THE CARTOON BOOK OF

GAELIC FOOTBALL



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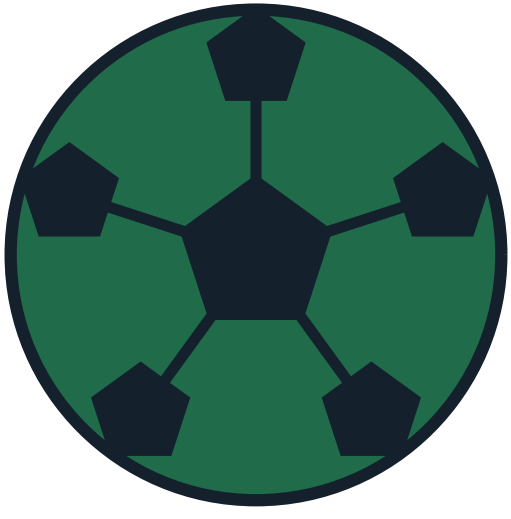
Meet Gaelic Football!

Irish field sport mixing soccer and rugby, run by the GAA.



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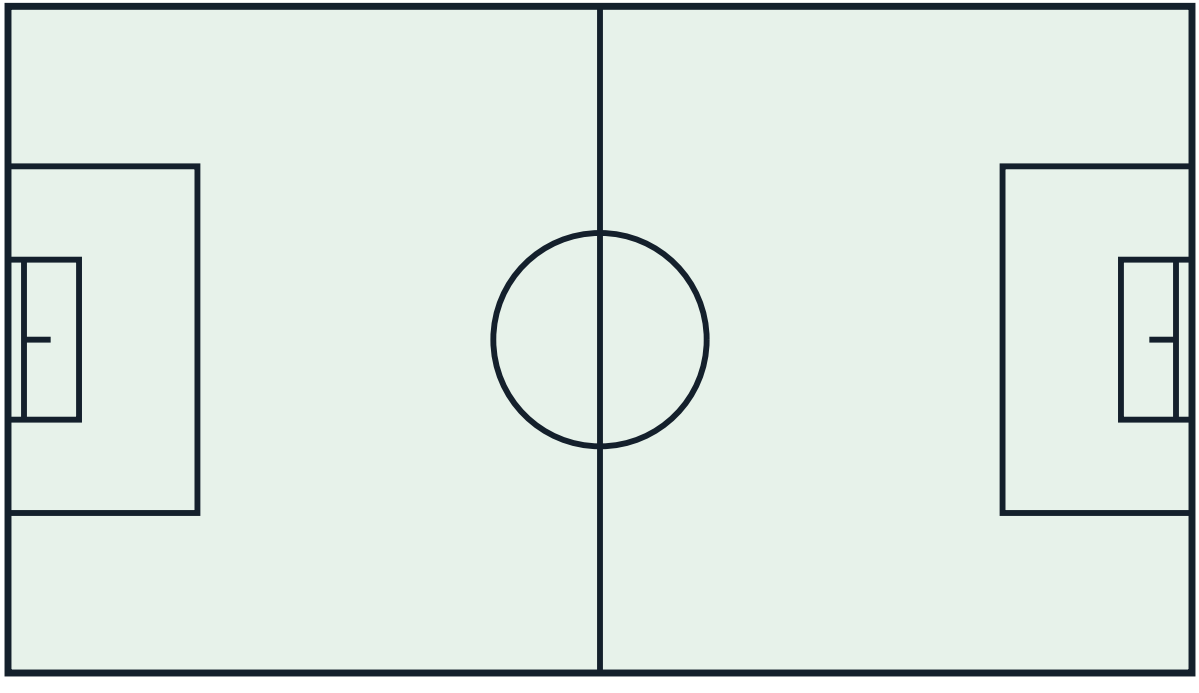

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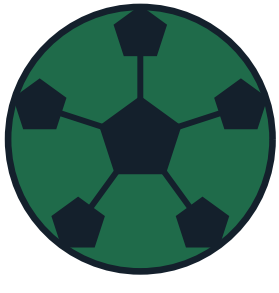

