THE CARTOON BOOK OF

CRICKET



BAT-AND-BALL

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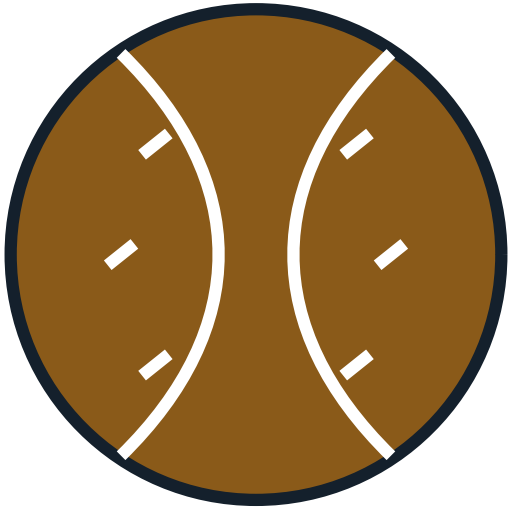
Meet Cricket!

A fielding side tries to dismiss batters and limit runs; batters score by running between wickets or hitting boundaries. Formats are T20, one-day, and multi-day Tests.



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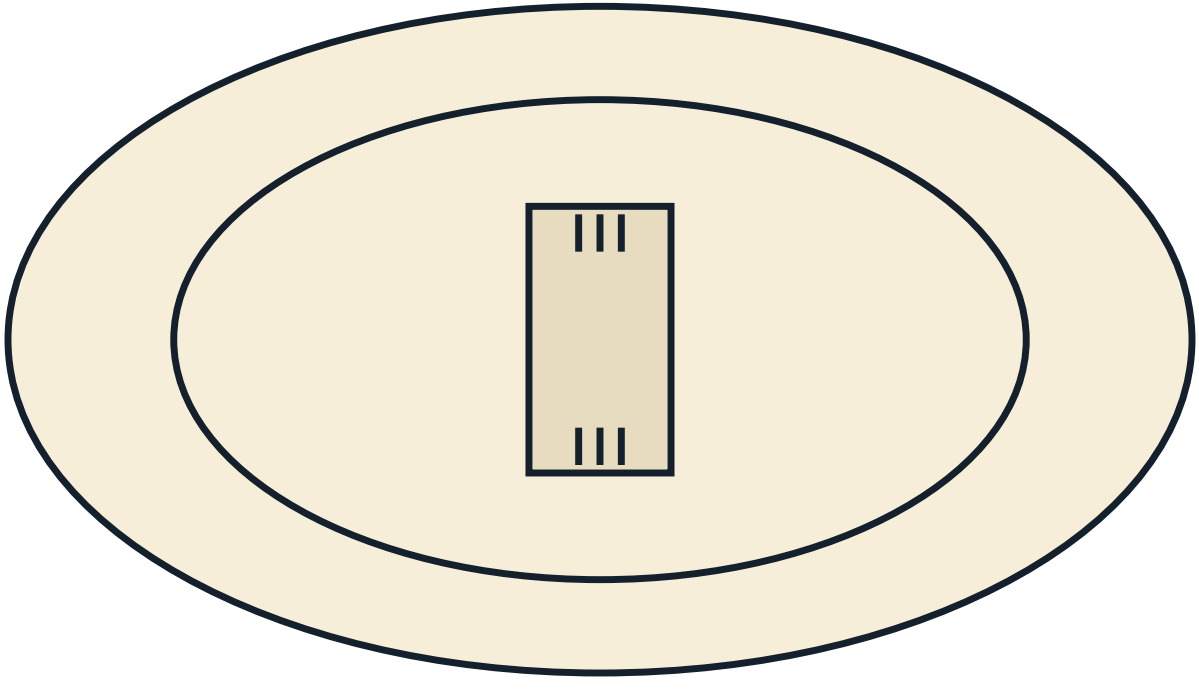
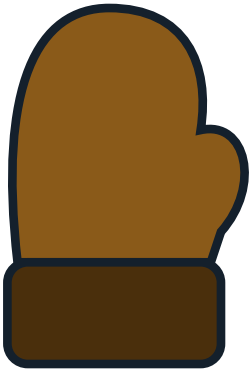
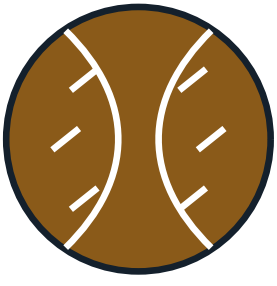


