THE CARTOON BOOK OF

CIRCLE RULES FOOTBALL



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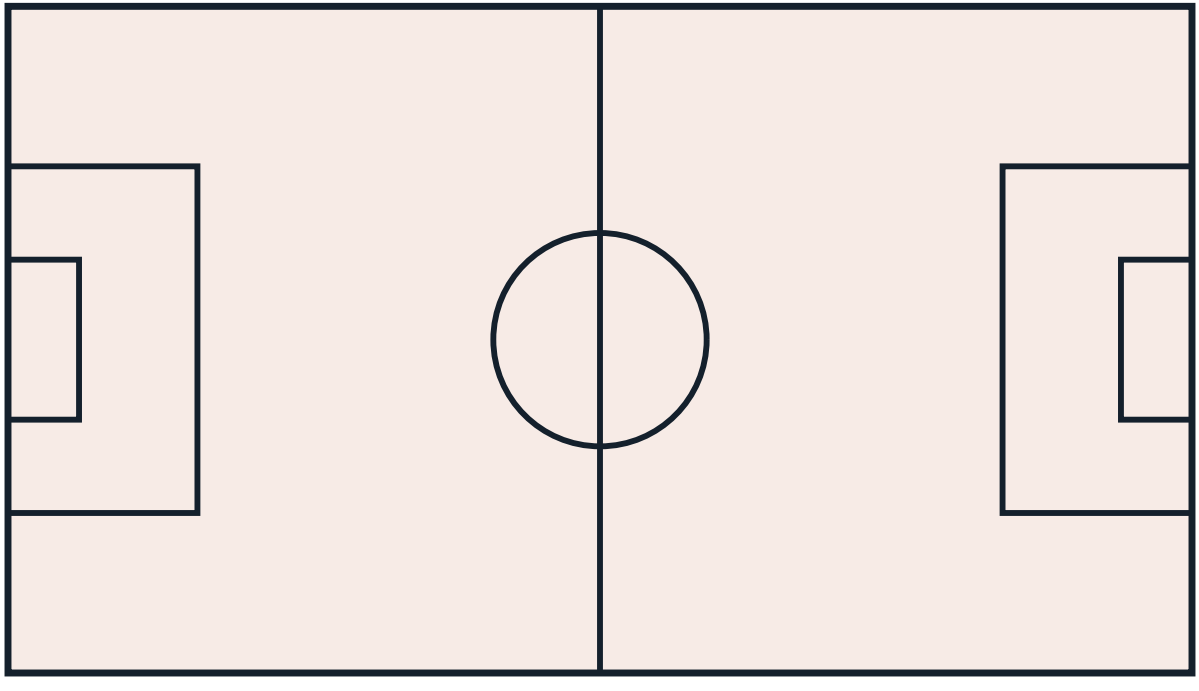
Meet Circle Rules Football!

Mixed-code game on a circular field.



Where It Is Played

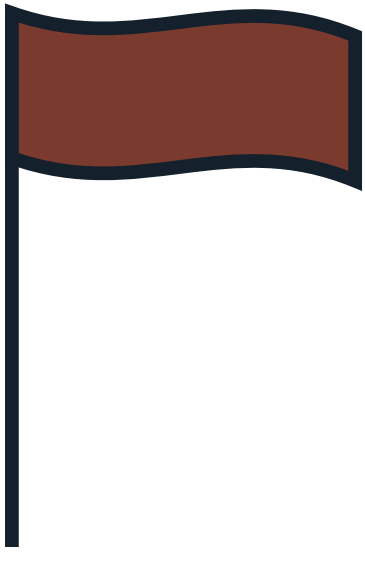
A circular field with the goal at its centre and a circular key around the goal that only the goalkeepers may enter.



The Gear

A large spherical ball similar to a stability ball, and a central goal frame with no net, surrounded by a marked circular key.





How It Starts

Gather six players per side including a goalkeeper, decide direction with a down-up, and start from inside the key — you can carry and throw the ball, but never pin it still.



How to Play

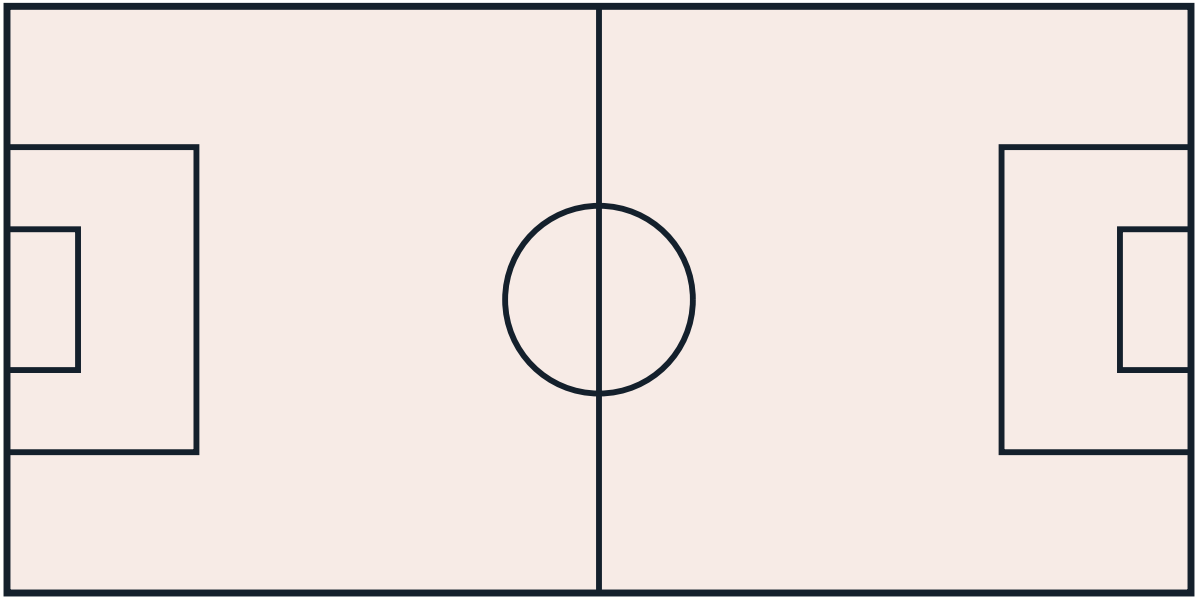
- Two teams of six players (excluding substitutes), one of whom is the goalkeeper, play on a circular field with a single central goal.
- The goal has no net: the two teams score through the same goal from opposing directions.
- Around the goal is a circular area called the key, which only the two teams' goalkeepers may enter.
- Players outside the key may touch the ball with any part of the body — dribbling, kicking, rolling, carrying and throwing are all allowed — but may not hold the ball in any way that restricts its movement.

