



TACTICAL ASSESSMENT 2025

FIESTA CONMEBOL EVOLUCIÓN



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Introduction

In 2025, the 7th edition of the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución was held. In this edition, teams from the ten Member Associations that competed in the competitions were gathered in the under-13 boys, under-14 girls, and under-16 girls' categories. In total, 552 athletes had the opportunity to compete, learn, and experience moments of integration and fun.

THREE CATEGORIES

under-13 boys,
under-14 girls, and
under-16 girls.

564 ATHLETES

participated, men and
women.

It featured the participation of 22 CLUBS

of the 10 member
countries of
CONMEBOL



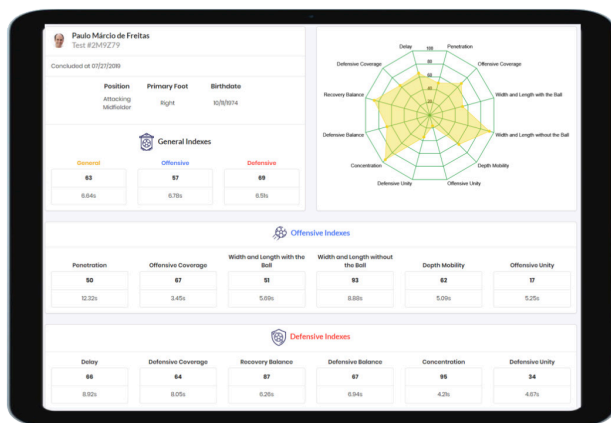


METHODOLOGY



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How players' game reading and decision-making are assessed

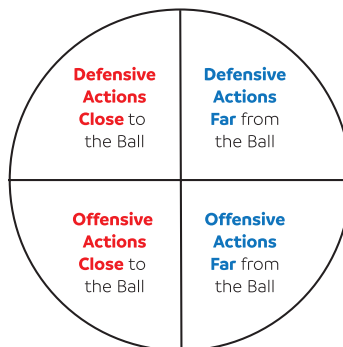
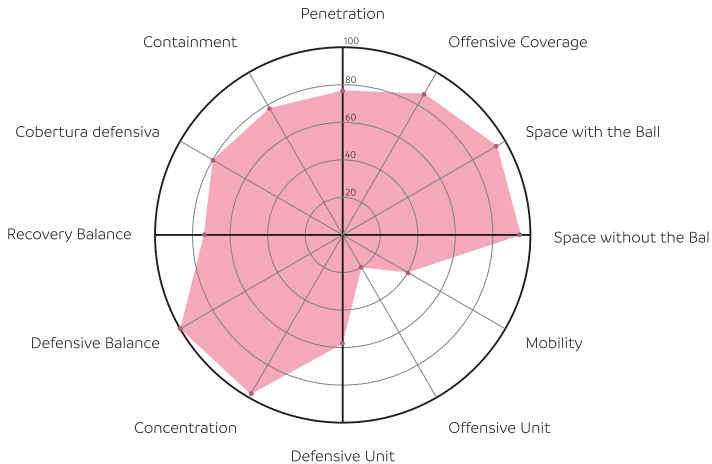


The speed and accuracy of game reading and decision-making in different game situations were assessed through the TacticUP test. When taking the test, players are confronted with game situations that occur both near and far from the ball, in both the offensive and defensive phases. The results presented according to the ten fundamental tactical principles of the game of football allow the technical staff to objectively and quickly understand each player's profile, therefore providing important information to guide their interventions both during matches and in training.

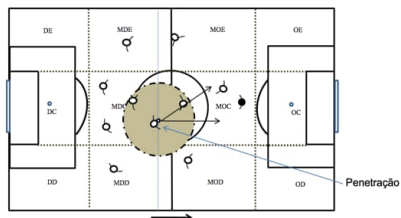


What are the fundamental tactical principles?

