THE CARTOON BOOK OF

CANADIAN FOOTBALL



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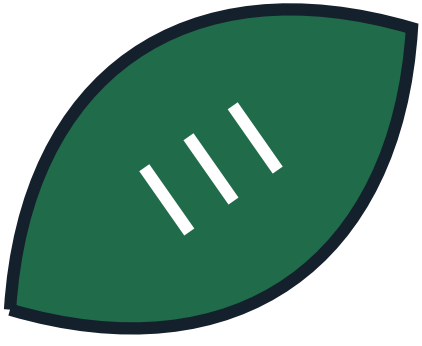
Meet Canadian Football!

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



Where It Is Played



The Gear



Meet the Ball & goal Family

- Football (Soccer) — Two teams of 11 try to score in the opposing goal, mostly without using hands.
- Rugby Union — Fifteen a side, full contact, with the ball passed backwards.
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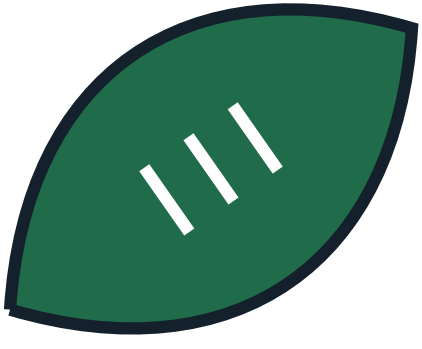
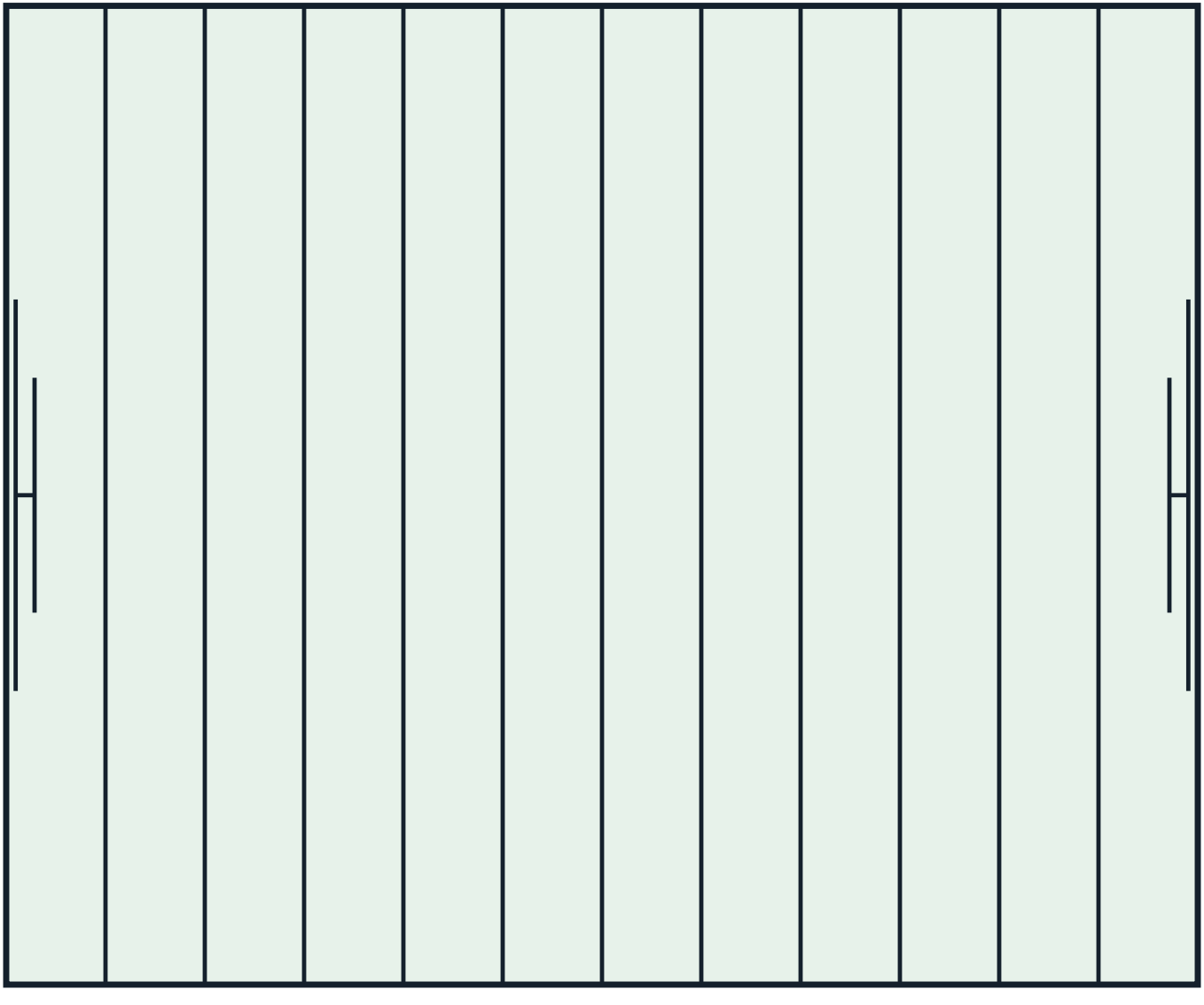
- American Football — Eleven a side; advance the ball 10 yards in four downs or score touchdowns and field goals.
- Australian Rules Football — Eighteen a side on a large oval. Kick or handball the ball and score goals (6 points) or…
- Gaelic Football — Irish field sport mixing soccer and rugby, run by the GAA.

