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FIESTA CONMEBOL EVO LY CIÓN



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Introduction

The 6th edition of the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución was held in 2024. This edition brought together teams from the 10 Member Associations who competed in the under 13 boys', under 14 girls', and under 16 girls' categories. A total of 564 athletes had the opportunity to compete, learn, and experience moments of integration and fun.

THREE CATEGORIES

Under 13 boys
Under 14 girls
Under 16 girls

564 ATHLETES

Took part, both boys and girls.

22 CLUBS

From the 10 member countries of CONMEBOL participated





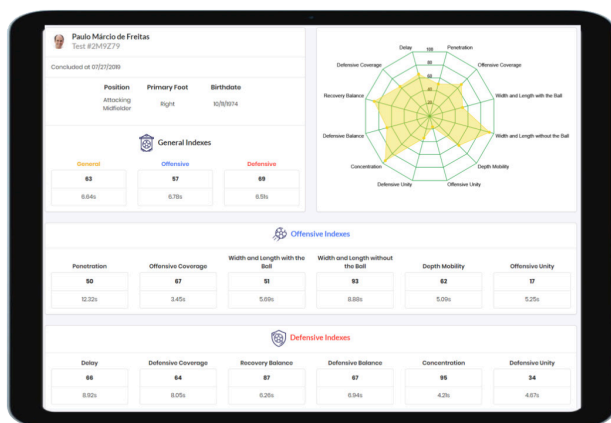
METHODOLOGY



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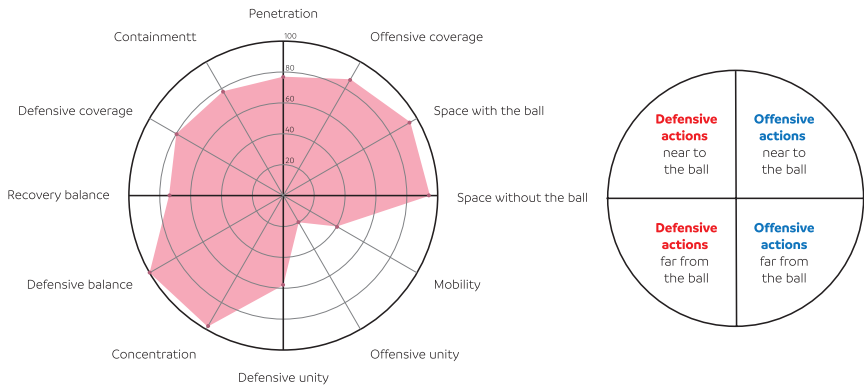
How the reading of the game and the Decision-Making by the player(s) is assessed

The ability to read the game and make decisions in different game situations and the speed of doing so was assessed using the TacticUP test. During the test, players are confronted with game situations that occur both near to and far from the ball, in both the offensive and defensive phases. The results presented are based on the 10 fundamental tactical principles of the game of soccer allow the coaching staff to objectively and quickly understand the profile of each player, thus providing important information to guide their interventions both in games and in training.

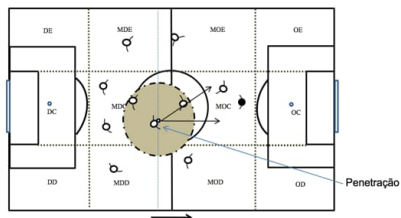


What are the fundamental tactical principles?

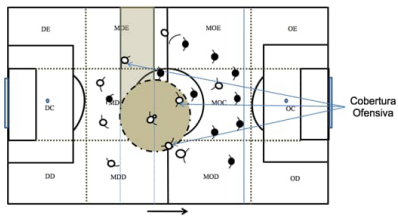
They form the theoretical basis of the internal logic of the game of soccer, helping with reading the game and making decisions about the movements and positions of the players on the pitch. The 10 fundamental tactical principles are organized into four types of actions on the pitch, as illustrated in the graph below.