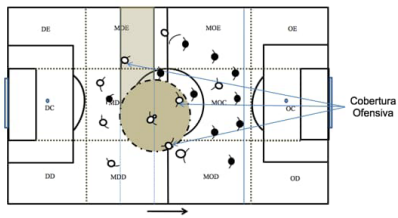
They form the theoretical basis of the internal logic of the game of football, assisting in reading the game and making decisions about the movements and positioning of the players on the field. The ten fundamental tactical principles are organized into twelve parameters divided into four types of actions on the field, as illustrated in the chart below.



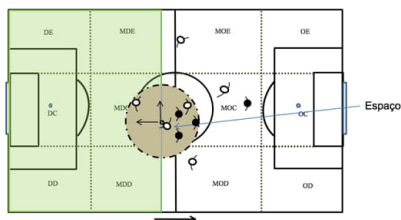
Learn about each of the principles



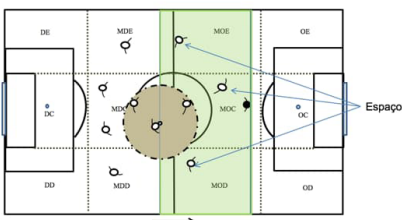
PENETRATION: The action of advancing the ball towards the goal line, that is, decreasing the distance between the player with the ball and the goal.



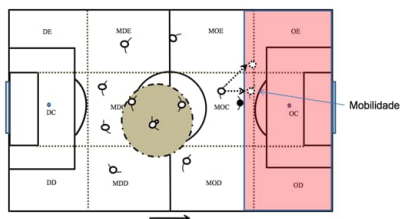
OFFENSIVE COVERAGE: The action of approaching or distancing oneself from the ball in a way that allows for safe and fast passing of the ball and sets the pace of the game (within the center of play).



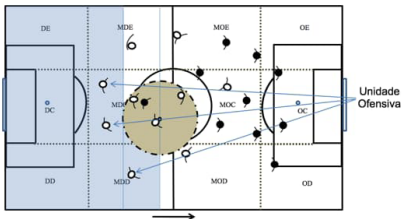
SPACE WITH THE BALL: A movement action with the ball towards the sideline or one's own goal to gain space and time to continue the play.



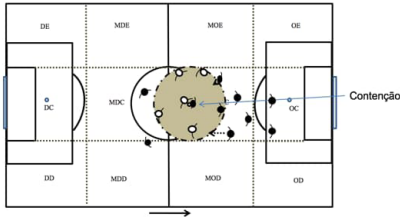
SPACE WITHOUT THE BALL: A movement action ahead of the ball and in front of the last defensive line (outside the center of play) in order to allow for longer, deeper passes.



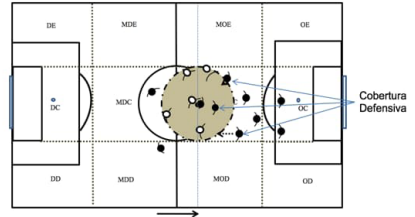
MOBILITY: Movement action behind the last line of defense.



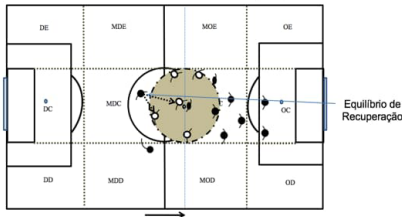
OFFENSIVE UNITY: Organizing the lines of attack while maintaining team unity and allowing for more collective play.



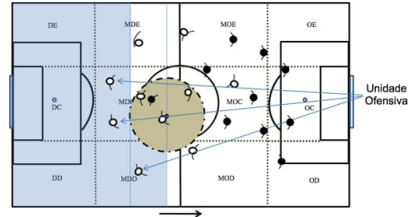
CONTAINMENT: An action aimed at directly delaying the actions of the player with the ball as they move towards the goal.



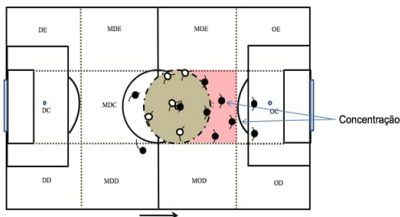
DEFENSIVE COVERAGE: Defensive action assisting the player who is containing (delaying) the player with the ball.



