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LIGA EVOLUCION

415 BOYS & GIRLS

2026 EDITION



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Alejandro Domínguez W.S.
President of CONMEBOL

"There is a stage when far more is decided than it may seem: ages 14 and 15. That is when young people learn to manage pressure and sustain their effort. This competition is where, for the first time, everything they will need later is put to the test."

"Here, we do not measure success solely by the standings. What matters to us is whether a player leaves this tournament better prepared than when they arrived: with more tools, better judgement and a deeper understanding of the game. That is the true outcome we seek with this league."



Nery Pumpido
Deputy secretary general for football and development director of CONMEBOL

2025 RECAP



20
NATIONAL TEAMS

13
DAYS OF COMPETITION

520
PLAYERS

CHAMPIONS

U15 BOYS & U15 GIRLS

U15 BOYS FINAL:
Brazil 2 (5) - (4) 2 Argentina

U15 GIRLS FINAL:
Brazil 0 (4) - (2) 0 Argentina

Brazil were crowned champions in both categories, defeating Argentina on penalties on both occasions.

The first edition produced champions, standout players and a generation that continued to progress in South American football.



STANDOUT PLAYERS



Best U15 Boys player:
Bruno Cabral (Argentina)



Best U15 Girls player:
Amaral Farías (Chile)



Best U15 Boys goalkeeper:
Luis Machín (Uruguay)



Best U15 Girls goalkeeper:
Sahiara Carballo (Uruguay)

TOP SCORERS BOYS
Bruno Cabral (Argentina): 10 goals
José Gamboa (Venezuela): 3 goals
Vicente Pesce (Uruguay): 3 goals

TOP SCORERS GIRLS
Julieta Aguilar (Argentina): 3 goals
Zoe Suárez (Uruguay): 3 goals
Emma Álvarez (Paraguay): 3 goals

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THE U15 TOURNAMENT

The tournament through data

Purpose: The CONMEBOL Liga Evolución U15 Boys and U15 Girls tournament brought together the ten CONMEBOL Member Associations in a competition that combined sporting development with the holistic development of young footballers.

Date: 8–20 September
Venues: Paraguay - CARFEM, Ypané.
Parque Guasu Metropolitano — Luque.

20 National teams

2	2	5
Stages	Zones	Teams per zone

80 MINUTES PER MATCH → minimum playing time of 40 minutes.

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THIS IS EVOLUTION

10 U15 BOYS **20** 10 U15 GIRLS

NATIONAL TEAMS TOOK PART IN THE TOURNAMENT

13 DAYS OF COMPETITION

400	6 to 7	96
PLAYERS Boys & Girls	STAFF MEMBERS for every 20 athletes	REFEREES

Every player was required to play at least **40 MINUTES** during the tournament.



FROM THE LIGA EVOLUCIÓN U15 TO THE WORLD STAGE: a generation that kept moving forward.

FROM U15 TO U17



400 participants in the 2025 CONMEBOL Liga Evolución U15.

91 PLAYERS subsequently competed in the CONMEBOL U17 tournament.

52 PLAYERS subsequently qualified for the FIFA U17 World Cup.



2026 TOURNAMENT ACTIVITIES

Experiences that enrich the competition

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Over thirteen days, South America's ten U15 Boys and ten U15 Girls national teams competed simultaneously, gaining international experience while representing their countries.

THE THIRD HALF

The Third Half added another dimension to the competition: after each match, it provided a space to connect, express emotions, reflect and acknowledge the opposing team.

REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

The initiative supported the development of 60 young referees from the ten Member Associations, giving them international experience and opportunities for professional growth.

On and off the pitch, every tournament activity formed part of a shared experience of competition, learning and development.

WORKSHOP

The workshop provided a space for the 20 participating coaching staffs to learn and exchange knowledge and experiences, with a focus on developing South American football.

COGNITIVE STUDY

A study was conducted with the U15 Girls national teams to understand the players' decision-making and support their development.