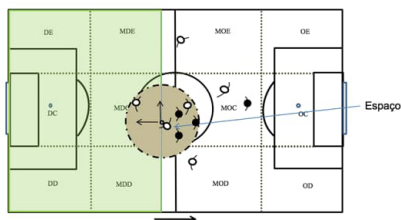
Learn about each of the principles



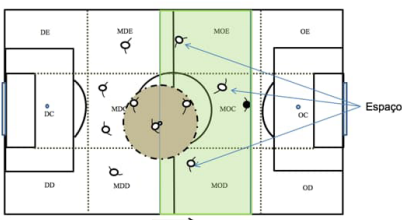
PENETRATION: The action of advancing the ball towards the goal line, that is, decreasing the distance between the player with the ball and the goal.



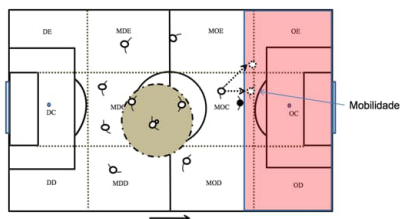
OFFENSIVE COVERAGE: The action of approaching or distancing oneself from the ball in a way that allows for safe and fast passing of the ball and sets the pace of the game (within the center of play).



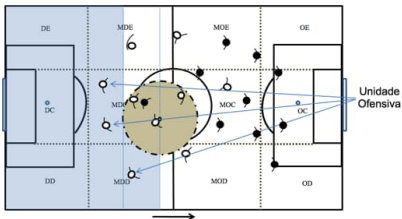
SPACE WITH THE BALL: A movement action with the ball towards the sideline or one's own goal to gain space and time to continue the play.



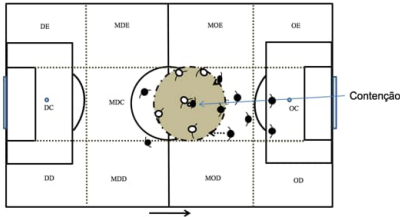
SPACE WITHOUT THE BALL: A movement action ahead of the ball and in front of the last defensive line (outside the center of play) in order to allow for longer, deeper passes.



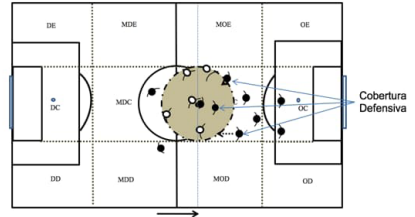
MOBILITY: Movement action behind the last line of defense.



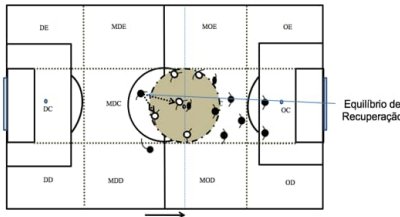
OFFENSIVE UNITY: Organizing the lines of attack while maintaining team unity and allowing for more collective play.



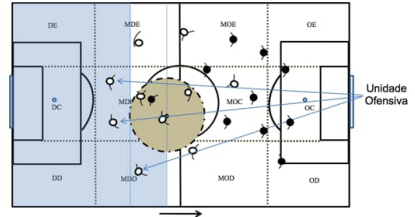
CONTAINMENT: An action aimed at directly delaying the actions of the player with the ball as they move towards the goal.



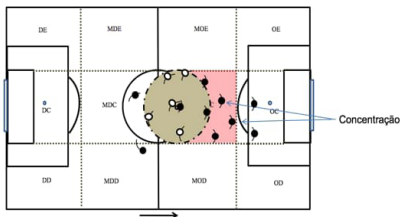
DEFENSIVE COVERAGE: Defensive action assisting the player who is containing (delaying) the player with the ball.



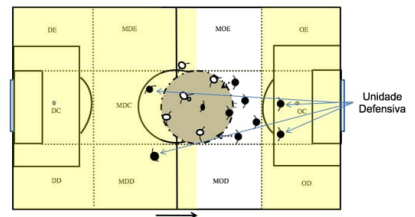
RECOVERY BALANCE: The action of moving near to and behind the line of the ball, applying pressure on the player with the ball to regain possession or cover potential passing lines behind the line of the ball.



DEFENSIVE BALANCE: The action of moving around different areas of the pitch and providing defensive stability to the team (allowing for better defensive balance).



