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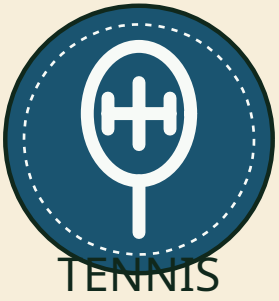
TENNIS



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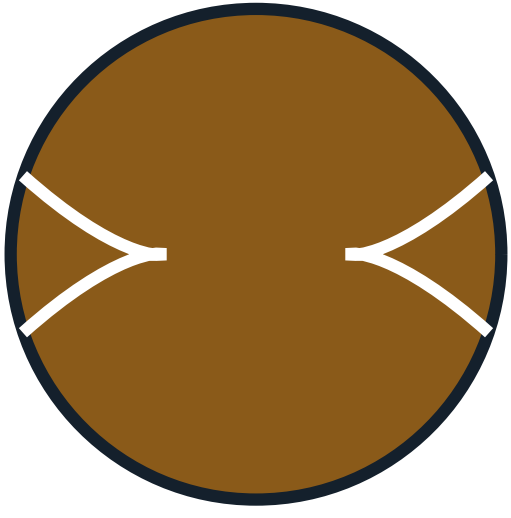
Meet Tennis!

Players hit a ball over a net into the opponent's court. Win points, games, and sets on grass, clay, or hard courts.



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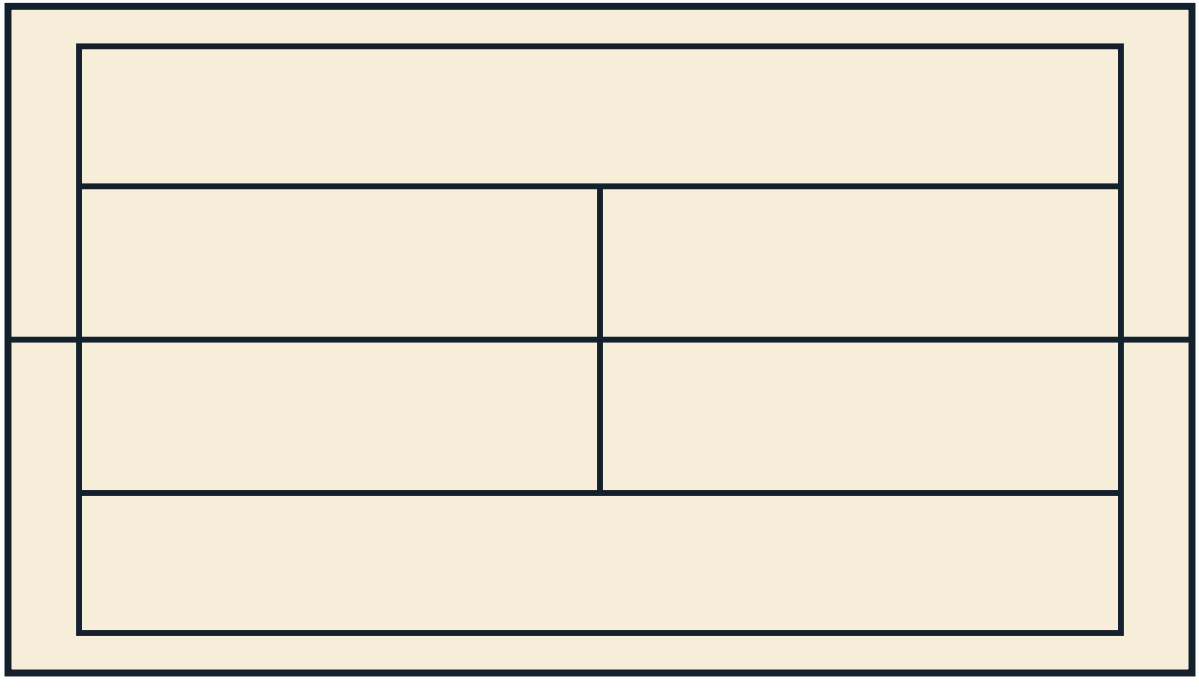
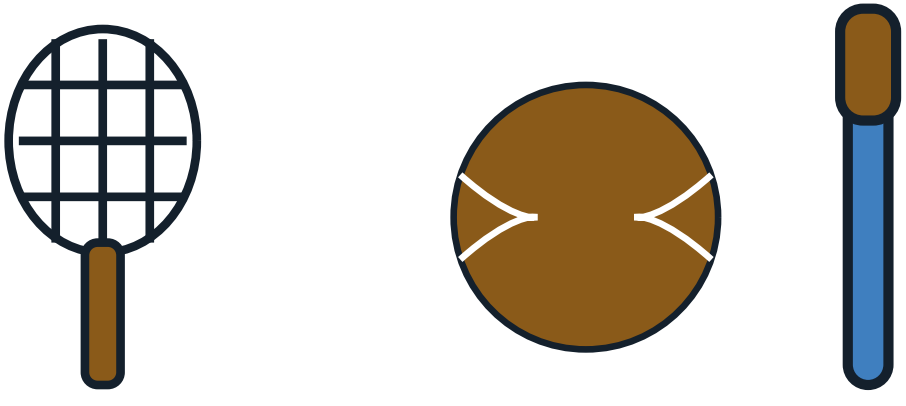


