Analysis of tactical performance according to position role in soccer

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The aim of the present study is to verify the influence of the offside rule on the tactical performance according to positional role (Forwards, Midfielders, Defenders). Tactical Performance was assessed through the System of Tactical Assessment in Soccer (FUT-SAT). We analyzed 47139 tactical actions performed by 168 U-17 soccer players (Forwards, Midfielders, Defenders) who were evaluated in a small-sized game in a field of 36m x 27m. The software Soccer Analyser, part of FUT-SAT, specifically built for the 'GK+3vs.3+GK' test, was used to analyze the games. Statistical Analysis was performed through IBM SPSS software for Windows, version 20.0. Kolmogorov- Smirnov and Shapiro-Wilk normality tests were used to verify data distribution. T-test and Wilcoxon test were used for paired samples, with a significance level of p < 0.05. Results displayed significant statistical differences for the following variables: Penetration (Forwards), Depth Mobility (Forwards), Width and Length (Midfielders) and Delay (Forwards). It has been concluded that, for this sample, the offside rule influenced the Tactical Performance in relation to positional role.

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