CONCENTRATION: Movement actions to provide protection in areas at risk of direct advance by the opposing team towards the goal.



DEFENSIVE UNITY: Actions to organize the lines of defense, maintaining team unity and allowing for greater defensive protection.

The Participating Teams





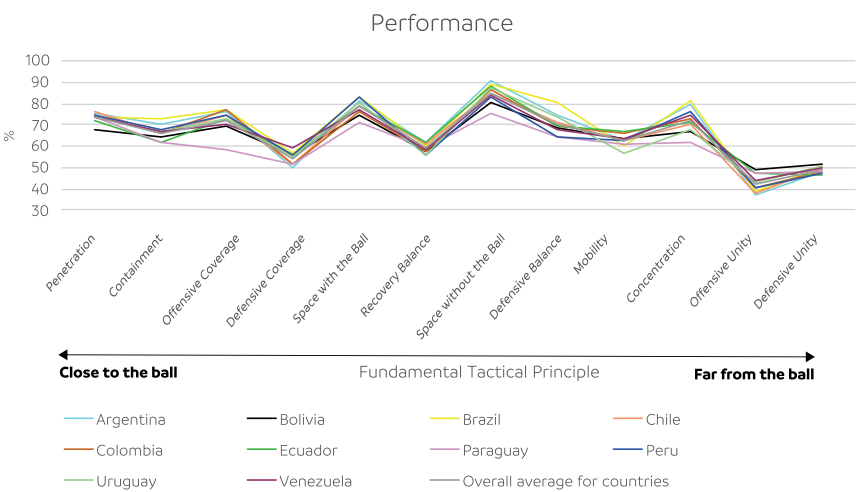
OVERALL RESULTS



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The graph 1 shows information on the average performance for each fundamental tactical principle for each of the 10 countries participating in the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución. Based on the data, we are able to identify which countries performed better. Performance in reading offensive game actions, with an emphasis on space without a ball, which is the movement ahead of the line of the ball with the aim of increasing the width and depth of the effective playing space up to the last line of the opponent’s defense. In the defensive phase, the most notable aspect was identifying the best time to carry out actions linked to the tactical principle of concentration that aims to increase protection of the goal by shifting play to lower-risk areas of the pitch.

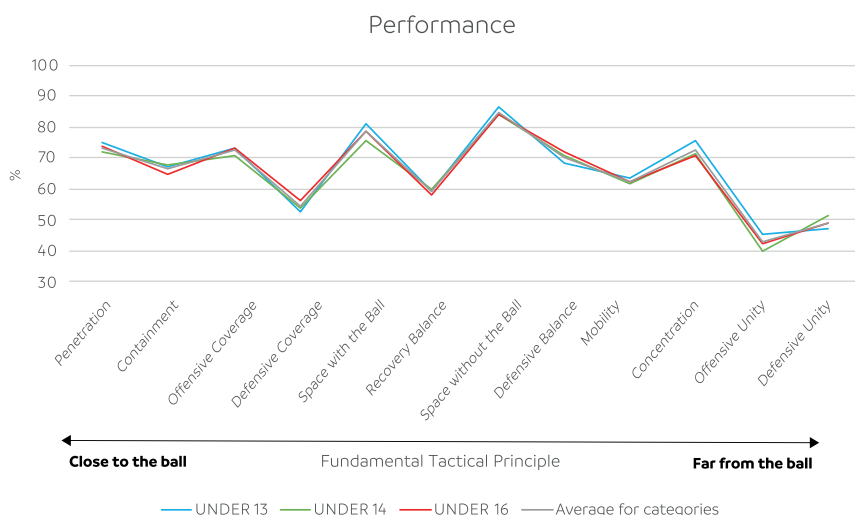
Graph 1



The graph 2 highlights the average performance within each participating category at the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución. Through the data, we were able to identify that the average performance in each category was higher (85%) for actions aiming to expanding the offensive playing space, both

