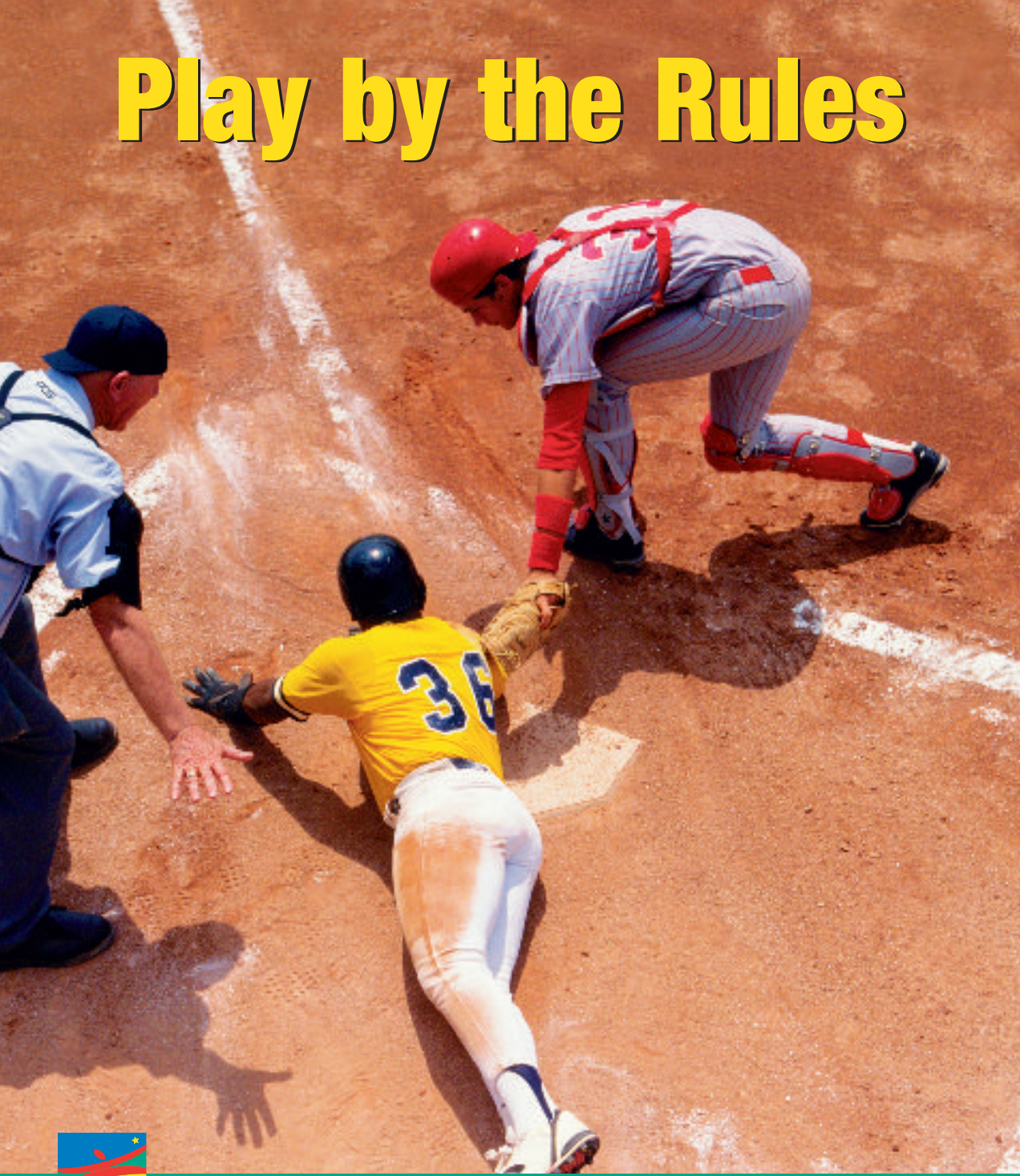
# Play by the Rules



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## The Big Idea

This book tells about why rules are important and how rules help us play games.

## Skills at a Glance

**Monitor-Reading:**
- Make connections

**Comprehension:**
- Draw conclusions

**Phonics:**
- Digraphs th and wh (then, what)

**Fluency:**
- Read with appropriate pitch

**Content Vocabulary:**
- fair, games, player, rules, score, team

**Grammar, Word Study, and Language Development:**
- Use the conditional word "then"
- Base words (fast/fastest, play/players, running/runners, wins/winning)

**Sentence Patterns:**
- Do you ___?
- How do you ___?

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# I need to know these words.

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games



race



rules



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runner



score



team



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# What Are Rules?

Do you know how to play games? All games have rules. You must learn the rules.



▲ A new player learns the rules. Then the game begins.

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A rule tells what a player can do.
A rule tells what a player cannot do.



▲ The players can move the pieces in different directions.

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# How Do Rules Help You Play a Game?

How does a game start? Some rules help players start a game.



▲ The referee throws a coin. The soccer game can start.

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Each team must have the same number of players. Then the game will be fair.




▲ The rules tell how many players will play.

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The game starts! How do you play the game? You have to know the rules.



▲ The players must listen to the referee.

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A game is fun when you score a point. How do you count points? You have to know the rules.



▲ A player kicks the ball. He tries to score a point.