Health and physical education, grade 7

All units for this subject and grade (unreviewed AI drafts)

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Grade 7 Health and Physical Education: Invasion and Net/Wall Tactics, FITT, Sleep Hygiene and Stress Regulation (5 lessons, about 2–3 weeks)

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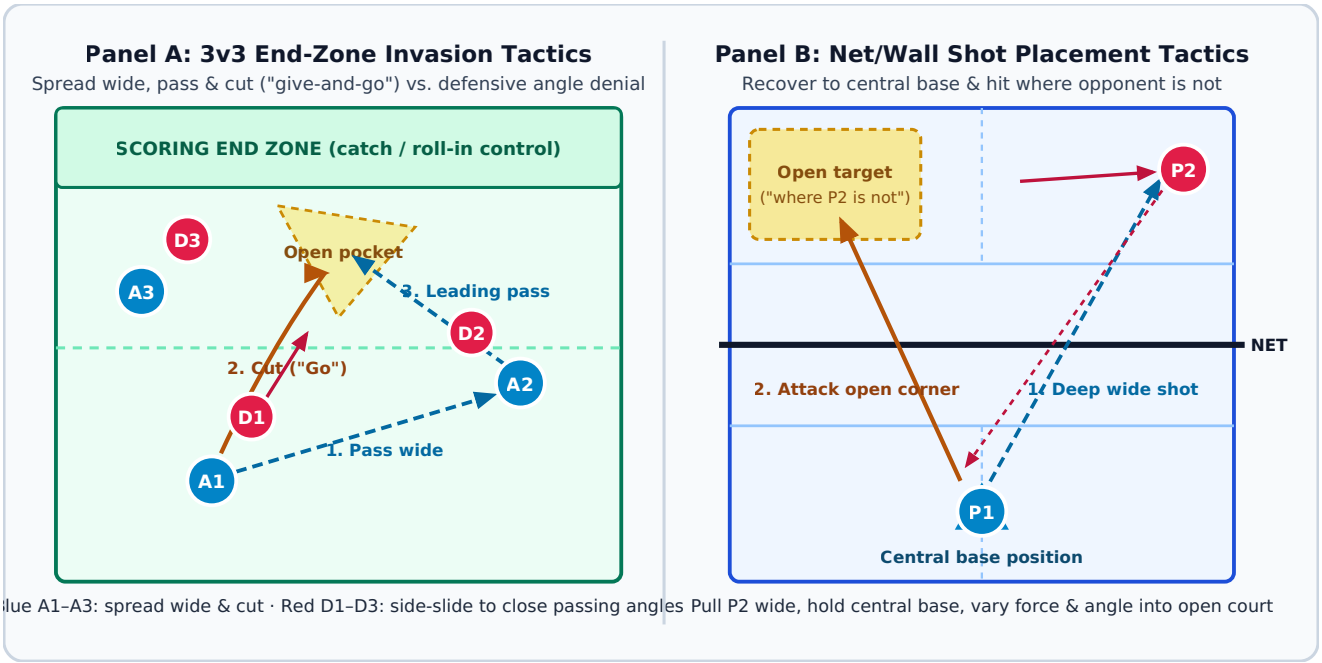
Back to the health and physical education progression

Big idea

Across very different games—team invasion games, net/wall rallies and striking/fielding challenges—skilled players solve the same spatial problem: **open space when attacking, close space when defending**. Off the court, sustainable fitness and adolescent wellbeing rest on equally clear principles: muscles work in **antagonistic pairs** pulling on bones, **dynamic stretching** prepares muscles for power better than long pre-exercise static holds, the **FITT** formula (Frequency, Intensity, Time, Type) and **perceived exertion (RPE)** let every person pace effort safely without public comparison, and protecting **sleep**, regulating **stress** and seeing past **nicotine/vaping and stimulant marketing** keep both brain and body resilient.



Outcomes

By the end of the unit, students can:

- **Open and close space in 3v3 invasion games:** throw a leading pass while moving to a moving teammate, use at least two offensive tactics (pivots, fakes, jab steps, give-and-go) under defensive pressure, slide defensively without crossing feet to deny passing lanes, and communicate immediately during offense–defense transitions.
- **Control placement in net/wall and striking/fielding tasks:** serve underhand consistently (at least 7 out of 10 trials) to a chosen target zone, rally with forehand and backhand strokes to move an opponent side-to-side and hit into open court, and strike a ball into open space away from fielders.
- **Apply muscle, stretching, FITT and RPE principles:** explain how antagonistic muscle pairs (such as biceps brachii and triceps brachii, or quadriceps and hamstrings) contract and relax to pull on bones across a joint; demonstrate dynamic stretches before activity and static stretches during cool-down; and use the FITT overload formula and Gunnar Borg's 6–20 Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE) scale to build a balanced movement week for a fictional profile.
- **Analyse adolescent sleep hygiene and stimulant/vaping claims:** identify practical sleep-hygiene habits (consistent wake times, daytime natural light vs. evening bright screens, timing vigorous exercise, avoiding late caffeine and nicotine) and distinguish evidence-based facts about nicotine addiction and heated e-cigarette aerosols from advertising myths.
- **Practise stress-regulation, boundary and self-officiating skills:** use at least two opt-in stress-regulation strategies (slow paced breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, brisk rhythmic movement), rehearse clear bystander and boundary responses using fictional scenario cards, and self-officiate small-sided games fairly without trash talk.

Prior knowledge

- **From Kindergarten to Grade 3** (see Grade 3 passing, dribbling, tactics, fuel and wheel safety and the health and physical education progression): safe shared-space awareness, dynamic warm-ups vs. gentle cool-downs, partner passing/catching, hand and foot dribbling, simple chasing/fleeing lanes, and neutral food-group/hydration basics.
- **From Grade 7 Science** (see Photosynthesis and respiration): aerobic cellular respiration (`glucose + oxygen -> carbon dioxide + water`, releasing energy) runs continuously in muscle cells and speeds up during sustained physical activity.
- **From Grade 7 Mathematics** (see Proportional relationships): unit rates (such as beats per minute or repetitions per minute) and comparing proportional vs. non-proportional scales.

Lessons (50 minutes each)

1. Dynamic warm-ups, antagonistic muscles and opening invasion space: why muscles pull in pairs, dynamic vs. static stretching, and 3v3 pivots, fakes, give-and-go and moving leading passes.
2. Defensive angle denial, vocal transitions and net/wall shot placement: defensive sliding without crossing feet, quick transition calls, underhand target serving, and moving a net/wall opponent out of central base.
3. Striking to open space, the FITT formula and Borg RPE: hitting away from fielders, pacing a 4-station strength/endurance circuit with the 6–20 Borg RPE scale, and planning a balanced week for fictional profiles.

4. Adolescent sleep hygiene, caffeine and nicotine/vaping facts vs. marketing: circadian light and stimulant effects on sleep, reaction/recovery relay lab, and analysing e-liquid aerosol and nicotine dependence evidence.
5. Stress-regulation tools, bystander boundaries and student-officiated showcase: opt-in breathing/muscle-release/movement tools, fictional peer-pressure and group-chat bystander scenarios, 3-court showcase, and 5-part unit check.

Materials and space

Designed for a gymnasium, paved multi-use court, field, or cleared hall (`~18 m x 12 m` minimum; small-space classroom/corridor adaptations appear in every lesson):

- **Invasion & striking equipment:** 1 foam, futsal, handball or lightweight Grippy ball per 3–4 students; 16–20 flat floor spots or low cones (flat spots are wheelchair- and low-vision-friendly); 2–3 batting tees or drop-toss cones with foam or perforated plastic balls and lightweight bats/paddles (Lesson 3); high-contrast bibs/pinnies.
- **Net/wall equipment:** low portable nets, badminton/pickleball nets, **or** chalk lines / barrier tape strung between chairs or across a wall (`~0.9–1.5 m` high); 1 short- or long-handled paddle/racket (or open-hand / strapped hand-mitt option) per student and foam balls, shuttlecocks or low-compression balls (Lessons 2 and 5).
- **Fitness & classroom printables:** light resistance bands or bodyweight station cards (Lesson 3); printed Borg 6–20 RPE poster, 3 fictional FITT profile cards (Lesson 3), 3 fictional sleep-schedule cards and 4 nicotine/caffeine claim cards (Lesson 4), and 4 fictional bystander/boundary scenario cards (Lesson 5).