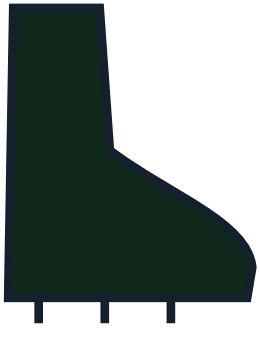



Meet the Ball & goal Family

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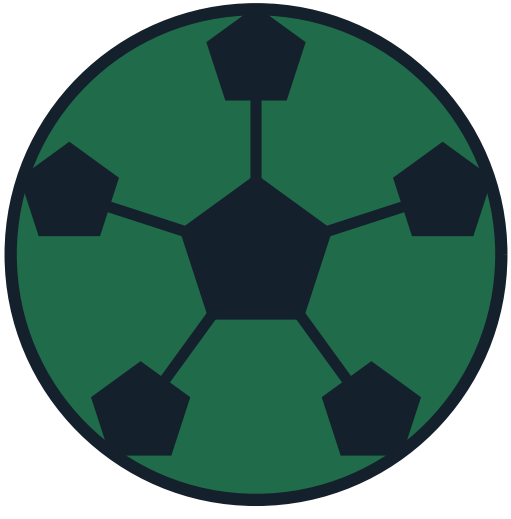
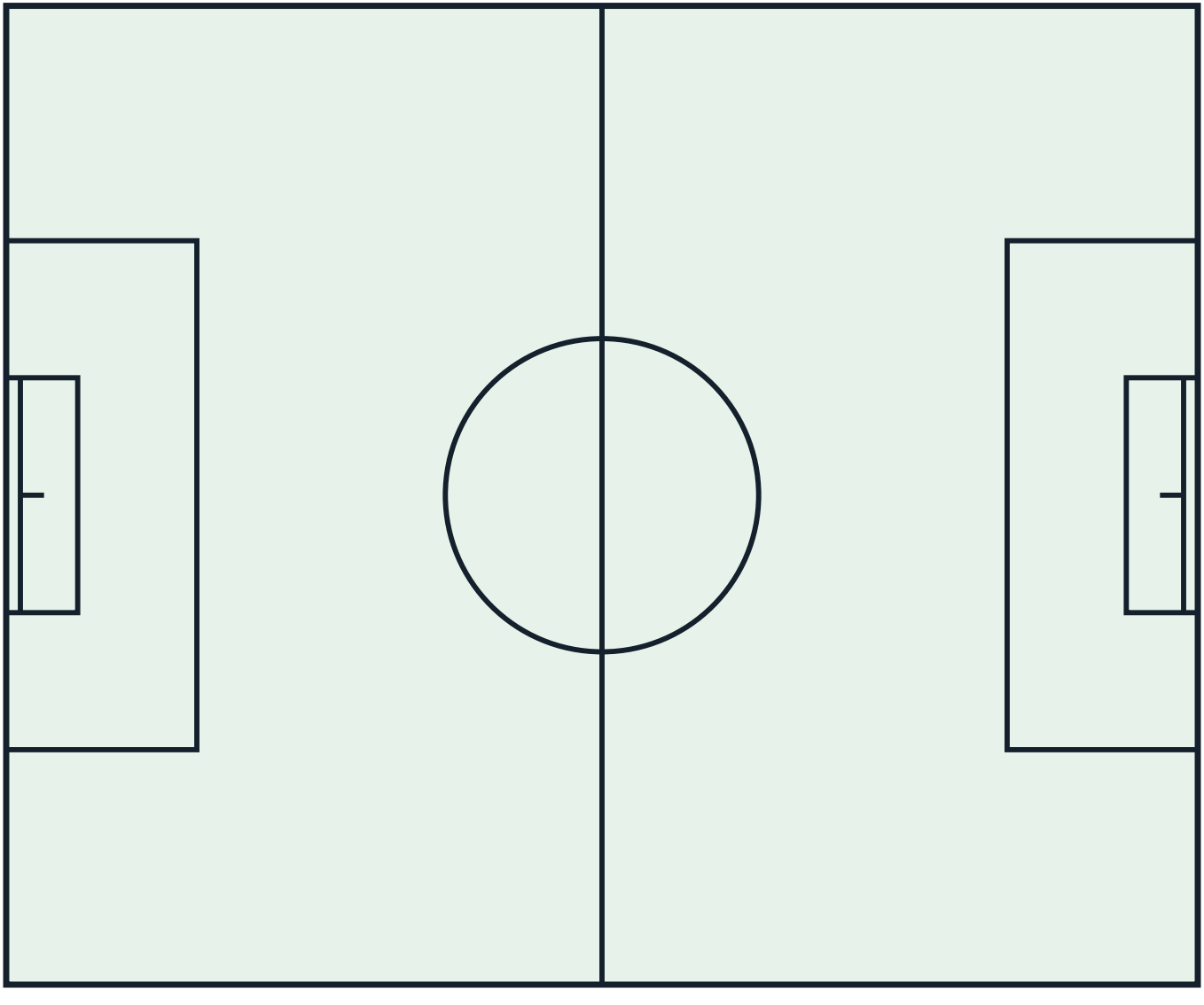
- Canadian Football — Twelve-a-side gridiron game with three downs, run by the CFL.

How to Play

Gaelic football lived with essentially Victorian laws for over a century — then, in a single winter, rewrote itself more radically than any major field sport in living memory.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

Moments That Shaped the Game

- 2017 (mark); 2020 (advanced mark) — The Mark — and the Advanced Mark: The mark (2017): a player cleanly catching a kick-out or restart kick that has travelled 15+ metres, on or beyond the 45.
- 2025 season — The 2025 FRC Revolution (Two-Point Arc, 3v3, Solo-and-Go): Jim Gavin's Football Review Committee rewrote the game in one package, passed at a 2024 Special Congress and debuted in .

Rules That Changed the Game

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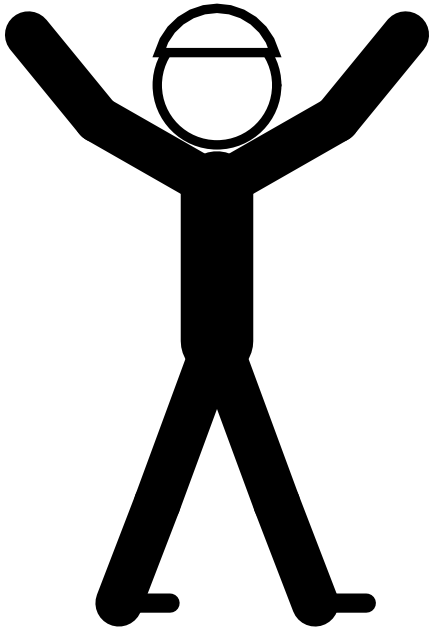
Colour the Action



