THE CARTOON BOOK OF

RUGBY LEAGUE



GOAL & INVASION

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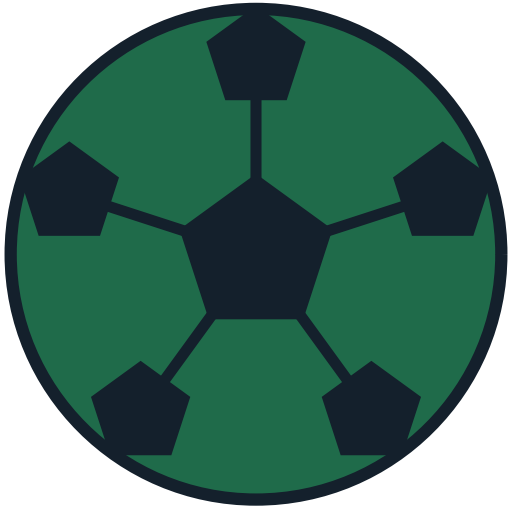
Meet Rugby League!

Thirteen a side with six tackles per possession. A faster, more continuous game than union.



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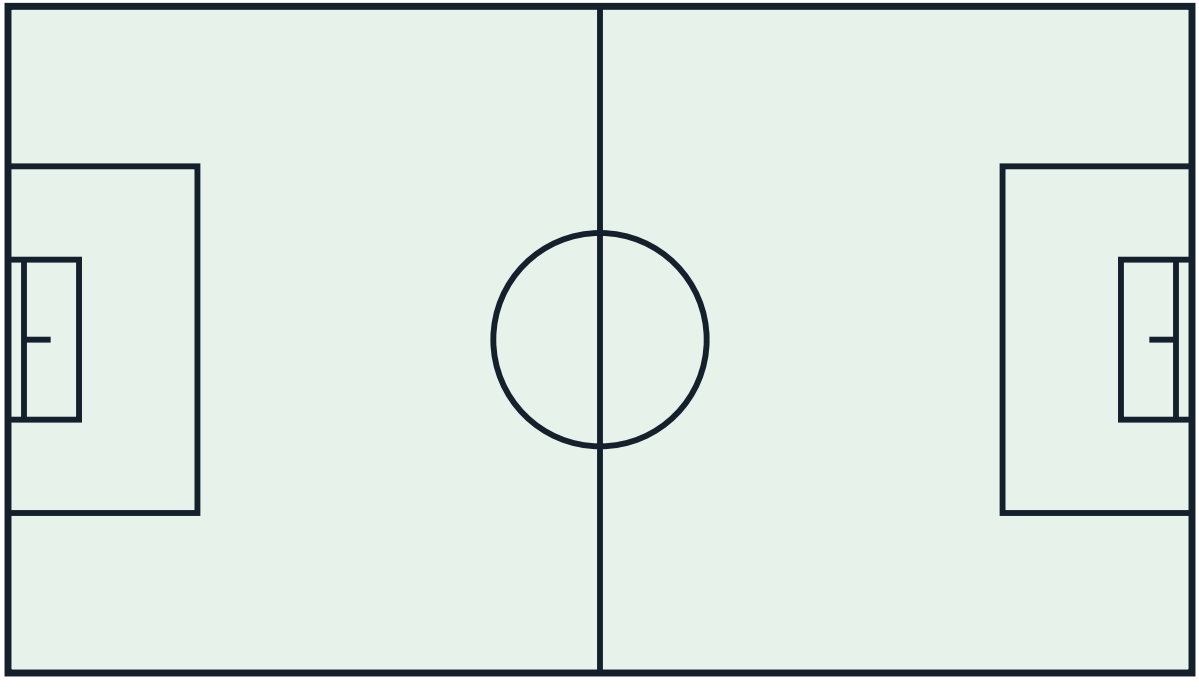

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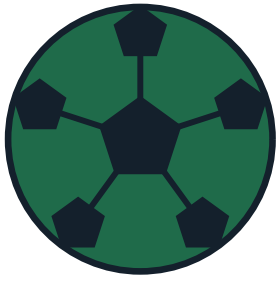