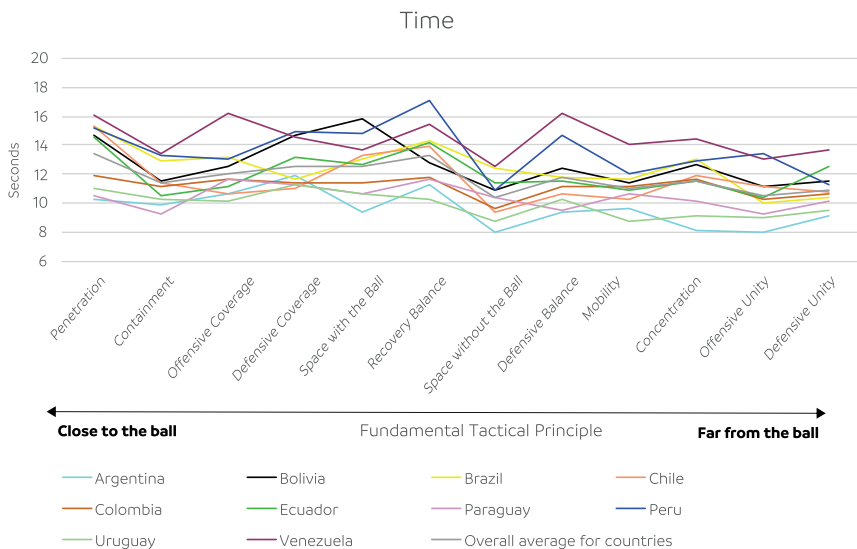
in width and depth, between the line of the ball and the last defender. In terms of the defensive principles, movements aiming to increase the protection of the goal itself through greater presence of defenders in the ball positioning area linked to the principle of concentration were identified as having the highest performance (72%).

Graph 2



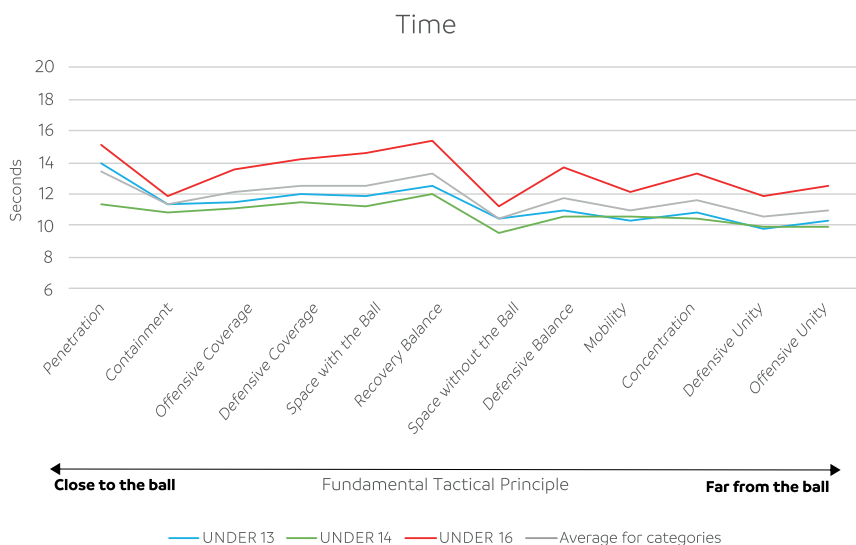
Graph 3 below shows the average decision-making time for each of the fundamental tactical principles. The lines on the graph represent the values obtained in each participating country of the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución. From the data, it was observed that the overall average time for each country was lower in offensive actions, particularly in off-the-ball space, with an overall average of 10.51 seconds. Regarding the fundamental defensive tactical principles, the athletes demonstrated greater speed in making decisions in defensive unit actions, with an average time of 11.05 seconds.

Graph 3



The graph 4 shows the average decision-making time for each of the fundamental tactical principles within each participating category at the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución. Based on the data, we were able to observe that the under 16 category, despite being older, took longer to make decisions in all of the playing actions linked to all the fundamental tactical principles. In general, we were also able to determine that the under 14 category required less time to make decisions in both offensive and defensive game situations. In the analysis, within each category it was determined that both the under 14 and under 16 categories made faster decisions for actions linked to the principle of space without the ball: 9.60 seconds and 11.38 seconds, respectively. The under 13 category was faster at making decisions for actions related to the principle of offensive unity, at 9.95 seconds.