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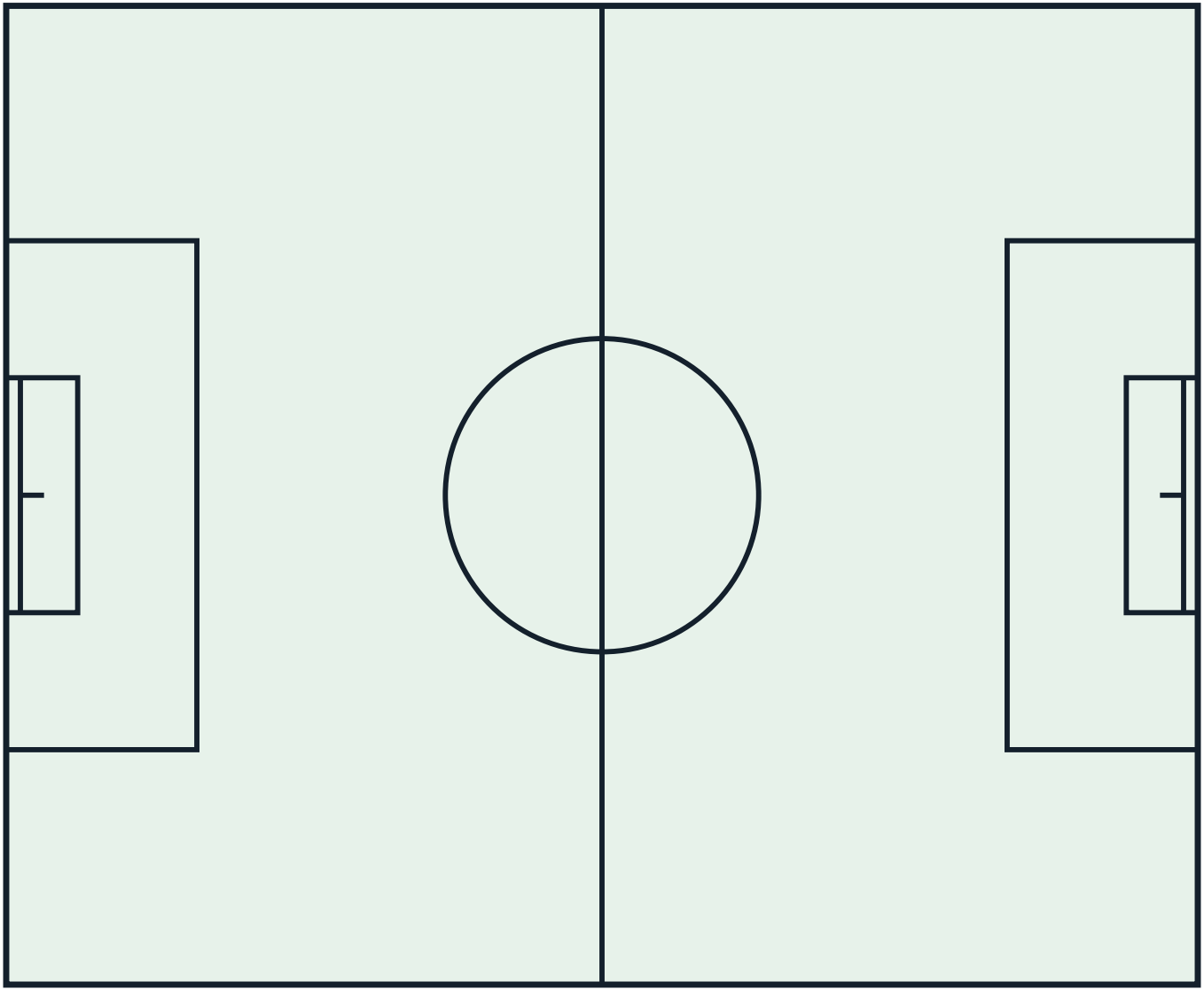
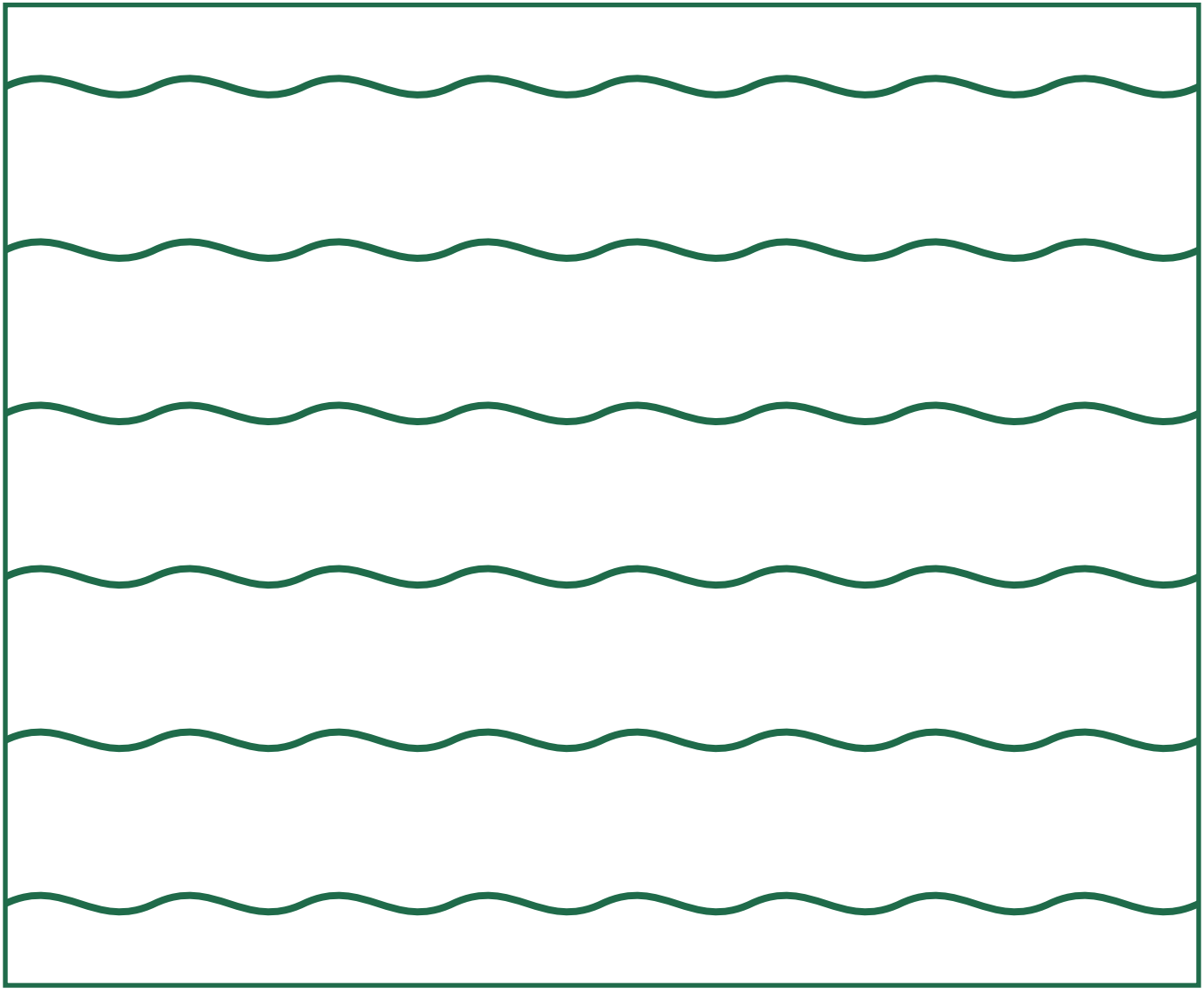
The Sport Today