Inclusion, safeguarding and universal access

- **Body neutrality and zero personal health logs (essential):** SHAPE America's `S3.M16.7` mentions two-week personal activity/nutrition logs and `S3.M10.7` mentions weight management. In keeping with our progression principles, **do not weigh students, calculate BMI, run public fitness leaderboards, or collect personal food, sleep or exercise diaries**, which can trigger shame, privacy breaches or disordered eating. Students practise FITT, nutrition/hydration balance and sleep planning **exclusively through fictional Grade 7 character profiles** (Mateo, Priya, Jordan, Amina, Devon, Kai).
- **Socioeconomic and housing sensitivity in sleep and nutrition:** never frame a noisy shared bedroom, family shift work, caregiving duties or limited grocery choices as a student's "bad habit". Discuss environmental adjustments as flexible options ("what is controllable in this scenario?").
- **Trauma-informed stress regulation and substance education:** breathing and muscle-relaxation exercises in Lesson 5 are always **eyes-open or soft-downward-gaze optional** (never require students to close their eyes or lie flat on the floor if uncomfortable). Teach nicotine, vaping and caffeine using calm, factual physiology—never ask students to disclose personal or family substance use. Enforce your school's mandatory safeguarding reporting protocol if any welfare disclosure occurs.
- **Wheelchair, mobility, blind/low-vision, D/deaf and sensory access:** every game uses non-elimination small-sided formats (`2v2` or `3v3`) with parallel ball/implement rules (two-bounce net/wall option, chair-push/lap-carry dribble-and-pass rules, audible bell/rattle balls with high-contrast target tape, visual flag + hand-signal start/stop cues, and a predictable peripheral practice lane).

Assessment

- **Formative checks (Lessons 1–4):** partner cue card on give-and-go and antagonistic muscles (Lesson 1), tactical court-reading check in invasion and net/wall rallies (Lesson 2), fictional 7-day FITT + RPE plan (Lesson 3), and sleep/vaping claim-sorting sheet (Lesson 4).
- **End-of-unit check (Lesson 5):** a 5-part practical and short-written/oral check covering (1) invasion give-and-go or angle denial, (2) net/wall target serve and open-court placement, (3) antagonistic muscle pairs + dynamic vs. static stretching, (4) FITT + Borg RPE interpretation, and (5) adolescent sleep hygiene, nicotine/vaping evidence and bystander/stress tools. Full worked example answers appear in Lesson 5. Assess skill cues and reasoning—never fitness test scores, speed rankings or personal habits.

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Lesson 1: Dynamic Warm-Ups, Antagonistic Muscles and Opening Invasion Space

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Overview

- **Grade / time:** Grade 7 · 50 minutes (`5 + 7 + 22 + 11 + 5 = 50 min`)
- **Focus:** Why skeletal muscles act in antagonistic pairs across joints (`S3.M14.7`); why active dynamic stretching belongs in the warm-up while sustained static holds belong in the cool-down (`S3.M9.7`, `S3.M12.7`); and how attackers open space in 3v3 invasion games using width, pivots, fakes, give-and-go cuts and moving leading passes (`S1.M3.7`, `S1.M5.7`, `S1.M6.7`, `S1.M7.7`, `S2.M2.7`, `S2.M3.7`, `S4.M3.7`).
- **Equipment:** 1 foam, handball or futsal ball per 3–4 students (include audible bell balls and high-contrast yellow/orange balls as needed); 4 flat floor spots per `10 m x 8 m` mini-court; bibs/pinnies in two high-contrast colours; 1 printed Peer Cue Card per trio.

Learning goals

Students can:

1. Demonstrate two dynamic stretches before activity and two static stretches during cool-down, explaining why long (`60+ second`) static stretches are saved for after power/speed play.
2. Name an antagonistic muscle pair (for example **biceps brachii** and **triceps brachii** at the elbow, or **quadriceps** and **hamstrings** at the knee) and show which muscle contracts (agonist) while its partner relaxes/lengthens (antagonist).
3. Throw a leading pass while moving to a cutting teammate (`S1.M5.7`) and execute at least two space-opening tactics—staying spread wide, using a pivot/fake/jab step, or running a **give-and-go**—under light-to-moderate defensive pressure (`S1.M6.7`, `S1.M7.7`, `S2.M2.7`, `S2.M3.7`).
4. Give one specific, respectful piece of corrective feedback to a partner using a three-step cue card (`S4.M3.7`).

Timing and lesson steps

1. Progressive pulse-raiser & dynamic mobility check-in (5 min)

- ** Boundary & signal check (30 s):** Point out flat-cone court lines, keep a `1.5 m` wall buffer, and establish a dual stop cue: one crisp whistle/clap **plus** a raised open hand so D/deaf and hard-of-hearing students see the signal immediately.
- **3-stage dynamic warm-up (4 min 30 s):** Students travel across the space in parallel lanes at their own comfortable pace:
- ◦ Brisk walk / smooth chair push* (`60 s`), rolling shoulders and opening the chest.

- Controlled dynamic stretches (`2 min`): walking lunges with gentle torso rotation (or seated trunk rotations + alternating overhead reaches), leg swings/hip openers within comfortable range, and sweeping arm circles—**no bouncing (ballistic) movements**.
- Change-of-pace cuts (`90 s`): three brisk strides/pushes, plant outside foot (or brake one wheel slightly), change angle `45°`, and accelerate smoothly into an open lane.

2. Mini-lab: Antagonistic muscle pairs & dynamic vs. static stretching (7 min)

- **Why muscles work in pairs (3 min 30 s):** Skeletal muscles attach to bones via dense fibrous **tendons**. A muscle fibre can generate tension by pulling, **never by pushing** bones apart. Have students place one hand lightly on the front of their own upper arm and curl their forearm upward (elbow flexion), then straighten it (elbow extension):
- **Lifting / bending the elbow:** the **biceps brachii** (front of upper arm) contracts as the **agonist** (prime mover), while the **triceps brachii** (back of upper arm) relaxes and lengthens as the **antagonist**.
- **Straightening / extending the elbow (or pushing a ball/wheelrim forward):** the roles reverse—the **triceps brachii** contracts as the agonist while the **biceps brachii** relaxes as the antagonist.
- Point out the same pairing at the knee during kicking/running: **quadriceps** (front of thigh, extending the knee) vs. **hamstrings** (back of thigh, flexing the knee).
- **Dynamic vs. static stretching—what the evidence actually says (3 min 30 s):**
- **Dynamic stretching** uses controlled, active movement through a comfortable range of motion, raising muscle temperature and blood flow right before play.
- **Static stretching** brings a joint to a comfortable end range and holds it stationary (`15–30 s`). Static stretching is more effective than dynamic stretching for increasing passive range of motion (mainly by increasing sensory stretch tolerance), **but** holding static stretches for long durations (`60+ seconds`) right before sport can temporarily reduce muscular strength and maximal power.
- **Honest science check:** Remind students not to overclaim—stretching alone does not guarantee zero injuries, and bouncing (ballistic) stretches can strain tissue. Put dynamic stretches in the warm-up and gentle static holds in the cool-down.

3. Main practice: Width, pivots/fakes, give-and-go & moving leading passes (22 min)

Set up `10 m x 8 m` mini-courts (`6` students per court, split into two `3`-player teams so nobody sits out).