Graph 4







RESULTS



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Under 13 boys

The under 13 category for the countries evaluated showed an average offensive rate of 70%, with an average decision-making time of 11.41 seconds. Athletes in this age group excelled in particular at recognizing actions that occupy space to generate greater depth and width of play up to the opponent's last line of defense, achieving an average performance of 86%. They also demonstrated a performance of 81% and a decision-making time of 11.94 seconds in identifying situations where it was necessary to move the ball towards the sideline or the goal line itself with the aim of escaping the area of greatest pressure and creating new opportunities for progression and time. In terms of defense, the teams achieved a performance of 62% and an average decision-making time of 11.44 seconds. In this phase of the game, the main highlight was the ability to identify actions to occupy spaces in the ball positioning area to ensure greater protection of the goal, with an average assertiveness of 76%. We can therefore see that the under 13 category shows better performance in identifying offensive actions compared to defensive ones.

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Under 14 girls

The under 14 category showed an average offensive performance of 67%, with an average decision-making time of 10.73 seconds. The main highlight in this phase of the game was the ability to identify actions to occupy the spaces between the line of the ball and the last line of defense with the aim of generating depth and width, achieving an average performance of 84%. In terms of defense, the athletes achieved an average of 71% in the principle of concentration, demonstrating good understanding of occupying the area of the pitch where the ball is with the aim of protecting their own goal. They also achieved a performance of 71% for actions related to the principle of defensive balance and an average decision-making time of 10.71 seconds, demonstrating a good understanding of how to recognize actions to occupy spaces where this is necessary to balance lines of defense to direct the opponent to areas of lower pressure. We can therefore see that the under 14 category showed similar performances between the offensive and defensive phases.

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Under 16 girls

The under 16 category recorded an average offensive percentage of 69%, with an average decision-making time of 13.19 seconds. In this phase of the game, the players achieved a performance of 84% in identifying actions to occupy spaces between the line of the ball and the last line of defense (principle of space without the ball). Another point to highlight was the performance of 79% in identifying actions that required dribbling the ball towards the sideline or the goal line itself in order to escape the area of greatest pressure and create new options for progression. In terms of defense, the average performance was 62% and the average decision-making time was 13.56 seconds. The athletes achieved an average score of 72% in recognizing actions related to defensive balance, maintaining the occupation of space in order to balance the area and guide the opponent into areas of lower pressure. They also achieved a score of 70% in identifying actions with the aim of protecting the goal, with an average time of 13.41 seconds.

In general, the under 16 category showed greater performance in the offensive phase, especially in reading spaces and choosing moments to advance safely.



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CONCLUSION



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South American players demonstrated a greater ability to make decisions regarding offensive principles near to the ball, particularly in actions of timing the game. On the other hand, they had more difficulty identifying offensive organizational actions to attack in a collective and organized manner. In terms of defensive actions, the players showed greater ease in identifying the correct time to perform movements that would drive the opponent into areas of lower risk. However, they had more difficulty identifying the best time to perform defensive line compaction actions in the defensive sector ahead of the line of the ball. These behaviors are vital for good performance on the pitch and can be strengthened and developed through specific guidance and feedback on game reading and decision-making in training and games.

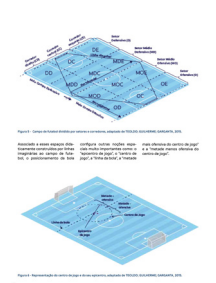
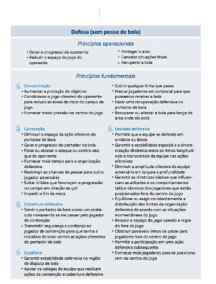
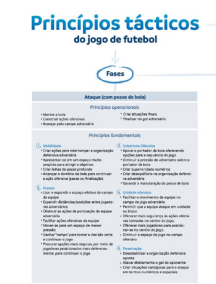
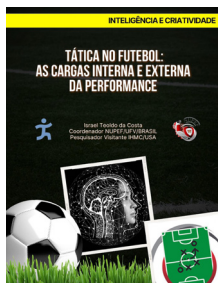




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