How to Play

Canadian football is gridiron's parallel evolution: three downs, a 110-yard field, twelve men, the rouge. The CFL has mostly guarded its distinctiveness — which makes its recent convergence package (2026–27) the most argued-over change in the league's history.



The Playing Area



Good to Know

Moments That Shaped the Game

- inherited from the game's 19th-century roots — The Rouge (the Single Point): A single point is scored when a kicked ball (punt, missed field goal, kickoff) is not returned out of the end zone, or g.
- 2015 — The 2015 Convert Re-positioning: In the same year the NFL moved its kick back, the CFL moved the convert kick to the 25-yard line (a 32-yard attempt) and.
- 2022 — The 2022 Hash-Mark Convergence: The hashes narrowed to 9 yards apart (about 28 yards from each sideline) for 2022, alongside pace measures (kickoffs mov.
- announced September 2025; phased 2026–27 — The Great Convergence (2026–27 Package): Commissioner Stewart Johnston's package phased the CFL toward its American cousin: from 2026, a modified rouge (no point.

Rules That Changed the Game

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- 2015 — The 2015 Convert Re-positioning: Convert kicks genuinely miss now, two-point attempts are a routine strategic choice in the Canadian game, and the paired distances.
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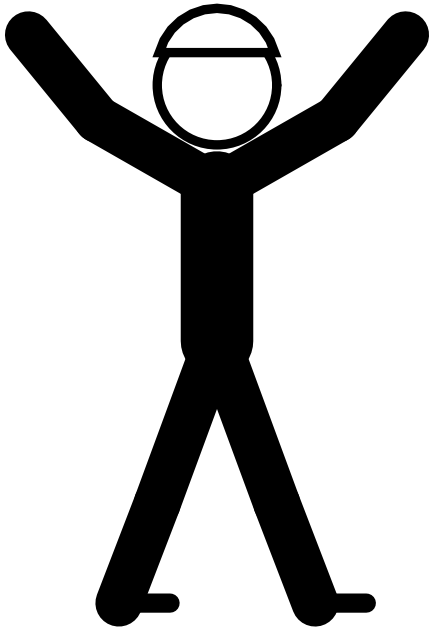
Colour the Action



