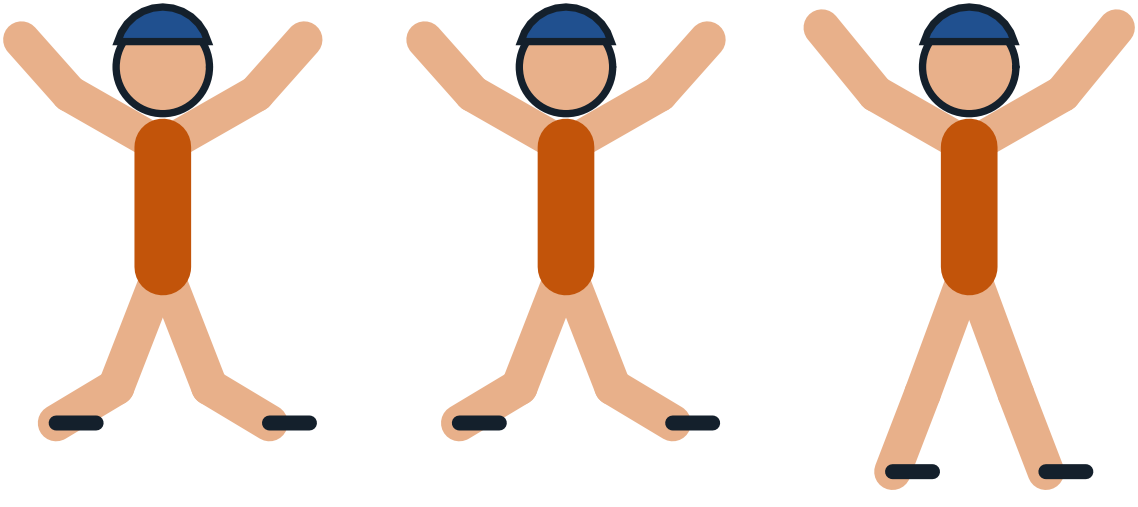
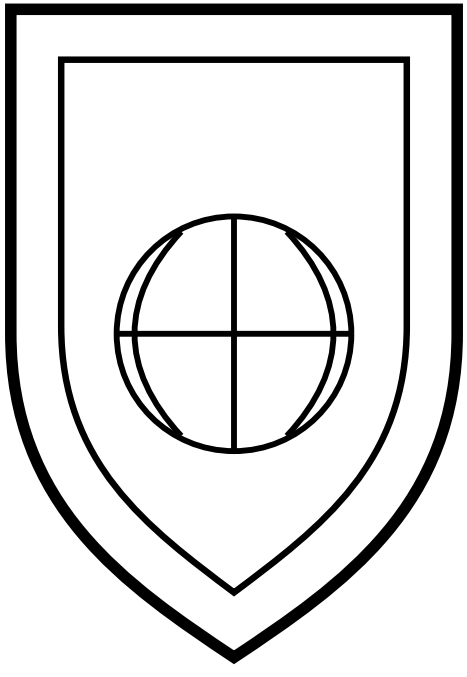
Moves of the Game



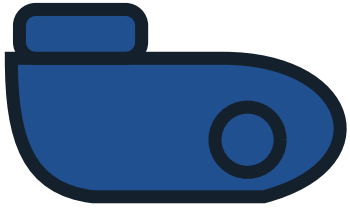
Design a Badge