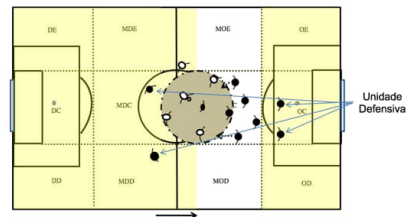
RECOVERY BALANCE: The action of moving near to and behind the line of the ball, applying pressure on the player with the ball to regain possession or cover potential passing lines behind the line of the ball.



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





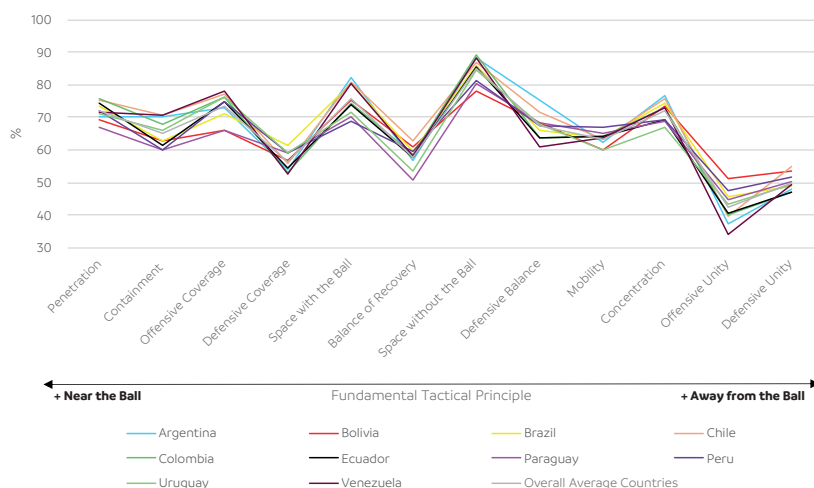
OVERALL RESULTS



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The following graph presents information on the average performance by fundamental tactical principle of each of the ten countries participating in the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución. Analyzing the data, it is possible to identify that the countries showed better performance in reading the game of offensive actions, especially in the space without the ball, which is the movement ahead of the ball line with the objective of widening and expanding the effective playing space up to the last line of the opponent's defense. In the defensive phase, the greatest highlight was the identification of the best moment to perform actions linked to the tactical principle of concentration, which aim to increase the protection of the goal, conditioning the game to lower-risk zones of the field.

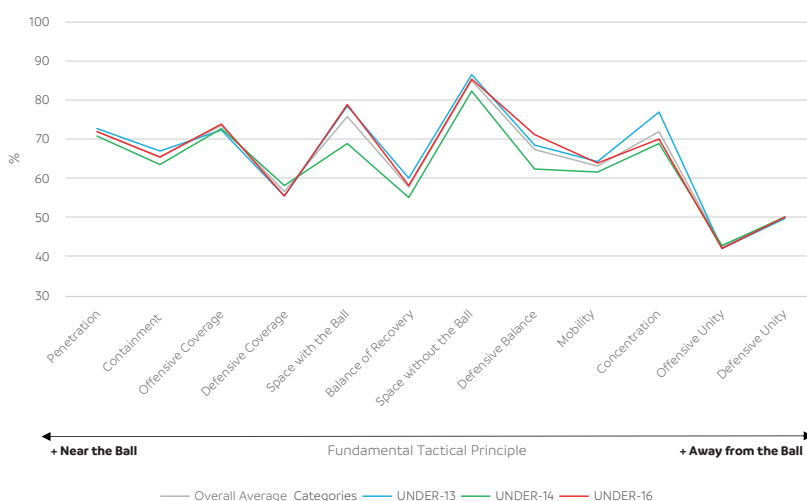
GRAPH 1 PERFORMANCE BY COUNTRY



The following graph highlights the average performance within each participating category of the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución. The data showed that the highest average performance per category was in actions aimed at expanding the offensive playing space, both in width and depth, be-

tween the ball and the last opposing defender (85%). Regarding defensive principles, the best average was for movements aimed at increasing the protection of one's own goal through a greater presence of defenders in the ball's positioning zone, linked to the principle of concentration; these were the ones that obtained the highest performance (72%).