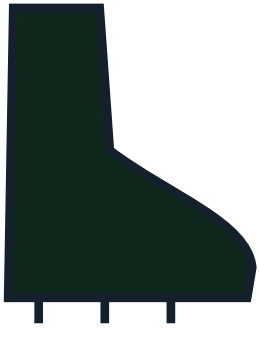



Meet the Ball & goal Family

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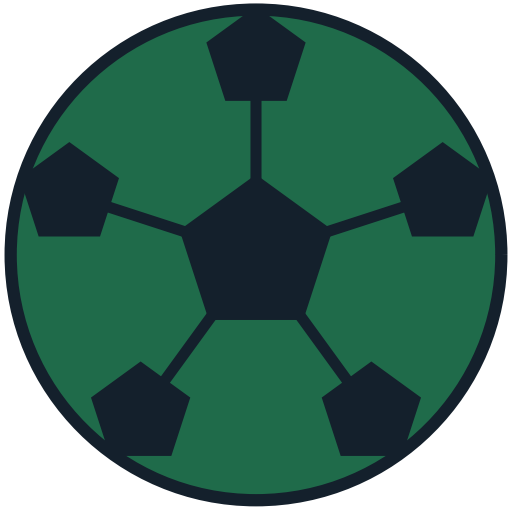
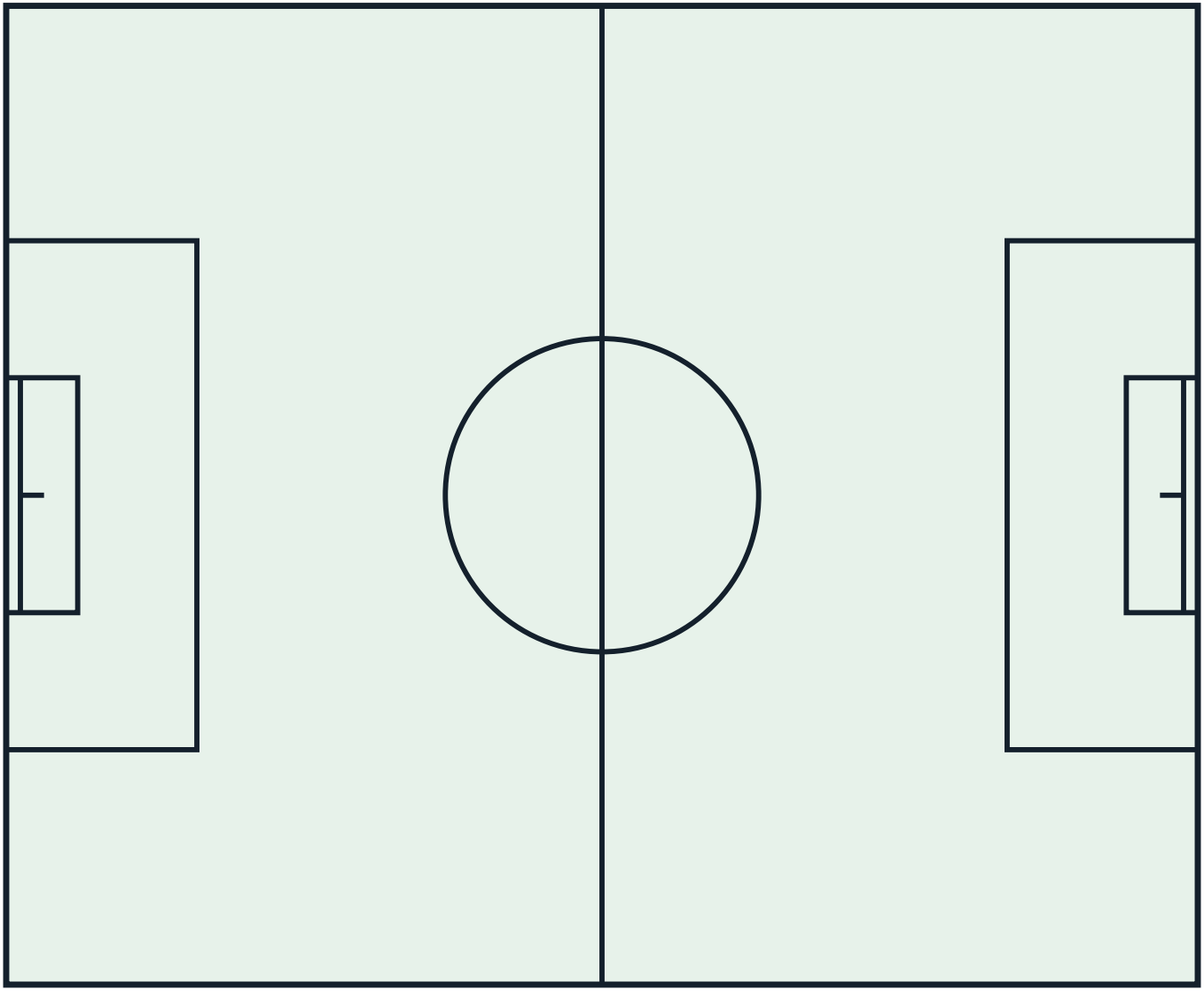
- Australian Rules Football — Eighteen a side on a large oval. Kick or handball the ball and score goals (6 points) or…
- Canadian Football — Twelve-a-side gridiron game with three downs, run by the CFL.
- Gaelic Football — Irish field sport mixing soccer and rugby, run by the GAA.