The Gear







Meet the Bat, stick & racket Family

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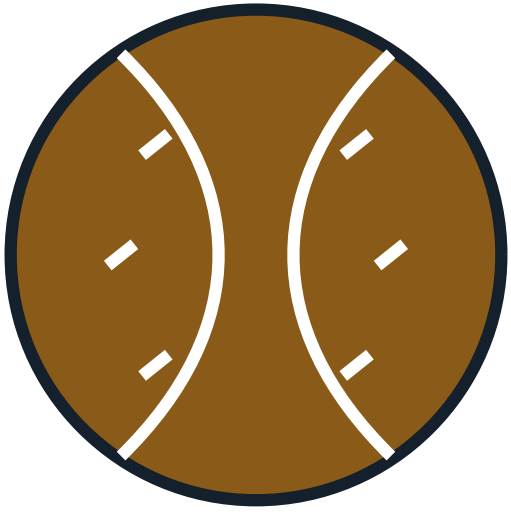
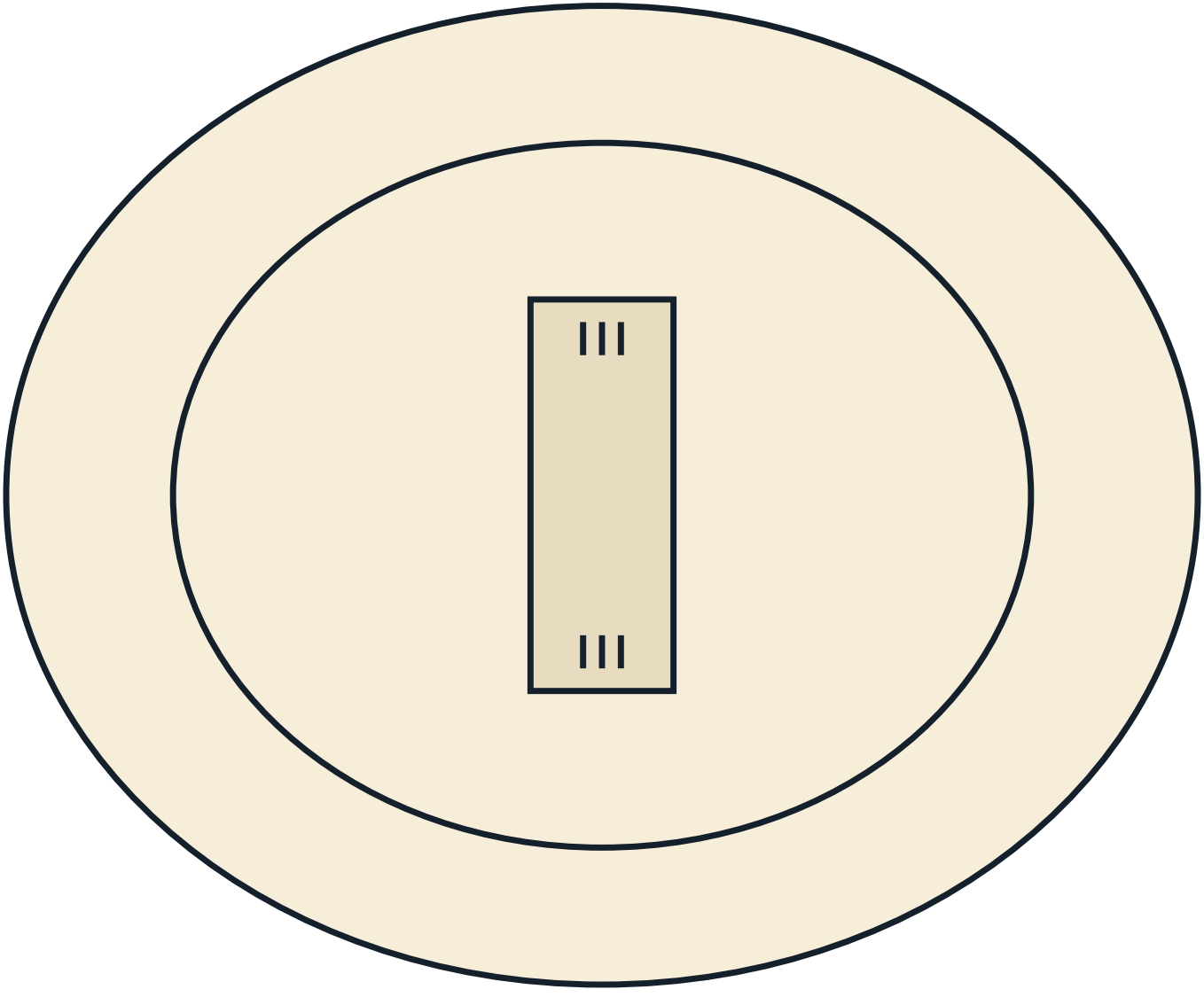
- Tennis — Players hit a ball over a net into the opponent's court.
- Badminton — Players rally a shuttlecock over a high net. Matches are best of three games to 21.
- Table Tennis — A fast game of spin and reflexes; first to 11 points wins a game; best of five or seven games.
- Padel — Tennis-squash hybrid played in an enclosed glass court.
- Pickleball — Paddle sport on a small court with a plastic ball.