GRAPH 2 OVERALL PERFORMANCE BY CATEGORY

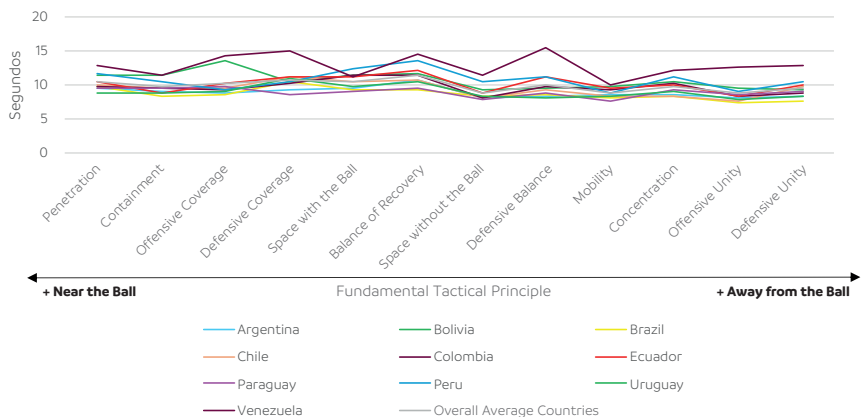


The following graph shows the average time for decision-making in each of the fundamental tactical principles. The lines in the graph present the values obtained in each country participating in the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución. Based on the data, it was possible to observe that the overall average time of the countries was lower in offensive actions, with offensive unity standing out, with an overall average of 8.76 seconds. Regarding the defensive fundamental tactical principles, the athletes demonstrated greater speed in decision-making in defensive unity actions, with an average time of 9.46 seconds.

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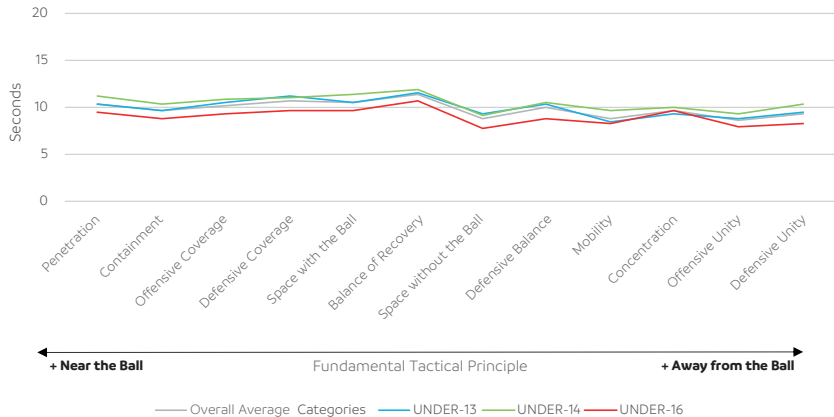
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GRAPH 3 TIME BY COUNTRY



The following graph shows the average time for decision-making in each of the fundamental tactical principles within each category participating in the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución. Based on the data, it is possible to observe that the under-14 category presented the highest decision-making times overall, while the under-16 category obtained the lowest average time. In the analysis within each category, it was observed that the under-13 category presented faster decision-making in the mobility principle, with an average of 8.59. The under-14 and under-16 categories, in turn, were faster in decision-making related to the space without the ball tactical principle, presenting average times of 9.32 seconds and 7.93 seconds, respectively, to make decisions.

