THE CARTOON BOOK OF

WRESTLING



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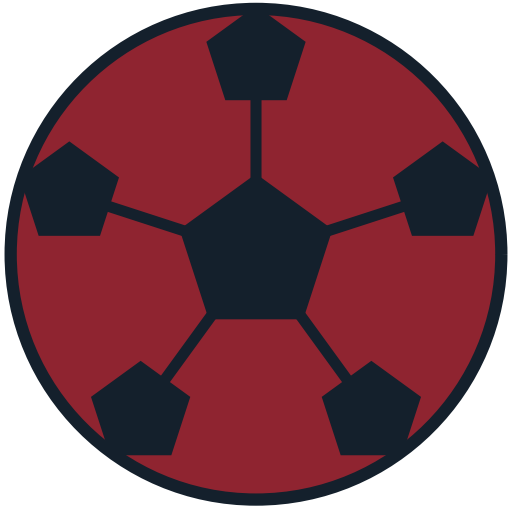
Meet Wrestling!

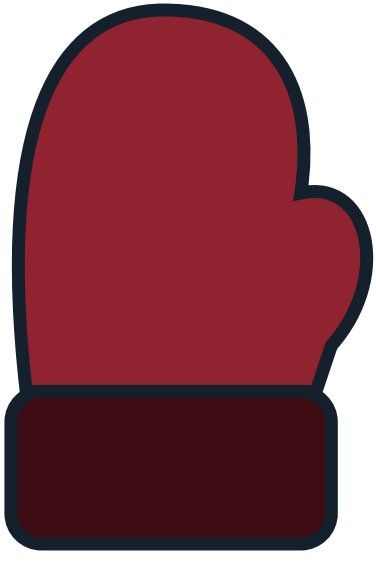
Pin your opponent or score points through takedowns and holds. Styles include freestyle and Greco-Roman.

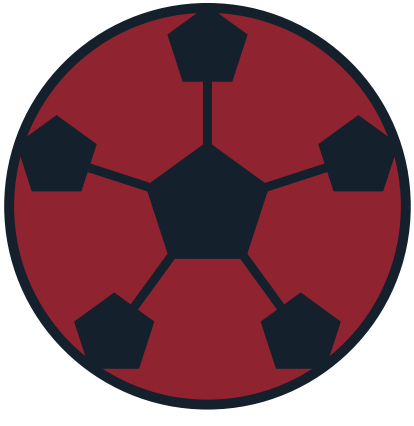


Where It Is Played



The Gear



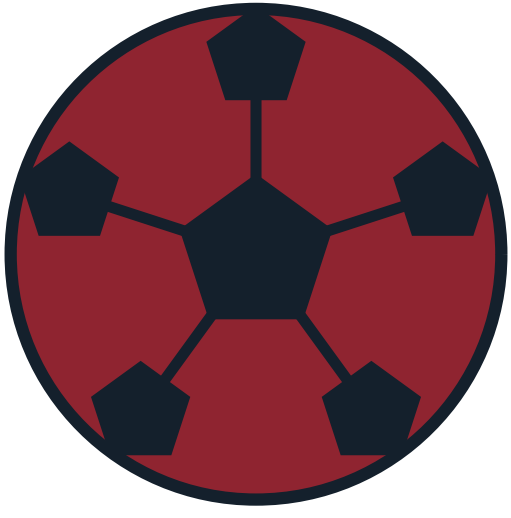


Meet the Combat Family

- Boxing — Two fighters trade punches in rounds, judged on points or ended by knockout or stoppage.
- Mixed Martial Arts — Striking and grappling combined; UFC, PFL and ONE lead promotions.
- Kickboxing and Muay Thai — Striking sports using kicks, punches, knees and elbows.
- Judo — Throws and holds, an Olympic sport.
- Taekwondo — Korean kicking art, an Olympic sport.
- Sumo — Japanese wrestling with six annual tournaments.