- **Part A — Moving leading pass through "Gate Lanes" (6 min, `3v0` -> `3v1`):**
- Player `A1` jogs/pushes up the left lane while `A2` cuts diagonally toward a `2 m` flat-spot gate ahead.
- **Key cue (`S1.M5.7`):** "Pass to the space in front of their hands, not behind their back." `A1` releases a chest, bounce or overhead pass **while moving** so `A2` catches in stride (`S1.M3.7`) without stopping. Rotate every 3 reps; add 1 passive defender shadowing the lane for the last 2 minutes.
- **Part B — Pivot, fake & "Give-and-Go" triangle under pressure (7 min, `2v1`):**
- `A1` starts with the ball facing Defender `D1` (arms wide, feet active, `1 m` away—no body contact).

- `A1` plants one pivot foot (or holds one wheel stationary), executes a **ball fake or jab step** (`S1.M6.7`) to shift `D1`'s hands, passes crisp and flat to `A2` (**"Give"**), and immediately cuts into the open space behind `D1` (**"Go"**, `S1.M7.7`) to receive `A2`'s leading return pass.
- Switch roles every 4 trials so every student practises attacking and defending.
- **Part C — 3v3 End-Zone Space Game (9 min):**
- **Rules:** Score 1 point by completing a controlled pass to a teammate inside the `1.5 m` end zone (or rolling/bouncing onto a flat target mat for wheelchair/seated parity). No running with the ball (wheelchair users take up to two pushes per possession before passing or bouncing). Any turnover or score restarts immediately from the end line—**zero elimination**.
- **Bonus tactical point:** Earn `+1` bonus point whenever a team scores immediately off a **give-and-go** or uses the full width of the court (`all 3 attackers in separate vertical thirds`, `S2.M3.7`) rather than crowding around the ball.

4. Structured peer coaching & rapid transition check (11 min)

- **Peer Cue Card exchange (5 min, `S4.M3.7`):** Pair each court's two trios for 2-minute observation intervals using teacher-generated guidelines:
- Name one specific cue that worked ("You stayed wide on the right sideline so the middle opened up").
- Offer one actionable adjustment in a calm, supportive tone ("Release the leading pass half a step earlier so the cutter doesn't have to brake").
- Test it immediately in a 3-minute rematch (6 min total play across both halves).

✓ 5. Static-stretch cool-down & oral exit check (5 min)

- **Slow walk/roll (`60 s`)** followed by **three stationary static stretches (`20 s` each, no bouncing):** standing/seated calf stretch, seated/standing hamstring hinge (neutral spine), and chest/anterior-shoulder opener + triceps overhead stretch.
- **Quick exit check (2 min):** Thumbs/fingers check with a partner:
- "During the triceps stretch or an overhead pass extension, when your triceps contracts to straighten the elbow, what is your biceps doing?" (Relaxing/lengthening as the antagonist.)
- "Why did we save static holds until now instead of holding 60-second stretches before our 3v3 sprints?" (Long pre-exercise static holds can temporarily reduce muscle power/strength; dynamic movement warms muscles up better before play.)

Adaptations and small-space options

- **Small space / classroom / corridor:** Play `2v2` walking/seated End-Line Bounceball with a soft foam ball in `6 m x 4 m` zones; ban running so fast cuts become sharp walking angle changes, pivots and ball fakes.
- **Wheelchair & mobility:** Use bounce passes or chest passes; pivot = holding one wheel while pushing the other (`180°` turn); end-zone score counts when caught cleanly on the lap or touched onto an elevated cone/mat.
- **Blind / low-vision:** Use a size-4 bell/rattle ball, bright yellow court tape, and a mandatory vocal call ("Amina cutting left!") before every leading pass so receivers track both voice and ball sound.
- **Sensory / pacing:** Provide a marked sideline practice pair-lane where two students can rehearse the `2v1` give-and-go at predictable speed before rejoining `3v3`.

Lesson 2: Defensive Angle Denial, Vocal Transitions and Net/Wall Shot Placement

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Overview

- **Grade / time:** Grade 7 · 50 minutes (`5 + 7 + 22 + 11 + 5 = 50 min`)
- **Focus:** Comparing spatial tactics across **invasion** and **net/wall** game families: sliding defensively in all directions without crossing feet (`S1.M11.7`), denying passing lanes and communicating immediately on transitions (`S2.M1.7`, `S2.M4.7`, `S2.M5.7`, `S2.M6.7`), executing consistent underhand target serves (`S1.M12.7`), rallying with forehand and backhand strokes (`S1.M14.7`, `S1.M16.7`), and moving an opponent side-to-side to hit into open court (`S2.M7.7`, `S2.M8.7`) while self-officiating fairly (`S4.M4.7`, `S4.M6.7`, `S5.M6.7`).
- **Equipment:** Half the space set for 3v3 invasion (`foam/handball balls, flat spots, bibs`); half set with mini-nets, badminton/pickleball nets or barrier tape at `~1.0–1.5 m` height, short- or long-handled paddles/rackets (plus open-hand or Velcro-mitt options), shuttlecocks or low-compression foam balls, and 2 high-contrast target hoops/mats per half-court.

Learning goals

Students can:

1. Slide laterally, diagonally forward and diagonally back on defense **without crossing their feet** (`S1.M11.7`), reducing open space by denying the catch or closing toward the goal (`S2.M1.7`, `S2.M4.7`, `S2.M5.7`), and call out clear assignments within two seconds of a turnover (`S2.M6.7`).
2. Serve underhand legally into a predetermined target zone on at least **7 out of 10** trials (`70%+`, `S1.M12.7`).
3. Use forehand and backhand strokes (`S1.M14.7`, `S1.M16.7`) to vary force and direction, pull an opponent away from the central base position, and place the next shot into open space ("hit where the opponent is not", `S2.M7.7`, `S2.M8.7`).
4. Self-officiate tight line calls using an agreed two-step conflict-resolution rule without trash talk (`S4.M4.7`, `S4.M6.7`, `S5.M6.7`).

Timing and lesson steps

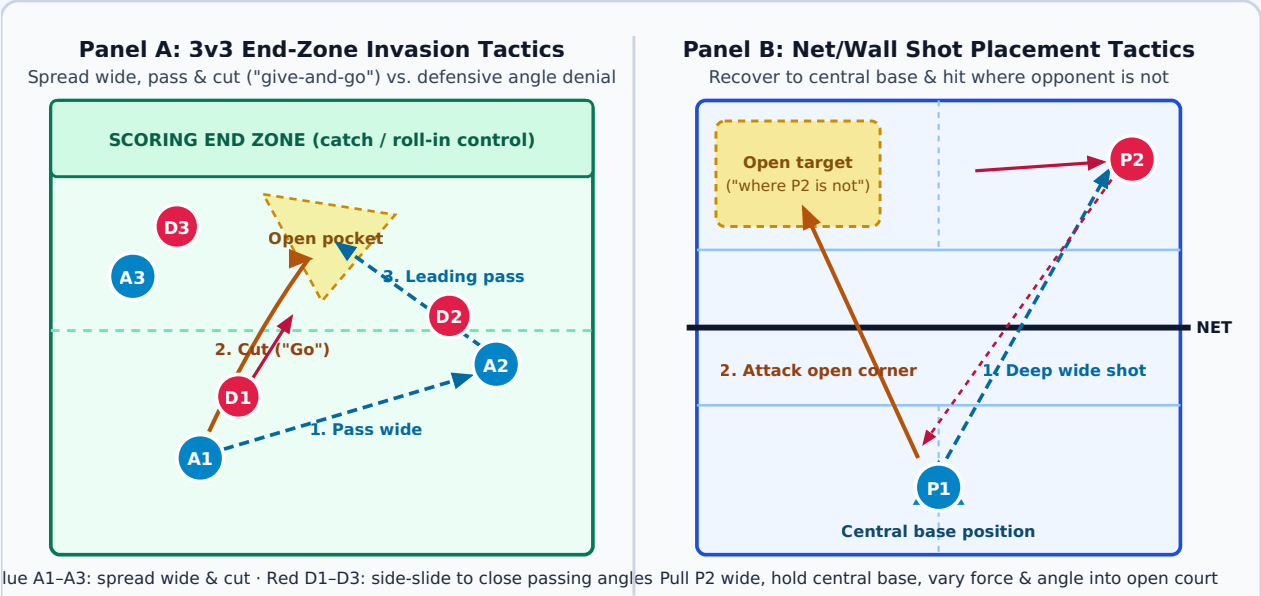
1. Dynamic warm-up: Mirror slides & split-step footwork (5 min)

- **Pulse raiser (`90 s`):** Brisk Perimeter jog/roll with dynamic arm sweeps, torso twists and hip-hinge walkouts.
- **Partner Mirror Slide (`3 min 30 s`, `S1.M11.7`):** Partners face each other `2 m` apart. Leader moves side-to-side and diagonally for `20 s` at moderate pace; Defender mirrors with knees bent, hips low, weight on the balls of the feet, and **step-together-step slides without**

ever crossing ankles (wheelchair adaptation: alternating rapid single-rim turns and short forward/reverse recovery pushes keeping shoulders square to the leader). Swap roles twice.