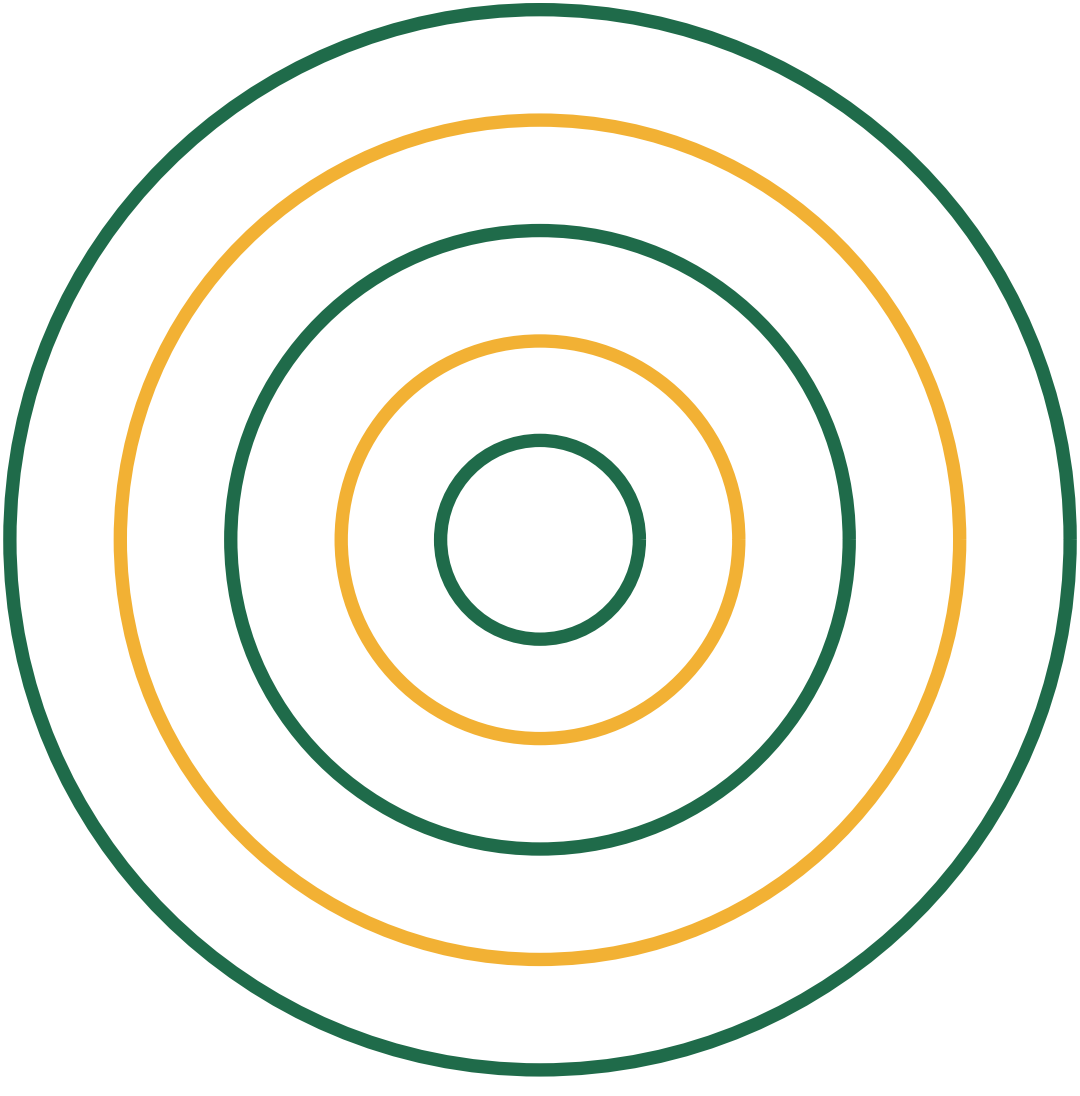
At School and College



Play It Near You



Through the Year



The Ball & goal 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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