How to Play

Olympic wrestling faced extinction in 2013 and rewrote itself in a single year to survive — the most dramatic rules rescue in modern sport.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

The Story So Far

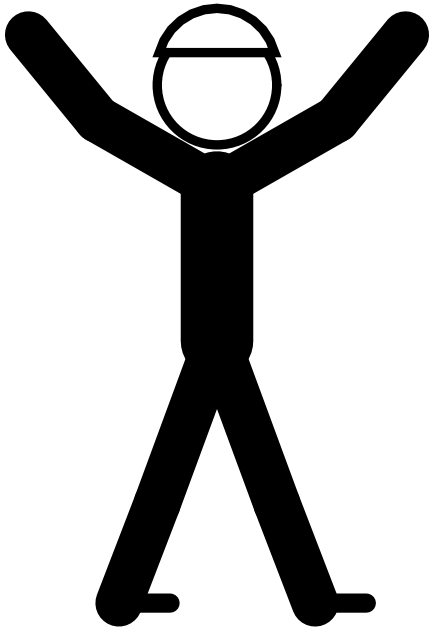
One of the oldest sports; in the first modern Olympics in 1896. Traditional forms include Senegal's laamb and Japanese sumo.



Rules That Changed the Game

- May 2013 — The 2013 Rescue Rewrite: The 2013 architecture — cumulative scoring, rewarded amplitude, enforced action — still governs; wrestling kept its Olympic place .
- 2018 — Same-Day Weigh-Ins and Two-Day Formats: Extreme cuts persist but are capped by the second morning's scale; the two-day format also changed tournament drama (finals on day.

Colour the Action



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The Sport Today

Olympics, World Championships, and traditional leagues like sumo tournaments in Japan.



At School and College

NCAA wrestling and high school wrestling in the US are major pipelines.

Play It Near You

Clubs, youth programs, and local traditional wrestling.

Through the Year

World Championships annually; sumo holds six major tournaments a year.

The Combat 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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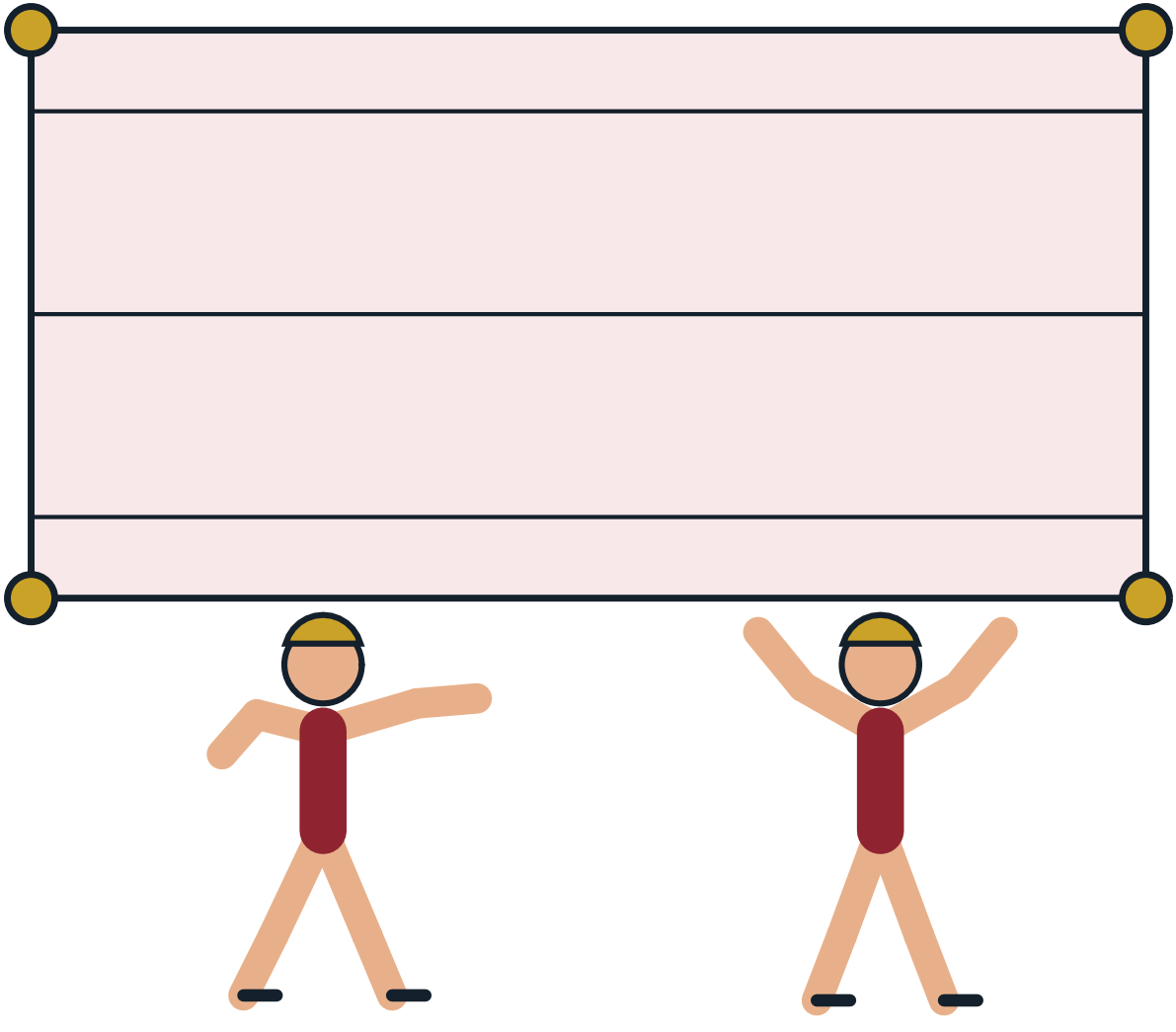
Game Day!