✎ 2. Tactical chalk-talk: One spatial idea, two game families (7 min)

Gather around a printed or projected copy of the unit diagram:



- **Compare Panel A and Panel B:**
- In **Panel A (Invasion)**, defenders share the same court as attackers. To close space (`S2.M1.7`, `S2.M5.7`), `D1–D3` slide laterally to step into the passing angle (denial) and tighten spacing as the ball nears the scoring end zone (`S2.M4.7`). The instant possession flips, the team that lost the ball calls "Ball!" and "I've got left/middle!" (`S2.M6.7`).
- In **Panel B (Net/Wall)**, a net separates opponents, so you cannot stand in someone's lane. Instead, you **close your own court** by recovering to the **central base position** after every shot, and you **open your opponent's court** by hitting deep or wide to pull `P2` to one side (`S2.M7.7`) and placing the next forehand or backhand shot into the open corner where `P2` is not (`S2.M8.7`).

3. Two-court rotation: Invasion defense & Net/wall placement (22 min)

Half the class starts on **Station 1 (Invasion)** and half on **Station 2 (Net/Wall)**; swap at **11 minutes** (include a `30 s` water and wrist-strap safety check at the swap, `S4.M7.7`).

- **Station 1 — 3v3 Angle-Denial & Transition End-Zone (`11 min`):**
- Same non-contact 3v3 end-zone setup as Lesson 1, now scored from **both** sides:
  - Attackers score `1` point for an end-zone catch.
  - Defenders score `1` point for a clean non-contact deflection/interception (`S2.M5.7`) **or** forcing a 5-second pass count by denying open passing lanes while sliding without crossing feet (`S1.M11.7`).
- **Transition communication rule (`S2.M6.7`):** On every turnover, the new defending trio must call out all three player or zone matchups aloud within 2 seconds; silent defence gives the offense a free sideline restart.
- **Station 2 — Net/Wall Target Serve & "Move-and-Place" Half-Court (`11 min`):**

- **Drill 1: 10-Serve Target Challenge (`4 min`, `S1.M12.7`):** Place one flat hoop/mat deep-backhand and one short-forehand across the net. Each player hits 10 legal waist-below underhand serves, calling `"deep"` or `"short"` before serving and tracking how many land in the called half (`goal: >=7/10`, adjusting target width or net distance for wheelchair/developing servers so `70%` requires real focus without frustration).
- **Drill 2: Cooperative-to-Competitive "Corner Mover" (`7 min`, `S1.M14.7`, `S1.M16.7`, `S2.M7.7`, `S2.M8.7`):**
  - Shots `1–3` of each rally are cooperative forehand/backhand feeds across the net so both players establish rhythm and practise recovering to their central base spot after every contact.
  - From Shot `4` onward, the point goes live! Players vary force (soft drop vs. firm drive) and angle (cross-court vs. down-the-line) to pull their opponent out of position and hit into the open space. Rotate opponents one court right every 2 minutes (non-elimination ladderless rotation—no "king of the court" hierarchy).

4. Student self-officiating & two-step conflict protocol (11 min)

- **Agreeing the class protocol (`3 min`, `S4.M4.7`, `S4.M6.7`, `S5.M6.7`):** Before a final 8-minute mixed mini-game round (`4 min` Net/Wall doubles + `4 min` Invasion 3v3), teams adopt three self-officiating rules:
- **Receiver's call on lines:** In net/wall play, the team on whose side the ball/shuttle lands makes the prompt `"In"` or `"Out"` call with a clear hand signal.
- **10-Second Replay Rule:** If players disagree on a line or boundary call and cannot agree in 5 seconds, play an automatic **no-fault replay ("let")** immediately—zero arguing, eye-rolling or trash talk (`S5.M6.7`).
- **Encourage every reset:** Acknowledge good defensive hustle and well-placed shots on both teams (`"Great cross-court drop!"`).

✓ 5. Cool-down stretches & tactical exit check (5 min)

- **Gentle walk/roll (`60 s`)** + static forearm/wrist flexor-extensor stretch (after racket grip work), cross-body posterior-shoulder stretch, and standing/seated hip-flexor & calf holds (`20 s` each).
- **Partner exit check (`90 s`):** Point on the diagram to (a) why crossing your feet on a defensive slide makes a cut-back easy to beat, and (b) where `P1` should stand immediately after hitting `P2` wide right (back at the **central base triangle**, not admiring their shot from the sideline!).

Adaptations and small-space options

- **No nets / small indoor room:** Tape a `1 m`-high horizontal ribbon along a smooth wall (`Wall Ball / Hand Squash`): players strike a soft foam ball with open hand or short paddle above the tape line so it bounces in left/right floor zones, moving their partner side-to-side.
- **Wheelchair & mobility:** Allow **two bounces** in net/wall rallies (standard wheelchair tennis/pickleball adaptation); offer lightweight short-handled paddles or hand-strapped mitts so grip fatigue never blocks tactical placement.
- **Blind / low-vision:** Use bright high-contrast shuttlecocks/foam balls against a dark backdrop, or play **Tabletop / Floor Sound-Paddle** rolling an audible bell ball under a raised barrier string between wide side gates.

Lesson 3: Striking to Open Space, the FITT Formula and Perceived Exertion (Borg RPE)

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Overview

- **Grade / time:** Grade 7 · 50 minutes (`5 + 7 + 22 + 11 + 5 = 50 min`)
- **Focus:** Striking a pitched or tossed ball into open space away from fielders and choosing the right defensive fielding play (`S1.M20.7`, `S1.M21.7`, `S2.M10.7`, `S2.M11.7`); pacing bodyweight and light-resistance fitness stations safely (`S3.M3.7`, `S3.M4.7`, `S4.M7.7`) using the **FITT overload formula** (`S3.M11.7`) and **Gunnar Borg's 6–20 Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE) scale** (`S3.M13.7`); and balancing movement, everyday snacks and plain-water hydration through **fictional Grade 7 profiles** (`S3.M1.7`, `S3.M17.7` — zero personal logs or body measurements).
- **Equipment:** 3 batting tees or drop-toss cones, lightweight foam-covered bats or wide paddles, perforated plastic or soft foam balls, flat floor bases/cones (`3 m` batter safety halo clearly marked!), 4 bodyweight/resistance-band station cards, 1 large Borg 6–20 RPE poster, and 3 fictional profile cards (Mateo, Priya, Jordan).

Learning goals

Students can:

1. Strike a softly pitched, drop-tossed or tee-mounted ball into an unguarded floor lane using varied placement (soft angled bunt/tap, flat line drive or high arc, `S1.M20.7`, `S2.M10.7`), catch from varied trajectories (`S1.M21.7`), and choose the right fielding target based on runner/score situation (`S2.M11.7`).
2. Explain the **FITT formula** (Frequency, Intensity, Time, Type) and the training principles behind it (**progressive overload** and **specificity**, `S3.M11.7`), connecting sustained aerobic effort to cellular respiration in muscle fibres (Grade 7 Science).
3. Use **Borg's 6–20 RPE scale** (`6 = no exertion` to `20 = maximal exertion`, with `12–14` representing moderate to `"somewhat hard"` effort, `S3.M13.7`) to self-pace a 4-station strength and endurance circuit safely (`S3.M3.7`, `S3.M4.7`, `S4.M7.7`).
4. Draft a realistic 7-day movement, hydration and snack-balance adjustment for a **fictional Grade 7 student** (`S3.M1.7`, `S3.M17.7`).