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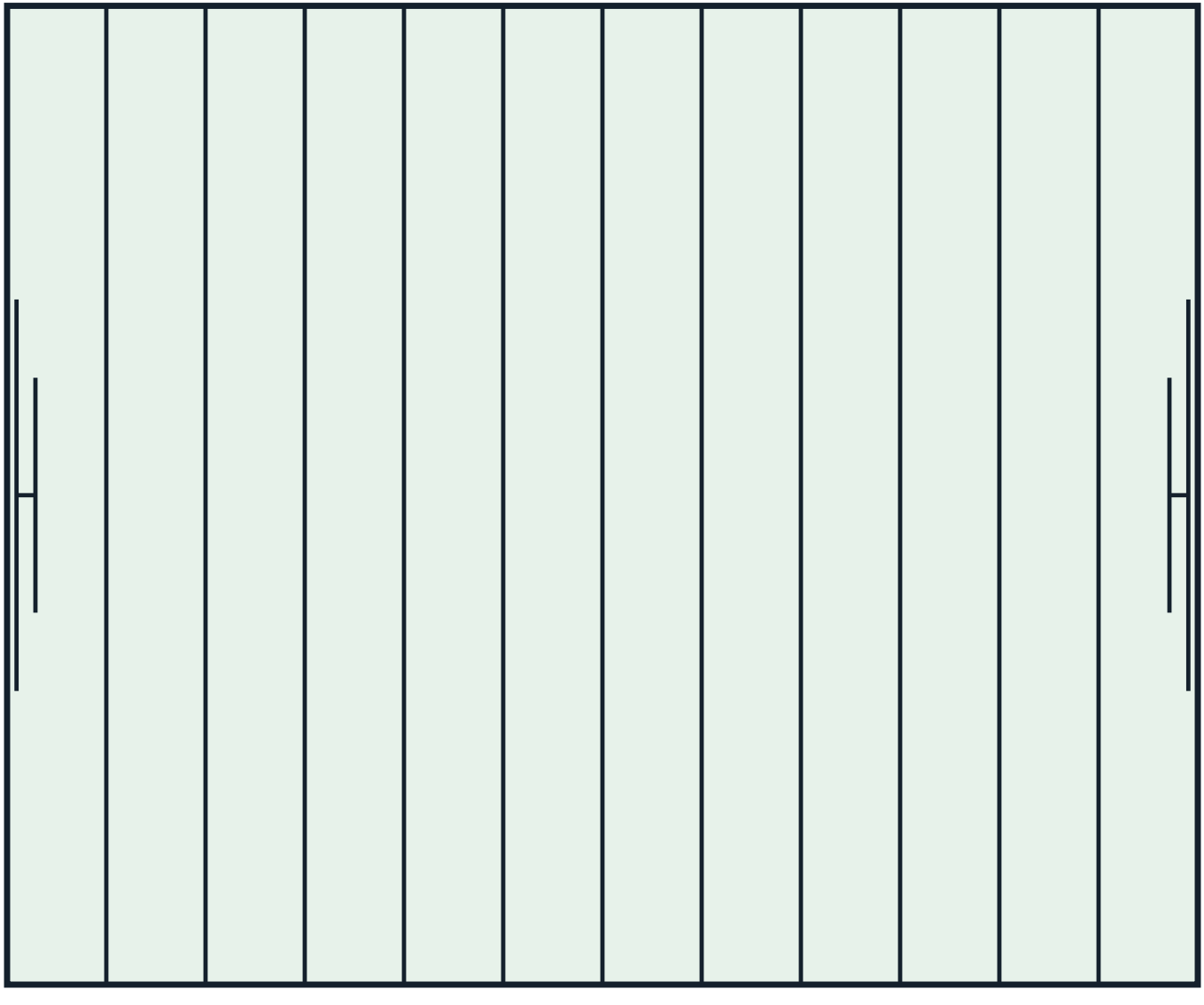
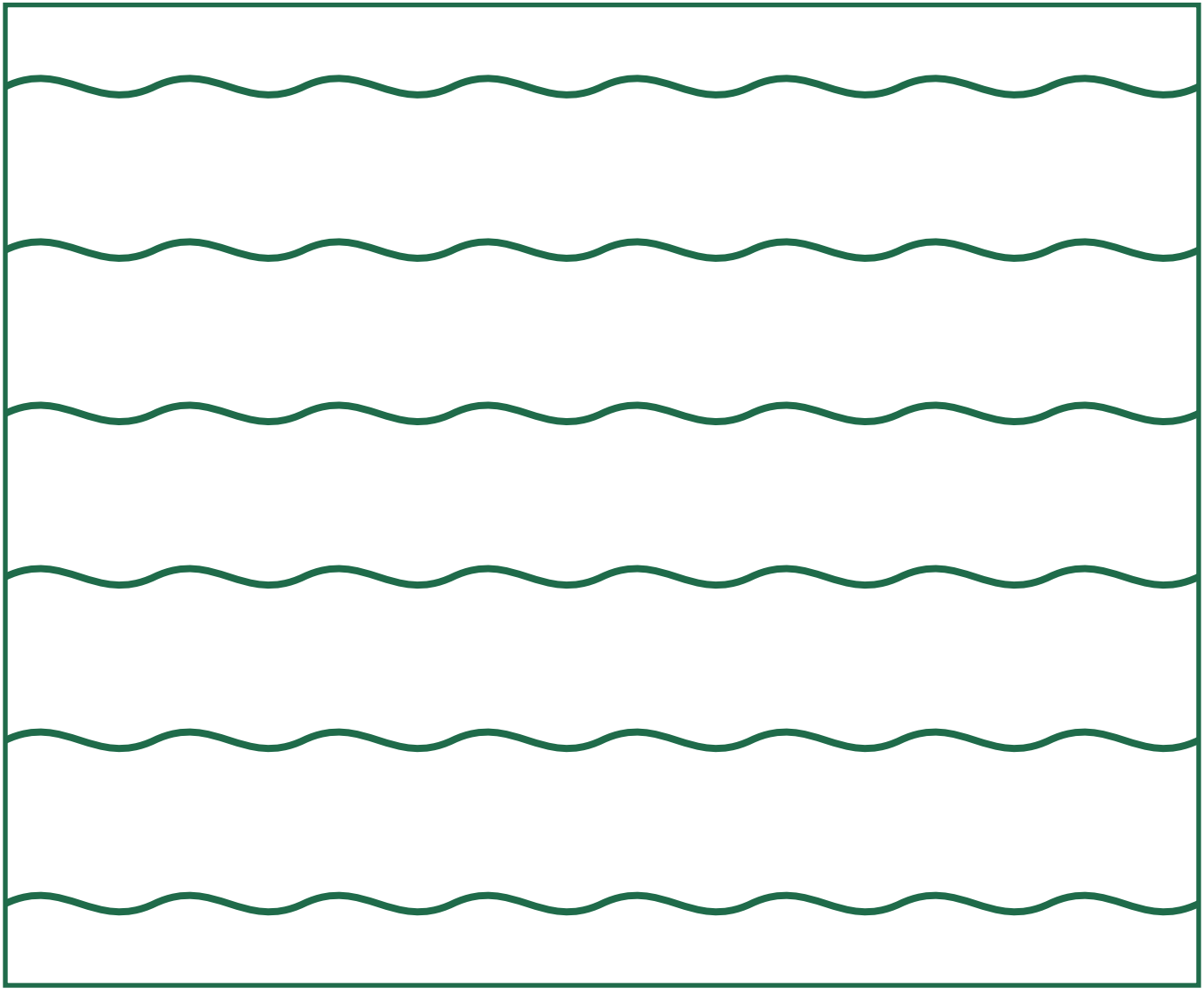
The Sport Today