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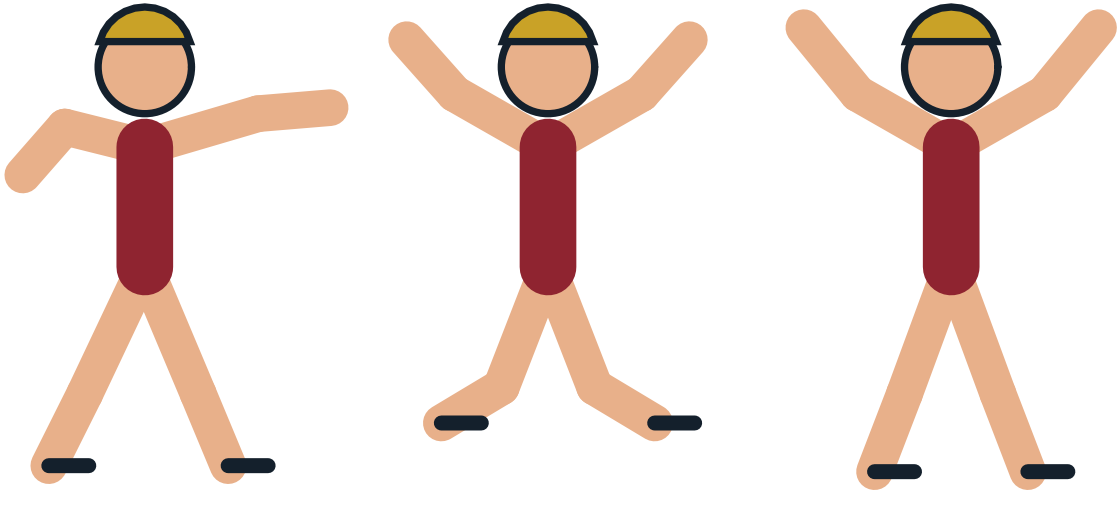
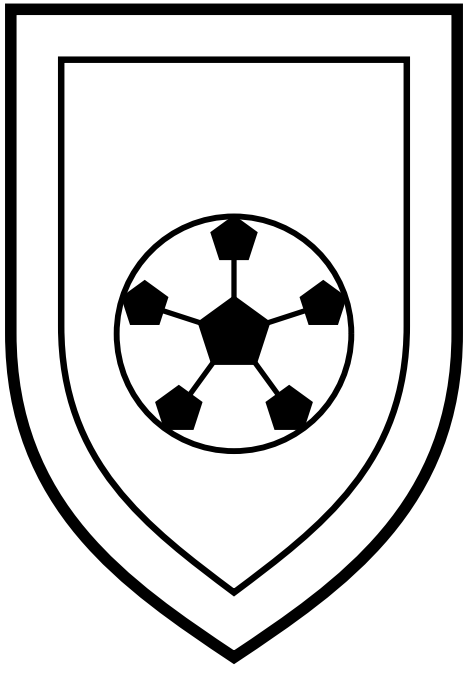
Moves of the Game