Timing and lesson steps

⚠ 1. Dynamic warm-up & rotational bat-safety prep (5 min)

- **Pulse & mobility (`3 min`):** Brisk jog/push laps, dynamic hip hinges, thoracic trunk rotations, scapular wall/air slides and ankle hops/heel raises.

- **3-metre "Clear Halo" bat rule (`2 min`, `S4.M7.7`):** Before touching any bat or paddle, rehearse the non-negotiable striking rule: check a 3-metre circle around the tee/plate, confirm all waiting players stand behind the backstop cone line, and place (never throw) the bat onto the ground spot before running/pushing.

2. Mini-chalk-talk: Progressive overload, FITT & Borg's 6–20 RPE scale (7 min)

- **Why bodies adapt—Progressive Overload & Specificity (`3 min`, `S3.M11.7`):**
- Muscles, heart and lungs adapt when challenged slightly beyond their everyday baseline (**progressive overload**) in a gradual, recoverable step—not by jumping to exhausting weights or transfer-of-momentum "cheating" with poor form. **Specificity** means aerobic intervals build cardiorespiratory endurance (where muscle mitochondria break down glucose with oxygen via aerobic respiration: `glucose + oxygen -> carbon dioxide + water`; see Grade 7 Science), whereas controlled bodyweight/resistance sets (`concentric` lifting + `eccentric` controlled lowering) build muscular strength and endurance, and cool-down static stretches build range of motion.
- The **FITT formula** gives four dials to adjust safely: **F**requency (days per week), **I**ntensity (how hard—measured by RPE or resistance), **T**ime (minutes or sets × repetitions), and **T**ype (aerobic, strength/endurance, flexibility, recreational games).
- **How to read Gunnar Borg's 6–20 RPE scale (`4 min`, `S3.M13.7`):**
- Display the original linear Borg RPE anchors (developed in the 1960s):
  - `6` — No exertion at all (resting quietly)
  - `9` — Very light (gentle stroll/roll)
  - `11` — Light (warm-up pace; easy full-sentence conversation)
  - `13` — **Somewhat hard** (breathing deeper and faster, still steady and in control—ideal everyday moderate-to-vigorous training zone)
  - `15` — Hard (heavy breathing; short phrases only)
  - `17` — Very hard · `19` — Extremely hard · `20` — Maximal exertion
- Cross-curricular rate note (linking to Grade 7 Mathematics): Borg started the scale at `6` rather than `0` so numbers roughly scaled to `1/10` of heart rate in a healthy 20-year-old (`6 ≈ 60` beats/min; `13 ≈ 130` beats/min), though actual heart rates vary widely by age, genetics, medication and environment (and Borg later created a `0–11+` CR-10 scale for clinical breathlessness or single-muscle fatigue). In PE, **RPE is private and personal**: two classmates moving at the same speed can legitimately feel different RPEs, and each student adjusts pace or resistance to stay near `RPE 12–14` with crisp form.

3. Main practical: Striking to Open Space + 4-Station FITT/RPE Circuit (22 min)

Divide the class in half; rotate after **11 minutes**.

- **Half A — 4v4 Non-Elimination "Hit the Gap" Fielding (`11 min`, `S1.M20.7`, `S1.M21.7`, `S2.M10.7`, `S2.M11.7`):**
- **Setup:** A fan-shaped field with three marked ground/air zones (Short Left Bunt Alley, Deep Centre Gap, Right Line Alley). Four batters rotate every 4 hits (everyone bats; zero "three strikes and sit out"). Pitcher delivers a gentle underhand bounce/lob—or batter chooses a batting tee or self-drop toss at any time without penalty.
- **Offensive tactic (`S2.M10.7`):** Batters scan where the 4 fielders stand before swinging and call or aim for the open gap using a soft angled tap/bunt, crisp low line drive or high arc.

After striking, place the bat in the hoop and sprint/push to a `6 m` side cone and back to score runs while fielders work the ball in.

- **Defensive tactic (`S1.M21.7`, `S2.M11.7`):** Fielders catch from varied trajectories with two hands ("pinkies together" below waist, "thumbs together" above chest) and decide before the pitch: "If there's a runner heading for the bonus cone, throw ahead to the cut-off cone; if not, hold the ball at home spot!"
- **Half B — 4-Station Self-Paced FITT & RPE Circuit (`11 min`, `S3.M3.7`, `S3.M4.7`, `S4.M7.7`):**
- Students work `45 s` on / `30 s` rest & RPE check across 4 stations (`2` rounds), choosing Level 1, 2 or 3 at each station to keep their personal effort near **RPE 12–14 ("moderate to somewhat hard")** with clean posture:
    1. Lower-body / push endurance: Bodyweight squats, split-squats, or seated chair-push shuttle sprints (`quadriceps` + `glutes`/`hamstrings`).
    2. Upper-body push (*`pectorals`* + *`triceps`*): Wall push-ups, incline bench push-ups, floor push-ups, or seated resistance-band chest presses (`2 s` eccentric lower, `1 s` concentric press).
    3. Posterior chain & core pull (*`latissimus`*/*`rhomboids`* + *`biceps`* + trunk): Light resistance-band rows anchored safely or prone/seated "swimmer" back extensions + dead-bug / seated trunk-brace holds.
    4. Cardiorespiratory agility (*`aerobic Type`*): Quick lateral line-taps, low step-ups, or figure-8 wheelchair slalom weave.

4. Fictional Profile Lab: Building a Balanced FITT & Fuel Week (11 min)

Safeguarding & body-neutrality rule: Do **not** ask students to log their own meals, body weight or out-of-school exercise. Groups of 3 pick **one fictional Grade 7 profile card** (`S3.M1.7`, `S3.M17.7`):

- **Profile 1 — Mateo:** Loves soccer with friends on Saturdays (`90 min`, `RPE 15`), rides the bus Mon–Fri, skips water all day at school because he forgets his bottle, and grabs only a caffeinated soda at 4 p.m. before feeling wiped out. Barrier: tiny apartment courtyard, busy homework evenings.
- **Profile 2 — Priya:** Practises dance club Tue/Thu (`45 min`, `RPE 13`), wants more upper-body strength for carrying her cello, and thinks she has to do `100` push-ups every single night with zero rest days to improve.
- **Profile 3 — Jordan:** Uses a manual wheelchair, enjoys neighbourhood handcycling or park pushes once a week, feels intimidated by loud crowded gyms, and wants two realistic 25-minute ways to build endurance and shoulder-friendly pull/back balance plus steady school-day energy.

Each trio sketches **three concrete adjustments** on their card: 1. **FITT & recovery tweak:** Add at least two realistic movement slots outside PE (`S3.M2.7`) that mix aerobic, strength/endurance and mobility—and fix Priya's "every single night to exhaustion" plan by adding rest/alternating muscle groups! 2. **Barrier workaround (`S3.M1.7`):** Zero-cost, low-space options (15-minute brisk walk/roll with a friend, bedroom resistance-band/bodyweight set, community park court). 3. **Everyday fuel & water balance (`S3.M17.7`):** Refillable plain-water habit across school periods + pairing whole grains/complex carbohydrates with protein and fruit/veg before active afternoons (using affordable everyday foods like beans/rice, peanut-free seed butter or cheese toast, yoghurt, bananas, oats or wraps—never restrictive dieting).