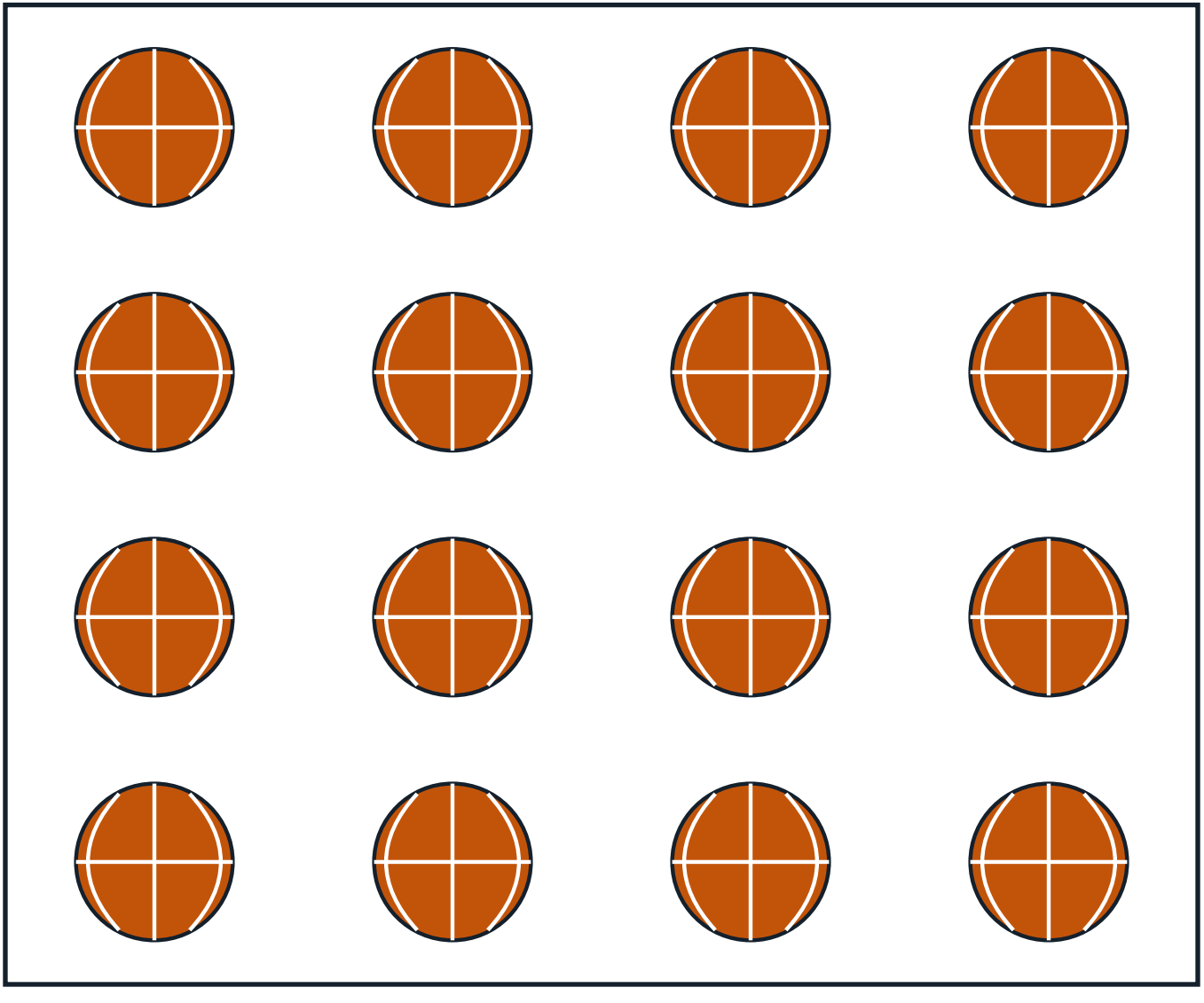
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

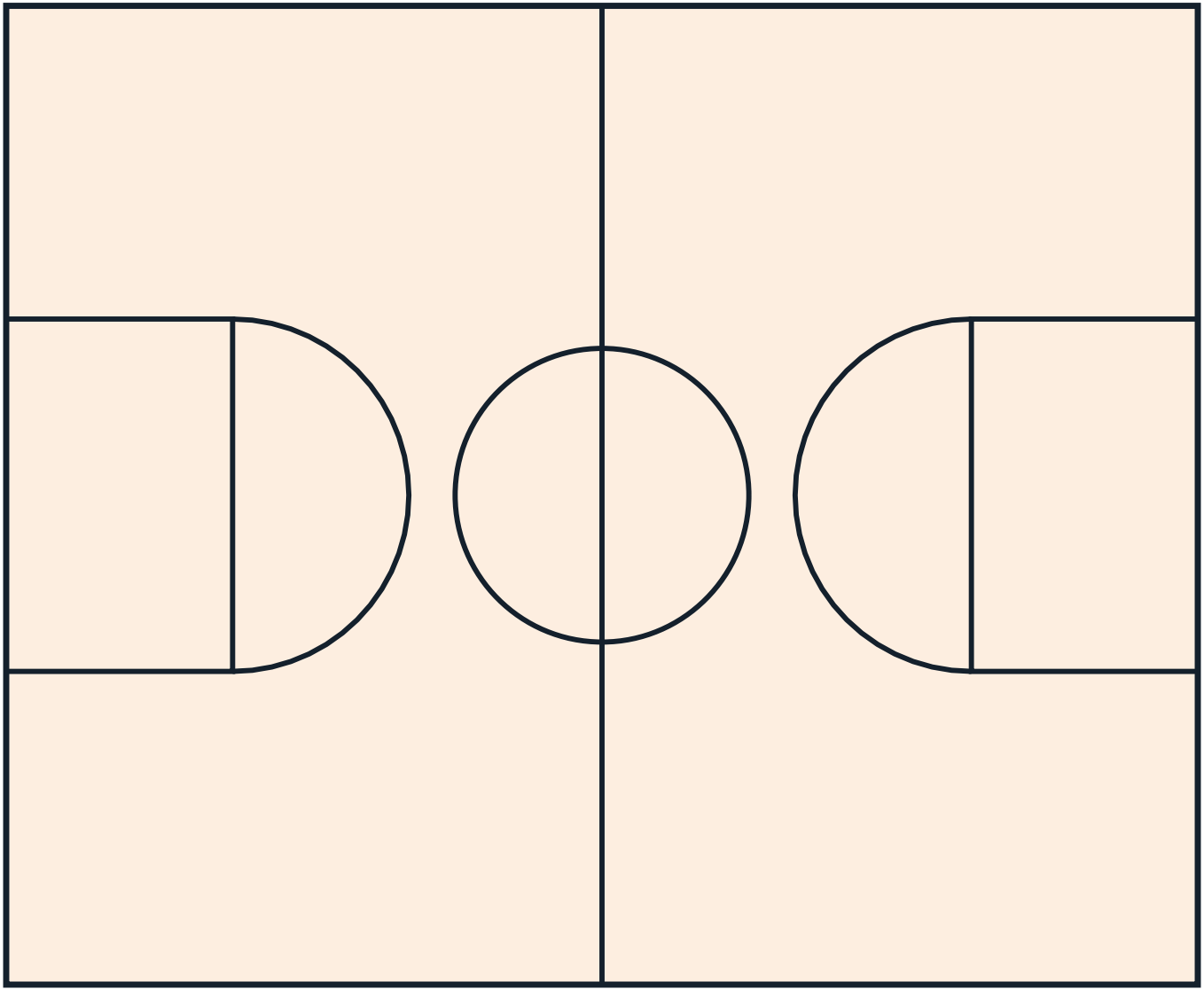




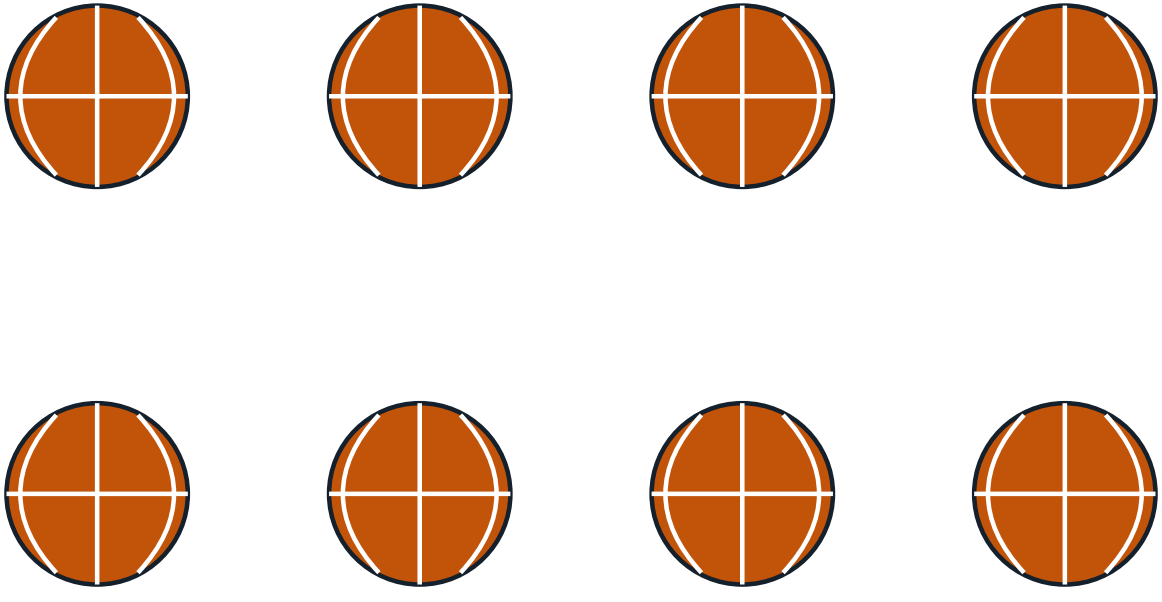