How to Play

Rugby league rewrites itself faster than any comparable sport — the NRL in particular treats its rulebook as a product under continuous development. Its signature modern changes are about one thing: keeping the ball in play and the collisions honest.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

The Story So Far

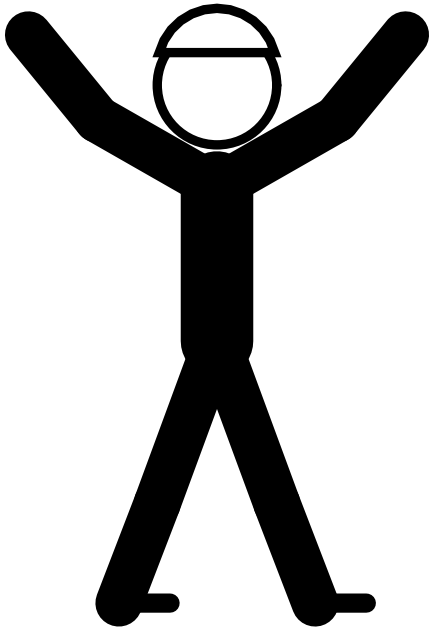
Split from union in northern England in 1895 over payments to players.



Rules That Changed the Game

- 2003 — Golden Point: Golden point remains the regular-season decider; its field-goal shootouts are now criticised exactly as soccer's golden goal was, .
- 2013 — The Shoulder Charge Ban: The shoulder charge is extinct in the professional game; tackling technique is coached arms-first from juniors, and the old hits l.
- 2020 — Six Again (the Set Restart): Six again transformed the sport's tempo and fatigue economics: defensive lines can no longer buy rest, momentum compounds brutally.
- 2021 — The Two-Point Field Goal: The two-point field goal now shapes endgame strategy — teams set deliberately for the 41-metre strike when down by two — and has p.

Colour the Action



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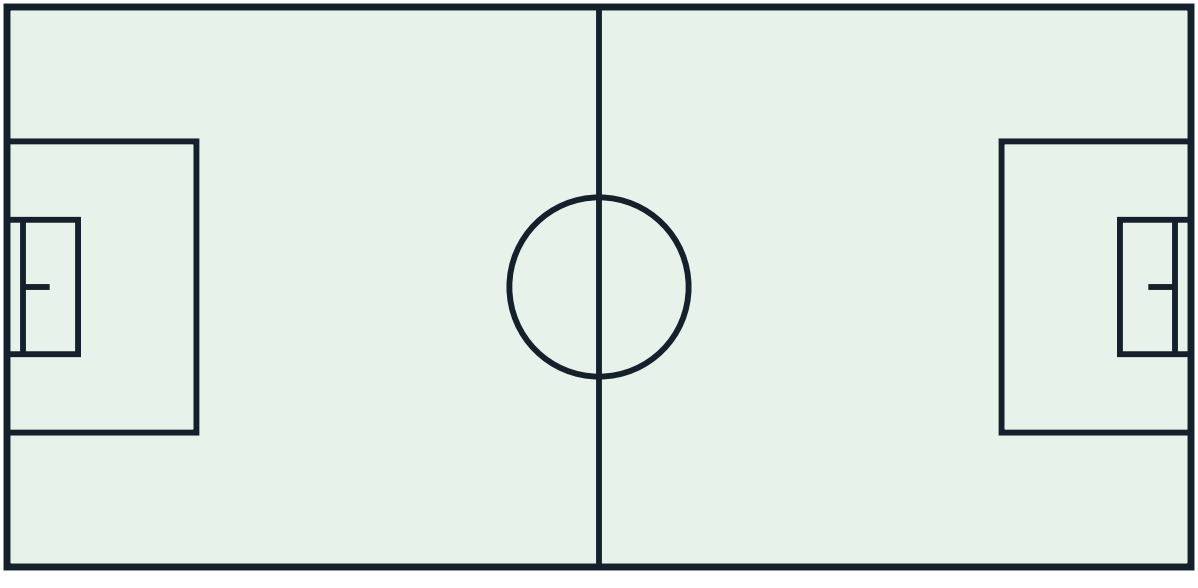
The Sport Today

NRL in Australia and NZ, Super League in England and France, State of Origin.



At School and College

Strong school and junior pathways in Queensland and NSW.

Play It Near You

Community clubs, nines, touch football.

Through the Year

NRL from March to October; State of Origin mid-year; World Cup every few years.