More of the Game

- Holding the ball is a penalty, punished with an indirect free kick to the opposing team from the spot of the violation.
- An official game consists of four fifteen-minute periods, and the team that scores the most goals by the end of the match wins.
- Play direction and kick-off are decided by a 'down-up' instead of a coin toss: two representatives race to touch both shoulder blades to the ground and return to a stationary standing position.
- At kick-off and after each goal, the team restarting gathers inside the key and must wait there until an opponent has touched the ball; after that, only the goalkeepers may re-enter the key until the next goal.

The Shape of a Match

Six-a-side football on a circular field around one central goal that both teams attack from opposite directions, over four fifteen-minute periods.



More of the Traditional & regional Family

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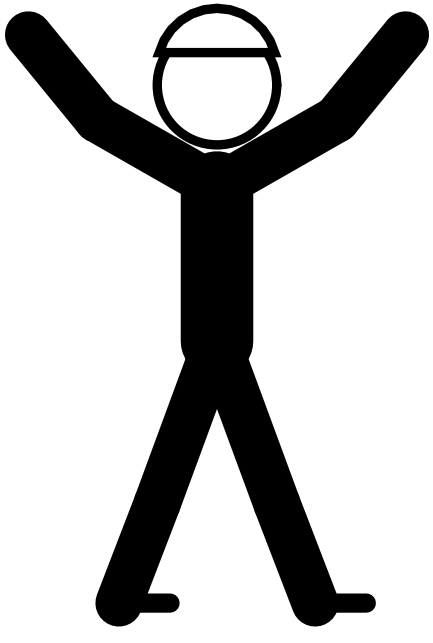
- Calcio Storico — Florentine mix of rugby, wrestling and boxing in a sand pit.
- Cooper's Hill Cheese-Rolling — English race chasing a cheese wheel down a hill.

A Note on the Rules

Circle Rules Football is an authored American sport (invented 2006 at NYU): a circular field, one central goal scored through from either side, a code written by its inventor and played collegiately. A single authored code with no law-change history. No documented rule change is carried for circle rules football.