At School and College



Play It Near You



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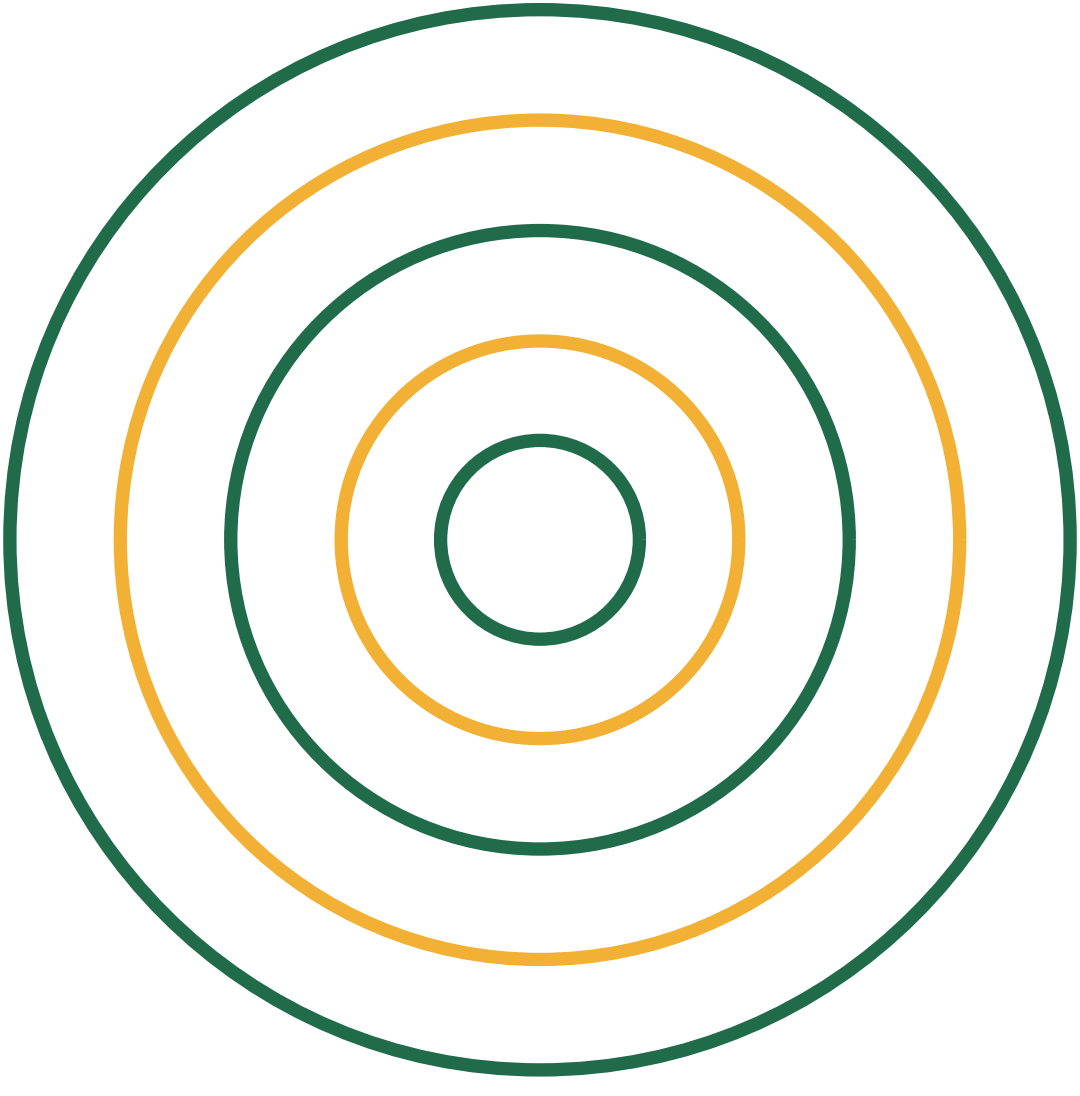

The Ball & goal Family

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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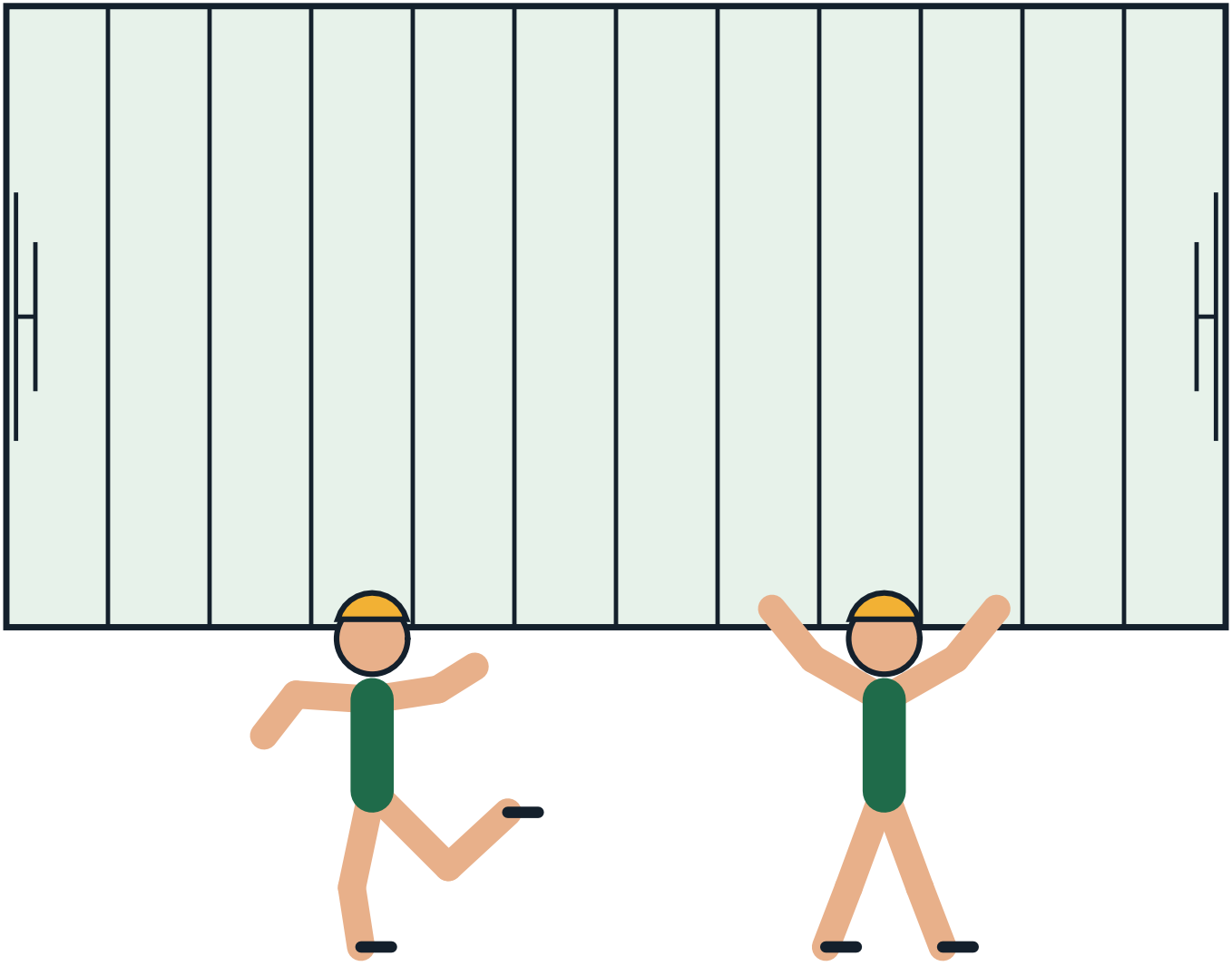
Game Day!