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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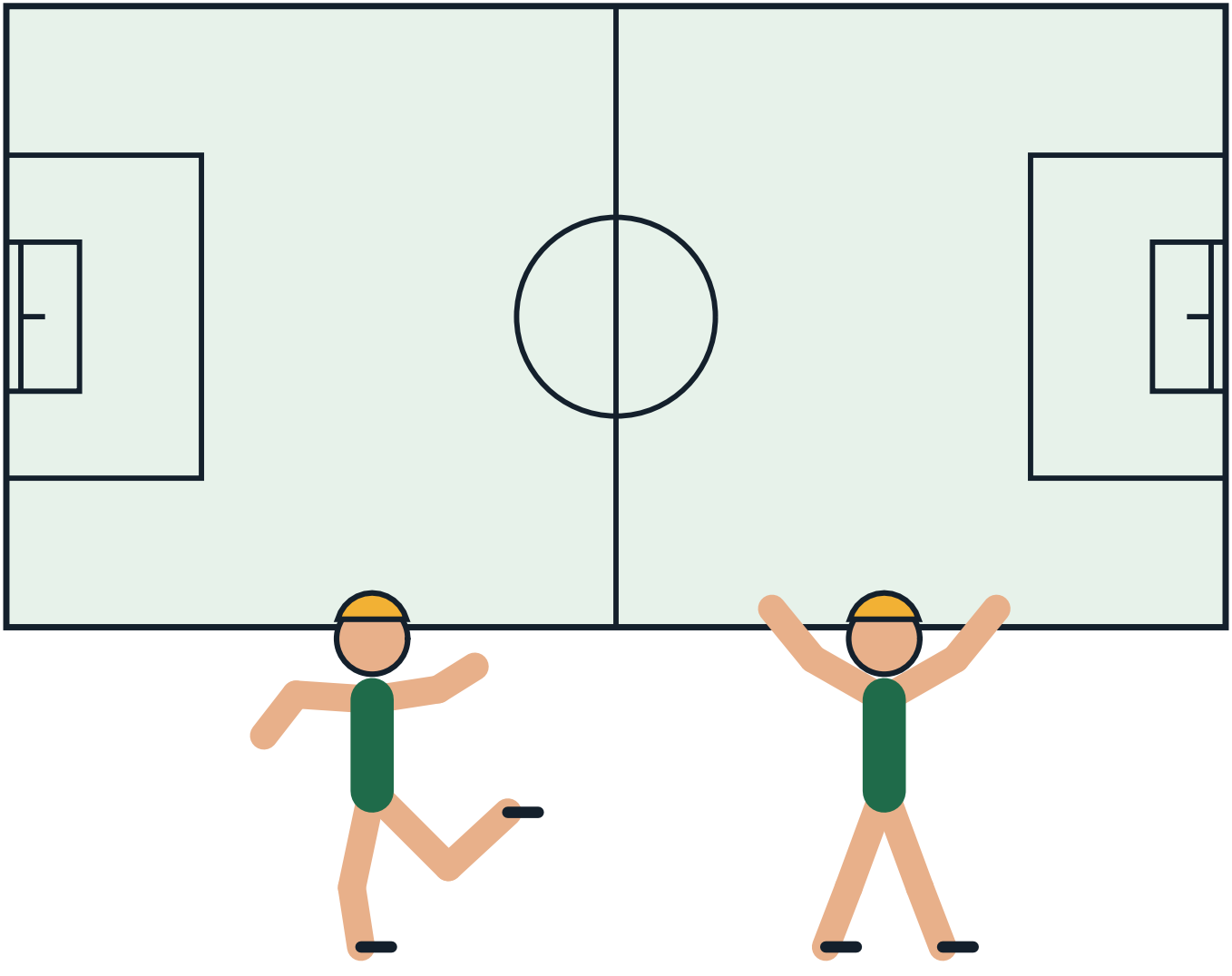
Game Day!



