

Module 2: Profiles

—●— Player Profile

Four corner template example

Player profiles list the key criteria expected of players who play for your organization. They are generally broken down into position-specific player profiles for each main role within your squad. Some criteria may be consistent across all positions. These are not exhaustive lists and players may not tick every box, but they highlight the main aspects that you wish to see from players in that position.

Criteria are often listed in order of importance or defending/attacking. The criteria should be determined by the outcomes of the philosophy processes, which highlight the most important aspects of play to help your organization succeed on the pitch. Achieving an agreement around these profiles from all key stakeholders helps create alignment and understanding.

This four corner template shows the criteria separated according to the traditional four-corner model (Technical, Tactical, Physical and, Psychosocial), although this is just one possible option.

Winger Example

Example criteria are shown here for a winger in an imaginary organization. They are not prescriptive and all criteria should be relevant and aligned to your organization.

Technical

- Combination play in final third
- Attacking 1v1s – beat opponent
- Final actions – crossing and shooting
- Touch/control under pressure – play forwards
- Defensive 1v1s – steal the ball

Tactical

- Exploit attacking spaces
- Isolate defenders
- Dynamic transition play
- Lead defensive pressing & 1v1s
- Quick reactions to losing possession

Physical

- Acceleration
- Top pace/speed
- Agility and coordination
- Stamina – repeated sprints
- Robust in duels

Psychosocial

- Risk-taker
- Desire to score/create
- Positive, collective approach
- Resilience – keep trying
- Emotional control

Winger – position specific

General – all positions

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Use this four corner template to create your own player profile. Consider position-specific technical, tactical, physical, and psychosocial criteria relevant to your organization to develop this.

Position: _____

Technical

Tactical

Physical

Psychosocial