The Gear



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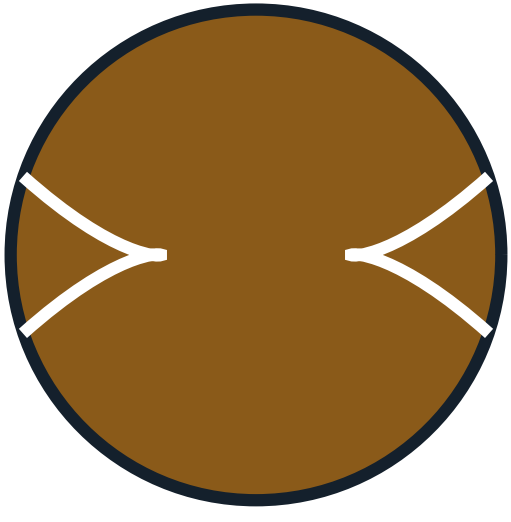
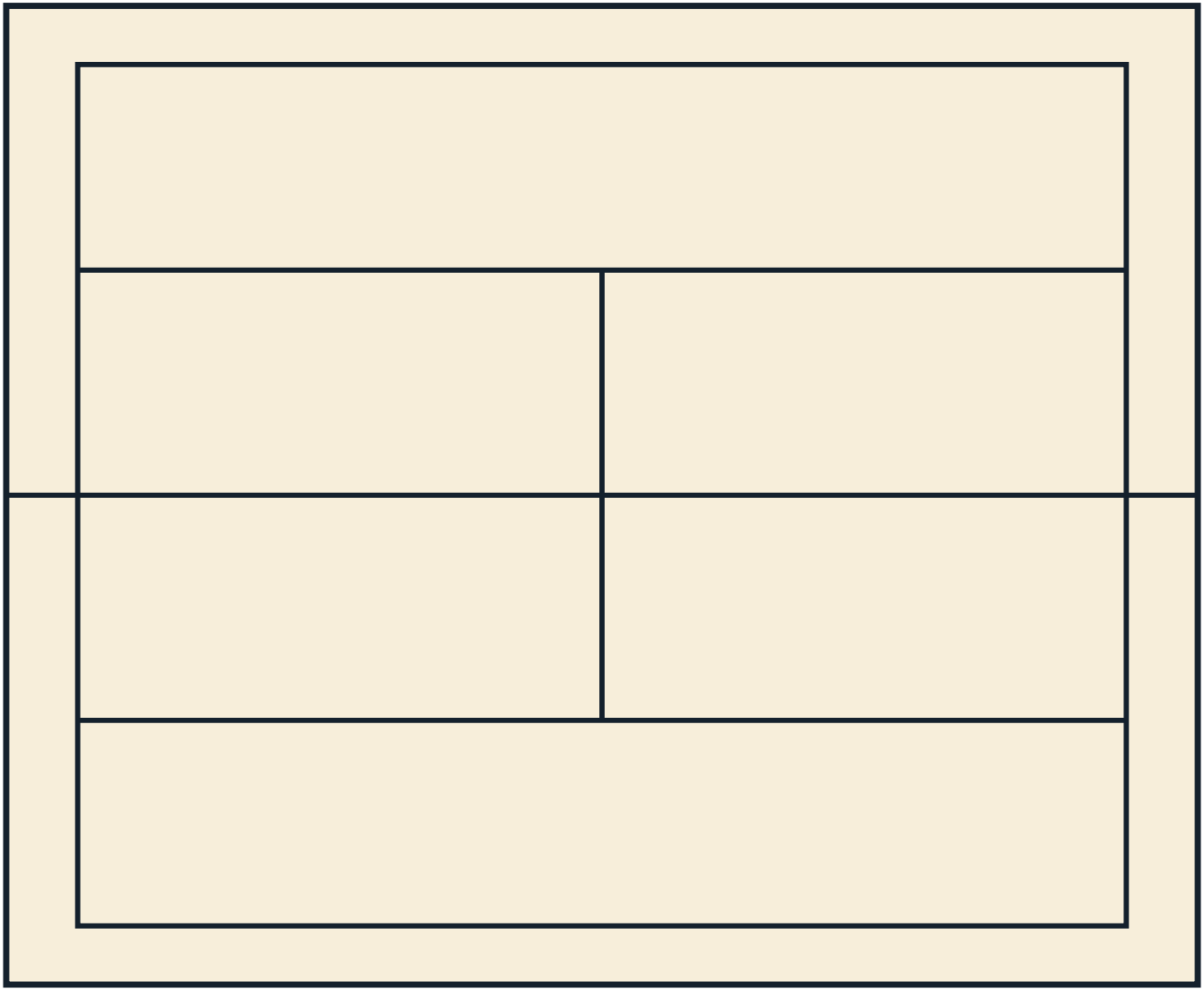
- Table Tennis — A fast game of spin and reflexes; first to 11 points wins a game; best of five or seven games.
- Padel — Tennis-squash hybrid played in an enclosed glass court.
- Pickleball — Paddle sport on a small court with a plastic ball.