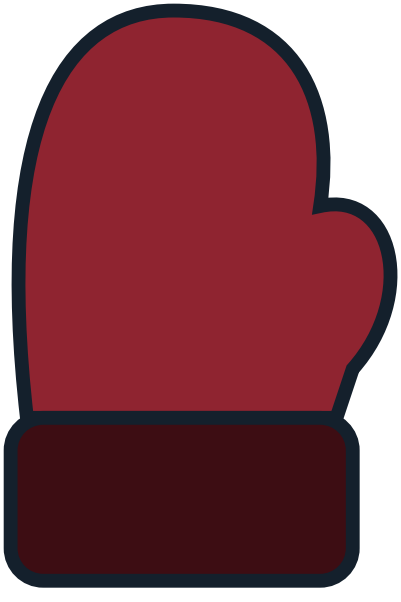


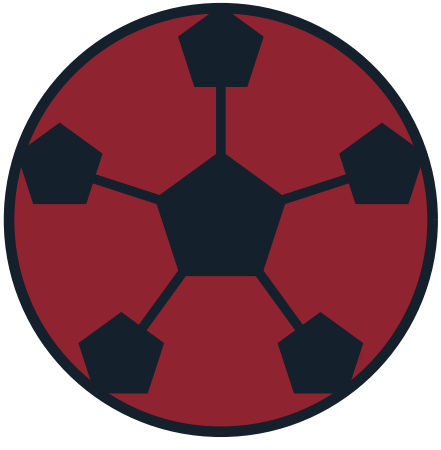
Design a Badge



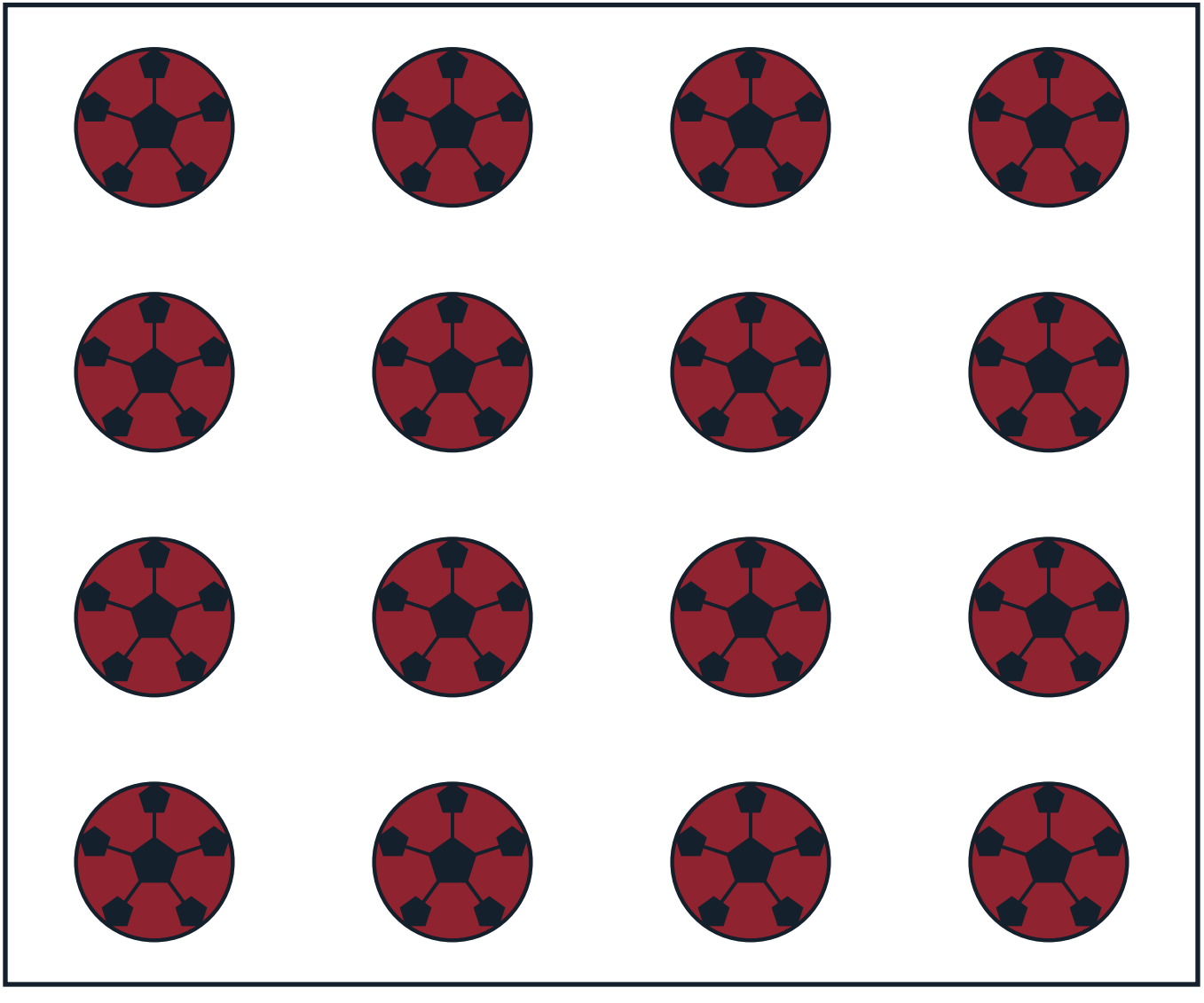