RULES OF THE GAME

Everything needed to compete

Rules designed for competition and learning. A format that promotes participation, fair play and the development of every player.

40 MINUTES FOR EVERYONE

During the Group Stage, each player must play at least 40 minutes per match.

EVERYONE TAKES PART

All 20 registered players must participate during the competition, reinforcing equal opportunities.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

Each national team may include up to two 16-year-old players and one 13-year-old player.



REHYDRATION BREAK

One break per half, lasting up to 90 seconds.





During the rehydration break, one member of the coaching staff may share observations with the fourth or fifth official for up to 30 seconds, for educational purposes.

COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN THE HEAD COACH & THE 4TH OR 5TH OFFICIAL

PURPLE CARD

An educational tool used to address violent or unsporting conduct on or off the pitch, encourage reflection and protect the tournament's safe learning environment.

COMPETITION FORMAT

IN EACH CATEGORY

2 Groups — North Zone & South Zone

5 National teams per zone

Single round-robin.

AFTER THE GROUP STAGE

A placement match was played between the national teams that finished in the same position in each zone.

- 5th vs. 5th
- 4th vs. 4th
- 3rd vs. 3rd
- 2nd vs. 2nd
- 1st vs. 1st

TO DETERMINE

The overall standings and the champions in each category.

	NORTH ZONE		SOUTH ZONE
1	COLOMBIA	1	PARAGUAY
2	ECUADOR	2	CHILE
3	PERU	3	URUGUAY
4	BRAZIL	4	BOLIVIA
5	VENEZUELA	5	ARGENTINA

*If a Final Stage match ended in a draw, the winner was decided by a penalty shootout.





More than a competition, it was an educational experience designed to develop sporting, social and emotional skills and promote respect, fair play, togetherness and personal growth on and off the pitch.

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FIXTURES

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NORTH ZONE

PARQUE GUASU

MATCHDAY 1 8 SEPTEMBER	#1	08:00	4	VENEZUELA	PERU	4
	#2	08:40	0	COLOMBIA	BRAZIL	1
MATCHDAY 2 10 SEPTEMBER	#5	08:00	1	VENEZUELA	COLOMBIA	1
	#6	08:40	0	BRAZIL	ECUADOR	0
MATCHDAY 3 12 SEPTEMBER	#9	08:00	2	ECUADOR	PERU	0
	#10	08:40	2	BRAZIL	VENEZUELA	1
MATCHDAY 4 16 SEPTEMBER	#13	08:00	0	PERU	COLOMBIA	1
	#14	08:40	3	ECUADOR	VENEZUELA	1
MATCHDAY 5 18 SEPTEMBER	#17	08:00	0	COLOMBIA	ECUADOR	1
	#18	08:40	0	PERU	BRAZIL	2

SOUTH ZONE

PARQUE GUASU

MATCHDAY 1 8 SEPTEMBER	#3	10:00	1	ARGENTINA	URUGUAY	0
	#4	10:40	2	PARAGUAY	BOLIVIA	1
MATCHDAY 2 10 SEPTEMBER	#7	10:00	0	ARGENTINA	PARAGUAY	2
	#8	10:40	0	BOLIVIA	CHILE	3
MATCHDAY 3 12 SEPTEMBER	#11	10:00	0	BOLIVIA	ARGENTINA	2
	#12	10:40	1	CHILE	URUGUAY	2
MATCHDAY 4 16 SEPTEMBER	#15	10:00	0	URUGUAY	PARAGUAY	1
	#16	10:40	2	CHILE	ARGENTINA	1
MATCHDAY 5 18 SEPTEMBER	#19	10:00	1	PARAGUAY	CHILE	0
	#20	10:40	4	URUGUAY	BOLIVIA	2

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NORTH ZONE

CARFEM (YPANÉ)