How to Play

Tennis changed its scoring once, famously, in 1970 — and has spent fifty years nibbling at the edges: tiebreaks for final sets, clocks for servers, cameras for line judges. The nibbles added up to a different sport's rhythm.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

The Story So Far

Modern lawn tennis dates from the 1870s; Wimbledon began in 1877; the Open Era started in 1968.



Rules That Changed the Game

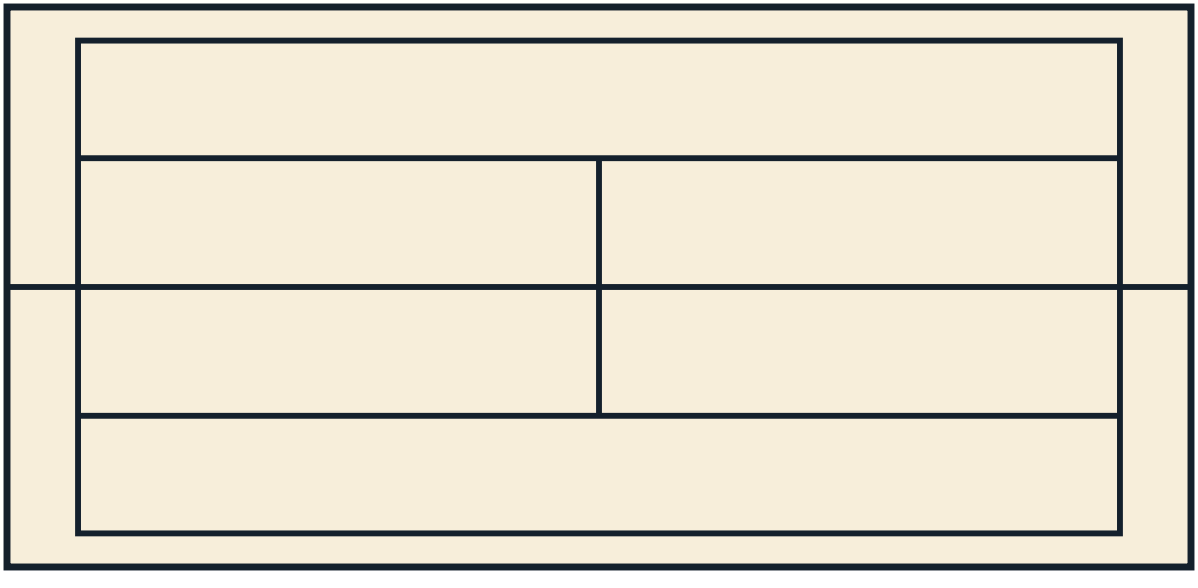
- 1970 (US Open) — The Tiebreak: The tiebreak is now the sport's pressure sacrament — entire reputations (and a ranking-stat industry) live in it — and its final-s.
- Wimbledon 2019; all four Slams 2022 — The Final-Set Tiebreak, Harmonised: Marathon final sets are now museum pieces; the Isner–Mahut plaque at Wimbledon commemorates a record that can never be broken, bec.
- challenges 2006; live ELC from 2021, tour-wide ATP 2025 — Hawk-Eye and the Challenge System — Then Live Electronic Line Calling: A 145-year-old Wimbledon sight — the line judge's squat and call — ended in 2025.
- 2018 — The Serve Shot Clock: The shot clock is now furniture at every major event; between-point time is a managed, visible quantity, and the umpire's discreti.

More Game-Changing Rules

- WTA on-court coaching 2008–2020; off-court coaching legalised in stages 2022–2025 — Coaching From the Stands Legalised: Coaches now legally direct matches from their seats; the 'illegal coaching' scandal category is extinct at the top level, and tenn.

The Sport Today

ATP and WTA Tours, the four Grand Slams, Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, plus ITF and Challenger tiers.



At School and College

NCAA and school leagues in the US; clubs and federations carry youth development elsewhere.

Play It Near You

Club ladders, social doubles, wheelchair tennis, padel and pickleball as neighbors.

Through the Year

Australian Open in January, French Open in May and June, Wimbledon in June and July, US Open in August and September.