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade





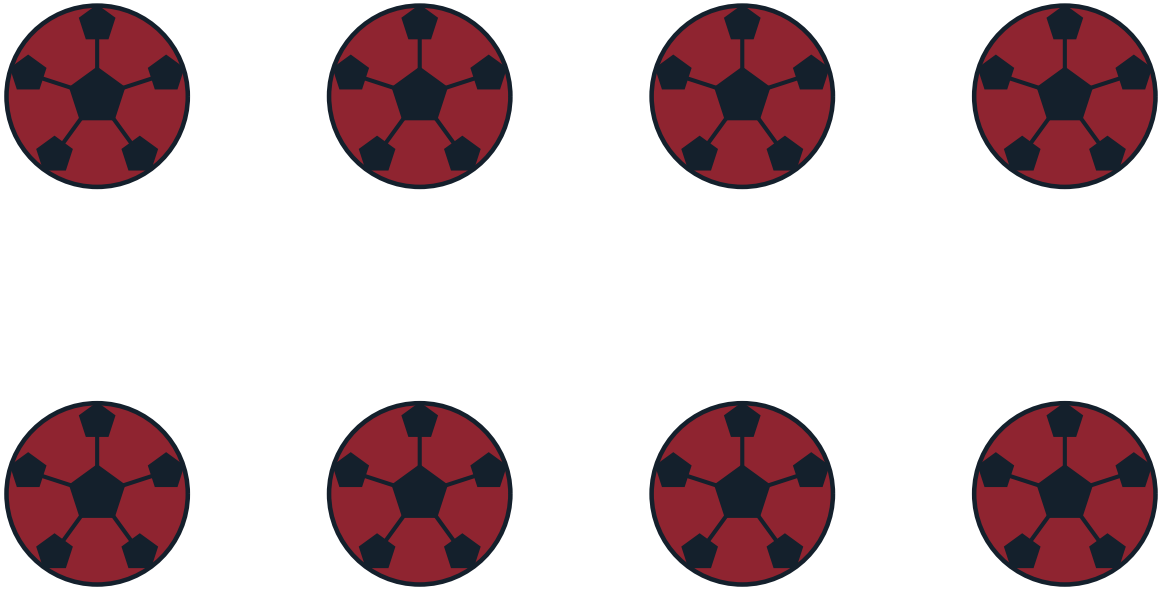
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