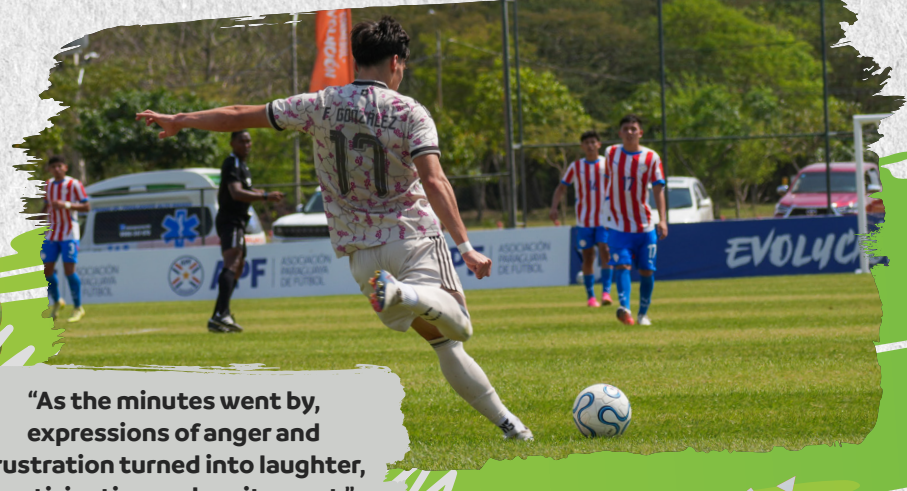
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	#2	15:40	0	BRAZIL	ECUADOR	0
MATCHDAY 2 11 SEPTEMBER	#5	15:00	4	BRAZIL	COLOMBIA	2
	#6	15:40	1	PERU	VENEZUELA	2
MATCHDAY 3 13 SEPTEMBER	#9	15:00	1	VENEZUELA	ECUADOR	0
	#10	15:40	2	PERU	BRAZIL	0
MATCHDAY 4 15 SEPTEMBER	#13	15:00	0	ECUADOR	COLOMBIA	1
	#14	15:40	0	VENEZUELA	BRAZIL	0
MATCHDAY 5 17 SEPTEMBER	#17	15:00	0	COLOMBIA	VENEZUELA	0
	#18	15:40	1	ECUADOR	PERU	0

SOUTH ZONE

CARFEM (YPANÉ)

MATCHDAY 1 9 SEPTEMBER	#3	19:00	1	CHILE	BOLIVIA	0
	#4	19:40	1	PARAGUAY	URUGUAY	1
MATCHDAY 2 11 SEPTEMBER	#7	19:00	0	URUGUAY	ARGENTINA	3
	#8	19:40	1	CHILE	PARAGUAY	3
MATCHDAY 3 13 SEPTEMBER	#11	19:00	1	ARGENTINA	BOLIVIA	1
	#12	19:40	1	URUGUAY	CHILE	1
MATCHDAY 4 15 SEPTEMBER	#15	19:00	0	BOLIVIA	PARAGUAY	1
	#16	19:40	0	ARGENTINA	CHILE	1
MATCHDAY 5 17 SEPTEMBER	#19	19:00	0	BOLIVIA	URUGUAY	2
	#20	19:40	1	PARAGUAY	ARGENTINA	1







"As the minutes went by, expressions of anger and frustration turned into laughter, participation and excitement."

HOW IT UNFOLDED

Some moments need no explanation. The emotions of competing, connecting, celebrating and sharing, as told by those who experienced them.



SHARING COMPETING CONNECTING







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"The development of girls' football begins at the grassroots level: competing from an early age helps players grow and gain international experience."

RELIVE THE MOMENTS THAT DEFINED CONMEBOL LIGA EVOLUCIÓN U15 2026.





FEELING

"Enjoy every moment, don't give up and give your best in every match."

CELEBRATING





"This tournament helps them believe they can go much further and return to their countries with a different mindset."







DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

The 2026 CONMEBOL Liga Evolución U15 brought together

400

PARTICIPANTS.

14.5% OF THE ATHLETES had also taken part in the 2025 edition.



20% OF THE GIRLS who had participated in previous editions of the Fiesta CONMEBOL Evolución competed this year in the Liga Evolución U15.