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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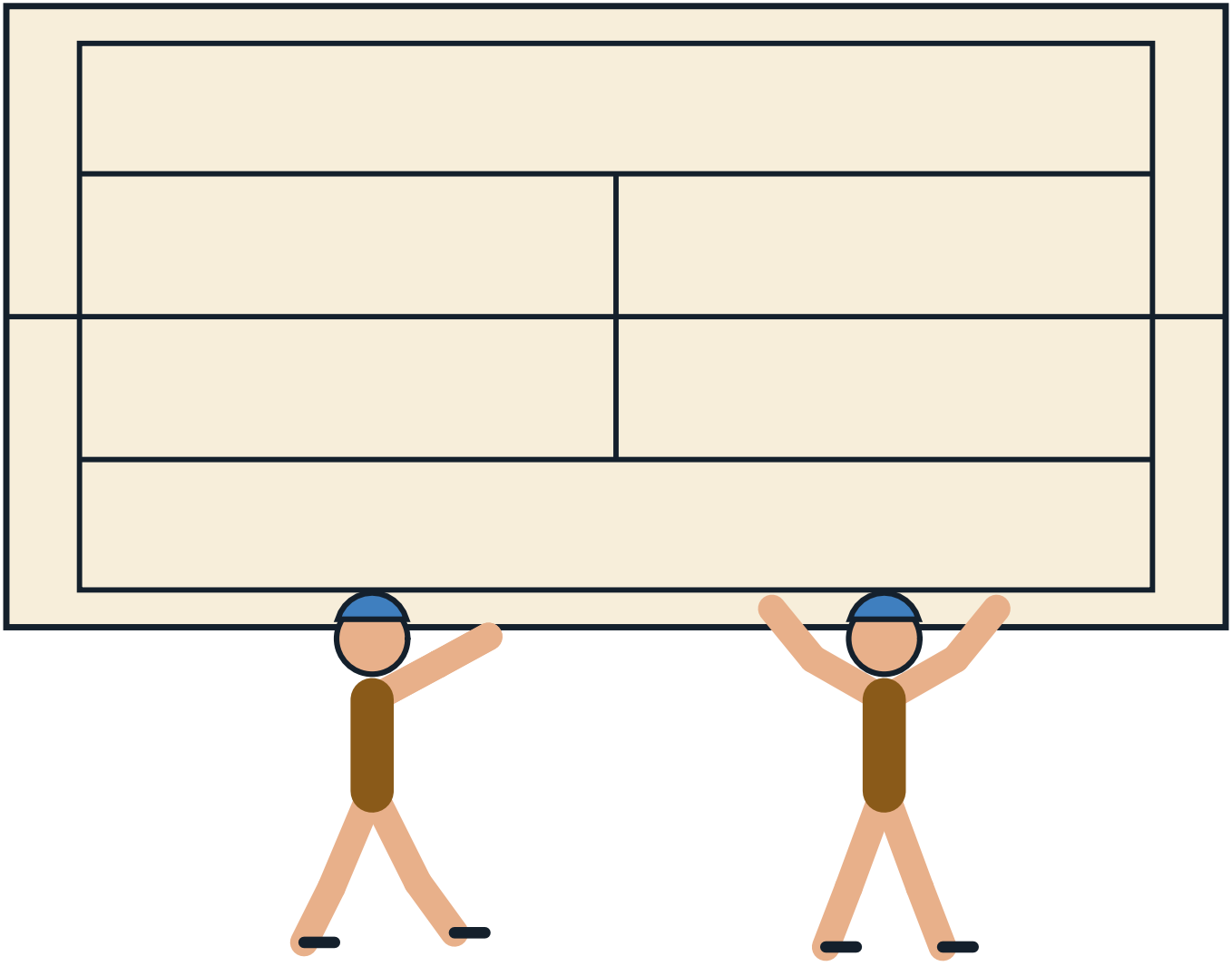
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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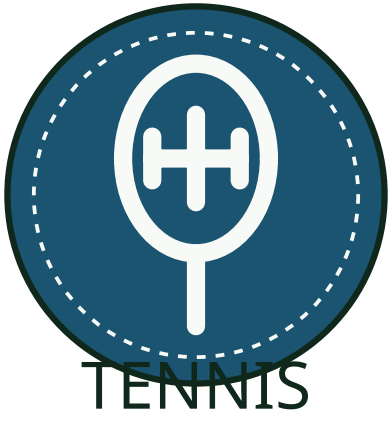

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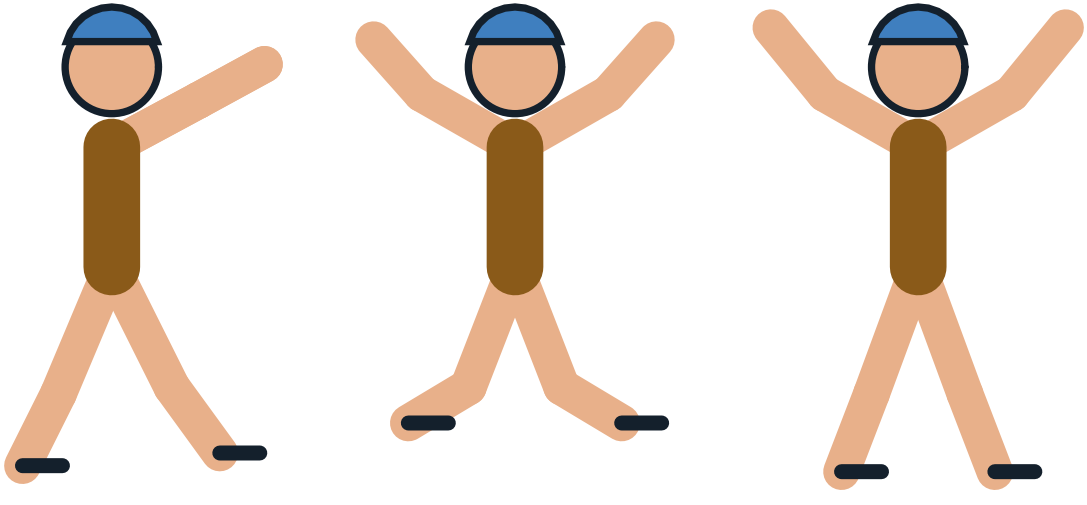
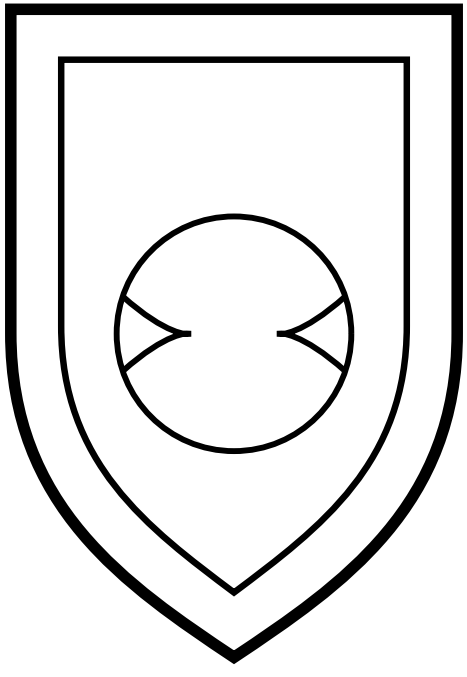
Moves of the Game