Colour the Action



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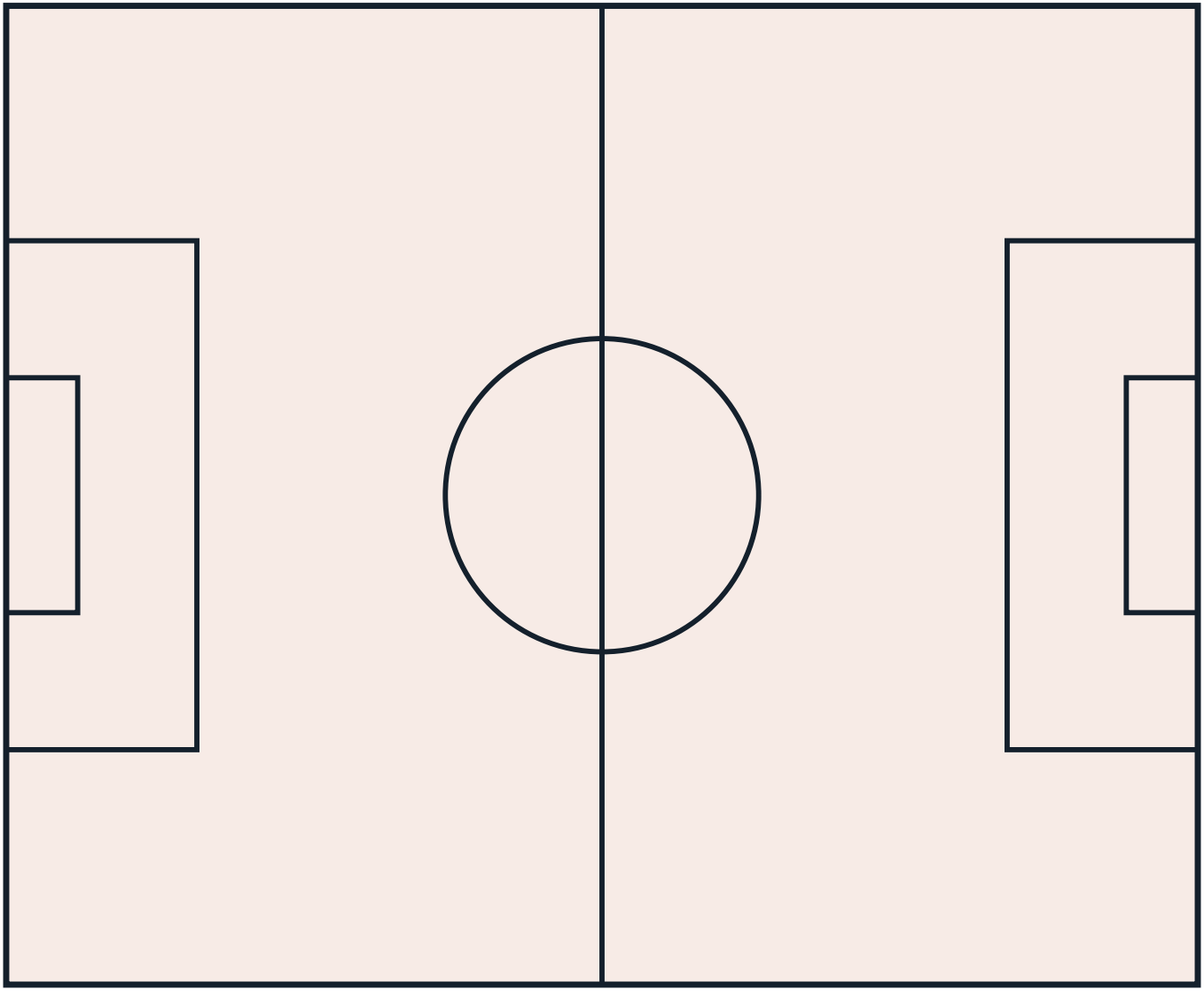
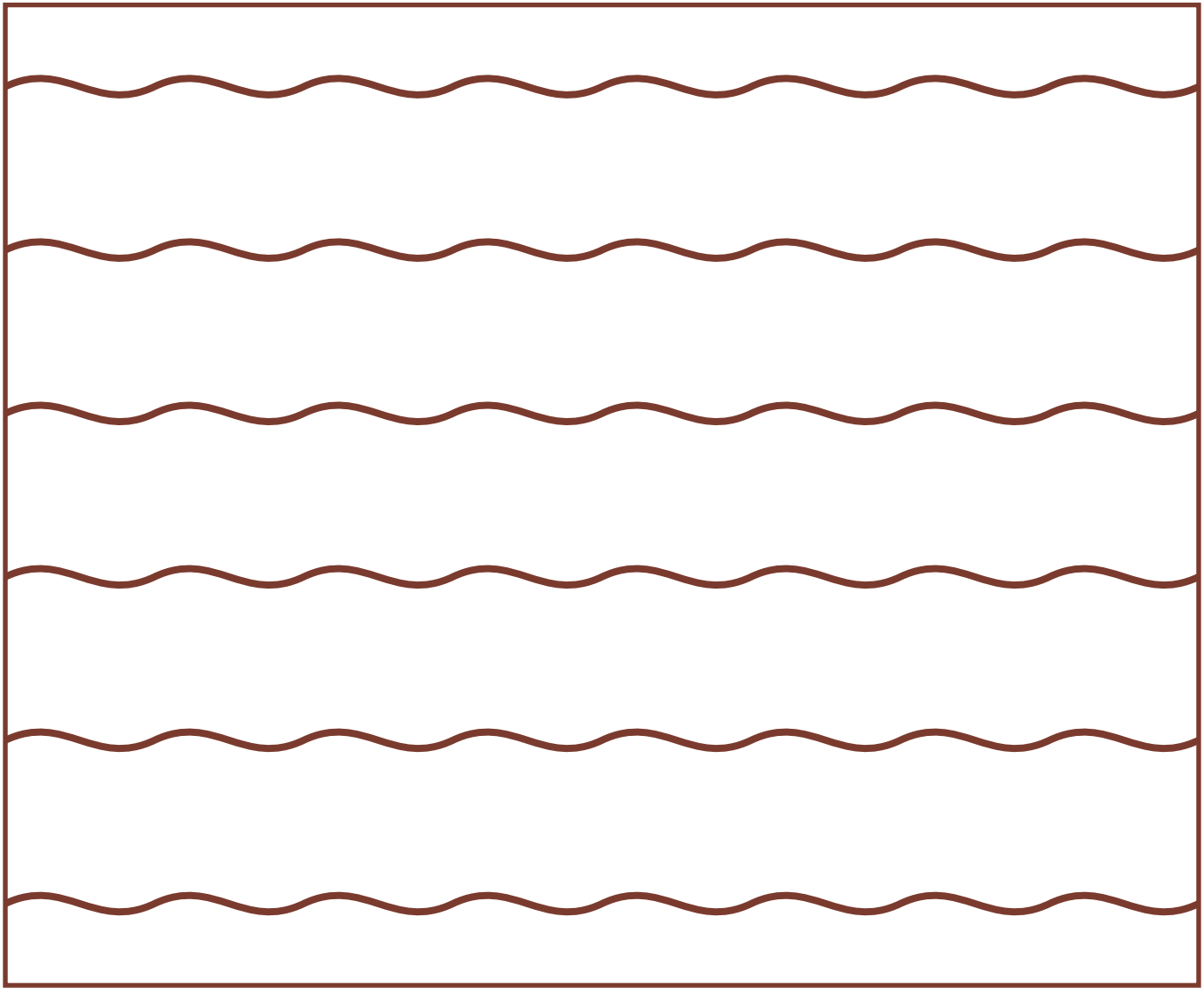