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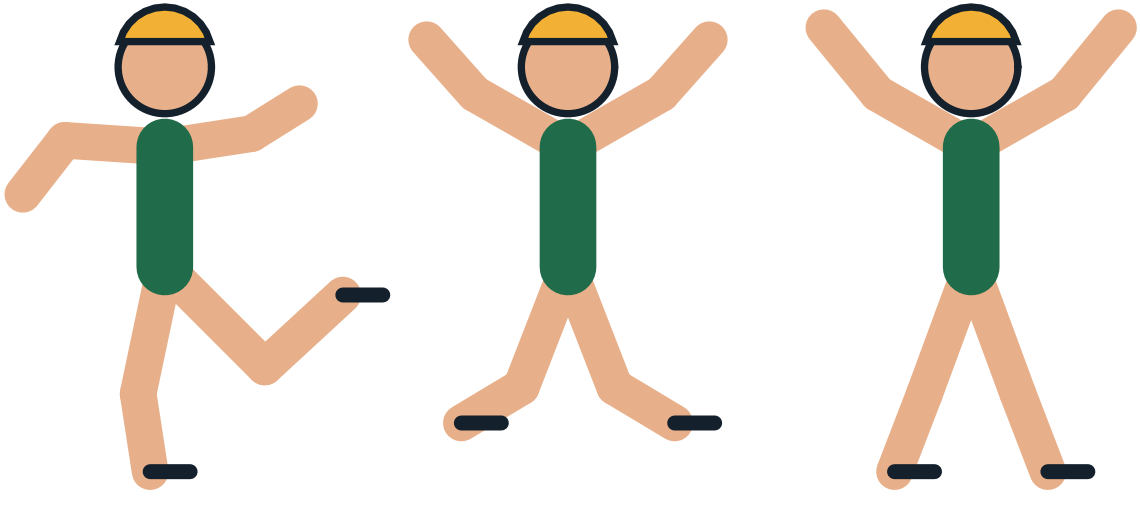
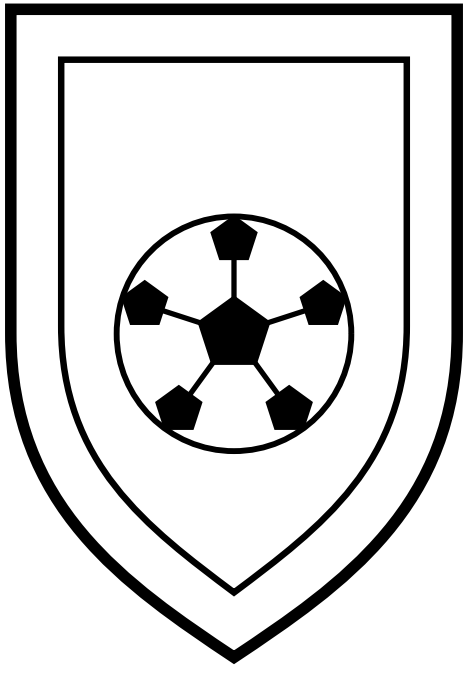
Moves of the Game



