



Explanation of Player Evaluation Sheet

Technical – comfort and control on the ball

This area is how the player receives, controls and moves the ball around. The ability to use both feet with technical perfection when receiving and controlling from different heights, angles and speeds. How can a player use the skill sets to accomplish the task under pressure. The way a player executes different ways of striking a ball, passing, shooting, crossing and heading.

Tactical – Understanding and awareness of the game

Knowledge the player shows with and without the ball in making runs to support team shape/balance and to create channels/space. The speed at which a player can make a decision and apply a skill based on that decision. The understanding of the tactical instructions and how to apply them at game speed - counter attack, recovery runs, transitioning, set pieces and setting the pace of play.

Psychological – Cognitive components affecting game play

The attitude and desire a player shows to improve and learn, both intrinsically and extrinsically. The ability to concentrate during intense periods and remain composed under pressure and at game speed. The commitment a player shows to team and pride within. The ability to demonstrate team needs and act with a team mentality. The understanding of what leadership is.

Physical – Athleticism and how to use it

The pure natural athleticism of a player and how a player uses that skill set. The acceleration, deceleration, turning circle, speed, endurance/stamina and agility a player shows. The ability the player demonstrates to act on physical characteristics and seek an advantage during game play.

What the numbers mean:

- 1- Needs improvement – player is unable to complete the skill set
- 2- Meets the standard – player demonstrates the skill needed and can generate success
- 3- Consistently achieves – player shows the ability to generate success on most attempts
- 4- Advanced – player demonstrates a comprehension and level of skill where execution is consistent and accurate
- 5- Excels and beyond – player demonstrates skill sets above and beyond the expected stage on a consistent basis

Each stage of development can and will change with a player's growth in soccer and areas will progress over time with training and exposure to game situations at the appropriate skill level. A player's area of strength will adjust as development age, chronological age and physical age increase.