

## TEAM INVASION MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 - 8)



## **4 TO SCORE**

#### **STUDENT TARGETS**

- **Skill:** I will apply offensive and defensive strategies to assist my team to move the ball and score.
- Cognitive: I will discuss strategies that helped my team be successful.
- Fitness: I will stay actively engaged throughout the game in order to increase my heart rate.
- **Personal & Social Responsibility**: I will show integrity by playing fair and communicating using positive language.

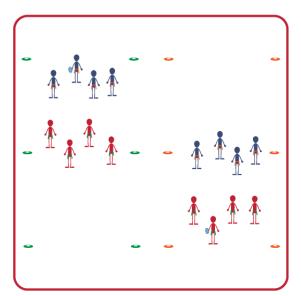
#### **EQUIPMENT & SET-UP**

## **Equipment:**

- Cones to create an activity space for each group
- 1 ball for each group (offer a variety of sizes and weights for students to choose from: foam ball, football, etc.)

## Set-Up:

- Create activity areas that are approximately 20-30 feet using cones.
- Create teams of 4-5 students, with 2 even teams in each activity area.
- Each group chooses one object to throw from the options provided.



#### **ACTIVITY PROCEDURES**

- 1. This activity is called 4 to Score! This is a modified game of football, where the object is to score a touchdown with a maximum of only 4 passes. (Teams cannot run the football only pass.)
- 2. Teams play Rock, Paper, Scissors to determine which team will get the ball first. Play starts on the winning team's endline. Both teams line up like football teams set for a play. One person on offense is the quarterback, all other teammates are receivers. Change quarterbacks with each possession.
- 3. The quarterback says "Ready, set, hike!" to begin play. Receivers attempt to get open for a pass. Defenders cannot "rush" the quarterback but can stand and move their arms to try and block/deflect.
- 4. If a pass is completed, the receiver stops where they caught the ball. Repeat until the team scores or runs out of downs (more than 4 passes).
- 5. On an interception, the other team takes possession at the spot where it is caught.
- 6. If a team is on 4th down, they have the option of going for the score or "punting." Punting simply gives the other team the ball at their end to start.
- 7. If a team fails to score on 4<sup>th</sup> down, play begins at the spot of the last play. So, it may be an advantage to punt if the offensive team has failed to move the ball up field.

#### **GRADE LEVEL PROGRESSION**

- Level 1: Play as described above with a small foam ball.
- Level 2: Play as described above with a football. Defenders can now rush the quarterback after a "7 Mississippi" count.

#### **TEACHING CUES**

- Cue 1: Communicate with your team using positive language.
- Cue 2: Evade defenders to create space.
- Cue 3: Shadow attackers to deny space.





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#### 4 TO SCORE (continued...)

#### **UNIVERSAL DESIGN FOR LEARNING**

- **UDL 1:** Increase/decrease the activity space as needed.
- UDL 2: Allow student choice of equipment that is a variety of sizes, colors, and weights.
- UDL 3: Use verbal cues and visual aids along with demonstrations.
- **UDL 4:** Use peer partners as appropriate.

#### **ACADEMIC LANGUAGE**

Pass, Incomplete, Boundary, Teamwork, Strategy

## **PRIORITY OUTCOMES**

#### **Movement Concepts:**

 Analyzes movement and activity situations and makes adjustments with a specific purpose or to create a strategic advantage.

#### **DEBRIEF QUESTIONS**

- DOK 1: How would you define a strategy?
- DOK 2: What is a strategy or tactic you or your team used today during this activity?
- **DOK 3:** If your strategy was not successful, what changes did you make for your team? What was the outcome of those changes?