How to Play

Cricket's laws are kept by the MCC, but its playing conditions — set by the ICC per format — change constantly. The modern game's defining features (reviews, powerplays, Super Overs) are all younger than some current players.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

The Story So Far

Developed in England in the 17th and 18th centuries; first Test 1877; T20 arrived in 2003 and the IPL in 2008.



Rules That Changed the Game

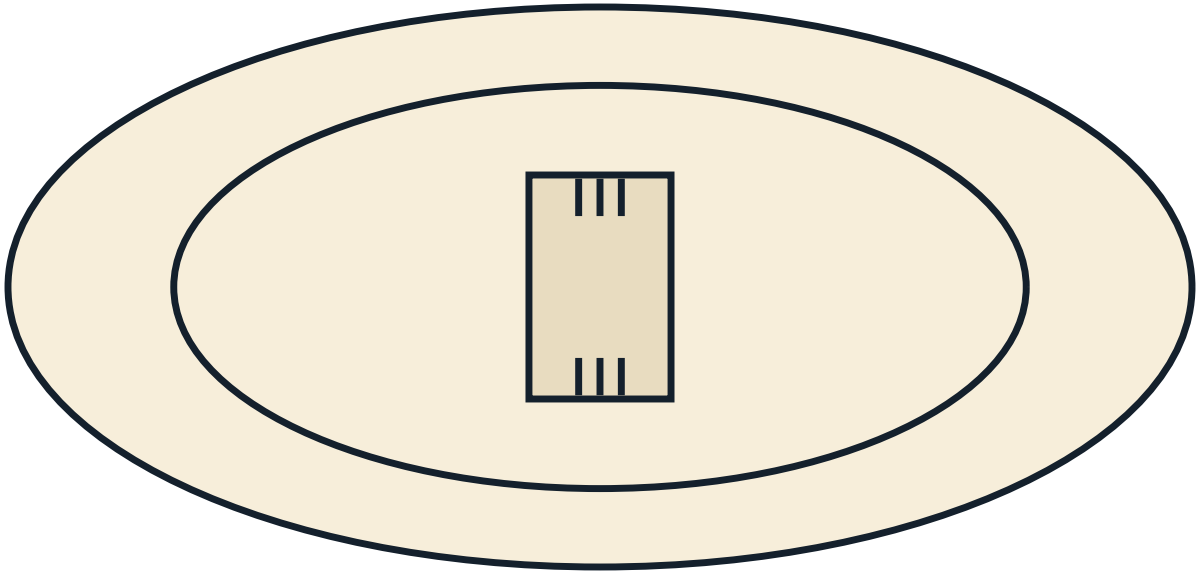
- trialled 2008, formalised 2009 — The Decision Review System (DRS): DRS is now inseparable from international cricket: reviews are tactical assets hoarded and gambled, 'umpire's call' is weekly disc.
- 2007 — The Free Hit: Free hits are now a set-piece of limited-overs cricket — crowds chant for the no-ball that triggers one — and the bowler's front l.
- 2011 — Two New Balls in ODIs: Two-ball cricket is a core reason modern ODI totals exploded (400-plus became routine) and reverse swing largely vanished from the.
- 2008 (Super Over); 2019 (countback abolished) — The Super Over — and the Death of Boundary Countback: The Super Over is now the sport's beloved pressure-cooker (and group-stage ties share points), while 'boundary countback' survives.

More Game-Changing Rules

- suspended 2020; MCC law 2022 — Saliva Banned Permanently (the COVID Law): An unbroken century of ball-shining ended; swing bowling's modern exponents work with sweat and seam alone, and junior cricketers .
- 2022 Code (announced March 2022) — The 'Mankad' Becomes a Run Out: Non-striker run-outs are increasingly bowled without apology or warning, junior coaches teach batters to stay home, and the debate.

The Sport Today

International teams plus franchise leagues: IPL, Big Bash, PSL, SA20, The Hundred; first-class tournaments like the County Championship and Ranji Trophy.



At School and College

School and university cricket is strong in India, Pakistan, the UK, Australia, and the Caribbean.

Play It Near You

Street and tape-ball cricket, club leagues, village sides, and indoor cricket.

Through the Year

IPL in spring; Ashes and bilateral Test series by summer; ICC T20 and ODI World Cups on a multi-year cycle.