Design a Badge

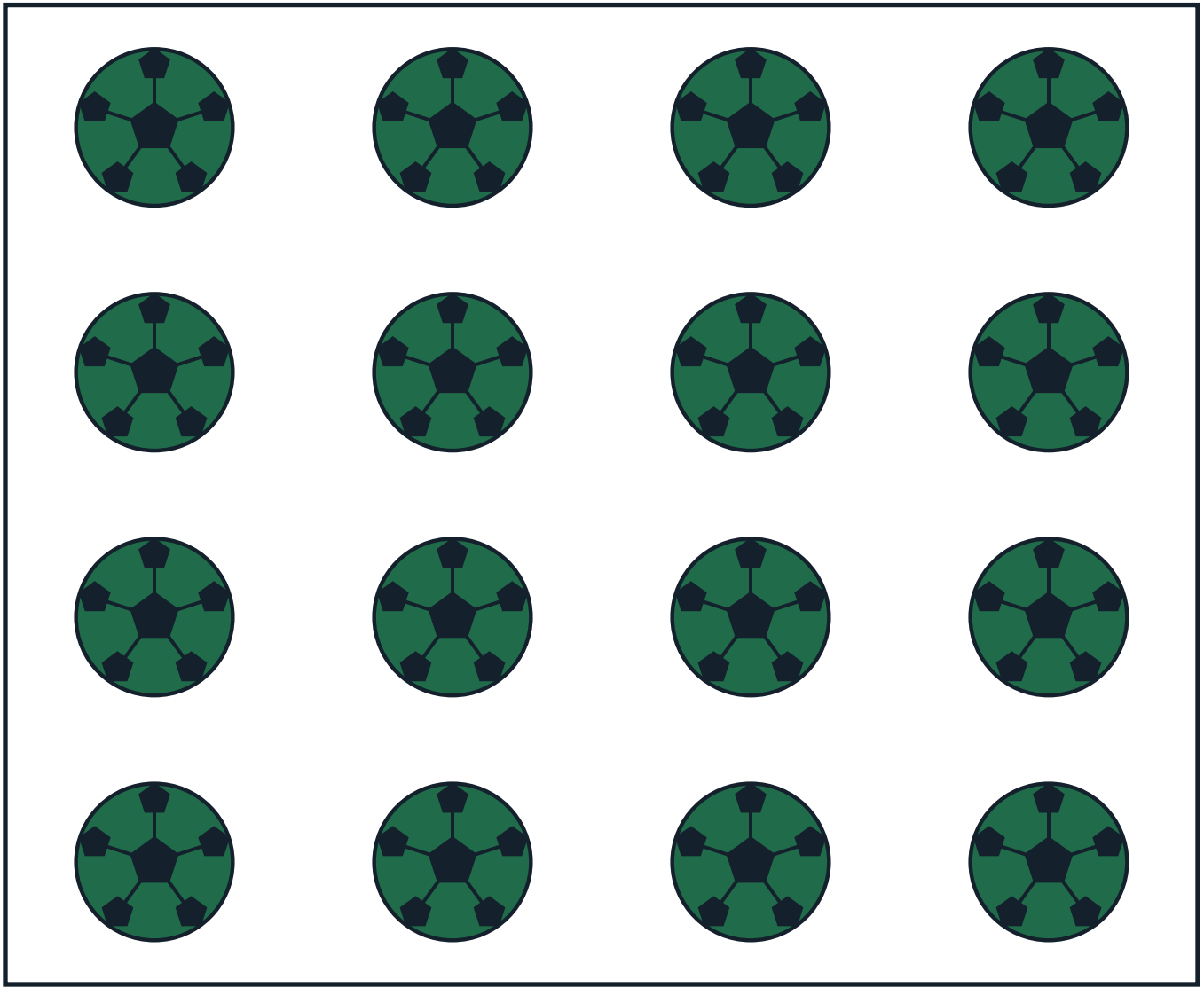


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

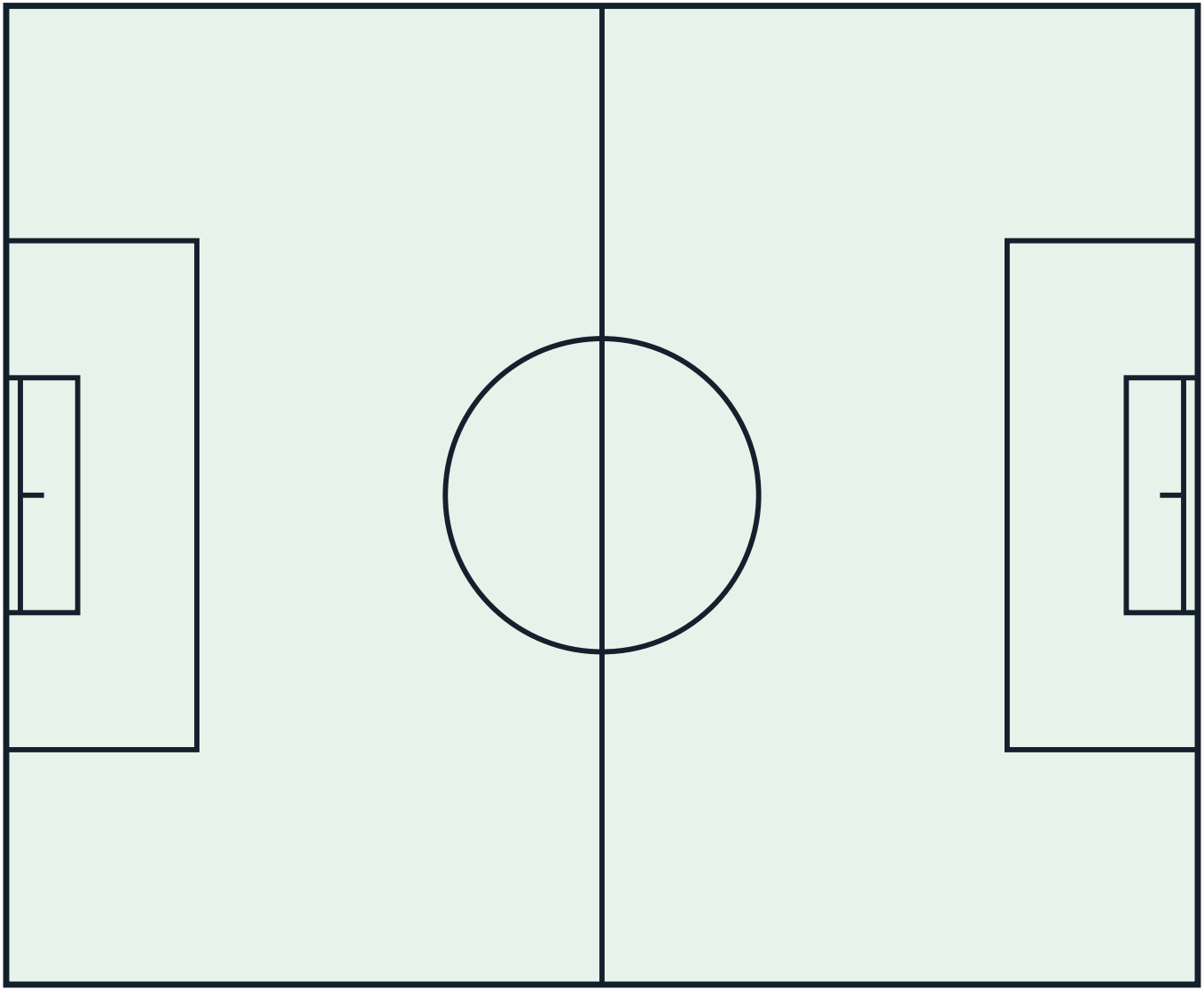
The Gear Parade



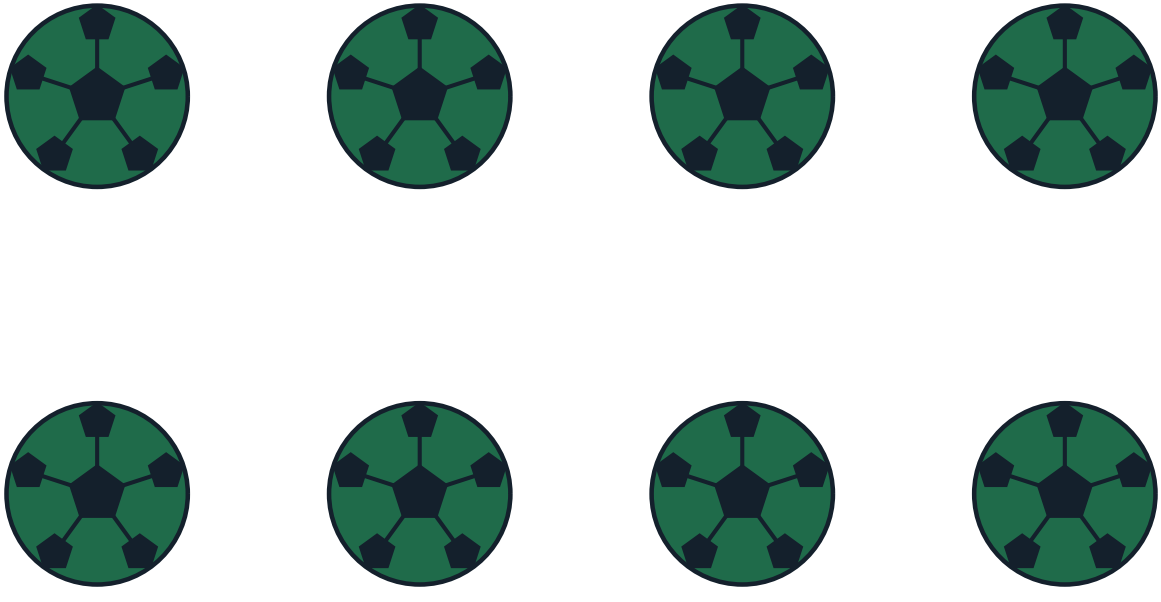
