

Tactical Mastermind: Invasion Games Strategy Log

Learning objective: To analyse tactics and teamwork in invasion games, focusing on attacking and defending strategies.

Use this log to plan and evaluate your performance in today's invasion game. Think like Max the monkey—treat the pitch like a puzzle to be solved! Reflect on how you and your teammates worked together to maintain possession and create scoring opportunities.

Word bank: possession · interception · spatial awareness · tactic · communication · defensive structure · dribbling · transition · co-operation

1. Defining the Objective: Explain the primary aim of an invasion game. How does your team move the object towards the goal while under pressure from the opposition? (2 marks)

2. Defensive Strategy: Describe how your team organises its defence to prevent the opposition from scoring. Why is communication vital here? (3 marks)

3. Spatial Awareness: Justify your choice of positioning when your team is in possession of the ball. Why is it important to create space? (3 marks)

4. Tactical Transition: What might happen if your team suddenly loses possession during an attack? Explain the immediate steps you should take to regain control. (3 marks)

5. Team Performance: Compare and contrast your team's performance in the first half versus the second half. What specific adjustments were made? (4 marks)

6. Strategic Evaluation: If you were the team captain, what one tactical change would you implement to improve your team's success rate? Justify your answer. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a tactical diagram on a separate sheet showing a 'set play'. Label the positions of your players and use arrows to indicate the movement of both the ball and the teammates to bypass a defensive line.