The Sport on Earth Mark

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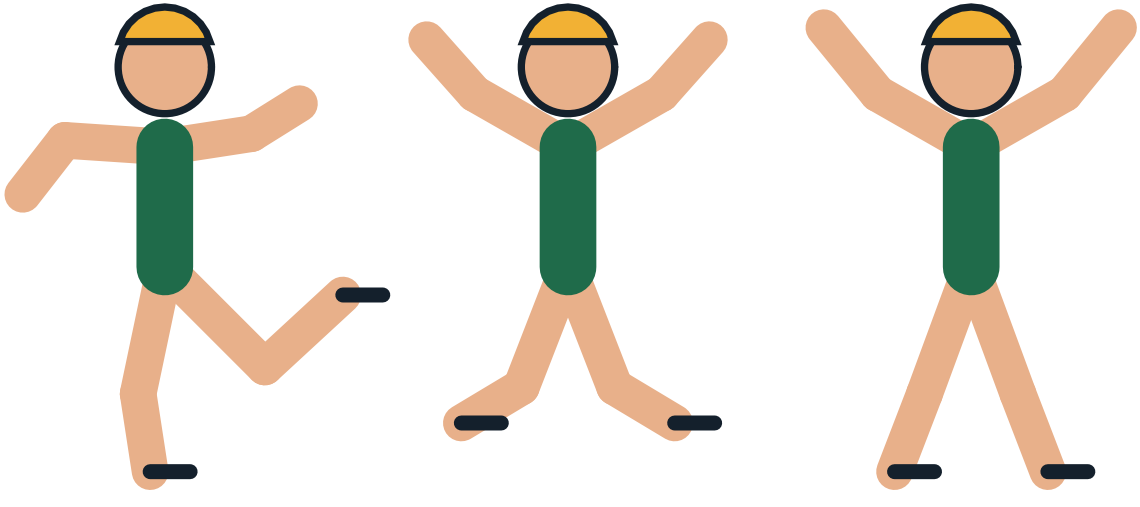
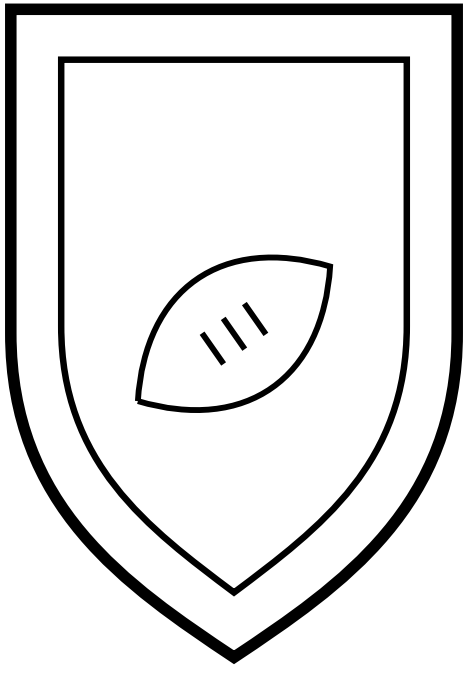
Moves of the Game



