Scouting Invasion Games

(e.g. Basketball, Soccer, Ultimate)

Watching the other teams play each other can help your own team as well. Team Scouts are the people who gather information about other teams. Doing so will make you find what they do well and what their weaknesses might be. This information can help your team when planning and preparing for the next game. Imagine how much it would help your team be successful if you know what the opposing team is going to do!

What to watch for?

Remember to focus one just a few aspects of how the other teams play. For example, you could focus on just the way in which they maintain possession of the ball and move it upfield/-court. Or you could look for habits of individual players, such a basketball player’s tendency to only dribble with his/her right hand; or to only pass to a certain teammate.

Try to answer the following questions. This should help you have a better game when you play them next.

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| *Who is/are the stronger players on their team?* |
| *What are their specific strengths?* |
| *How well do they communicate with each other?* |
| *What is their general defensive scheme? (e.g., zone v. person-to-person defense)?* |
| *What seems to be causing the most trouble for this team? (e.g., Quick re-starts? Or moving from offense to defense? Or from defense to offense?)* |

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