The Bat, stick & racket 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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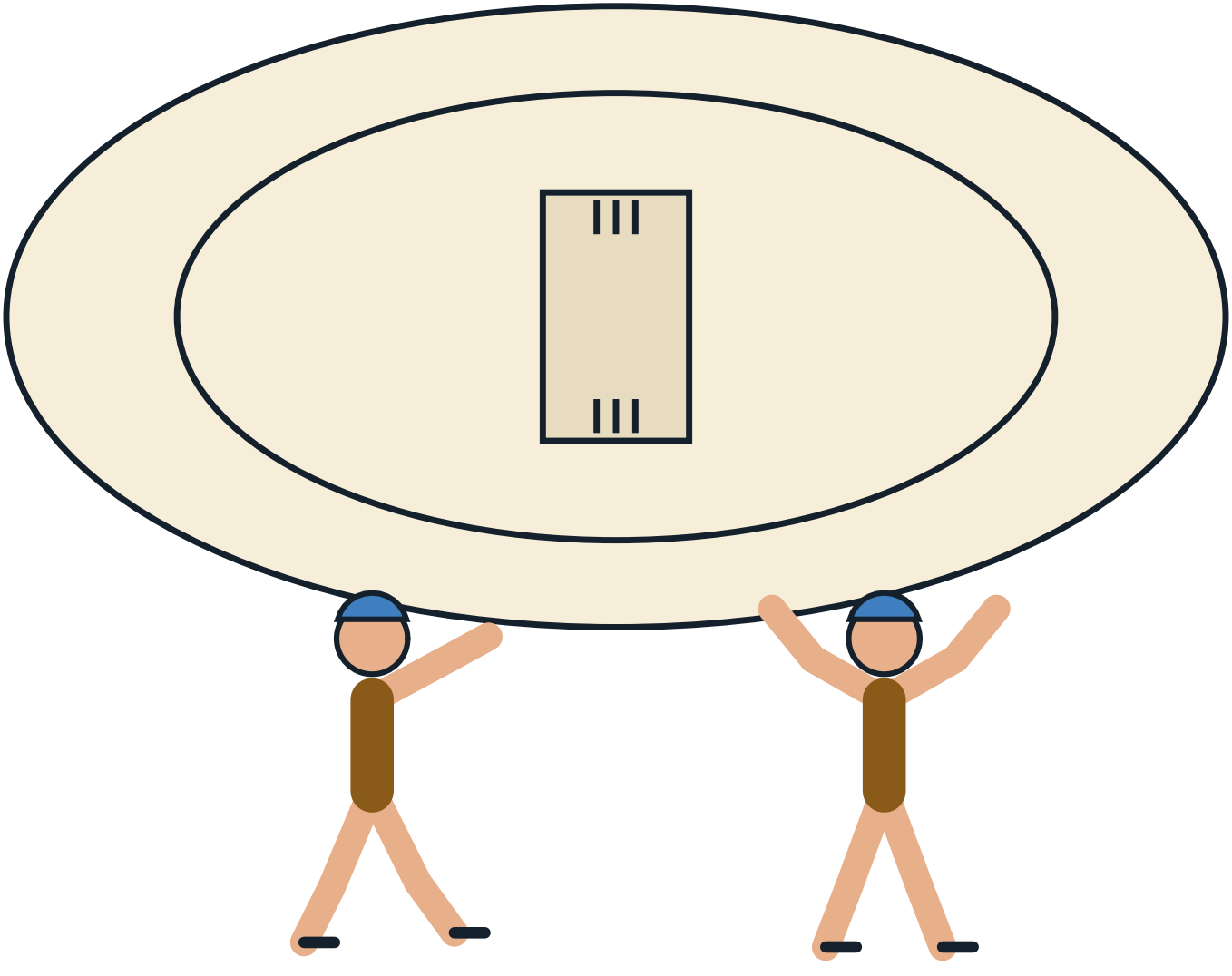
Game Day!



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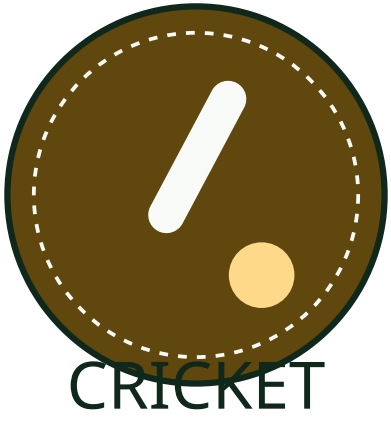