Design a Badge

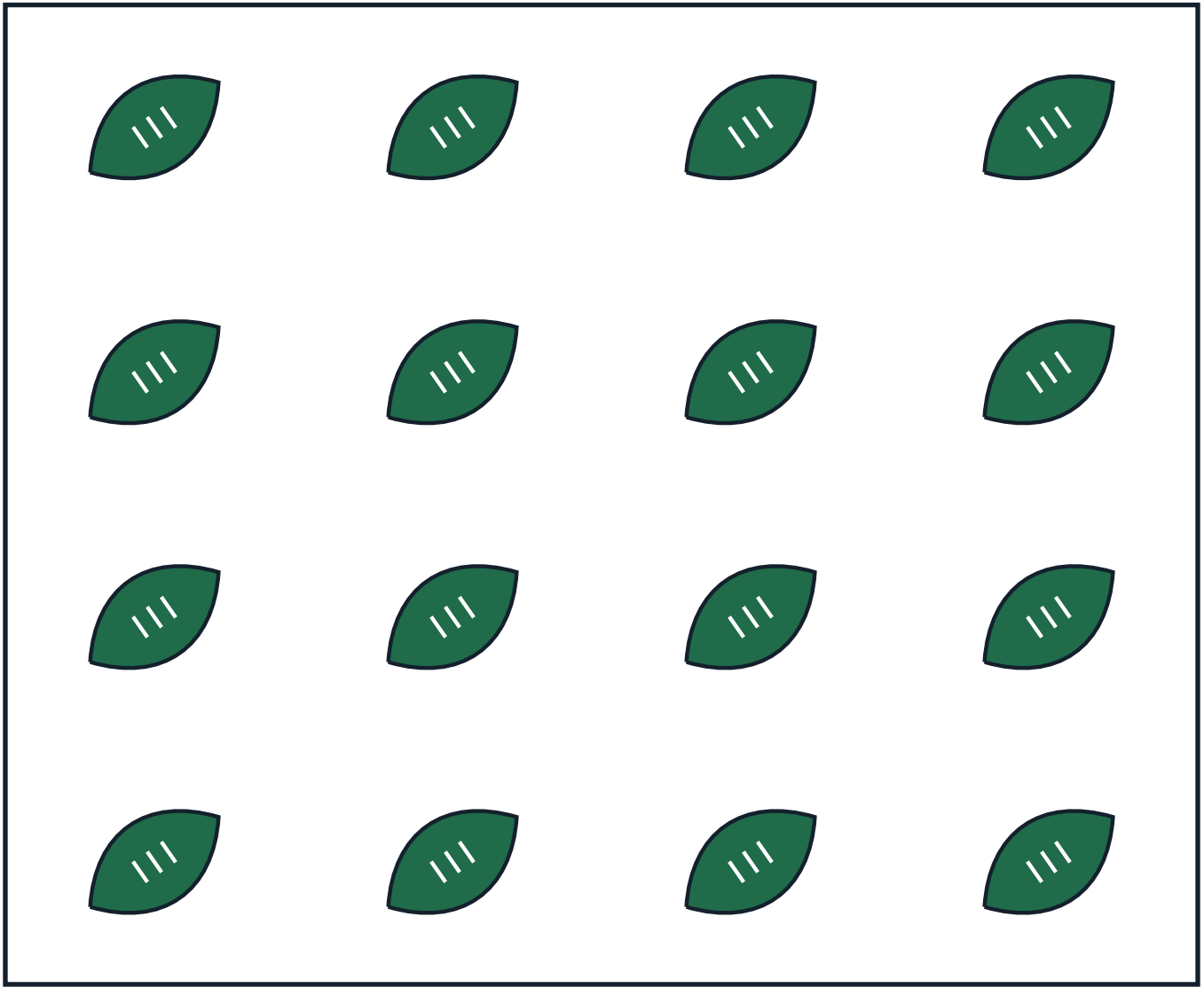


Draw and colour a badge for your own team.