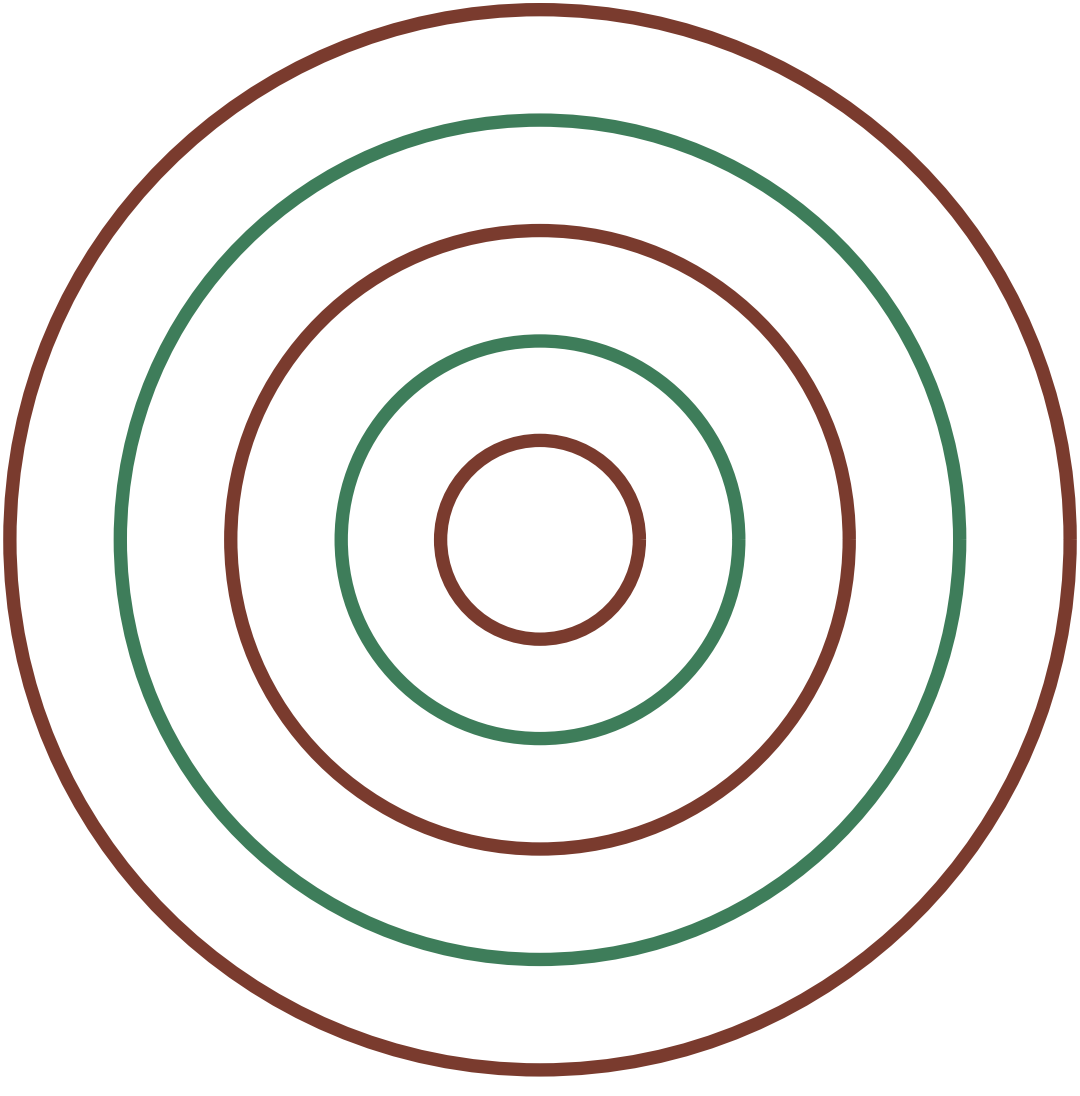
At School and College



Play It Near You



Through the Year



The Traditional & regional 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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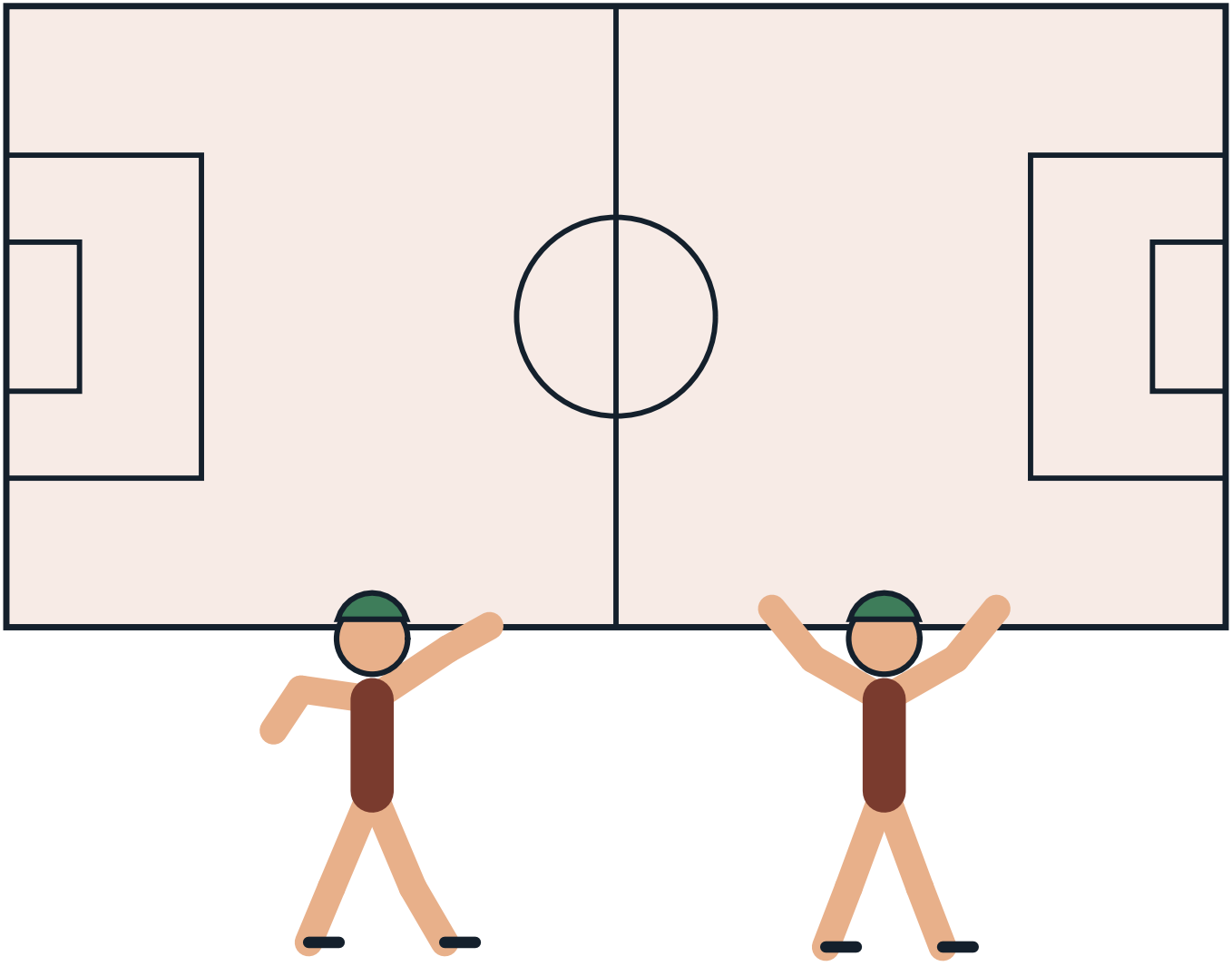
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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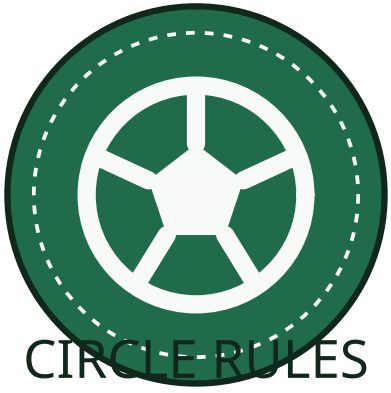