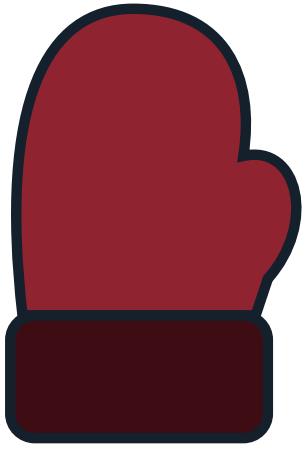
Count the Balls!



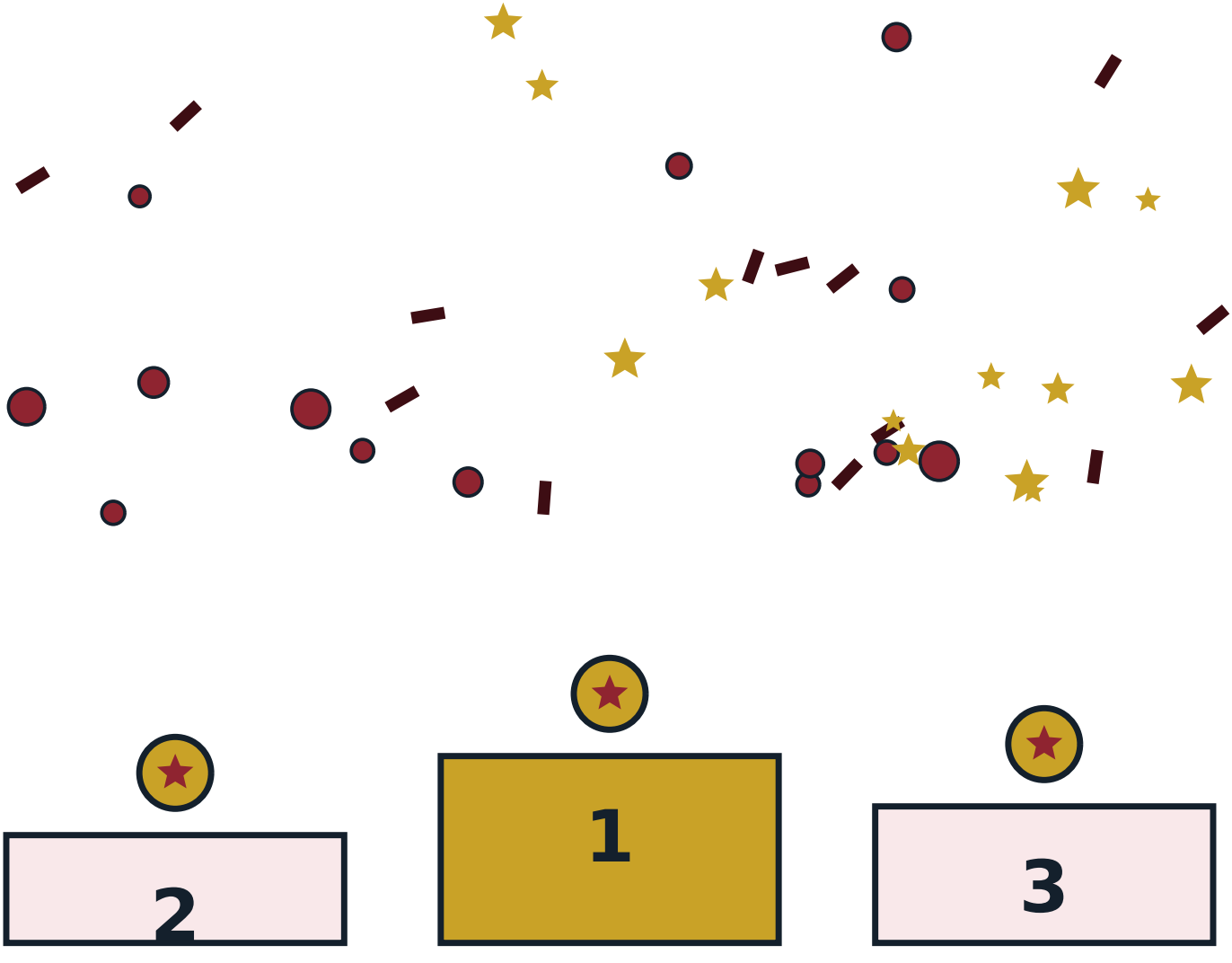
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Wrestling

