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|  | **U16** | **U18** | **U20** |
| **Forwards**  *n* | 20 | 21 | 18 |
| Age (years) | 15.8 ± 0.4 | 17.7 ± 0.3 | 19.3 ± 0.7 |
| Stature (cm) | 182.3 ± 5.5 | 185.1 ± 4.6 | 182.8 ± 5.2 |
| Body mass (kg) | 85.9 ± 10.0 | 96.4 ± 7.1 | 99.6 ± 9.3 |
| Actual playing time (min) | 49.3 ± 18.5 | 51.1 ± 19.4 | 59.9 ± 22.8 |
|  | 15 | 19 | 19 |
| **Backs**  *n* |
| Age (years) | 16.0 ± 0.2 | 17.8 ± 0.3 | 19.5 ± 0.5 |
| Stature (cm) | 176.2 ± 3.9 | 176.7 ± 5.5 | 179.9 ± 5.5 |
| Body mass (kg) | 73.2 ± 11.0 | 79.7 ± 5.5 | 84.4 ± 8.9 |
| Actual playing time (min) | 52.1 ± 20.3 | 52.9 ± 18.4 | 61.8 ± 23.2 |
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|  | **U16 vs. U18** | **U16 vs. U20** | **U18 vs. U20** |
| **Forwards** |  |  |  |
| Relative Distance (m.min-1) | ***Likely*** ↓ | ***Almost Certain*** ↓ | ***Almost Certain*** ↓ |
|  | -3.8%; ±4.0% | -16.0%; ±2.7% | -12.7%; ±3.4% |
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| LSR.min-1 (m.min-1) | ***Unclear*** | ***Very Likely*** ↓ | ***Very Likely*** ↓ |
|  | -0.6%; ±4.0% | -8.4%; ±4.3% | -7.8%; ±4.4% |
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| HSR.min-1 (m.min-1) | ***Possibly*** ↓ | ***Almost Certain*** ↓ | ***Very Likely*** ↓ |
|  | -13.0%; ±16.9% | -34.4%; ±10.0% | -24.6%; ±13.7% |
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| PL.min-1 (AU.min-1) | ***Possibly*** ↑ | ***Likely*** ↓ | ***Very Likely*** ↓ |
|  | 3.7%; ±5.7% | -5.2%; ±4.7% | -8.6%; ±5.4% |
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| PLslow.min-1 (AU.min-1) | ***Likely*** ↑ | ***Very Likely*** ↑ | ***Unclear*** |
|  | 7.1%; ±5.6% | 9.0%; ±6.3% | 1.8%; ±5.5% |
| **Backs** |  |  |  |
| Relative Distance (m.min-1) | ***Unclear*** | ***Very Likely*** ↓ | ***Very Likely*** ↓ |
|  | -0.8%; ±6.9% | -11.0%; ±6.8% | -10.3%; ±5.2% |
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| LSR.min-1 (m.min-1) | ***Unclear*** | ***Unclear*** | ***Likely*** ↓ |
|  | 2.2%; ±6.0% | -3.5%; ±6.3% | -5.5%; ±5.7% |
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| HSR.min-1 (m.min-1) | ***Unclear*** | ***Very Likely*** ↓ | ***Almost Certain*** ↓ |
|  | -5.6%; ±14.0% | -24.1%; ±11.4% | -19.6%; ±8.3% |
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| PL.min-1 (AU.min-1) | ***Possibly*** ↑ | ***Likely*** ↓ | ***Almost Certain*** ↓ |
|  | 6.8%; ±10.4% | -9.3%; ±9.0% | -15.1%; ±7.0% |
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| PLslow.min-1 (AU.min-1) | ***Very Likely*** ↑ | ***Likely*** ↑ | ***Unclear*** |
|  | 12.7%; ±8.9% | 8.2%; ±8.7% | -4.0%; ±7.6% |