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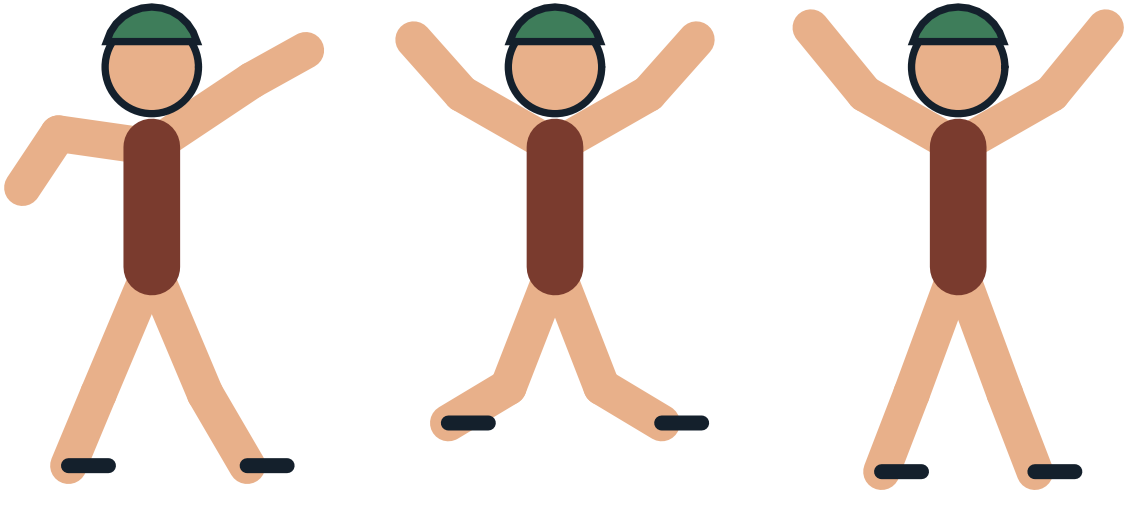
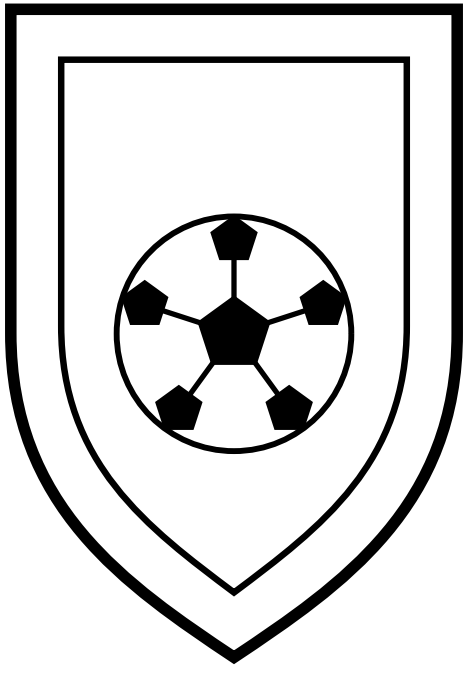
Moves of the Game