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



Count the Balls!



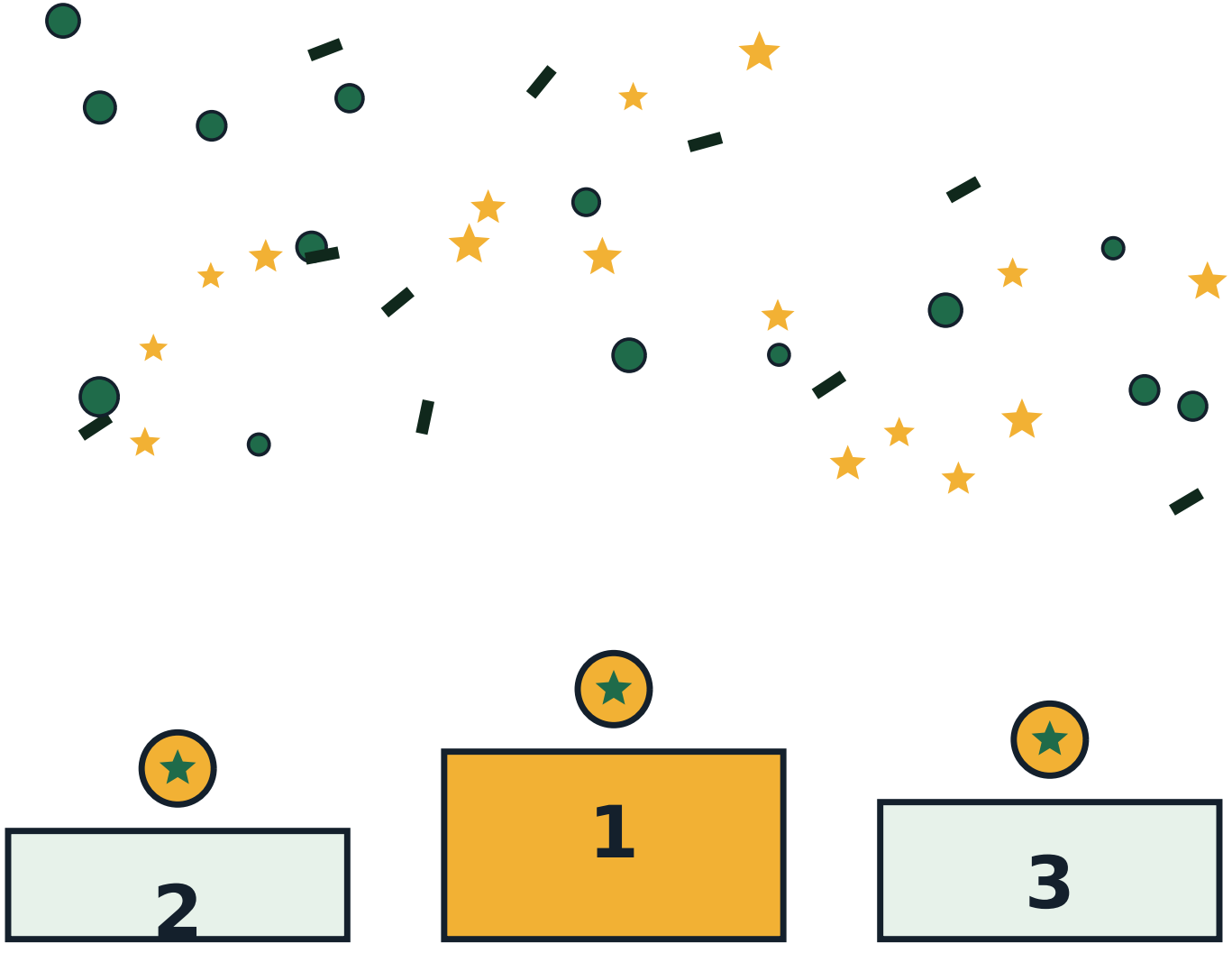
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Rugby League