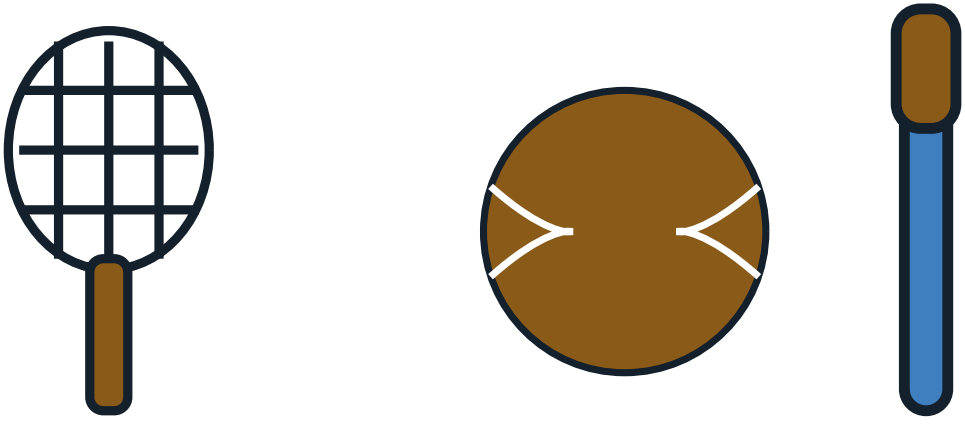


Design a Badge

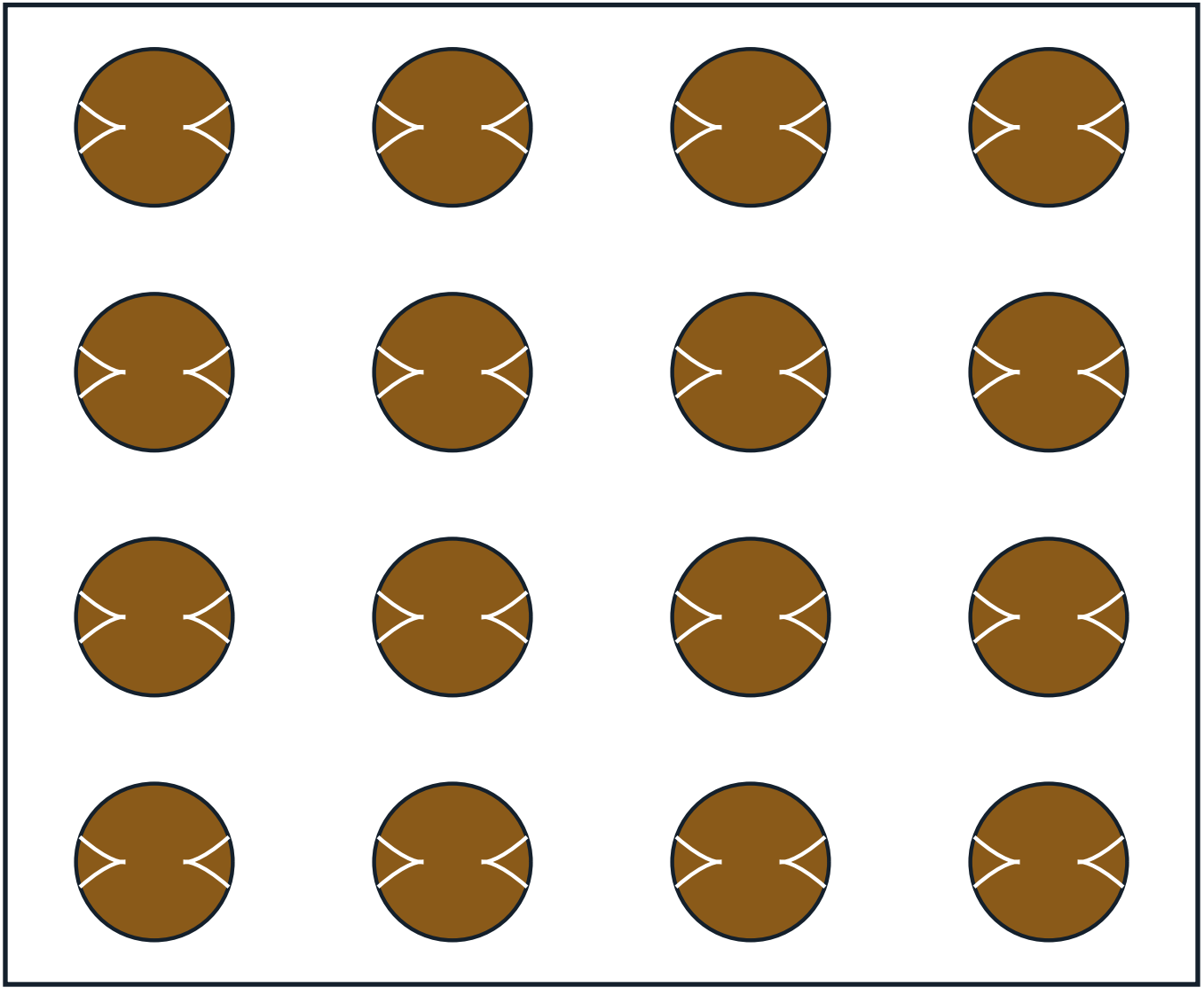


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

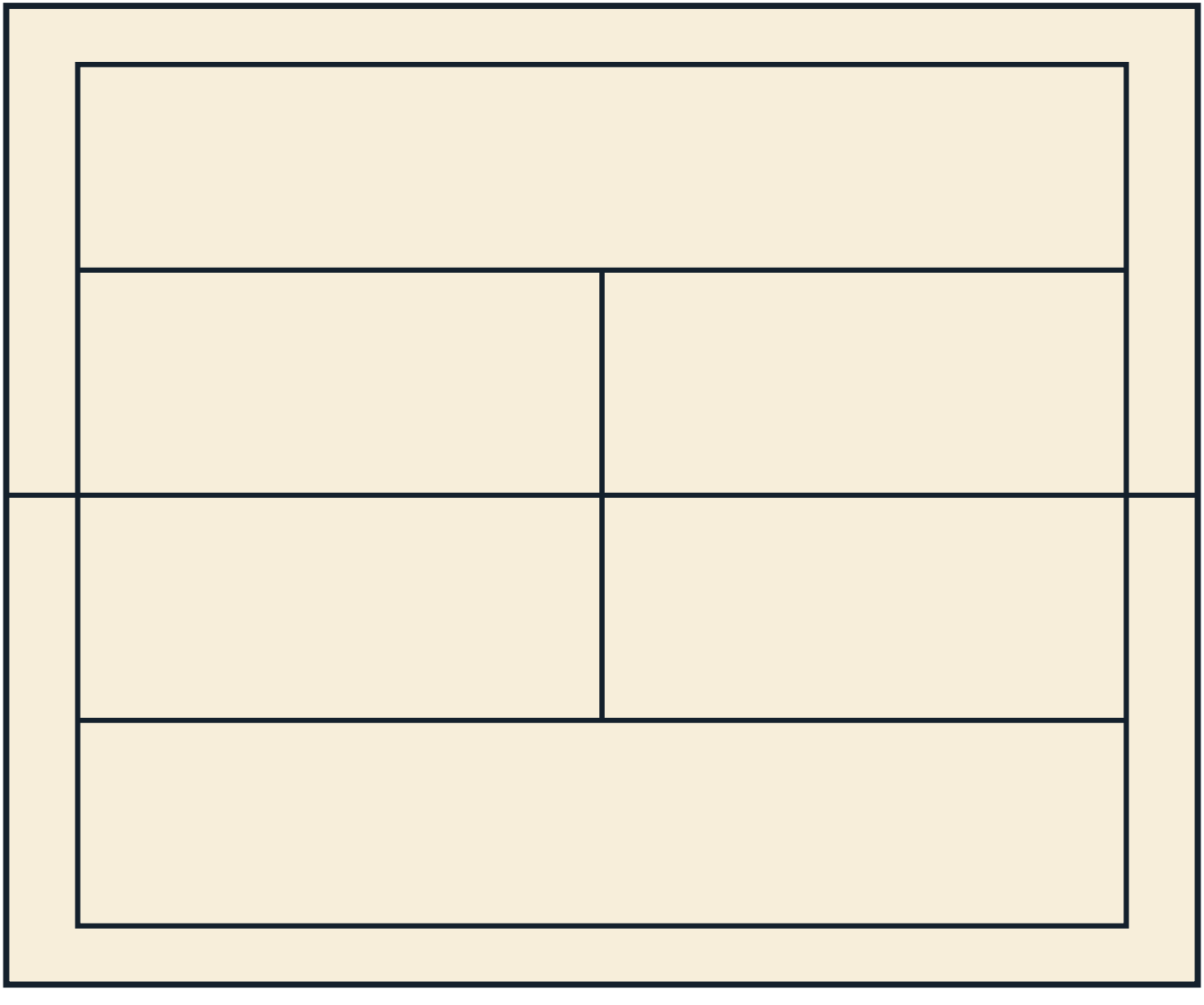