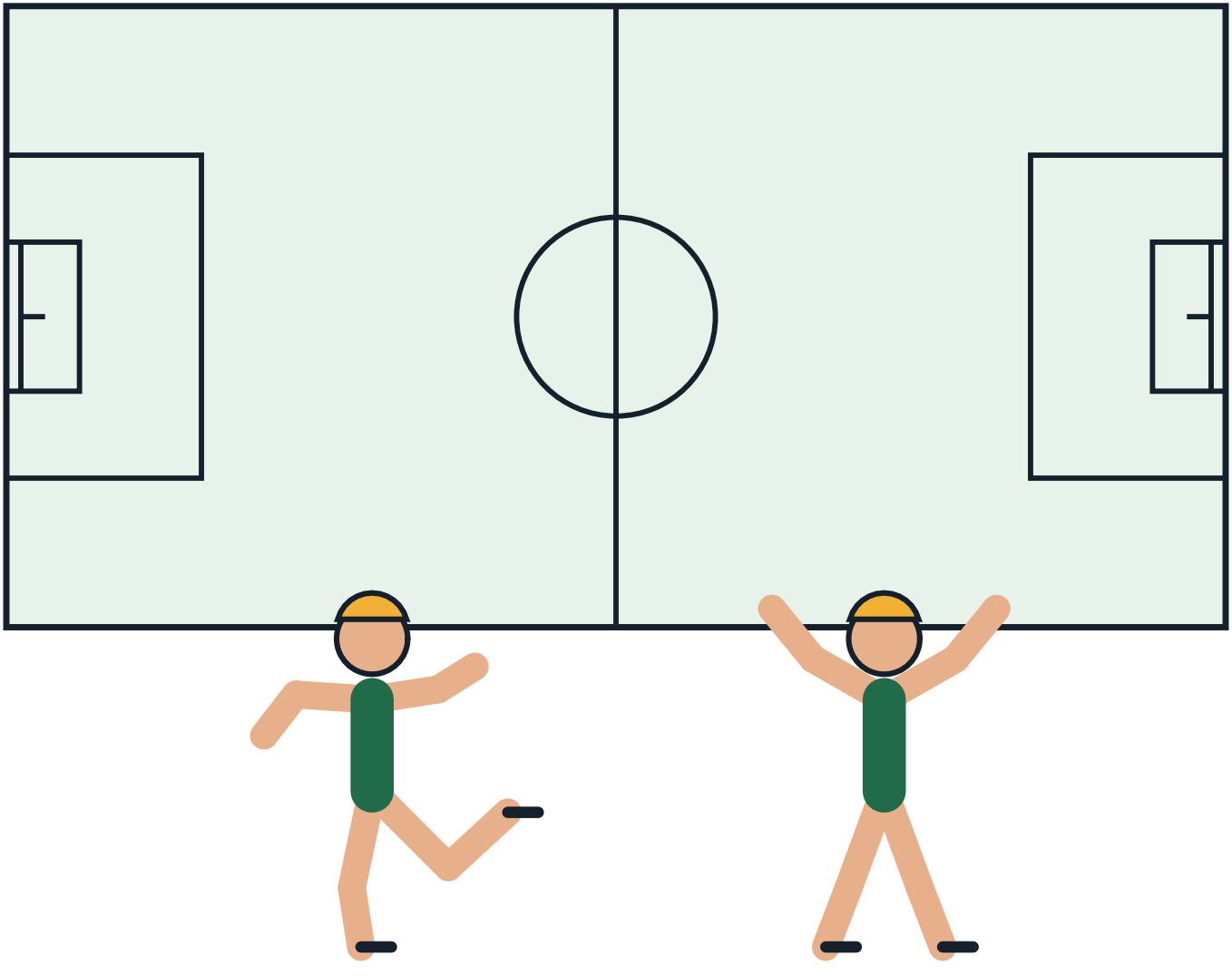
Game Day!



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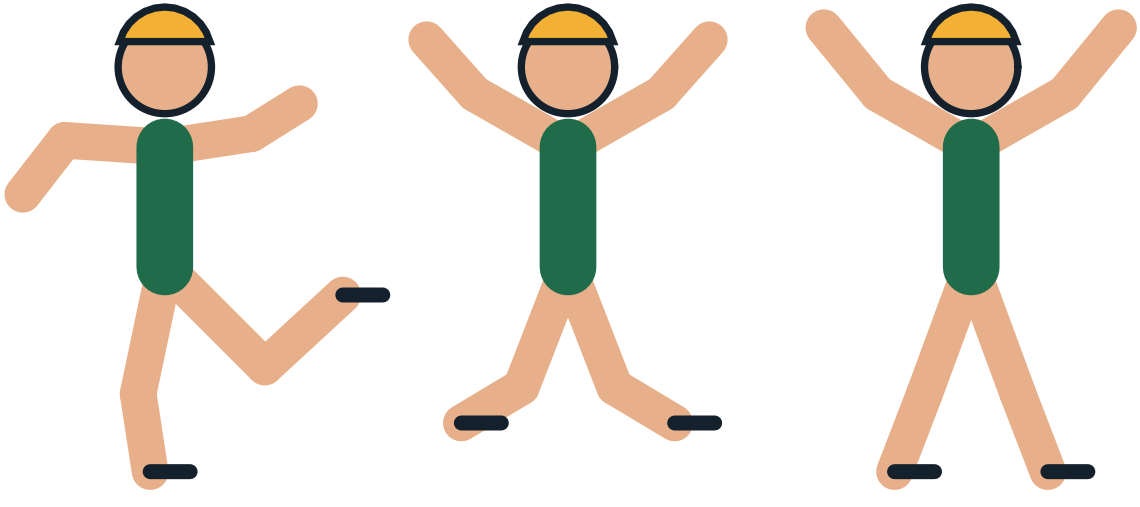
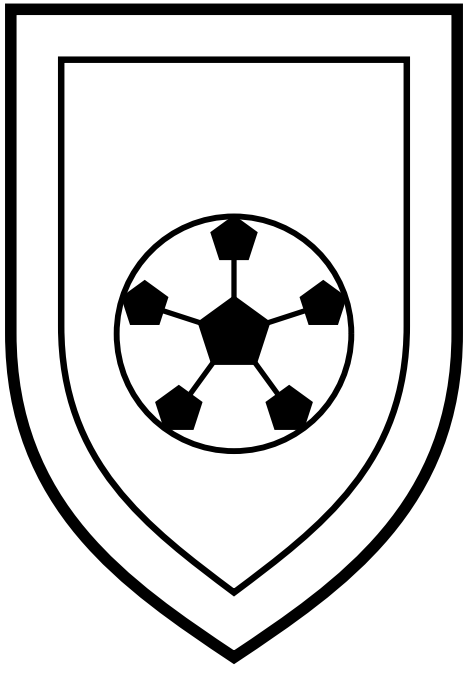
Moves of the Game



