

Knowledge Organiser

Tag Rugby Year 5

About this Unit

Tag Rugby is an invasion game where two teams try to score by entering the other team's space. Tag Rugby is a challenging invasion game because you have to pass the ball backwards to your teammates. This rule makes it harder to move forward and score points quickly. Instead of just running straight towards the other team's goal, you need to work closely with your teammates, passing the ball back and forth while trying to find gaps in the other team's defence. This requires good teamwork, communication, and strategy, making the game both exciting and challenging.

Rugby Union, a popular version of rugby, features a major annual competition called the Six Nations Championship, which includes teams from England, France, Ireland, Italy, Scotland, and Wales. This competition began in 1883 as the Home Nations Championship with UK teams and later expanded to become the Six Nations.

The women's Six Nations Championship started in 1996 as the Home Nations with teams from England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, and now follows the same format as the men's competition.

Invasion Games Key Principles

attacking	defending
score goals	stop goals
create space	deny space
maintain possession	gain possession
move the ball towards goal	



Can you think of any other invasion games that share these principles?

Key Vocabulary



- ball carrier:** person in possession
- close down:** to reduce the amount of space for an opponent
- communicate:** share information
- create:** to make space
- invasion:** a game with two teams who score by invading the other team's space.
- offside:** when a tag is made, all defending players must get into an onside position.
- possession:** when a player or team has the ball
- situation:** circumstances that create the environment
- sportsmanship:** play fairly, respect others and be gracious in victory and defeat
- support:** to help

Ladder Knowledge



Sending & receiving:
Having a clear path between you and the ball carrier helps you to send and receive with better control.

Space:

Moving to space even if you do not receive the ball will help to create space for a teammate.

Movement Skills

- throw
- catch
- run
- change speed
- change direction

This unit will also help you to develop other important skills.

- Social** communication, support, collaboration, sporting behaviour
- Emotional** honesty, confidence, patience
- Thinking** make decisions, select and apply skills, comprehension, apply tactics, analysis

Rules

Tagging:

- Players wear two tags, one on each side.
- Players cannot physically push off a defender when they are attempting to go for a tag and cannot spin around, guard or shield tags in any way.
- When tagging, hold up the tag and shout 'tag...' followed by the number tag it is e.g. 'tag two' then give the tag back. The attacker must return to where the tag was made and pass then place the tag back on their belt before re-joining the game. If the defending team make three tags in one attacking play, they gain possession. A player cannot be tagged when taking a free pass.

Forward pass:

- Forward passes are not allowed, the ball must be passed sideways or backwards.
- If a team uses a forward pass (any pass where the ball travels in the direction of the team's scoring/try line), a free pass is given to the non-offending team.

Offside:

- When a tag is made, all defending players must get into an onside position.
- Onside is in front of the ball carrier, offside is behind the ball carrier.
- Defenders must be three big steps in front of the ball carrier after a tag has been made and are not allowed to intercept or block the pass after a tag is made.



Tactics

Using tactics will help your team to maintain possession and score goals or deny space, gain possession and stop goals. There are attacking and defending tactics and these will change depending on the situation, the opposition and the desired outcome.

Healthy Participation



- Make sure any unused equipment is stored in a safe place.
- Tag rugby is non-contact.

If you enjoy this unit why not see if there is a tag rugby club in your local area.



How will this unit help your body?

agility, balance, co-ordination, speed, stamina

Home Learning



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Tag Rugby Skills

What you need: a ball (or rolled up socks), a wall, 2 markers (shoes).



Passing practice against a wall:

- Stand about 2 meters away from a wall.
- Hold the ball with both hands.
- Practice passing the ball against the wall, making sure to use both hands to push the ball.
- Focus on passing the ball accurately and catching it as it bounces back.

Backward passing with a partner:

- If you have a family member or friend to practice with, stand about 3 meters apart.
- Practice passing the ball backward to your partner, making sure the ball travels in a smooth arc.
- Your partner will catch the ball and then pass it back to you, also in a backward motion.

Solo practice for quick hands:

- Stand in an open space.
- Toss the ball slightly into the air and catch it with both hands.
- Repeat this quickly, trying to catch and release the ball as fast as you can.

Agility and movement:

- Set up two markers (like cones or shoes) about 2 meters apart.
- Practice running from one marker to the other, holding the ball.
- Focus on quick, sharp movements and keeping the ball secure.

