

Tactical Masterclass: Designing Your Team Game

Learning objective: To analyse the tactical requirements of a team game and evaluate the importance of communication, positioning, and sportsmanship in achieving a collective goal.

Leo the Lion is helping you coach a new sports team. Use this template to plan a strategic team game. Think carefully about how different positions interact and how you will encourage your teammates to succeed. Be as descriptive as possible to show your depth of understanding.

Word bank: Communication · Tactics · Formation · Sportsmanship · Agility · Co-operation · Precision · Resilience · Strategic · Momentum

1. The Objective: Clearly define the primary aim of your team game. Explain why this specific goal requires high levels of co-operation between players. (3 marks)

2. Tactical Formation: Describe the positioning of your players. Justify why this formation is the most effective way to balance attacking and defensive duties. (4 marks)

3. Communication Strategy: How will your team share information during high-pressure moments? Explain the impact that clear, positive verbal cues have on team performance. (3 marks)

4. Rules and Fairness: Propose three key rules for your game. Justify how these rules promote fair play and protect the physical well-being of all participants. (4 marks)

5. Reflective Analysis: Compare and contrast the role of a 'leader' versus a 'team player' in your game. Can a team succeed if only one person displays leadership qualities? Explain your reasoning. (5 marks)

6. Problem Solving: What might happen if your team falls behind by a significant margin during the game? Describe the psychological and strategic adjustments you would implement to regain momentum. (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Scouting Report' for an opposing team. Identify three potential weaknesses in their tactical formation and propose a counter-strategy that your team could use to exploit these gaps while maintaining exemplary sportsmanship.