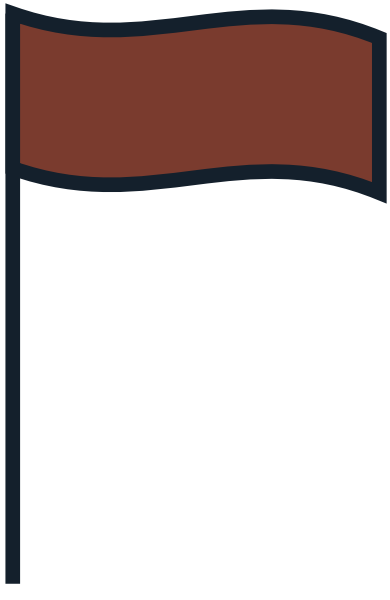
Design a Badge



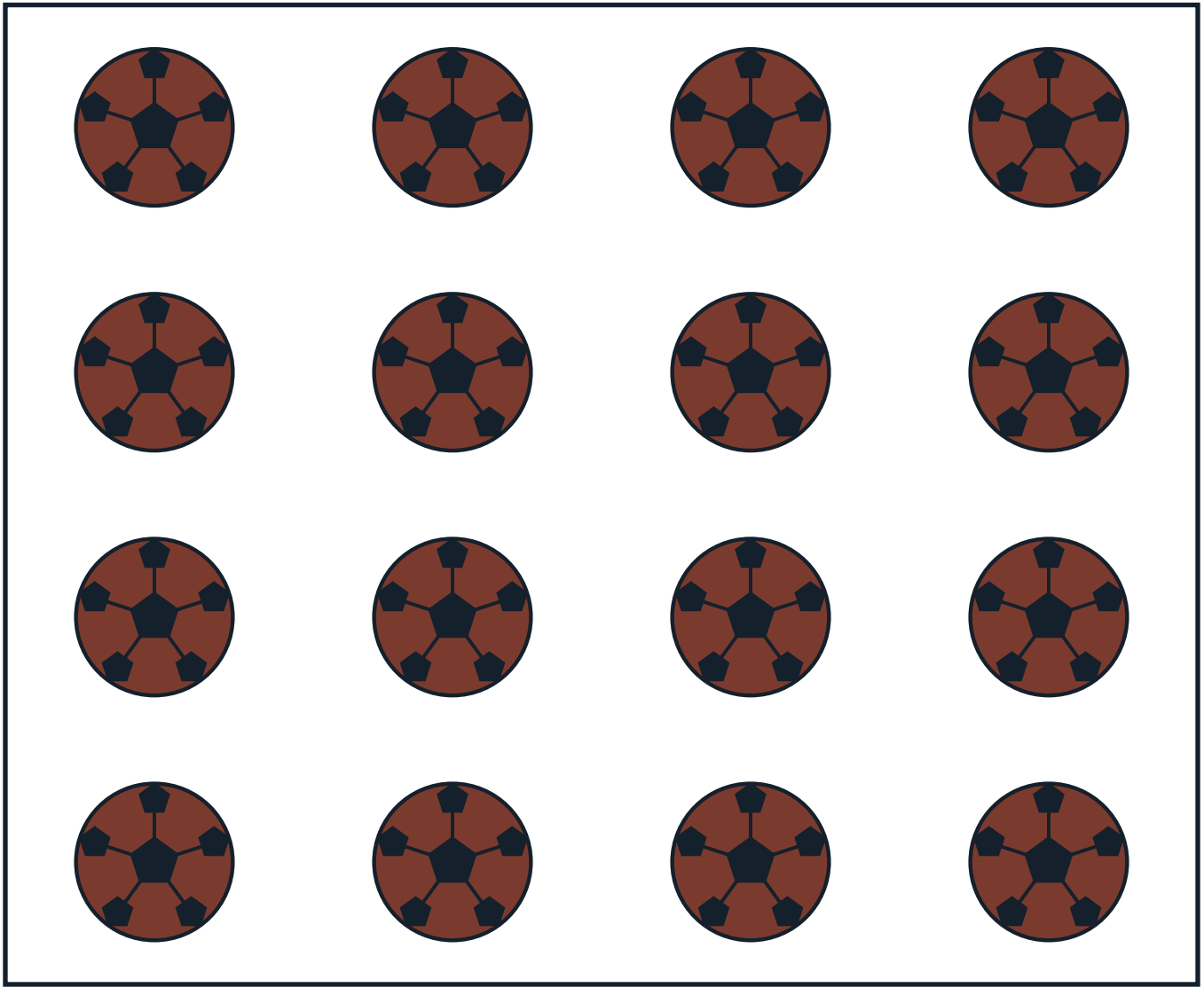
Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