GRAPH 4 GENERAL TIME BY CATEGORY







RESULTS



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Under-13 boys

The under-13 category of the evaluated countries presented an offensive average of 70%, with an average decision-making time of 10.06 seconds. Athletes in this age group stood out especially in recognizing actions related to occupying spaces to generate greater depth and width of play up to the opponent's last defensive line, achieving an average performance of 87%. In addition, they showed a performance of 80% and a decision time of 10.57 seconds in identifying situations in which it was necessary to move with the ball toward the sideline or the goal line, with the objective of leaving the area of greatest pressure and creating new possibilities for progression and time. In the defensive aspect, the teams obtained an average performance of 63% and an average decision-making time of 10.37 seconds. In this phase of the game, the main highlight was the ability to identify actions of occupying spaces in the zone where the ball was positioned in order to ensure greater protection of the goal, with an average accuracy of 76%. Thus, it can be observed that the under-13 category presents better performance in identifying offensive actions compared to defensive ones.

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Under-14 girls

The under-14 category presented an average offensive performance of 67%, with an average decision-making time of 10.35 seconds. The main highlight in this phase of the game was the ability to identify actions of occupying spaces between the line of the ball and the last defensive line, with the objective of generating depth and width, achieving an average performance of 83%. In the defensive aspect, the athletes presented an accuracy of 69% in the concentration principle, in addition to an average time of 10.09 seconds to make decisions related to movement to occupy the zone of the opponent's progression. They also obtained 64% in the containment principle, which indicates regular performance in recognizing the ideal moment to apply direct opposition to the opponent in possession of the ball. Thus, it can be observed that the under-14 category presented similar performances between the offensive and defensive phases.

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Under-16 girls

The under-16 category recorded an offensive average of 69%, with an average decision-making time of 8.81 seconds. In this phase of the game, the players obtained 85% performance in identifying actions of occupying spaces between the line of the ball and the last defensive line (space without the ball principle). Another point to highlight was the 79% performance in identifying actions that required carrying the ball toward the sideline or the goal line in order to escape the area of greatest pressure and create new alternatives for progression. In the defensive aspect, the average performance was 62% and the average decision-making time was 9.41 seconds. The athletes obtained an average performance of 71% in recognizing actions related to defensive balance, maintaining space occupation in order to balance the zone and guide the opponent toward areas of lower pressure. They also presented 70% in identifying actions aimed at protecting the goal, with an average time of 9.76 seconds. Overall, the under-16 category showed higher performance in the offensive phase, especially in reading spaces and choosing the right moments to advance safely.

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CONCLUSION



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South American players showed greater ability to make decisions in actions related to offensive principles close to the ball, with emphasis in delaying actions. On the other hand, they showed more difficulty in identifying offensive organization actions in order to attack collectively and in an organized manner. Regarding defensive actions, the players showed greater ease in identifying the correct moment to perform movements that guide the opponent toward lower-risk areas. However, they showed more difficulty in identifying the best moment to perform defensive line compactness actions in the defensive sector in front of the ball line. These behaviors are essential for good performance on the pitch and can be strengthened and developed through targeted coaching guidance and specific feedback on game reading and decision-making in both training sessions and matches.

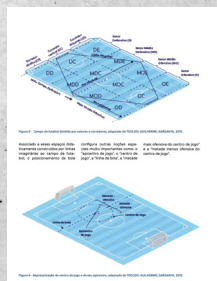
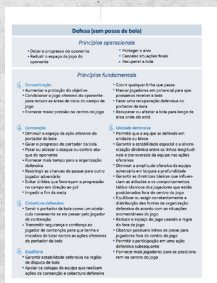
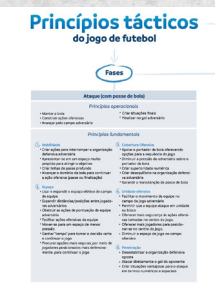
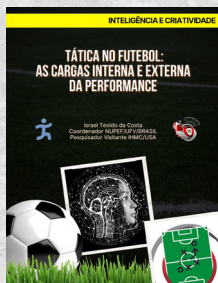




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