

S16 Table. Effect of two SD of possession length (factor increases of 2.4 on attack and 2.7 on defence) on collective tactical variables for the forward's sub-group on attack and defence. With the exception of the mean centroid longitudinal and lateral, the statistics were derived via log-transformation, hence data are the predicted changes (% , $\pm 90\%$ compatibility limits) and decisions about the magnitude of the changes.

Variables	Attack	Decision	Defence	Decision
Mean				
Stretch index(m)	-2.6, ± 3.2 %	trivial ⁰	13, ± 4.3 %	moderate \uparrow ****
Inter-player distance (m)	-3.0, ± 3.1 %	trivial \downarrow ^{0*}	12, ± 4.2 %	small \uparrow ****
Stretch index longitudinal (m)	-2.9, ± 4.8 %	trivial ⁰	16, ± 5.7 %	small \uparrow ****
Length (m)	-3.6, ± 4.7 %	trivial \downarrow ^{0*}	13, ± 5.3 %	small \uparrow ***
Surface area (m ²)	-4.7, ± 7.2 %	trivial ⁰	23, ± 11 %	small \uparrow ***
Width (m)	0.00, ± 4.4 %	trivial ⁰	3.6, ± 4.5 %	trivial \uparrow ^{0*}
Stretch index lateral (m)	-0.10, ± 4.2 %	trivial ⁰	3.4, ± 4.6 %	trivial \uparrow ^{0*}
Width per length ratio (m)	-3.8, ± 8.4 %	trivial ⁰⁰	-13, ± 6.6 %	small \downarrow **
Centroid longitudinal (m)	0.58, ± 0.33	small \uparrow ^{*0}	-0.66, ± 0.37	small \downarrow **
Centroid lateral (m)	0.11, ± 0.22	trivial ⁰⁰	0.39, ± 0.20	small \uparrow **
Variability				
Stretch index(m)	28, ± 7.9 %	moderate \uparrow ****	26, ± 8.4 %	moderate \uparrow ****
Inter-player distance (m)	26, ± 7.8 %	moderate \uparrow ****	23, ± 8.3 %	small \uparrow ****
Stretch index longitudinal (m)	27, ± 7.9 %	moderate \uparrow ****	27, ± 8.3 %	moderate \uparrow ****
Length (m)	25, ± 7.7 %	small \uparrow ****	23, ± 8.2 %	small \uparrow ****
Surface area (m ²)	14, ± 8.7 %	small \uparrow **	34, ± 11 %	moderate \uparrow ****
Width (m)	18, ± 6.5 %	small \uparrow ****	26, ± 8.7 %	moderate \uparrow ****
Stretch index lateral (m)	17, ± 6.2 %	small \uparrow ***	26, ± 9.1 %	moderate \uparrow ****
Width per length ratio (m)	-26, ± 11 %	small \downarrow **	-30, ± 10 %	small \downarrow ***
Centroid longitudinal (m)	27, ± 9.1 %	small \uparrow ****	27, ± 8.9 %	small \uparrow ****
Centroid lateral (m)	26, ± 8.8 %	small \uparrow ****	54, ± 16 %	moderate \uparrow ****
Irregularity				
Stretch index	-48, ± 3.7 %	large \downarrow ****	-42, ± 6.4 %	moderate \downarrow ****
Inter-player distance	-47, ± 3.7 %	moderate \downarrow ****	-45, ± 6.5 %	moderate \downarrow ****
Stretch index longitudinal	-52, ± 3.5 %	large \downarrow ****	-48, ± 6.1 %	moderate \downarrow ****
Length	-50, ± 3.6 %	large \downarrow ****	-46, ± 5.8 %	moderate \downarrow ****
Surface area	-43, ± 3.8 %	moderate \downarrow ****	-42, ± 5.5 %	moderate \downarrow ****
Width	-35, ± 3.9 %	moderate \downarrow ****	-41, ± 4.6 %	large \downarrow ****
Stretch index lateral	-35, ± 3.8 %	moderate \downarrow ****	-41, ± 4.4 %	large \downarrow ****
Width per length ratio	-75, ± 18 %	moderate \downarrow ****	-90, ± 20 %	moderate \downarrow ****
Centroid longitudinal	-49, ± 5.1 %	moderate \downarrow ****	-58, ± 4.9 %	large \downarrow ****
Centroid lateral	-40, ± 4.4 %	moderate \downarrow ****	-56, ± 4.1 %	large \downarrow ****

\uparrow , increase; \downarrow , decrease.

Magnitudes are based on the following scale for standardized changes in the mean: <0.2, trivial; 0.2-0.6, small; 0.6-1.2, moderate; 1.2-2.0, large; 2.0-4.0, very large; >4.0 extremely large

Reference-Bayesian likelihoods of substantial change: *possibly; **likely; ***very likely, ****most likely.

*** and **** indicate rejection of the non-superiority or non-inferiority hypothesis (p_N - or p_{N+} <0.05 and <0.005 respectively).

Reference-Bayesian likelihoods of trivial change: ⁰possibly.

Likelihoods are not shown for effects with inadequate precision at the 90% level (failure to reject any hypotheses; $p > 0.05$).

Effects in **bold** have adequate precision at the 99% level ($p < 0.005$).