Design a Badge

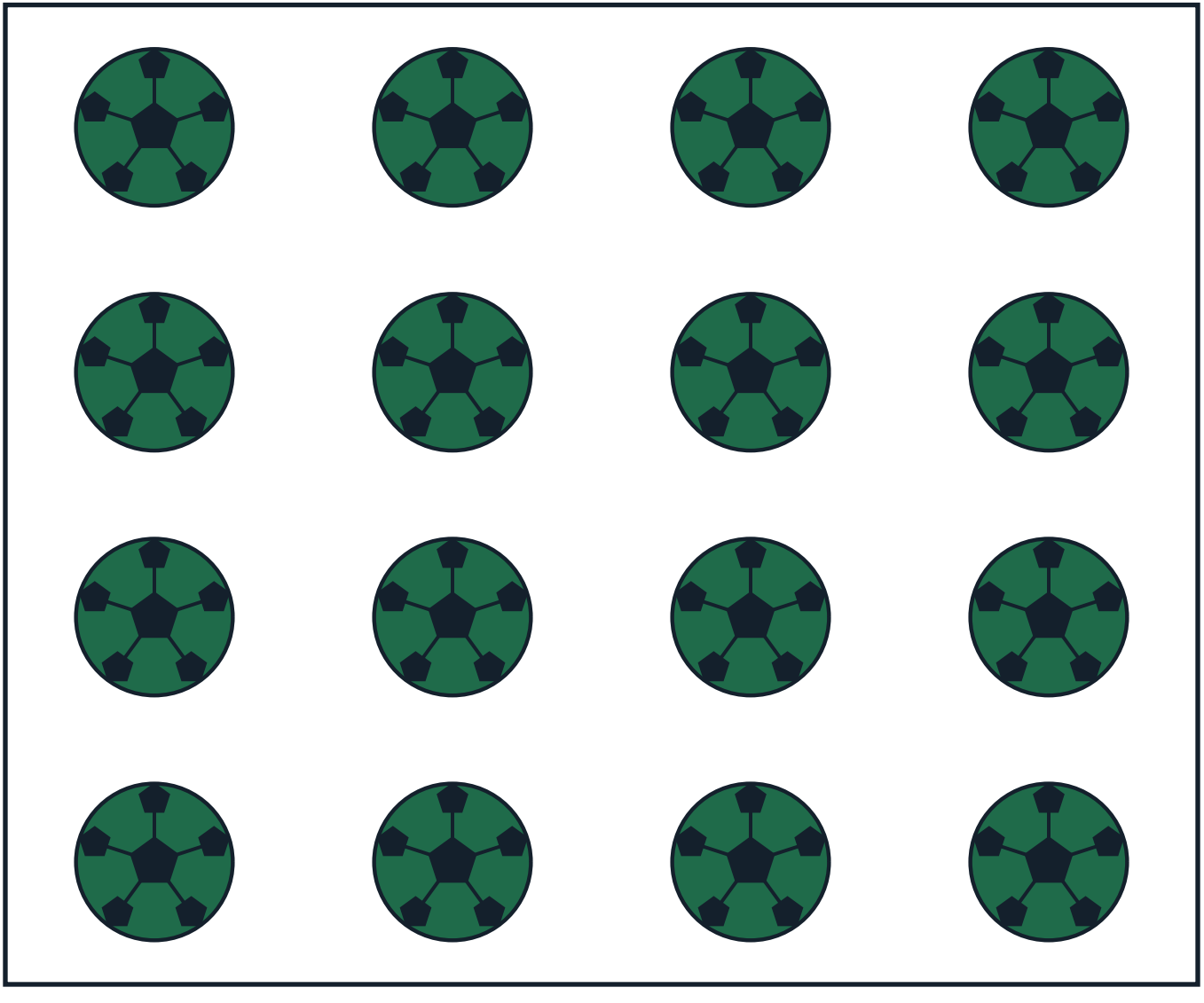


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

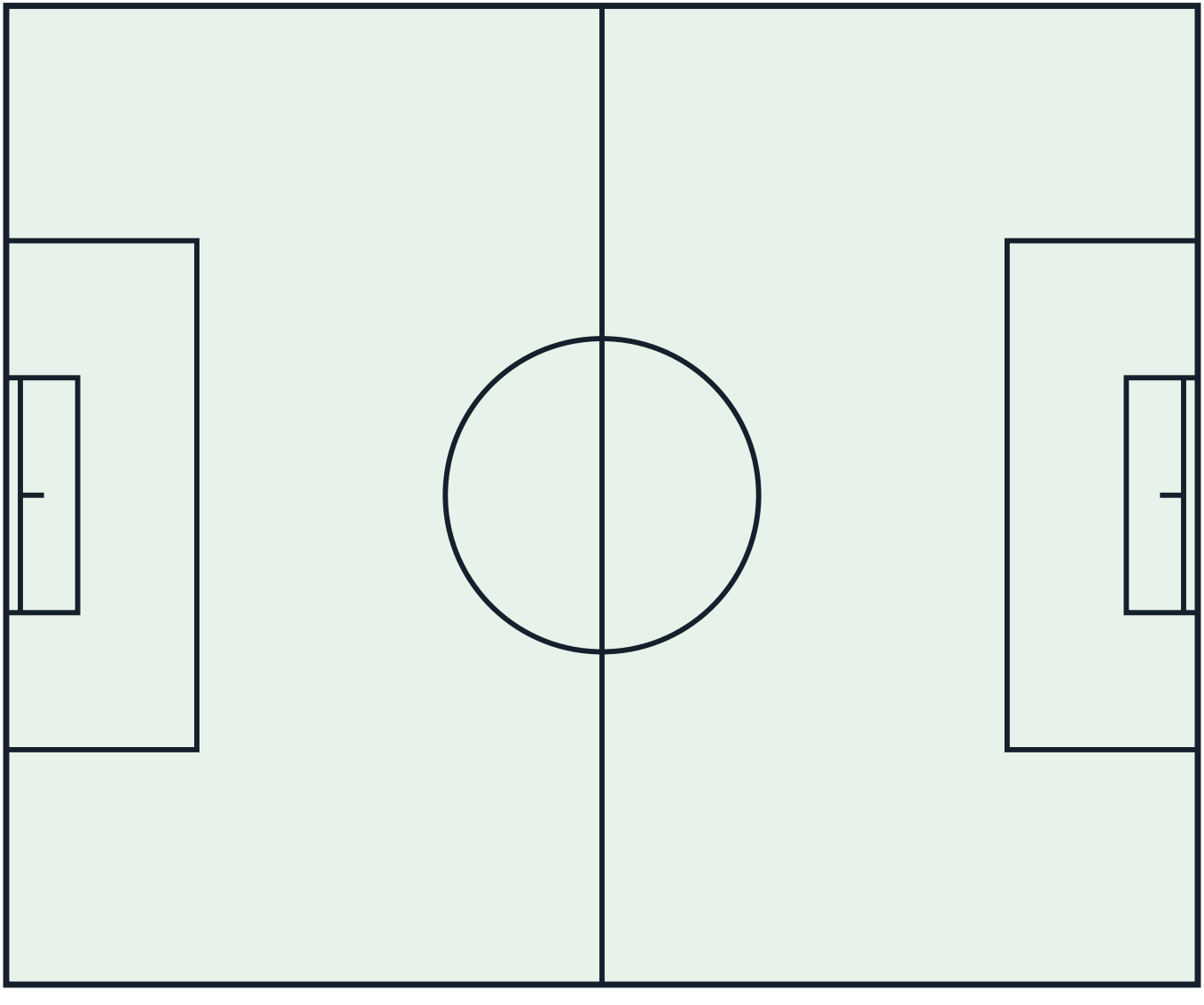