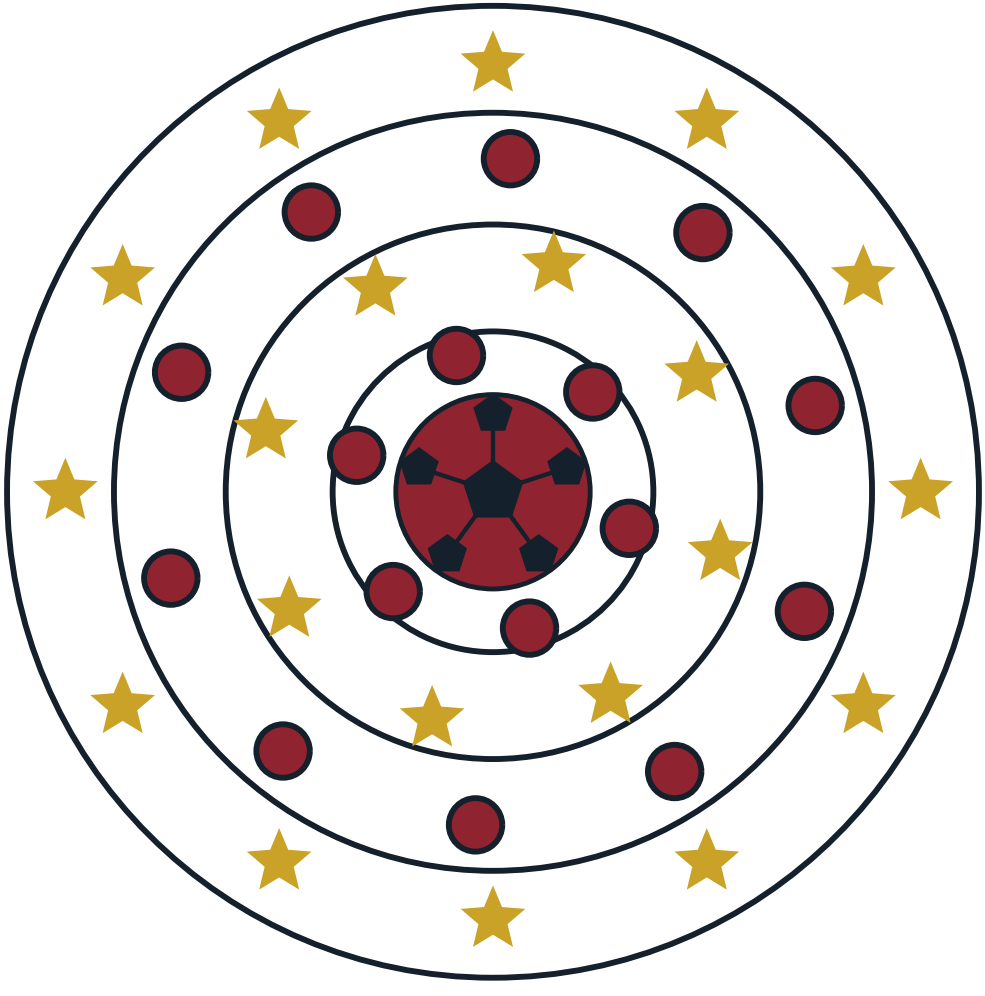
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Rule-change history: United World Wrestling (FILA) 2013 rule reforms; IOC Executive Board decision records (February–September 2013)..
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