The Gear Parade



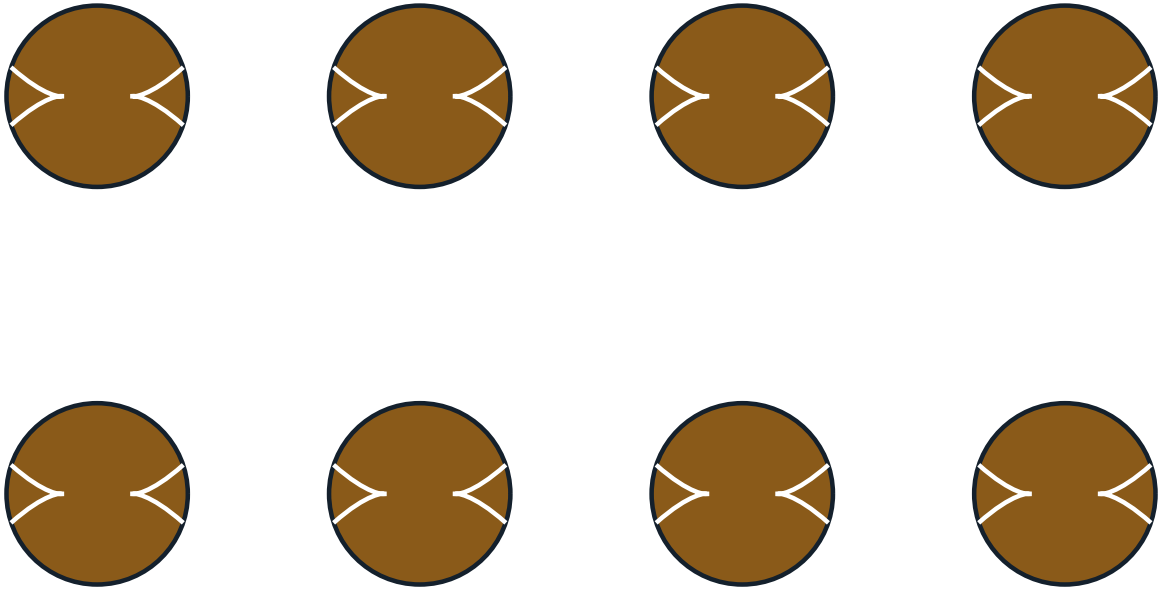
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



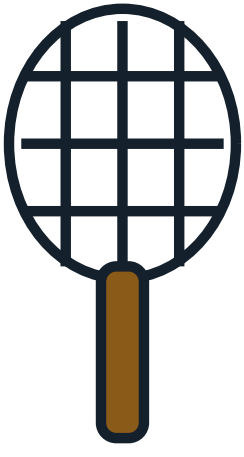
Count the Balls!