5. Cool-down static stretches & RPE reflection (5 min)

- **Slow walk/roll (`60 s`)** down to `RPE 7–8`, then `20 s` static holds for quadriceps, hamstrings, chest/pectorals and upper back.
- **Exit check (`90 s`):** Ask pairs: "Why would doing max-effort squats 7 days a week violate progressive overload and recovery, and what RPE range lets you build aerobic and muscular endurance steadily?" (`RPE ~12–15` with rest days so muscle fibres repair and adapt.)

Adaptations and small-space options

- **Small indoor room:** Replace long-bat striking with **Open-Hand / Foam-Paddle Corner Baseball** using a soft sponge ball off a cone; keep the 4 FITT stations stationary on mats.
- **Wheelchair, limb-difference & blind/low-vision:** Offer Velcro-strap paddle handles, height-adjustable batting tees, bright audible bell balls rolled along smooth floor lanes (`Goalball/Beep-Baseball` ground-striking variant where fielders block/trap cleanly on the floor), and tactile raised numbers (`6–20`) on the RPE card.

Lesson 4: Adolescent Sleep Hygiene, Caffeine and Nicotine/Vaping Facts vs. Marketing

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Overview

- **Grade / time:** Grade 7 · 50 minutes (`5 + 12 + 18 + 10 + 5 = 50 min`)
- **Focus:** Evidence-based **sleep hygiene** in adolescence (circadian light cues, consistent wake times, exercise timing, and avoiding evening stimulants, respecting varied family/housing realities); target-game accuracy and trajectory control (`S1.M18.7`, `S2.M9.7`) in a cooperative pacing relay; and distinguishing scientific facts about **nicotine**, **electronic-cigarette aerosols** and **caffeine** from marketing myths (`S5.M1.7`, `S5.M2.7`).
- **Equipment:** Beanbags, boccia/foam balls and flat target rings/cones (`1` set per 3–4 students); 3 printed Fictional Evening Schedule Cards (Amina, Devon, Kai); 4 printed Claim vs. Evidence Cards on vaping, nicotine and energy drinks.

Learning goals

Students can:

1. Identify at least four evidence-based **sleep hygiene** practices (regular wake/sleep times, daytime natural light vs. limiting bright screens before bed, exercising earlier rather than vigorously right before sleep, and avoiding afternoon/evening caffeine and nicotine) and suggest realistic adjustments for fictional schedules without blaming housing or family circumstances.
2. Execute a mature underhand/target throw consistently (`70%+` accuracy, `S1.M18.7`) while deliberately varying speed and trajectory (`low roll vs. high soft lob`, `S2.M9.7`) based on target distance and obstacles.
3. Explain accurately what is inside **e-cigarette aerosol** (vaporised propylene glycol/glycerin, flavourings, usually nicotine—often high-smoothness **nicotine salts**—plus potential heated by-products such as formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and acrolein and trace metals such as lead, nickel and antimony) and how **nicotine** drives rapid brain dependence and withdrawal.

Timing and lesson steps

1. Active mobility warm-up: "Daylight / Dusk" tempo lanes (5 min)

- Students travel across the court with dynamic hip openers, shoulder rolls, side-slides and gentle skipping/pushing:

- **"Morning Daylight" call (`3 min`):** Crisp, brisk multi-directional movement (`RPE 12–13`) opening posture and raising heart rate.
- **"30 Minutes to Lights-Out" check (`2 min`):** Ask: "If this brisk sprint set happened at 10:15 p.m. right before climbing into bed, would it help you fall asleep faster?" Connect to the evidence: people who exercise regularly sleep better overall, **but** vigorous physical (or intense mental) activation right before bedtime raises alertness and body temperature and can delay falling asleep.

2. Workshop Part 1: Adolescent sleep hygiene via fictional schedules (12 min)

- **Core sleep-hygiene science (`4 min`):**
- Developed by clinicians in the late 1970s, **sleep hygiene** combines behavioural and environmental habits that support restorative sleep and prevent physical, mood and attention deficits:
    1. **Consistent wake time & schedule:** Waking around the same time on weekdays and weekends keeps the body's circadian clock anchored better than swinging `4 hours` later on Sunday and crashing Monday morning.
    2. **Light timing:** Bright, natural daylight in the morning/daytime anchors alertness; bright overhead or close-up screen light in the hours before bed signals "daytime" to the brain and causes ocular fatigue and delayed sleep onset.
    3. **Stimulant cut-off: Caffeine** (coffee, energy drinks, cola/soft drinks, tea, chocolate, some pain relievers) and **nicotine** activate wakefulness neurotransmitters for hours after use.
    4. **Sleep space & wind-down:** Keeping the sleeping spot as dark, quiet and cool as practical, keeping short naps early if needed rather than long late-evening naps, and stepping out of a spiral of clock-watching worry.
- **Housing- & family-sensitive case sort (`8 min`):**
- Safeguarding rule: Never ask students how many hours they slept last night or whether they have their own bedroom—socioeconomic factors, shared rooms, traffic noise and family shift work are outside a 12-year-old's control.
- Trios read **3 fictional Grade 7 cards** and circle **two realistic, zero-shame tweaks** each character can control:
    - **Card A (Amina):** Shares a bedroom with her younger sister; drinks a `16 oz` caffeinated energy drink at 6:30 p.m. while gaming under bright LED strips until 11:45 p.m., then stares at her glowing alarm clock worrying about maths. (Controllable tweaks: swap the 6:30 p.m. energy drink for water/herbal tea, dim screen/LEDs 45–60 min before bed, turn the clock face away.)
    - **Card B (Devon):** Sleeps 6 hours Mon–Thu, takes a `2.5-hour` nap from 5:00–7:30 p.m. on Friday, stays up until 2:30 a.m. Saturday/Sunday, and feels exhausted every Monday PE lesson. (Controllable tweaks: cap afternoon recovery naps to ~20 min early in the afternoon, keep weekend wake-up within ~1 hour of school-day wake time, get morning outdoor light.)
    - **Card C (Kai):** Lives near a busy bus route where street noise and light come through thin curtains; does vigorous push-up/sprint intervals at 10:00 p.m. to "tire himself out". (Controllable tweaks: move the vigorous workout to 4:30–6:00 p.m., use a quiet calm wind-down stretch/reading routine at 9:45 p.m., block window gap with a dark towel or soft eye mask if comfortable.)

3. Practical lab: Precision Target & Trajectory Relay (S1.M18.7, S2.M9.7) (18 min)

Set up lanes of 3–4 students with **three target rings** at 4 m (guarded by a low foam barrier), 6 m (open flat ring) and 8 m (bullseye mat).

- **Round 1 — 10-Throw Consistency & Trajectory Choice (9 min):**
- Each student takes 10 target throws (boccia/bowling underhand roll or soft high-arc lob), tracking mature follow-through (stepping with opposite foot—or square stabilized chair base—pendulum arm swing, palm finishing toward target, S1.M18.7, aiming for >=7/10 scoring landings).
- **Shot selection (S2.M9.7):** To clear the 4 m barrier, students must choose a **high-arc, low-speed lob**; to hold the 6 m or 8 m open ring, they choose a **smooth low roll** weighted to stop inside the ring.
- **Round 2 — "Steady Reset vs. Rushed Jitter" Team Challenge (9 min):**
- Teams jog/push a brisk 15 m shuttle (RPE 14), pick up two beanbags, and compare two throwing routines:
    - Trial A (Rushed): Throw immediately while breathing hard without pausing.
    - Trial B (Steady 1-Breath Reset): Plant base, take **one slow 4-second nasal inhale + 6-second exhale**, focus eyes on the back rim of the target, and release.
- Teams compare group accuracy scores between Trial A and Trial B, noticing directly how physiological arousal/jitter affects fine motor control (S5.M1.7, S5.M2.7).

4. Workshop Part 2: Nicotine, e-cigarette aerosols & marketing myths (10 min)

> **Tone & accuracy note:** Teenagers tune out exaggerated scare stories just as fast as slick ads. Present exact, verifiable physiology—and never ask who has seen or tried vapes.