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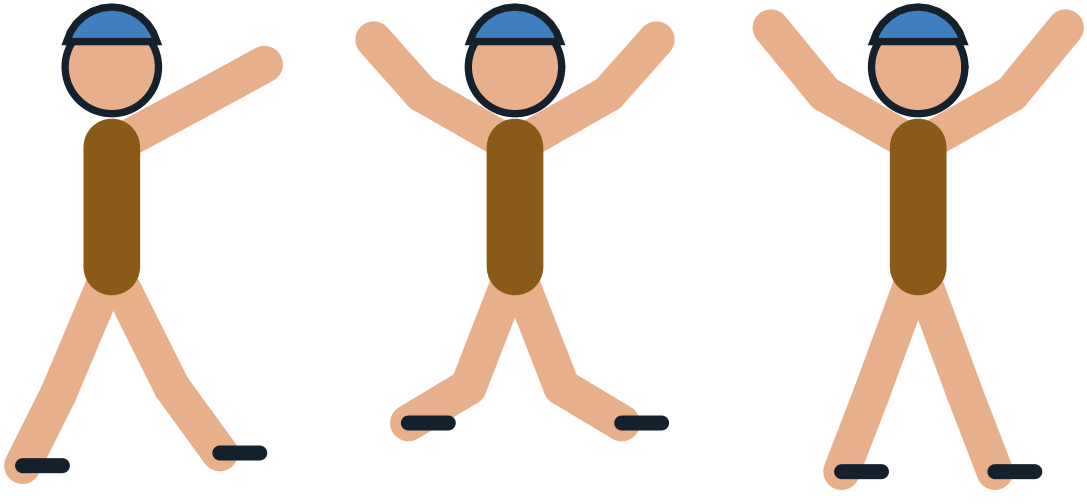
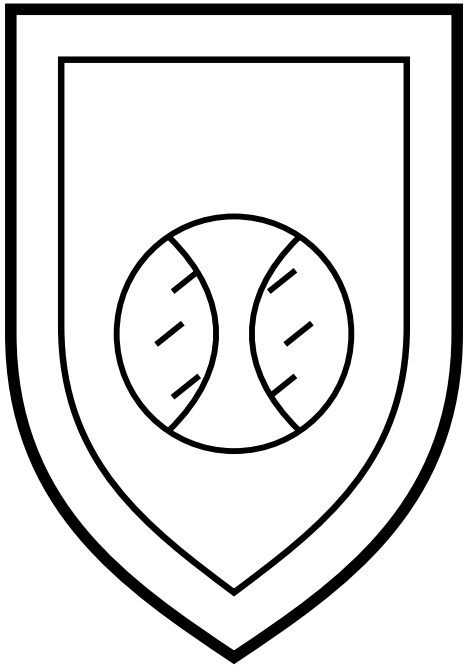
Moves of the Game