MORE THAN 50% of the coaching staff members had also taken part in the 2025 edition.

CONTENT day

Content Day was an experience centred on fun, connection and the memories created along the sporting journey through photos, games and content creation.











INTEGRATION





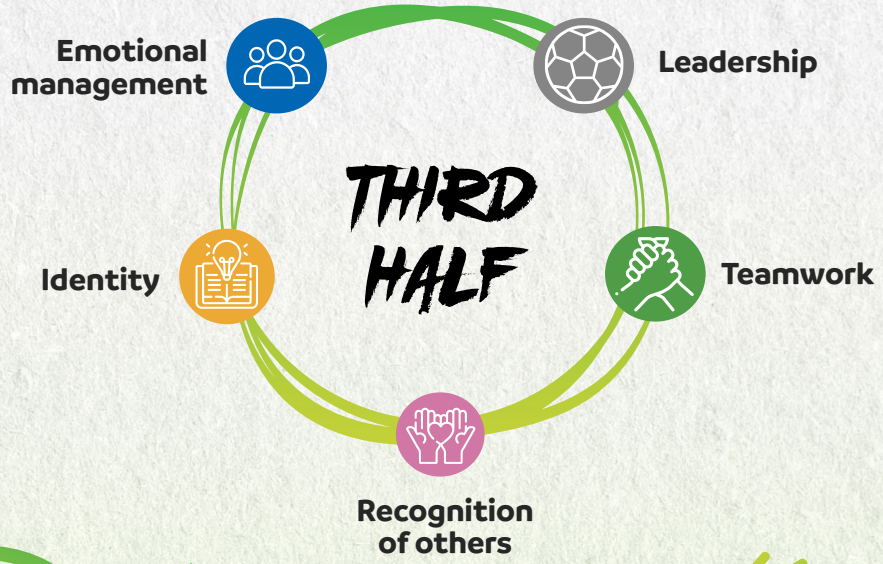




BEYOND THE THIRD HALF

The result was only one part of the journey. Learning, sharing experiences, managing emotions and taking on new challenges are also part of development.

The programme was structured around 5 areas:







PABLO NIGRO — Academic Coordinator, CONMEBOL Evolución

"The Third Half creates a space after the match for young people to connect, acknowledge what they felt, and grow through identity, teamwork and emotional control."



THIRD HALF OBJECTIVE







To create a space immediately after matches where players from different national teams can connect, recognise and express their emotions, strengthen their identity, and develop teamwork, leadership and emotional-control skills.



"The Third Half reaffirms that the true essence of football transcends borders and unites us as South Americans."

CLAUDIO TAPIA — President of the Argentine Football Association and Second Vice President of CONMEBOL





WORKSHOP

It was a space where coaches and other professionals exchanged knowledge, experiences and tools related to developing South American talent.

Develop ment

Train ing

Ex change

Expe riences



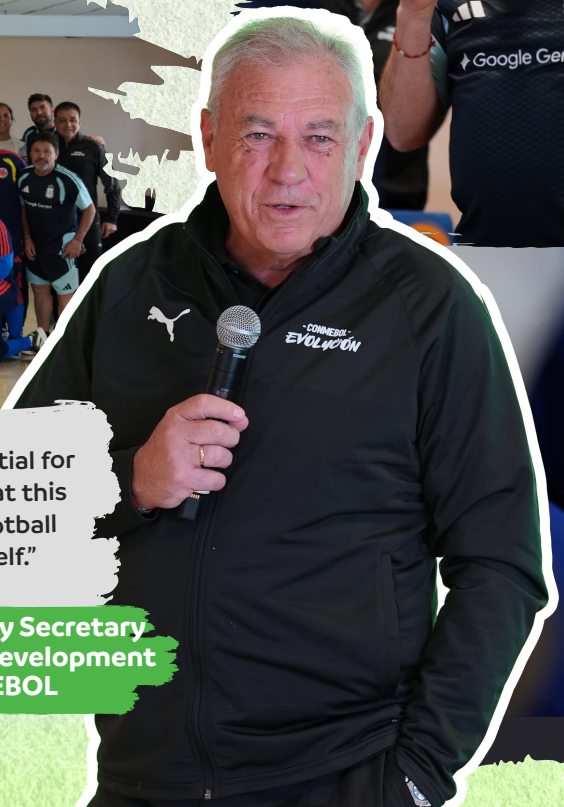
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"Training opportunities are essential for young people to understand what this sport means and everything football involves beyond the game itself."