Walk through the **4 Claim vs. Evidence Cards** (2 min per card in trios + quick class check):

1. **Marketing myth: "It's just harmless flavoured water vapor."**
2. **Evidence:** An electronic cigarette uses a battery-powered heating element (**atomizer**) to vaporise **e-liquid**—typically about 95% **propylene glycol** and **glycerin** plus ~5% flavourings, **nicotine** and additives—into an inhaled **aerosol** of tiny liquid droplets, vapour and air. When heated, e-liquids can form toxic by-products including **formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and acrolein**, and internal metal coils/parts can add trace metals such as **lead, nickel and antimony**. Aerosol can irritate airways, especially for anyone with **asthma**.
3. **Half-truth myth: "Vapes are medicine, so they're completely safe for teens."**
4. **Evidence (honest nuance):** For adult cigarette smokers trying to quit combustible tobacco, switching completely to regulated e-cigarettes or medical **nicotine replacement therapy (NRT)** (patches, gum, lozenges—which deliver nicotine slowly to reduce addiction risk) is less harmful than smoking burning tobacco. **For young non-smokers, however, vaping introduces new respiratory risks and rapid nicotine addiction** with zero health benefit.
5. **Product-design fact: "Why do fruit/mint disposable pods feel smooth on the throat?"**
6. **Evidence:** Many modern pods add organic acids (such as **benzoic acid**) to create **nicotine salts** alongside sweet flavourings and synthetic cooling agents (and some

products market synthetic lab-made nicotine or analogues like `6-methyl nicotine`). Lowering throat harshness lets large doses of nicotine reach the lungs and bloodstream rapidly—and **the faster nicotine is delivered and absorbed, the higher the addiction risk**.
7. **Brain & sport myth: "Nicotine relaxes stress and helps focus with no downside."**
8. **Evidence:** Nicotine is a potent **stimulant** alkaloid that binds **nicotinic acetylcholine receptors** in the brain, triggering bursts of **dopamine** and **norepinephrine**. Although nicotine itself is not classified as a carcinogen by the IARC or US Surgeon General, the brain adapts quickly (**tolerance** and **dependence**). Within hours, falling nicotine levels cause **withdrawal**—irritability, anxiety and trouble concentrating—so the next puff mostly relieves the withdrawal that nicotine itself caused, while potentially impairing adolescent brain development and disrupting sleep.

5. Cool-down & optional fictional wind-down check (5 min)

- **Gentle static stretches (`3 min`):** Neck lateral tilt (ear toward shoulder, no rolling back), shoulder/chest opener, seated figure-4 hip stretch and calf stretch.
- **Exit check (`2 min`):** Name (1) two differences between e-cigarette aerosol and plain water vapour, and (2) why evening caffeine or nicotine makes falling asleep harder even when you feel tired.

Adaptations and small-space options

- **Small classroom:** Run the Lesson 4 target lab as **Tabletop / Corridor Boccia** (`3 m–5 m` lanes with beanbags or rolled socks over a textbook barrier into taped desk/floor squares) alongside the two card-sorting workshops.
- **Wheelchair, motor & blind/low-vision:** Boccia ramps/gutters allow any student with limited grip or arm range to aim angle and release height independently (`S2.M9.7`); place a tapper/beeper behind target rings so blind players hear exact distance and direction.

Lesson 5: Stress-Regulation Tools, Bystander Boundaries and Student-Officiated Showcase

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Overview

- **Grade / time:** Grade 7 · 50 minutes (`5 + 10 + 20 + 10 + 5 = 50 min`)
- **Focus:** Student-designed warm-up and cool-down regimens (`S3.M9.7`, `S3.M12.7`); practising concrete, opt-in **stress-regulation strategies** (`S3.M18.7`, `S5.M2.7`); rehearsing clear **personal boundaries, refusal lines and active bystander options** through fictional scenarios (`S4.M1.7`, `S4.M4.7`, `S4.M5.7`, `S5.M3.7`, `S5.M6.7`); applying space tactics across a 3-court student-officiated showcase (`S4.M6.7`, `S5.M4.7`, `S5.M5.7`); and completing the 5-part unit check.
- **Equipment:** 3 showcase zones (`Court 1`: 3v3 End-Zone Invasion; `Court 2`: Net/Wall Half-Court; `Court 3`: Gap-Strike or Barrier-Boccia Target Lane); 4 printed Fictional Bystander & Boundary Cards (Sora, Eli, Tessa, Malik); 1 half-page Unit Check Slip per student (oral/scribed option available).

Learning goals

Students can:

1. Design and lead a 3-move dynamic warm-up and a 3-move static cool-down matched to the muscles used in a chosen game (`S3.M9.7`, `S3.M12.7`, `S3.M14.7`).
2. Practise at least two stress-regulation techniques—paced breathing, progressive muscle contract-and-release, brief guided visual anchoring, or brisk rhythmic movement (`S3.M18.7`, `S5.M2.7`)—and identify which works best for them before a test or tight match.
3. Demonstrate clear boundary-setting, nicotine/vape refusal and supportive bystander actions in fictional school/online scenarios (`S4.M1.7`, `S5.M3.7`, `S5.M6.7`).
4. Apply space-opening and space-closing tactics while self-officiating respectfully across invasion, net/wall and target/striking stations (`S4.M6.7`, `S5.M4.7`, `S5.M5.7`).

Timing and lesson steps

1. Student-designed dynamic warm-up (5 min)

- In groups of 4 (`S3.M12.7`), students pick one showcase court they are excited about (`S5.M4.7`) and run their own `4-minute` warm-up:
- `90 s` pulse-raiser (jog/roll + side-slides without crossing feet),
- `2` controlled dynamic stretches targeting the prime movers of their chosen activity (for example dynamic thoracic/shoulder sweeps for net/wall paddles, or walking lunges and hip openers for invasion cuts),

- `60 s` progressive speed build-up. Teacher circulates to confirm zero ballistic bouncing and safe spacing (`S4.M7.7`).

2. Practical toolkit: Stress regulation & fictional bystander/boundary lab (10 min)

> **Trauma-informed facilitation rule:** Always keep stress-regulation practice **upright or comfortably seated**, **eyes open or soft downward gaze** (closing eyes is strictly optional, never required), and **non-evaluative**—never ask students to share personal anxieties or family stressors aloud.

- **Part A — Four 60-Second Stress-Regulation Tools (`5 min`, `S3.M18.7`, `S5.M2.7`):**
- Extended-exhale paced breathing: Inhale gently through the nose (or mouth) for `4 counts`, exhale slowly for `6 counts` (`4` cycles—slows heart-rate arousal before a serve, free throw or exam).
- Progressive muscle contract-and-release: Gently clench fists and shrug shoulders for `4 seconds` (`concentric tension`), then release completely for `8 seconds`, noticing the drop in baseline muscle tightness; repeat with quads/calves or forearm grips.
- Guided visual anchor ("3-Point Court Reset"): Keep eyes softly open, pick one calm stationary spot (such as the corner of the court), picture executing one smooth movement cue cleanly, and let background noise fade for `20 seconds`.
- Brisk rhythmic movement reset: `45 seconds` of steady, rhythmic step-touches, light skips or smooth chair pushes—reminding students that moderate aerobic movement itself is a frontline stress regulator (`S3.M18.7`, `S5.M2.7`).
- **Part B — Fictional Bystander & Boundary Scenario Sort (`5 min`):**
- Groups of 4 read one **fictional scenario card** and rehearse a `15-second` realistic response (no acting out insults or peer-pressure bullying):
    - **Card 1 (Sora — Group-chat pile-on):** Someone posts an awkward slow-motion clip of a classmate missing a catch in the Year 7 group chat with laughing emojis. Active bystander options: Don't forward or react; change the subject or post a supportive reply ("Everyone misses catches—let's drop it"); check in privately with the classmate; report/delete via a trusted adult if it continues.
    - **Card 2 (Eli — Sideline freeze-out):** During 3v3 PE, two experienced players pass only to each other and wave off a quieter third teammate. Team problem-solving (*`S5.M3.7`*, *`S5.M6.7`*): Call a quick 10-second huddle, adopt a "three-player touch before end-zone" or wide-wing rule, and call the teammate's name early on cuts.
    - **Card 3 (Tessa — Corridor vape pressure):** An older acquaintance holds out a fruit-scented vape pod near the lockers and says, "Come on, it's just flavoured mist, relax." Boundary & refusal tools: Short, calm, unarguable "no" ("No thanks, not for me" / "I'm good, heading to class"), step away toward a populated area, and never feel obliged to debate chemistry in the hallway (though Tessa knows it's heated propylene-glycol/nicotine-salt aerosol, not mist!).
    - **Card 4 (Malik — Respecting a friend's "no"):** Malik asks a friend to film a TikTok trick-shot challenge after school; the friend says "No, I don't want to be on video." Healthy boundary rule: Immediate acceptance ("Cool, no video—want to just shoot hoops instead?") with zero guilt-tripping or second-guessing.