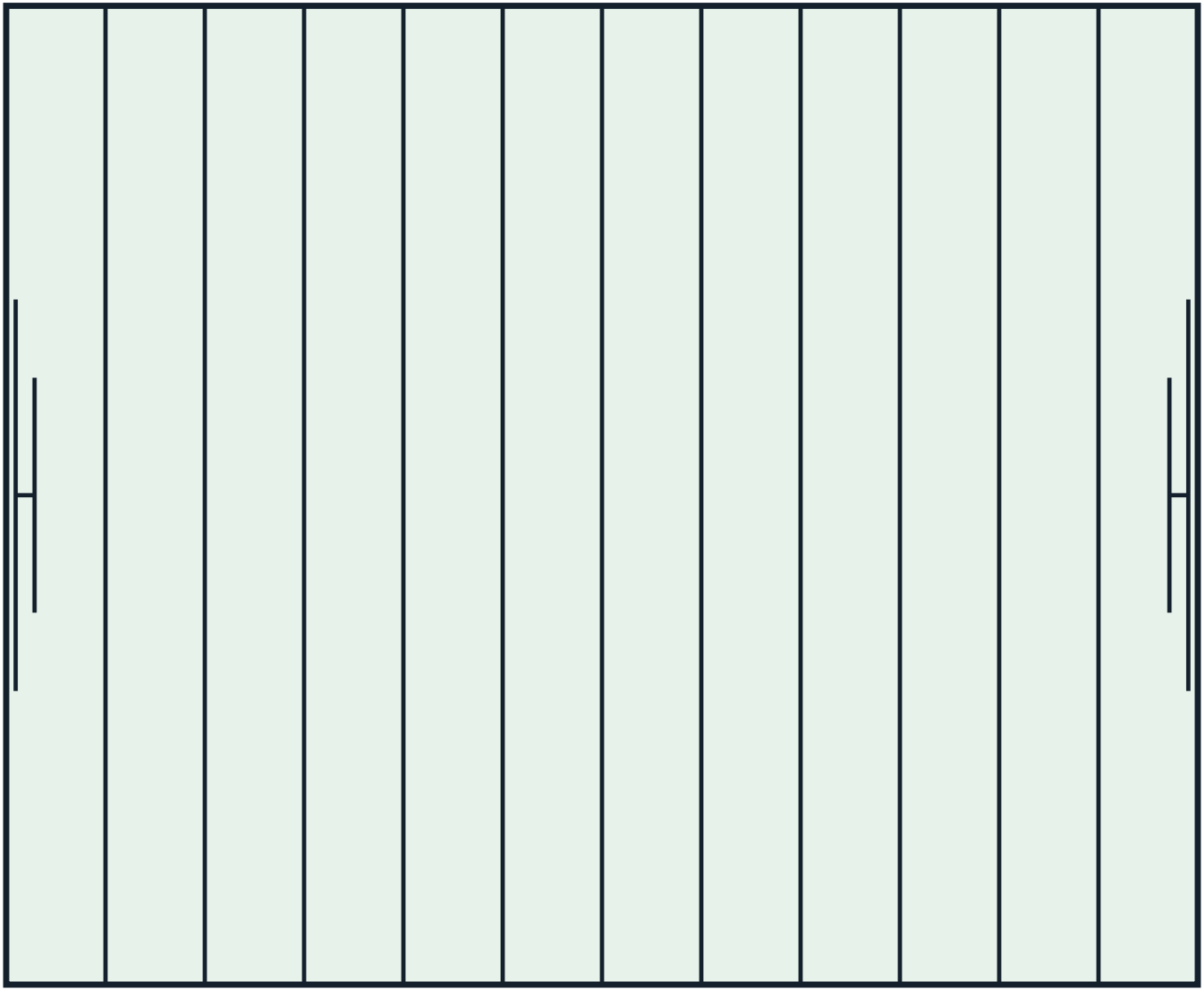
The Gear Parade



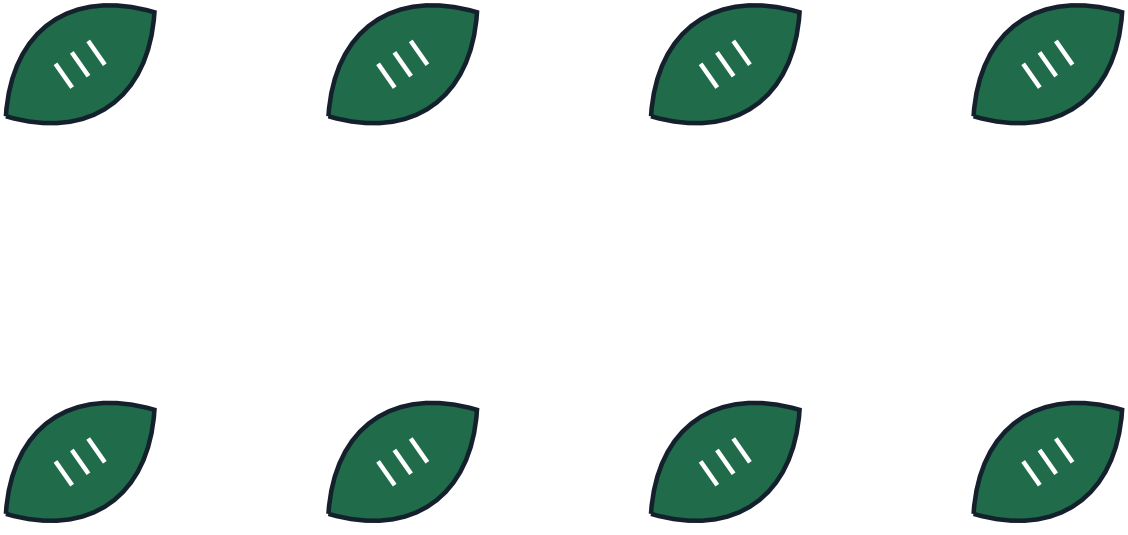
Pattern Play



The Arena From Above



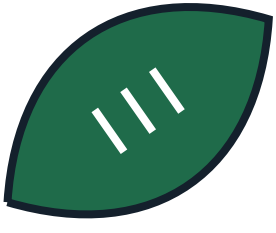
Count the Balls!



