

Position-Specific Qualities - 7 Profiles



No. 1 Goalkeeper

- Reading the game to intercept crosses long balls and through balls behind defensive line
- Decision making and passing skills under pressure to play short or long
- Quick reactions on shots and 1v1 situations
- Is a coach on the field, effectively organizes and directs teammates from an optimal viewpoint

No. 4 & 5 Right and Left Centerbacks

- Defensively strong in 1v1 situations (air and ground)
- Reading the game to intercept long and through passes
- Technical skills to make accurate long diagonal passes under pressure
- Is a coach on the field to organize defensive line and direct other team members on defense and preventive defensive behavior when attacking
- Has guts, is brave and composed in his behavior

No. 2 & 3 Right and Left Fullbacks

- Reading the game to continuously position and reposition and make quick decisions
- Long and short passing and crossing skills under pressure
- Proficient 1 v 1 to create or win/regain the ball
- Exudes power, speed, and fitness to execute on attack and defense for the whole game

No. 6 Defensive Midfielder

- Regains possession in 1v1 or intercepting passes
- Moves into space ahead of time to support and understands when to play forward or retain possession, has the technique to dictate the pace of the game
- Is there when needed (leadership)

No. 8 & 10 Central Midfielders

- Has technical skills and ability to read situations quickly to create scoring chances (dribble or pass) and score goals
- Varies the way of running to get behind/between the defensive lines of the opponent
- Manages the pace of the game

No. 7 & 11 Wide Forwards

- Proficient taking defenders on 1v1 inside or outside to unbalance the opponent to create chances and score goals
- Crossing and shooting technique under pressure
- Exudes power and speed and fitness to execute the whole game

No. 9 Center Forward/Striker

- Technical ability to score goals (foot or head) in the box
- Holding and protecting the ball with back towards goal
- Varied running to get behind opposition back line
- Deals with adversity, has guts, is brave