Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table S1. Principal Components Analysis of players' age, height, and mass from the elite academy. For each Principal Component (PC) the proportion of total variance accounted for is presented, along with the variable loadings.

	PC1	PC2	PC3
Age	0.55	0.83	0.05
Mass	0.60	-0.35	-0.73
Height	0.59	-0.43	0.68
Variance	89.4%	8.7%	1.9%

Supplementary Table S2. Principal Components Analysis of passing and control. For each Principal Component (PC) the proportion of total variance accounted for is presented, along with the variable loadings.

	PC1	PC2
Test 1	0.43	-0.35
Test 2	0.45	0.08
Test 3	0.42	-0.14
Test 4	0.38	0.26
Test 5	0.39	-0.51
Test 6	0.38	0.72
Variance	56.2%	11.2%

Supplementary Table S3. Estimates of repeatability for each passing test.

	N	ICC	CI – 95%
Test 1	156	0.78	0.71 - 0.83
Test 2	158	0.56	0.42 - 0.66
Test 3	154	0.75	0.68 – 0.81
Test 4	154	0.47	0.31 – 0.60
Test 5	165	0.76	0.70 – 0.82
Test 6	164	0.69	0.60 – 0.76

Supplementary Table S4. Pearson's Correlations among passing tests for the elite academy with sample sizes (N) for each pair of tests. Data for Test 1, 2 and 3 were square-transformed. * $p < 0.001$

	Test 1	**Test 2**	**Test 3**	**Test 4**	**Test 5**
Test 2	r = 0.59* (N=161)				
Test 3	r = 0.50* (N=159)	r = 0.52* (N=159)			
Test 4	r = 0.46* (N=161)	r = 0.48* (N=164)	r = 0.41* (N=159)		
Test 5	r = 0.49* (N=156)	r = 0.48* (N=159)	r = 0.41* (N=154)	r = 0.39* (N=159)	
Test 6	r = 0.42* (N=156)	r = 0.53* (N=159)	r = 0.41* (N=154)	r = 0.40* (N=159)	r = 0.39* (N=164)