The Gear Parade



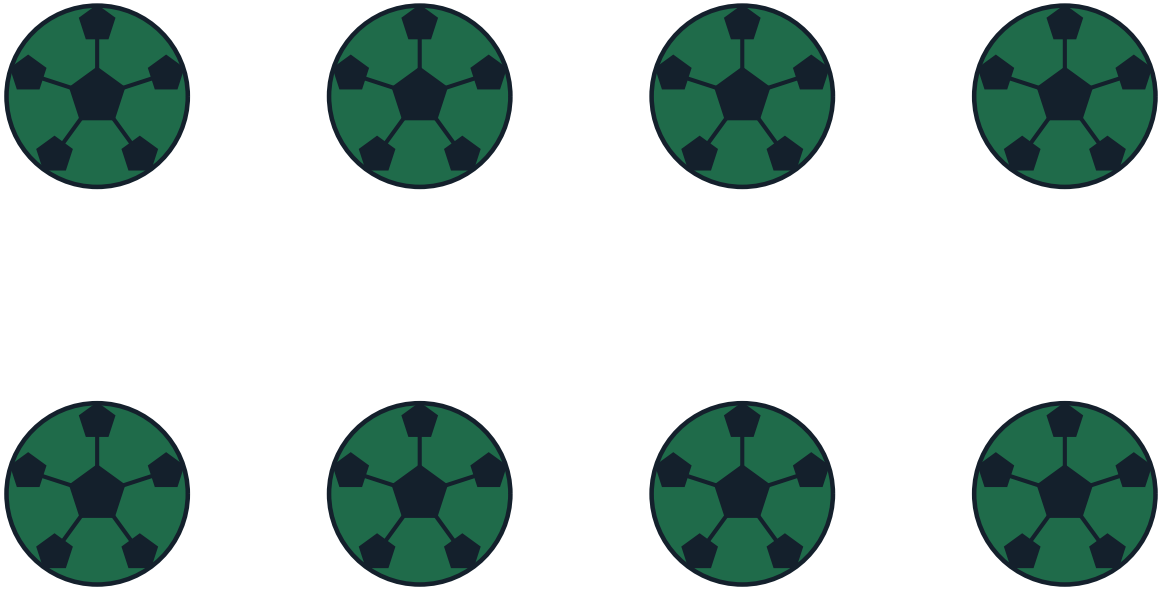
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