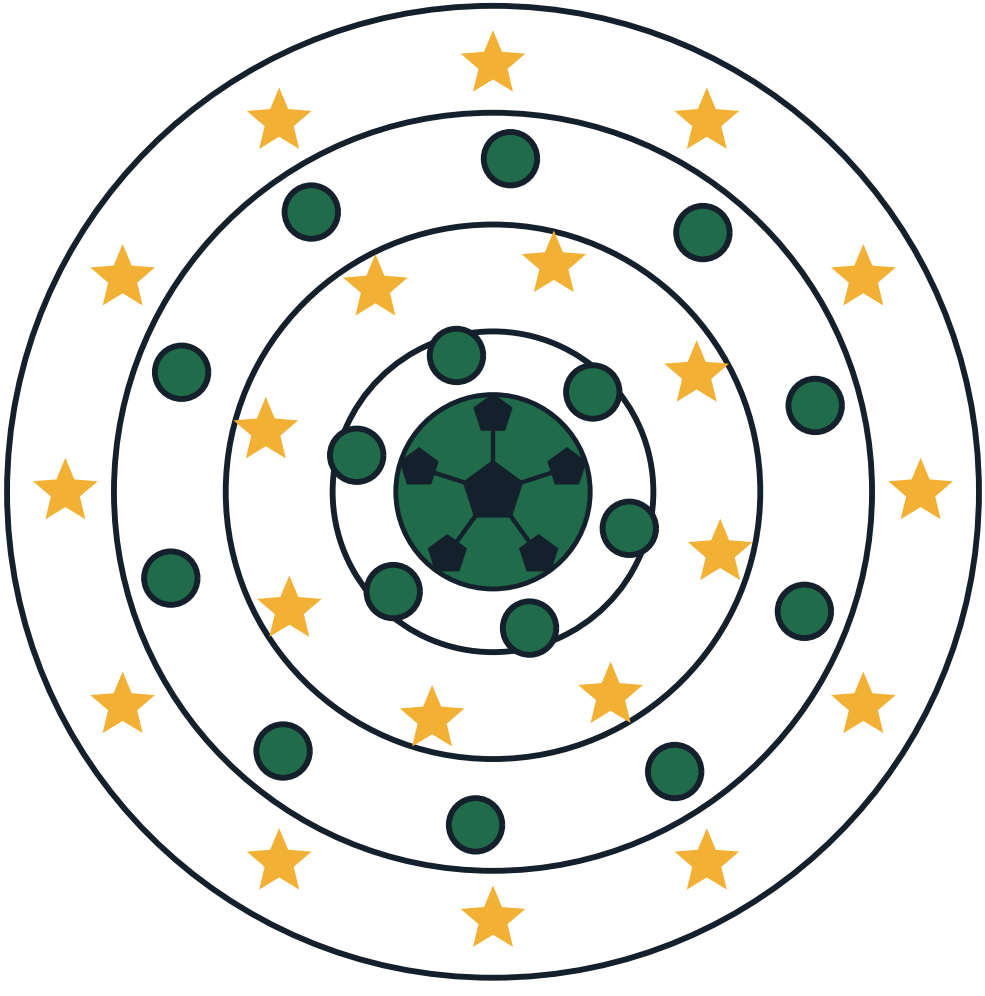
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Rule-change history: NRL rule-change announcements (2003, 2013, 2020, 2021) and ARLC documentation; Super League adoption records.. 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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Rugby League

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