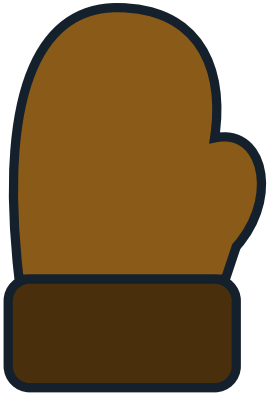
Design a Badge

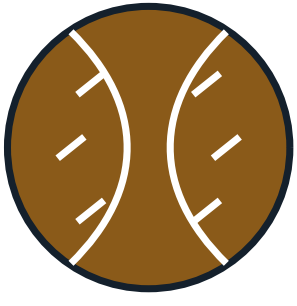


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

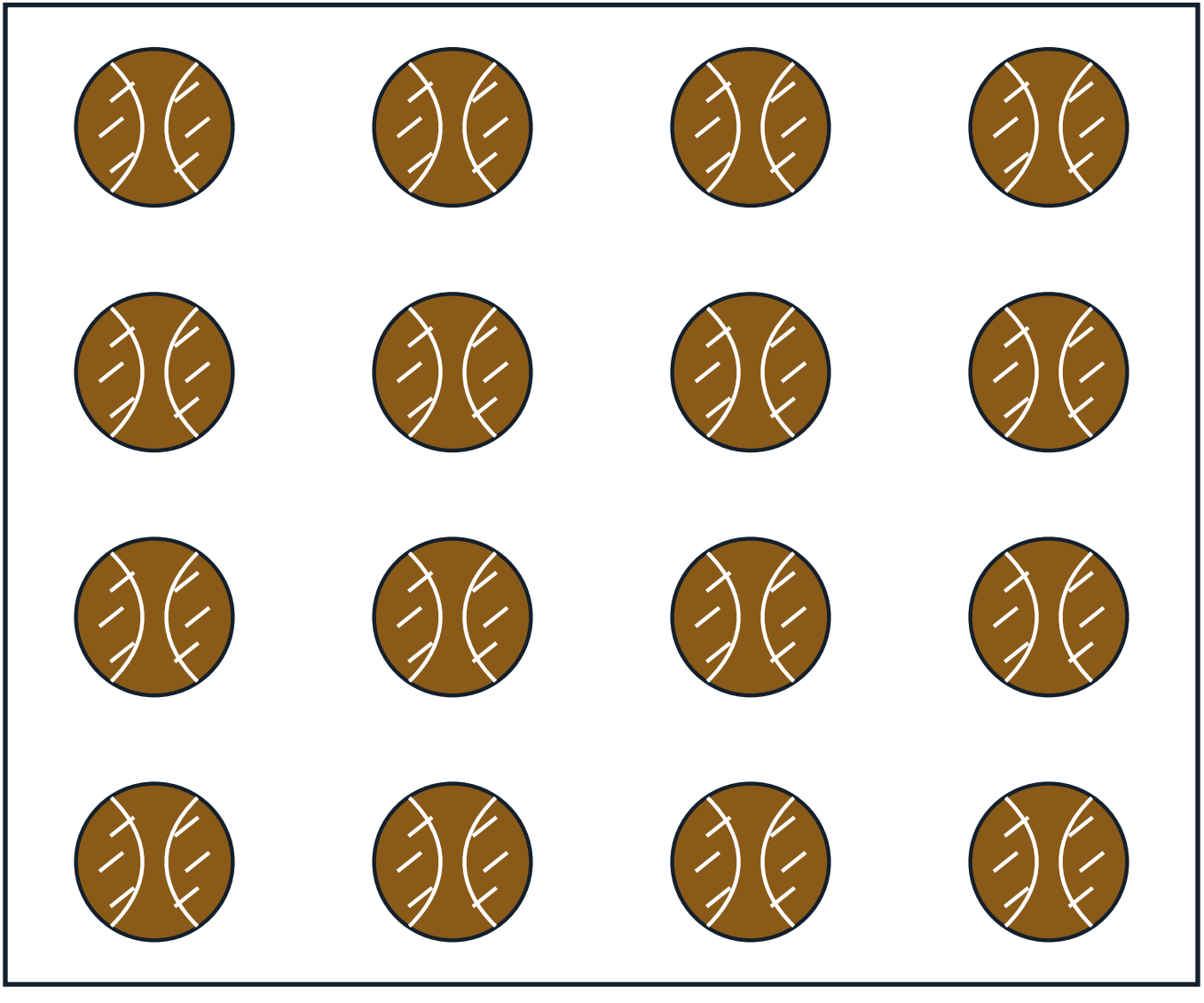
The Gear Parade