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

My Favourite Part of Tennis

Gear Close-Up



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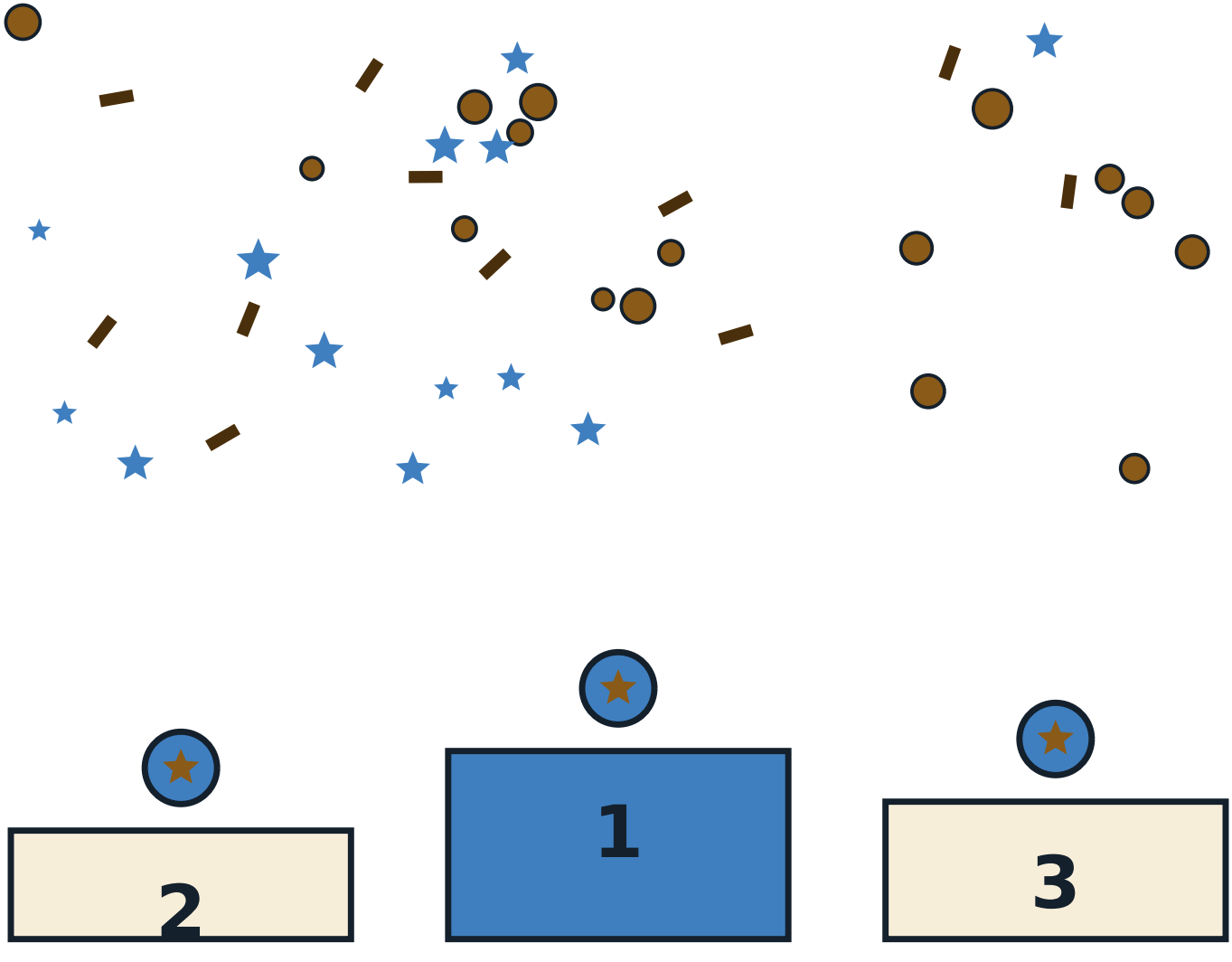