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



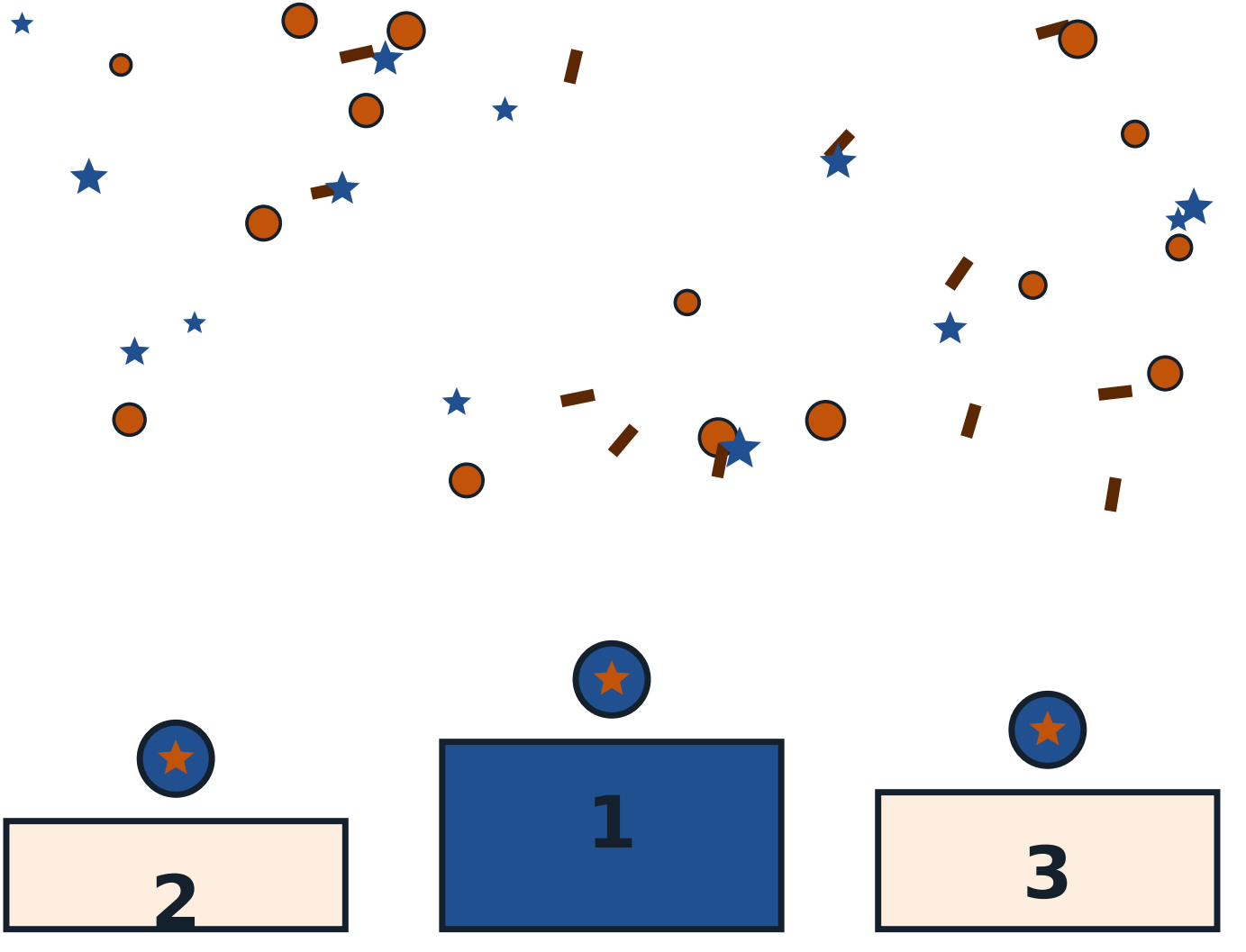
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Basketball

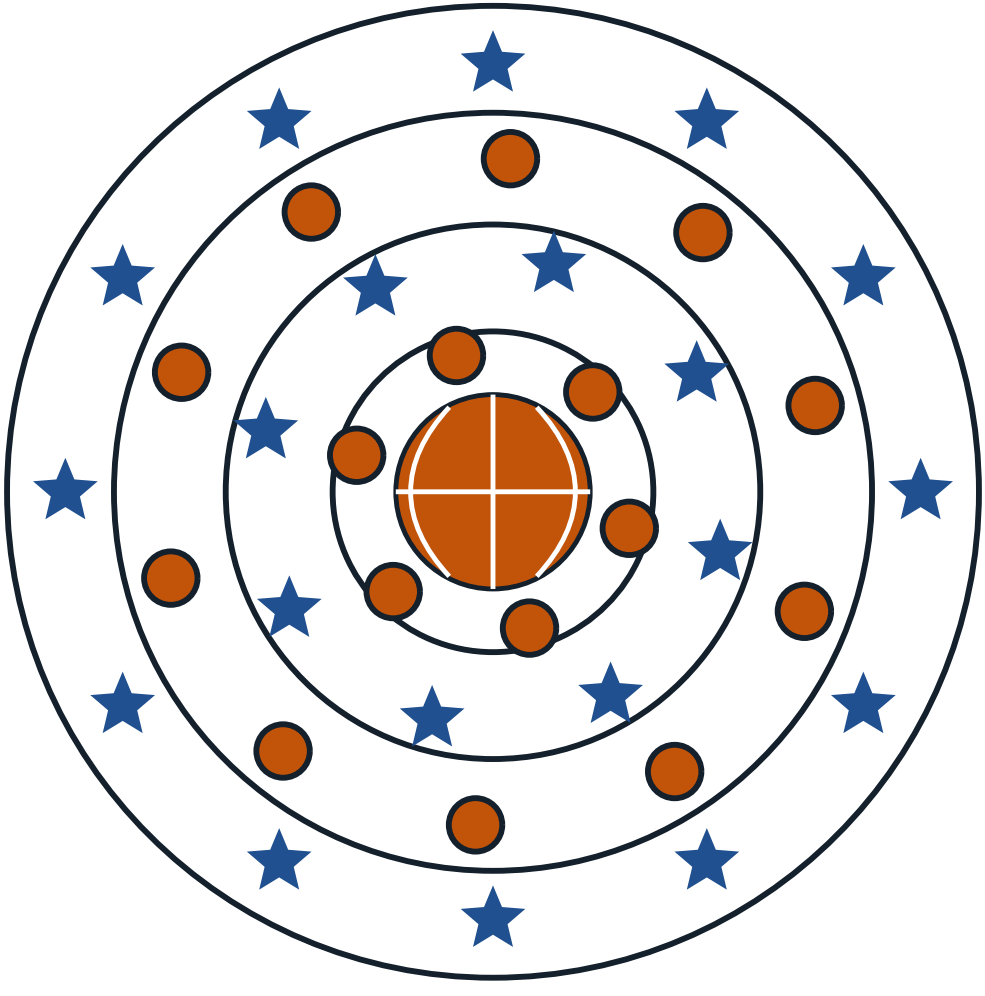
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Rule-change history: FIBA official rule-change history; NCAA men's basketball rules committee records; Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame rule histories.. 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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