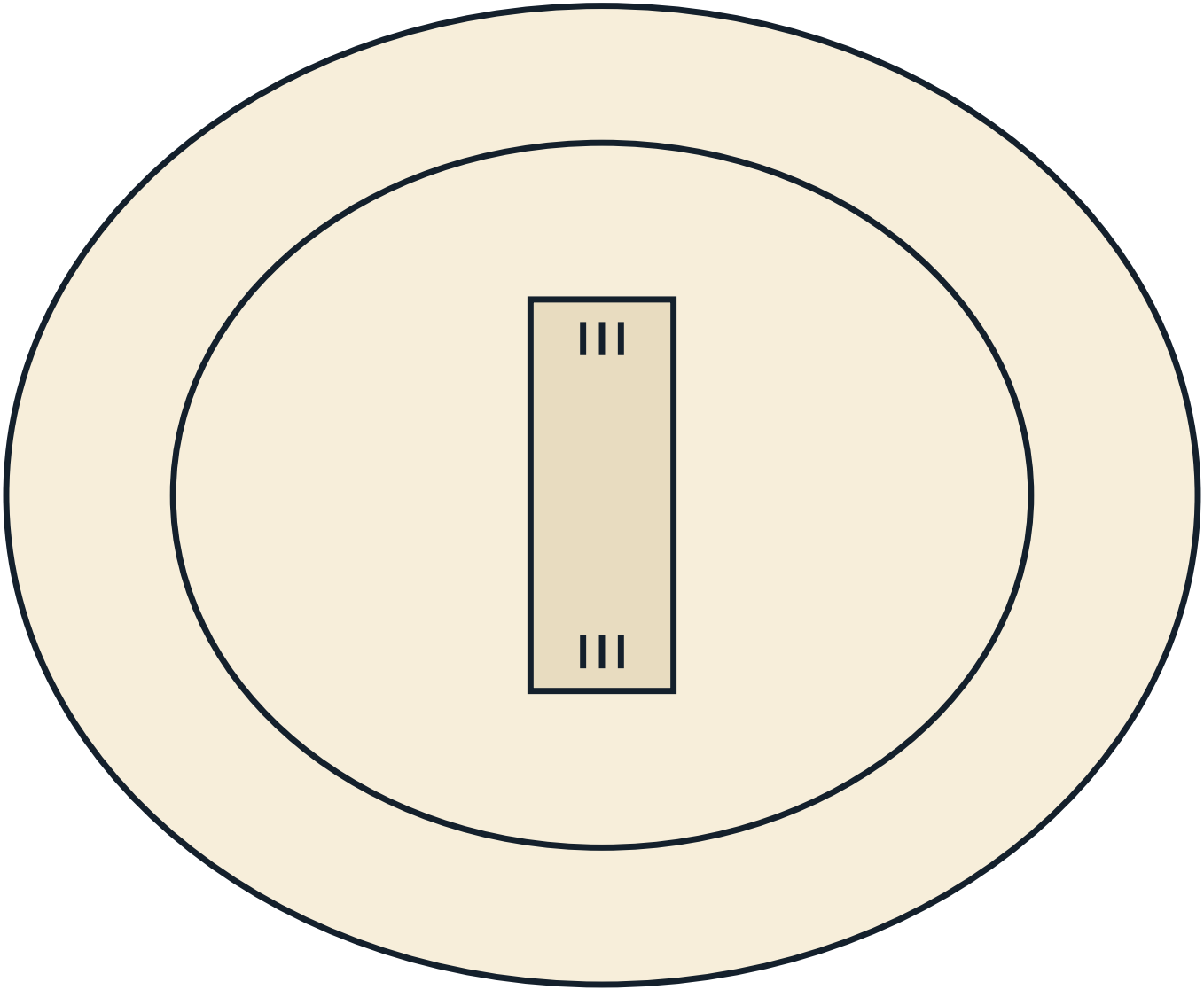




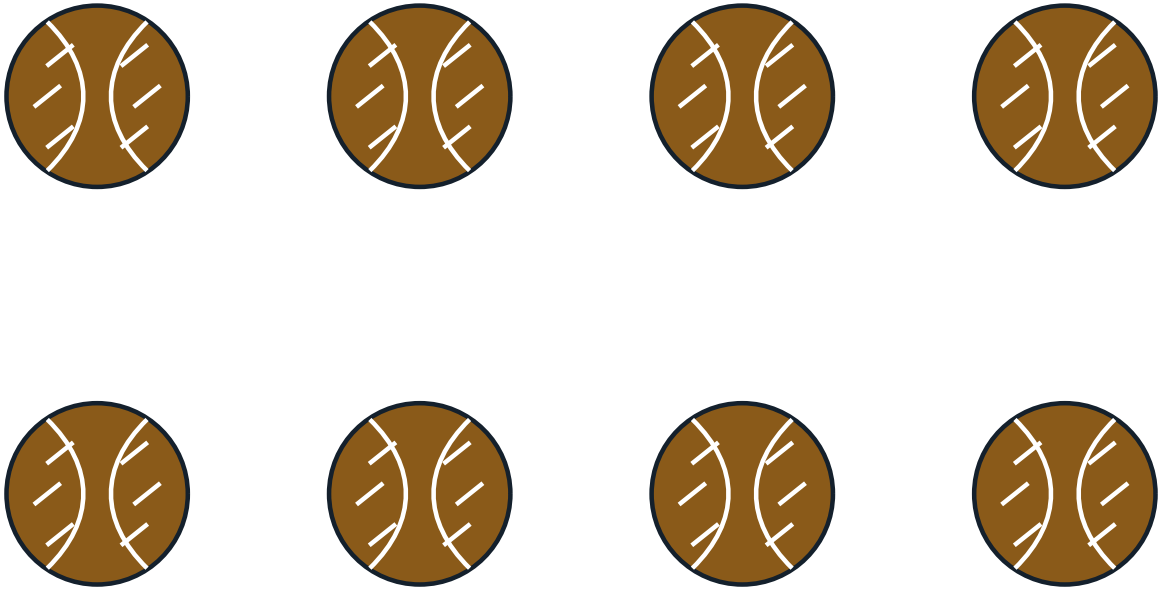
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



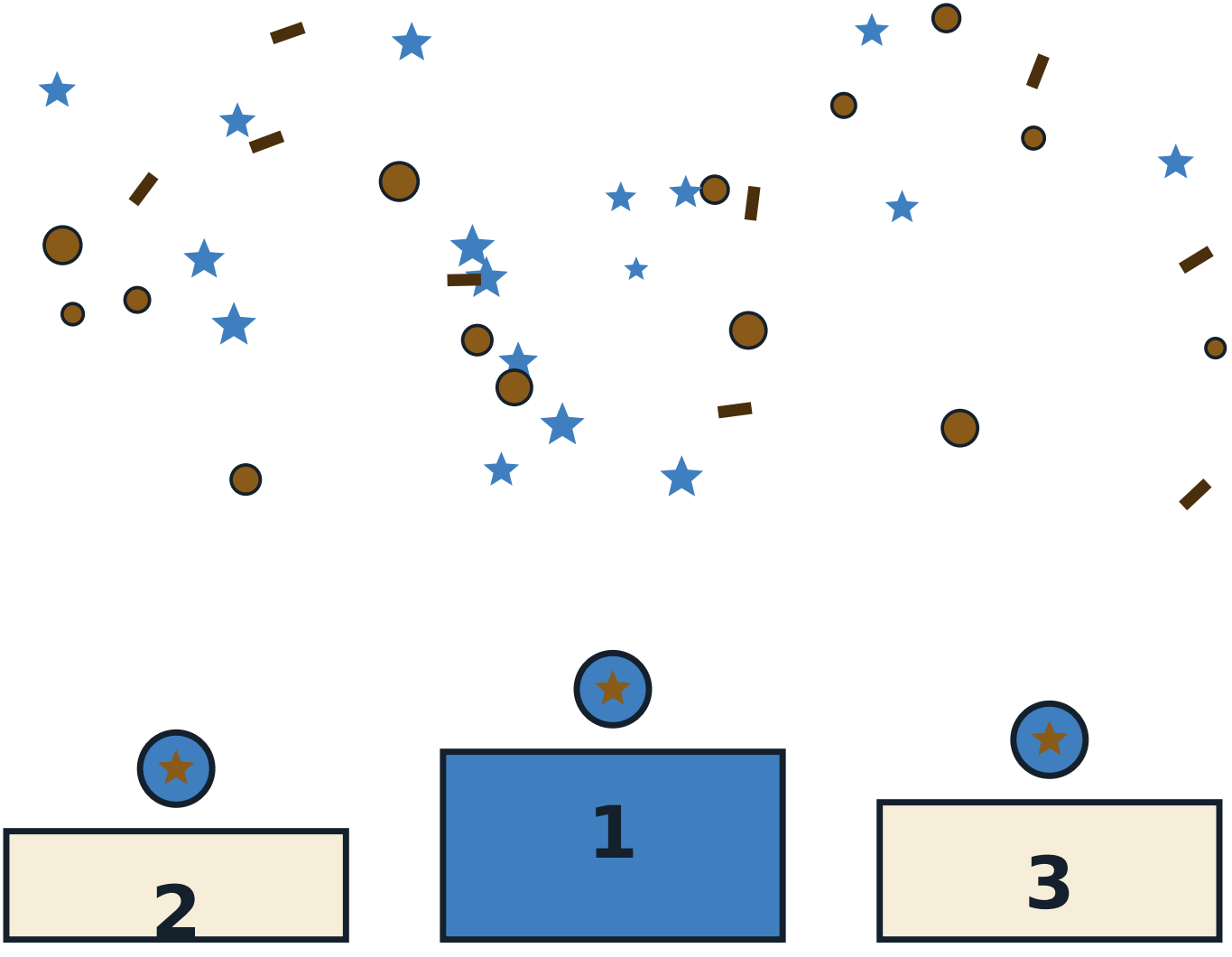
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Cricket