The Gear Parade

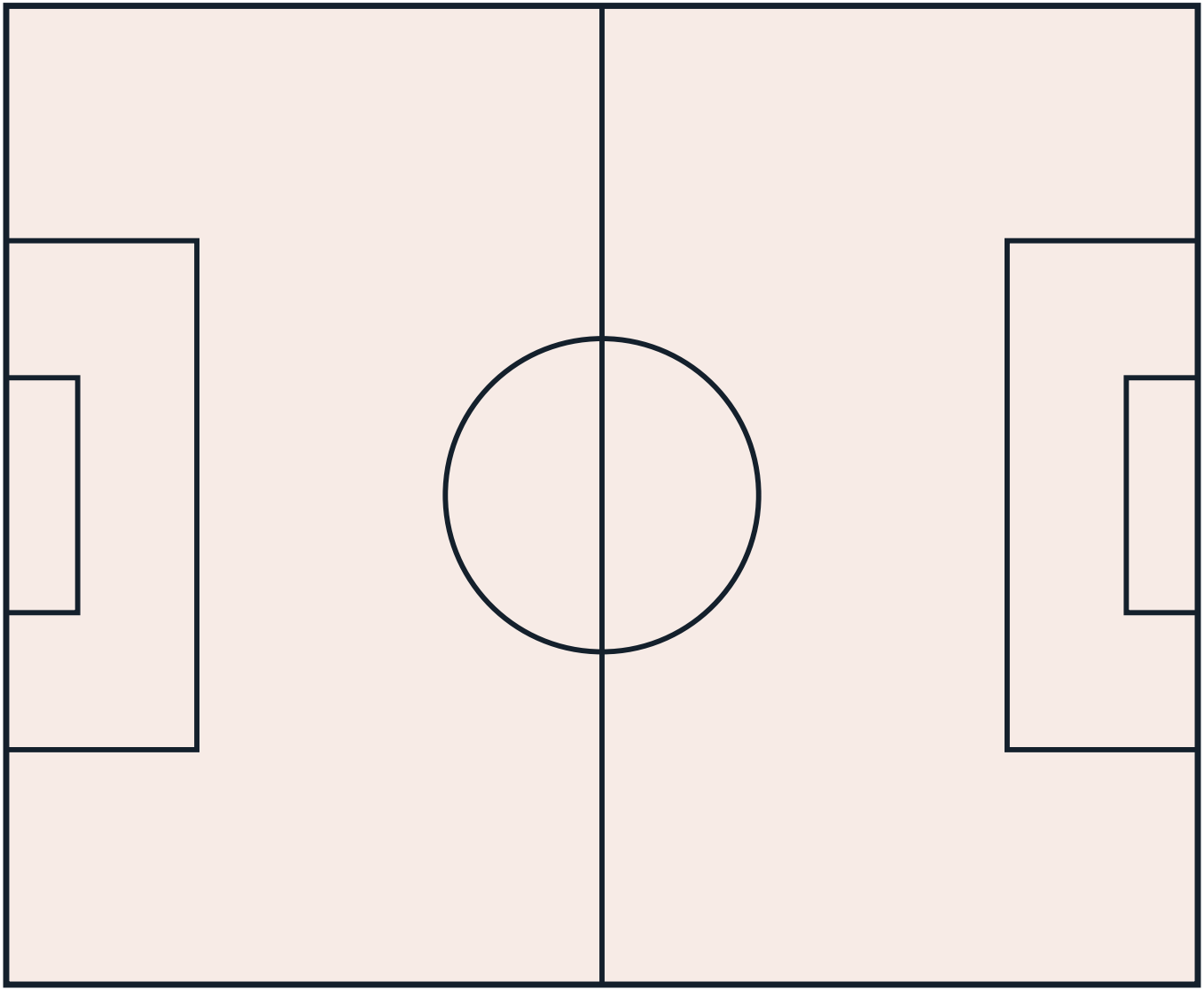




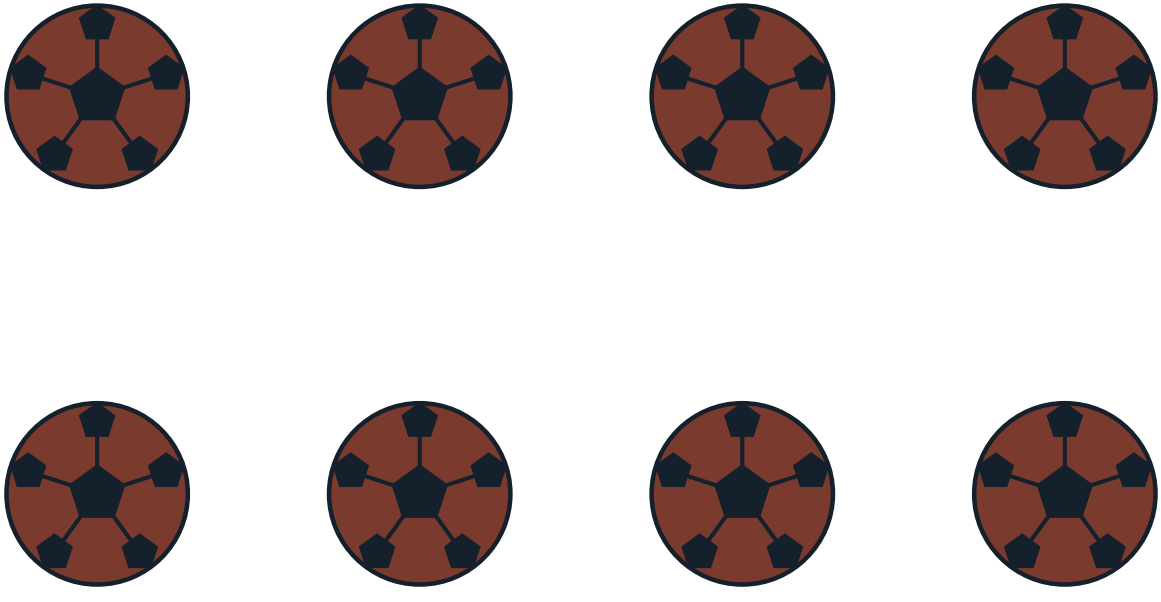
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