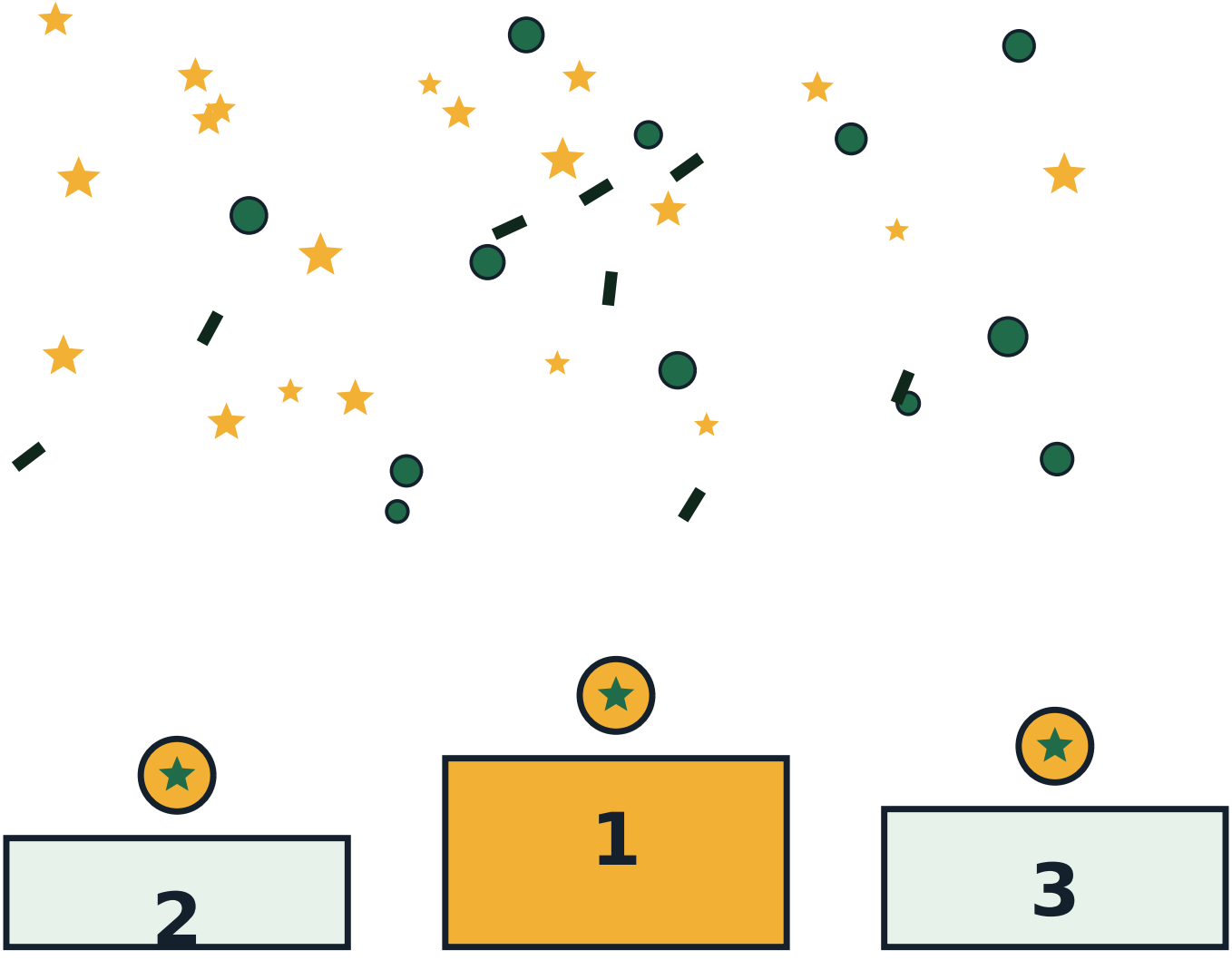
How many can you count? Write the number here: _____

My Favourite Part of Canadian Football

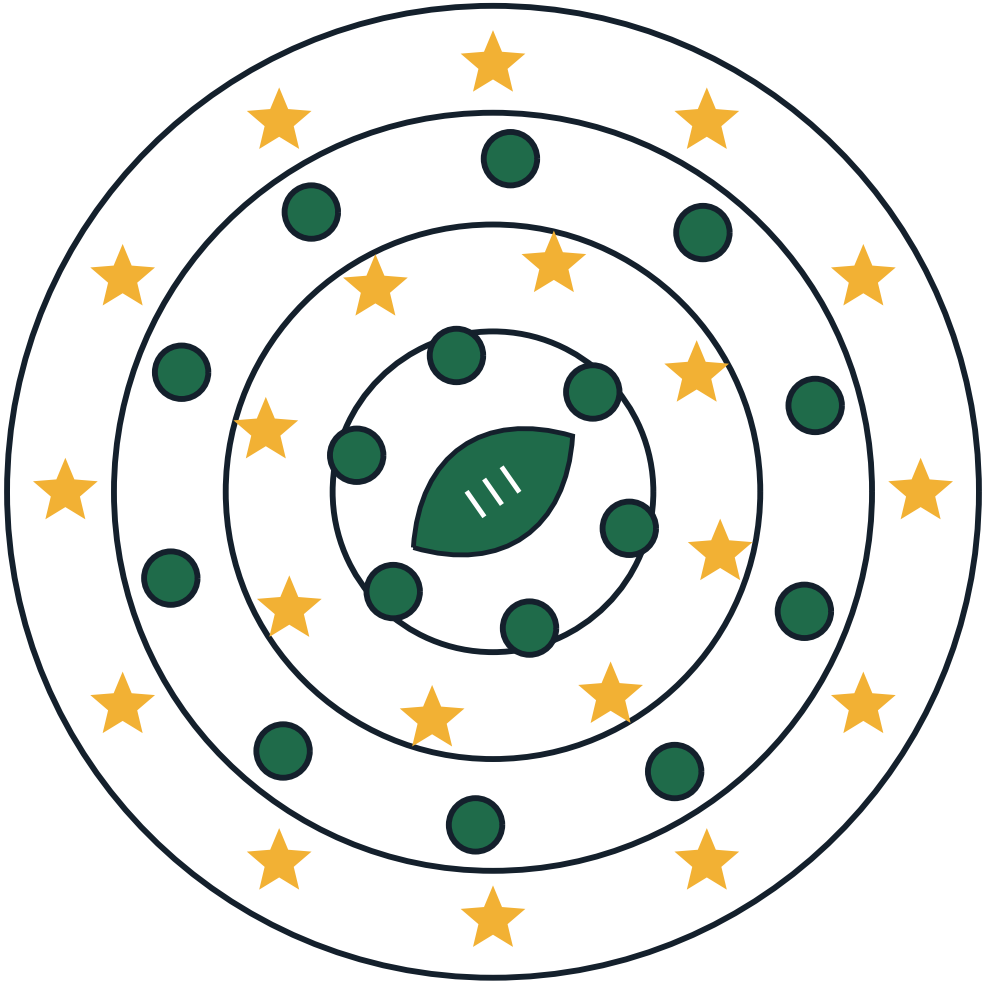
Gear Close-Up



Champions!



The Mandala of the Game



About This Book

Rule-change history: CFL official rulebook and rule-change announcements (2015, 2022, and the September 2025 package); CFLdb rule 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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