3. Three-Court Student-Officiated Tactical Showcase (20 min)

Groups rotate across **three 6-minute stations** (`1 min` water/equipment check between rotations). Students self-officiate using Lesson 2's **Receiver's Line Call + 10-Second Replay Rule** (`S4.M6.7`, `S5.M6.7`):

- **Court 1 — 3v3 End-Zone Invasion:** Attackers combine width (`S2.M3.7`), pivots/fakes/give-and-go (`S1.M6.7`, `S1.M7.7`, `S2.M2.7`) and moving leading passes (`S1.M5.7`); defenders slide without crossing feet (`S1.M11.7`), deny passing angles (`S2.M5.7`) and call transitions aloud (`S2.M6.7`).
- **Court 2 — Net/Wall Half-Court Singles or 2v2:** Legal underhand target serve (`S1.M12.7`), forehand/backhand rally (`S1.M14.7`, `S1.M16.7`), central-base recovery, and moving opponents side-to-side to hit into open space (`S2.M7.7`, `S2.M8.7`).
- **Court 3 — Self-Selected Gap-Strike or Barrier-Boccia Target Challenge (`S5.M4.7`, `S5.M5.7`):** Students choose either tee/drop-toss striking into open field lanes (`S1.M20.7`, `S2.M10.7`) **or** precision target/boccia shot-trajectory play (`S1.M18.7`, `S2.M9.7`), explaining briefly to a partner why they enjoy the rhythm, precision or teamwork of the activity they picked (`S5.M4.7`, `S5.M5.7`).

✓ 4. End-of-unit check (10 min)

Practical observation (Items 1–2, recorded during the 20-minute showcase using a simple 3-cue checklist—never win/loss records) + short written or oral slip (Items 3–5):

1. **Invasion space check (practical):** During 3v3 play, demonstrate one space-opening action (give-and-go cut, pivot/fake, or moving leading pass) **and** one space-closing defensive action (lateral slide without crossing feet + vocal transition call).
2. **Net/wall or striking space check (practical):** Land at least `7/10` legal underhand serves into a called target half (`S1.M12.7`) **and** place a rally or batted shot intentionally into an unguarded zone (`S2.M8.7` / `S2.M10.7`).
3. **Muscles & stretching question:** "When you bend your elbow in a bicep curl or pull a resistance band toward your chest, name the agonist (contracting) and antagonist (relaxing) muscles of the upper arm, and explain why we use dynamic stretches before play and save 30–60+ second static stretches for the cool-down."
4. **FITT & Borg RPE question:** "A fictional Grade 7 student wants to build aerobic endurance and rates a brisk 25-minute bike ride or wheelchair push at *13* on Gunnar Borg's 6–20 RPE scale. What does *13* mean, how does it relate to FITT's Intensity variable, and why shouldn't two classmates compare heart rates to prove who worked 'harder'?"
5. **Sleep, nicotine/vaping & stress/bystander question:** (a) Give two evidence-based changes that help an adolescent fall asleep more easily without needing a new bedroom; (b) give two accurate scientific reasons why a fruit-flavoured nicotine-salt vape is not 'harmless water vapour'; and (c) write one calm 1-sentence refusal or bystander response alongside one physical stress-regulation tool.

Worked answer guide for teachers

- **Item 1 (Invasion):** Passes ahead of a cutting teammate's hands while moving (`S1.M5.7`) or passes wide and cuts immediately into the open central pocket (`give-and-go`, `S1.M7.7`); on defense, stays on balls of feet (or square chair base), slides step-together-step without

crossing ankles (`S1.M11.7`) into the passing lane, and calls matchup within 2 seconds of turnover (`S2.M6.7`).
- **Item 2 (Net/wall & striking):** Lands `>=7/10` underhand serves in target zone (`S1.M12.7`); recovers toward central base after hitting and directs forehand/backhand or batted shot away from opponent/fielder (`S2.M8.7`, `S2.M10.7`).
- **Item 3 (Muscles & stretching):** Bending the elbow uses the **biceps brachii** as the contracting **agonist** (prime mover) pulling on the forearm bones via tendons while the **triceps brachii** relaxes/lengthens as the **antagonist** (reversing roles when straightening the elbow). **Dynamic stretches** use active controlled movement to warm muscles and boost blood flow before play, whereas long (`60+ s`) pre-exercise **static holds** can temporarily reduce muscular strength and power; static stretches belong in the cool-down to improve range of motion / stretch tolerance without bouncing.
- **Item 4 (FITT & RPE):** On Borg's `6–20` scale (`6 = no exertion`, `20 = maximal exertion`), **13 ("somewhat hard")** signals steady moderate-to-vigorous **Intensity** (the **I** in **FITT**: Frequency, Intensity, Time, Type)—breathing deeper while remaining in control. Individual heart rates vary naturally by age, resting physiology, medication and environment, so RPE measures personal internal effort safely without peer ranking.
- **Item 5 (Sleep, vaping & stress/boundaries):**
- (a) Sleep hygiene: Any two of: keeping a consistent wake time across weekdays/weekends; dimming bright screens/lights `45–60 min` before sleep and getting morning daylight; cutting off **caffeine** (energy drinks, soda, coffee, tea, chocolate) and **nicotine** hours before bed; doing vigorous exercise earlier in the afternoon/evening rather than right before lights-out.
- (b) E-cigarette / nicotine evidence: Any two of: e-cigarettes heat **propylene glycol / glycerin** e-liquid, flavourings and **nicotine** into an **aerosol** (not water vapour); heating can generate toxic carbonyls (**formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, acrolein**) and release trace metals (**lead, nickel, antimony**) that irritate airways/asthma; **nicotine salts** (using acids like benzoic acid) smooth throat irritation so rapid nicotine doses reach brain **nicotinic acetylcholine receptors**, causing fast **tolerance, dependence and withdrawal** (irritability, anxiety, trouble concentrating) and risking adolescent brain development.
- (c) Boundary & stress tool: Clear 1-sentence boundary/bystander line (e.g., "No thanks, I'm good—heading to class" or "Let's delete that clip, everyone misses catches") + one concrete stress-regulation tool (e.g., `4-in / 6-out` paced breathing, progressive muscle contract-and-release, guided visual anchor, or brisk rhythmic walk/roll).

5. Student-led static-stretch cool-down (5 min)

- Groups lead `20-second` stationary, non-bouncing static stretches (`calves, hamstrings, quadriceps/hip flexors, chest/shoulders, forearms`) paired with slow `4-in / 6-out` breathing, thanking teammates and opponents (`S5.M6.7`) before returning equipment safely (`S4.M7.7`).

Adaptations and small-space options

- **Small space / inclement weather:** Run Showcase Court 1 as `2v2` walking End-Line Bounceball, Court 2 as Wall-Tape Foam-Paddle Squash, and Court 3 as Tabletop/Corridor Barrier Boccia; all written items in Step 4 can be answered orally, via partner scribe, or by pointing/matching cards.