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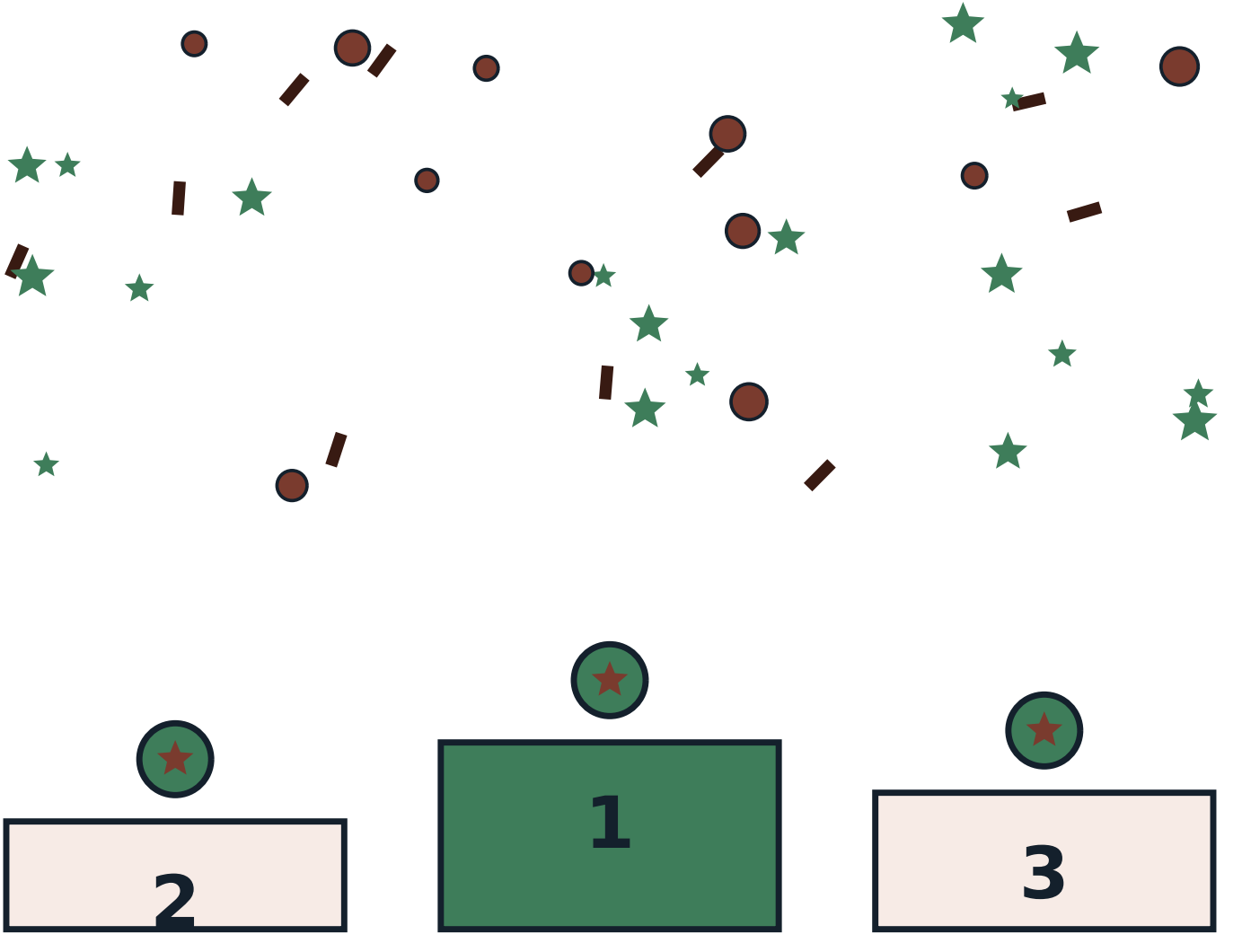
My Favourite Part of Circle Rules Football

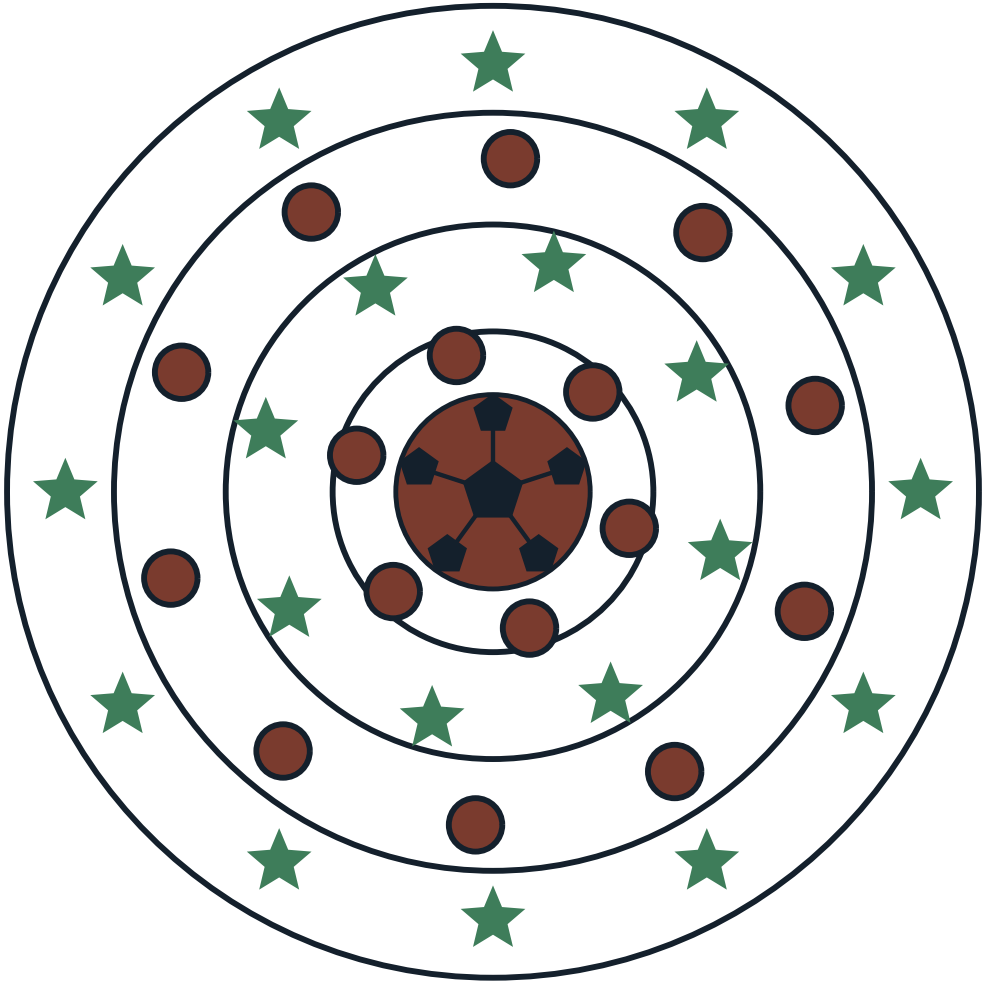
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Governing body: No governing body — Circle Rules Federation (former league organiser). Laws edition the site's rules file follows: Circle Rules Football published rules (Circle Rules Federation league form, 2009-2010). 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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