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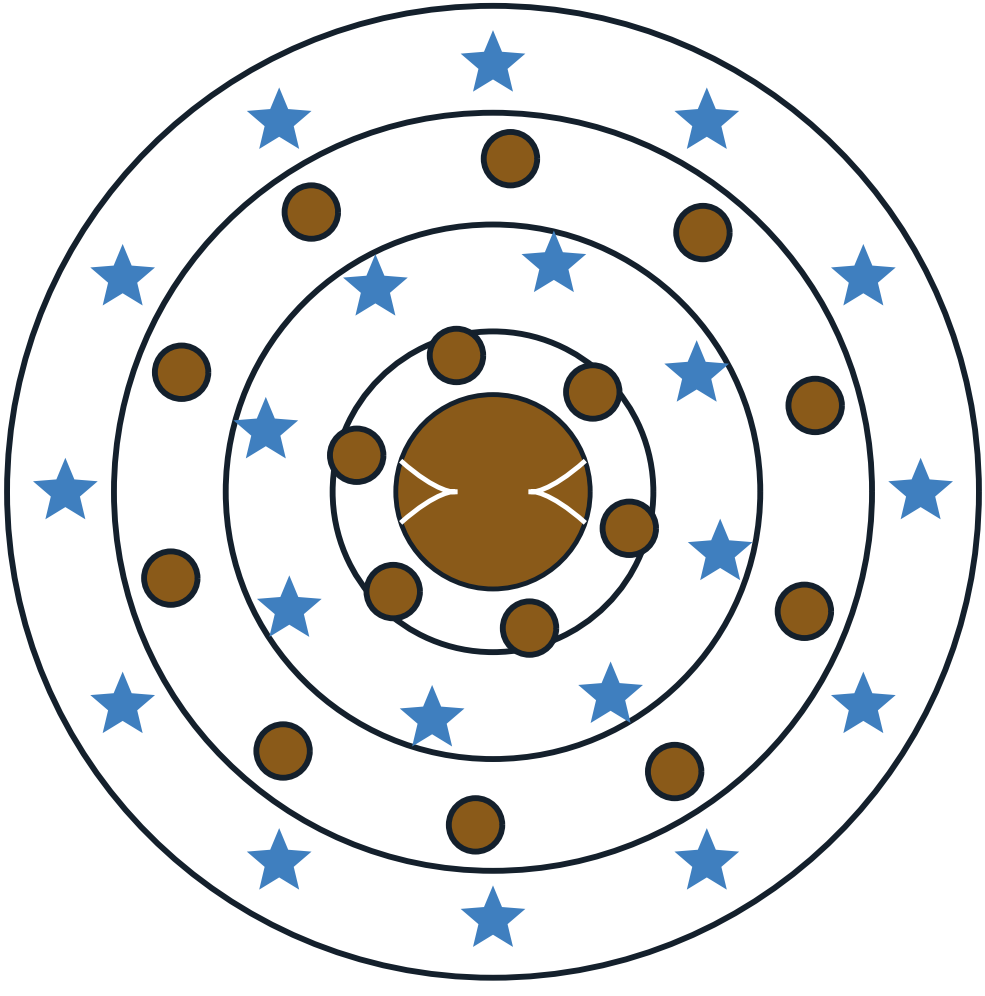

About This Book

Rule-change history: ITF Rules of Tennis and Grand Slam rulebooks; ATP/WTA rule-change announcements (2006 Hawk-Eye, 2018 shot clock, 2022–25 coaching); Wimbledon and Australian Open records of the final-set decisions.. 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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