NERY PUMPIDO — Deputy Secretary General for Football and Development Director of CONMEBOL



COGNITIVE STUDY U15 GIRLS

TACTICUP ASSESSMENT

The players completed the TacticUp assessment on computers to obtain information about their decision-making processes in game situations.

OBSERVATION DURING TRAINING SESSIONS

The players were observed during training sessions to gather contextual information that helped interpret and enrich the data obtained, ensuring a comprehensive perspective that combined theory, practice and data analysis.

INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH EACH TEAM

Each national team held an individual meeting with researcher Israel Teoldo da Costa, who presented the TacticUp results and shared tools and recommendations to support the players' development.

This study presents decision-making data from 200 players from the ten South American national teams that took part in the 2026 CONMEBOL Liga Evolución U15 Girls tournament.

2026

69.39 %

Attacking performance: average accuracy of decisions made in the attacking situations assessed.

62.99 %

Defensive performance: average accuracy of decisions made in the defensive situations assessed.

8.52 seconds

Attacking response time: average time taken to respond to attacking situations.

8.87 seconds

Defensive response time: average time taken to respond to defensive situations.

Together, these indicators show two aspects of decision-making: the quality of responses and the time taken to resolve attacking and defensive situations.

REFEREE DEVELOPMENT

The programme gave young referees from the Member Associations international competition experience, helping them develop their technical skills and advance professionally.

1. IN-PERSON STAGE

10–20 SEPTEMBER 2026 | **On-field practice: Liga Evolución U15 Boys and U15 Girls**

- 4 days of training before the tournament
  - 12 hours on the pitch — training sessions and diagnostic fitness assessments
  - 25 hours of theoretical training
  - 6 hours of nutrition sessions, including a diagnostic assessment
- 10 male referees
  10 female referees
  20 male assistant referees
  20 female assistant referees
- 7 mentors
  (5 technical and 2 fitness mentors)
- 6 tournament days
  26 matches

2. VIRTUAL FOLLOW-UP

For 12 months, from September 2026 to September 2027, CONMEBOL instructors provided virtual support.

- Technical support
- Fitness support
- English classes
- Coaching
- Nutrition



3. SUPPORT IN HOME COUNTRIES

Mentors visited referees in their home countries to support their participation in local tournaments and their continued development.









ENRIQUE CÁCERES

“The experience is very enriching for referees: it allows them to develop professionally and officiate matches involving teams from different countries.”

TESTIMONIALS

Different shirts. Different roles. Different experiences. Those who were part of CONMEBOL Liga Evolución U15 2026 tell the story of the tournament first-hand.



"Competing internationally from an early age allows them to gain experience, face greater challenges and continue developing."

Briant Fabián Figueroa

Chile girls' head coach



"Competing at a younger age allows them to gain experience and be better prepared for the next stages of their development."

Martín José Ferrari

Uruguay boys' head coach



"Facing strong national teams is essential to the development process and helps us better prepare players for the future."

Carlos Guilherme Dalla Déa

Brazil boys' head coach

"Beyond the result, representing their country and competing internationally at this age is an invaluable experience for their development."



Adrián Jesús Gallara

Argentina boys' head coach

TESTIMONIALS



Derlis Daniel Acosta

Paraguay boys' head coach

"These first experiences give them essential tools to advance on their path towards professional football."