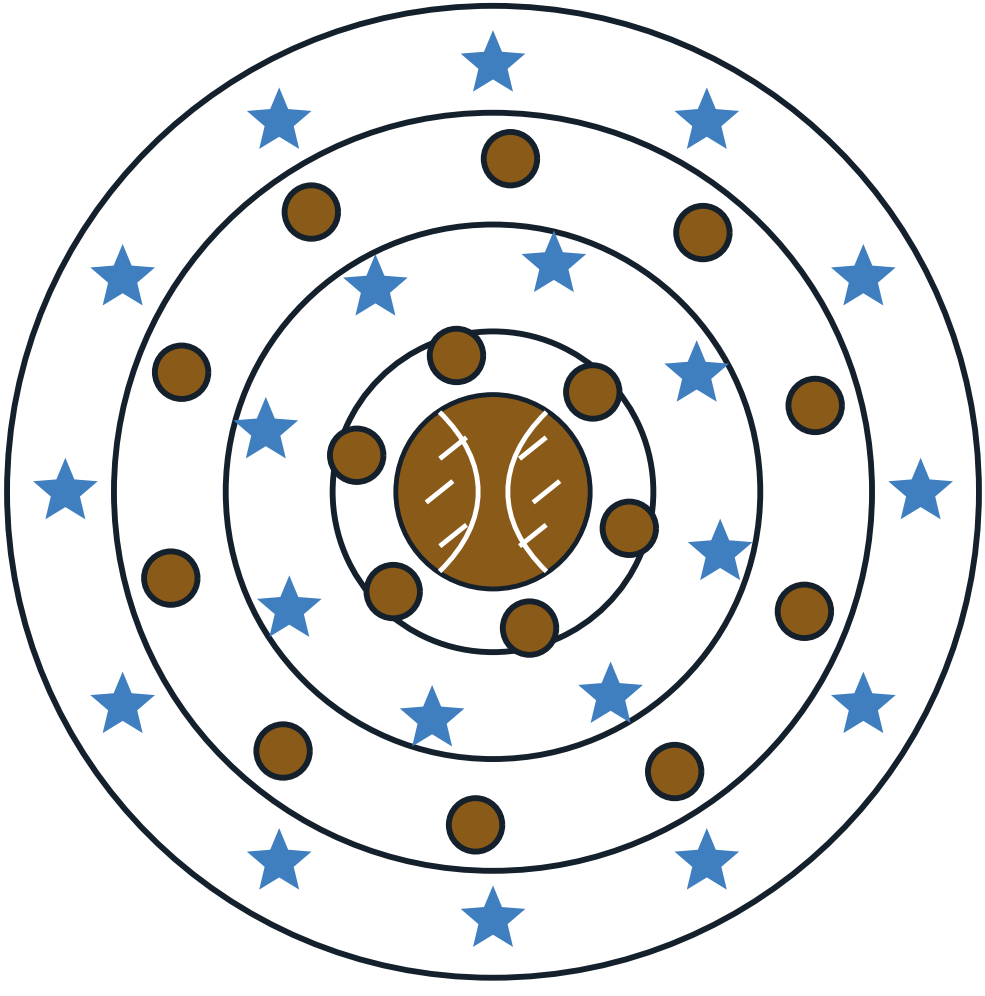
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Rule-change history: MCC Laws of Cricket (2017 Code and 2022 amendments); ICC playing handbooks and condition-change announcements; documented histories of DRS, the free hit and the Super Over.. 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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