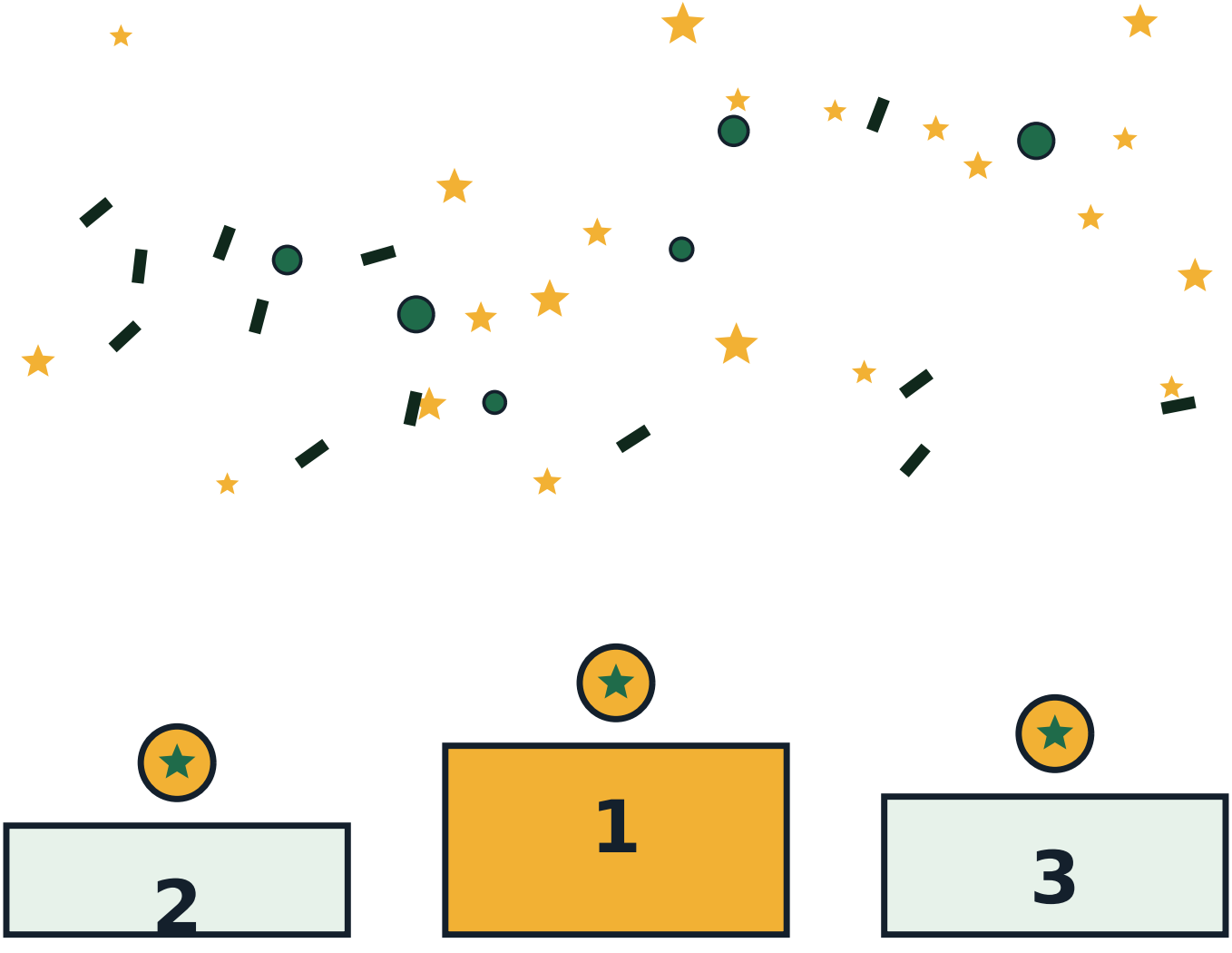
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Gaelic Football

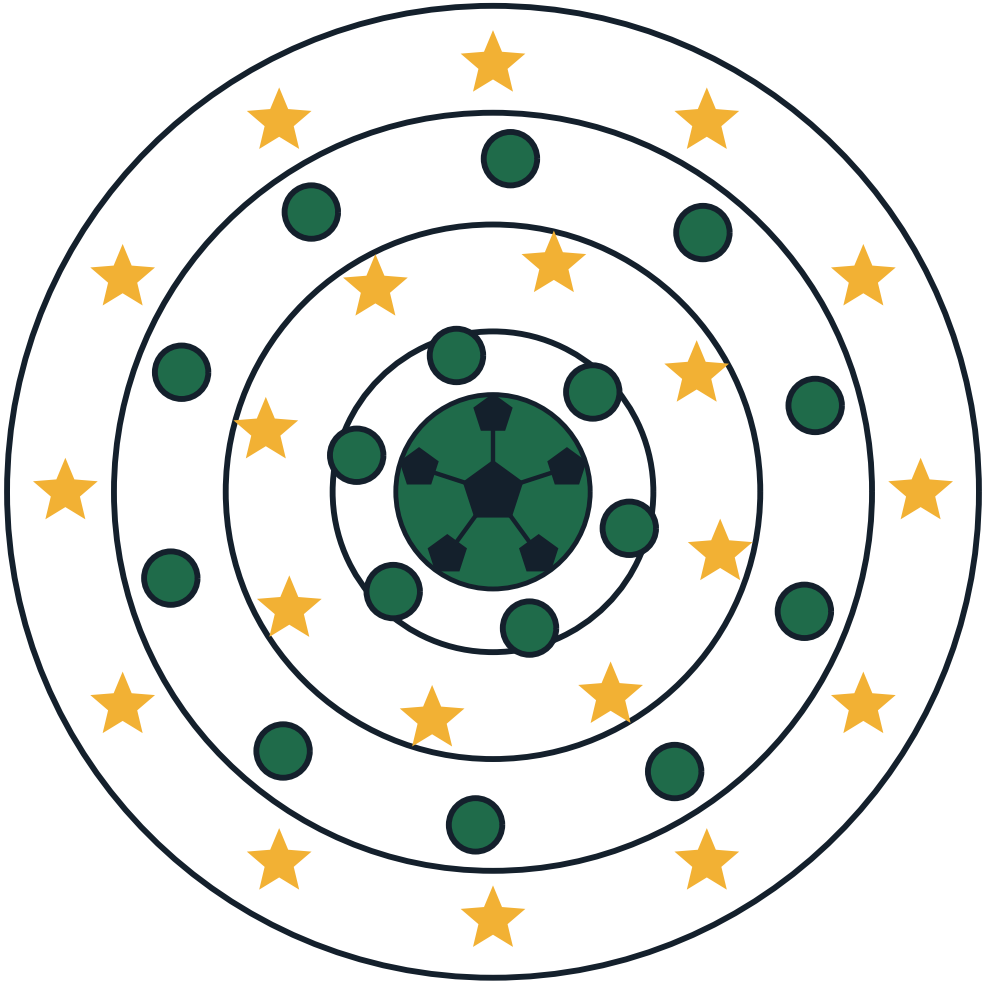
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Rule-change history: GAA Football Review Committee (FRC) final report and the 2024 Special Congress votes; GAA Official Guide amendments (mark 2017; advanced mark 2020).. 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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