Malena Fiorella Valverde Salazar

Peru girls' head coach

"This competition is an important step in their development and helps them arrive better prepared for the U17 level."



Luiz Guilherme Almeida

Paraguay girls' head coach

"It is their first encounter with a competitive environment that teaches them discipline, commitment and everything involved in developing through football."



Reynaldo Diaz

Venezuela boys' head coach

"Competing from an early age allows them to discover different backgrounds and grow by sharing experiences with young people from across the continent."

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FINAL RESULTS

NORTH ZONE	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 VENEZUELA	4	2	2	0	3	1	2	8
2 COLOMBIA	4	2	1	1	6	5	1	7
3 BRAZIL	4	1	2	1	4	4	0	5
4 ECUADOR	4	1	1	2	1	2	-1	4
5 PERU	4	1	0	3	4	6	-2	3

SOUTH ZONE	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 PARAGUAY	4	2	2	0	6	3	3	8
2 CHILE	4	2	1	1	4	4	0	7
3 ARGENTINA	4	1	2	1	5	3	2	5
4 URUGUAY	4	1	2	1	4	5	-1	5
5 BOLIVIA	4	0	1	3	1	5	-4	1

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FINAL RESULTS

NORTH ZONE	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 BRAZIL	4	3	1	0	5	1	4	10
2 ECUADOR	4	3	1	0	6	1	5	10
3 COLOMBIA	4	1	1	2	2	3	-1	4
4 VENEZUELA	4	0	2	2	7	10	-3	2
5 PERU	4	0	1	3	4	9	-5	1

SOUTH ZONE	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 PARAGUAY	4	4	0	0	6	1	5	12
2 ARGENTINA	4	2	0	2	4	4	0	6
3 CHILE	4	2	0	2	6	4	2	6
4 URUGUAY	4	2	0	2	6	5	1	6
5 BOLIVIA	4	0	0	4	3	11	-8	0

FINAL STANDINGS

CONMEBOL LIGA EVOLUCIÓN SUB 15 FEMENINA	CONMEBOL LIGA EVOLUCIÓN SUB 15
1ST	
VENEZUELA	BRAZIL
2ND	
PARAGUAY	PARAGUAY
3RD	
CHILE	ARGENTINA
4TH	
COLOMBIA	ECUADOR
5TH	
BRAZIL	COLOMBIA
6TH	
ARGENTINA	CHILE
7TH	
ECUADOR	VENEZUELA
8TH	
URUGUAY	URUGUAY
9TH	
PERU	PERU
10TH	
BOLIVIA	BOLIVIA





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U15 GIRLS' FINAL

(4) 0-0 (1)
SCORE



5
MATCHES

3
GOALS

CHAMPIONS
Venezuela

"I want to thank everyone. This is a victory at a very important time for Venezuela; these have been difficult months, so I think this has brought a little joy to everyone. Thank you very much. We believe in great things, dream big and will keep believing in great things."
VENEZUELA HEAD COACH — U15 GIRLS CHAMPIONS



BEST GOALKEEPER
Lia Peña

BEST PLAYER
Alejandra Baquero



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U15

U15 BOYS' FINAL

(7) 1-1 (6)
SCORE



5
MATCHES

6
GOALS

CHAMPIONS
Brazil

"The main thing is to congratulate the other national teams: there are great athletes here who will represent their senior national teams in the future. Competing at this level prepares these athletes for world football, where they will soon represent their senior national teams."
BRAZIL HEAD COACH — U15 BOYS CHAMPIONS



BEST GOALKEEPER
Rubén Mizael Calderón González

BEST PLAYER
Mateo Amarilla




RELIVE THE GIRLS' FINAL
RELIVE THE BOYS' FINAL
CONMEBOL LIGA EVOLUCIÓN SUB 15
CLOSING





This new edition of the Liga Evolución U15 Girls and U15 Boys was made possible thanks to the joint work of CONMEBOL's Development team and the Paraguayan Football Association. Together, they made the tournament an experience of competition, holistic development and connection for the new generations of South American football.

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