

## Infographic: How is talent defined among Brazilian sports scientists?

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## INTRODUCTION

Searching for reasons why players attain high performance and are considered talented in soccer has mobilized the international scientific community for a few decades, as exemplified by the two volumes published by the Journal Sports of Science and a volume of Soccer & Society dedicated to the study of talent in soccer<sup>1,2,3</sup>.

The importance in scientific literature reflects the relevance of the topic for soccer, for its identity practiced by some countries and even in South America is manifested by the recognition of the talent of its players, to the point that the highest entity of the sport in South America, CONMEBOL, defines its characteristics in the continent using the “formula”: South American Soccer = Talent+Creativity<sup>Passion</sup><sup>4</sup>.

In South America, Brazil stands out for the number of achievements in national team competitions, as well as the quality of its players, considered the most talented in soccer history, such as “king” Pelé and “queen” Marta.

Furthermore, in absolute numbers, the country has occupied, in recent years, the top positions in the annual ranking of international footballer transfers<sup>5</sup>. These facts highlight the prestige of the country’s players on the international soccer scene.

Given the relevance of the theme for the modality, whether in the production of scientific knowledge or for its national identity, a question becomes central: what is talent for Brazilian soccer? Based on this question, the objective was to investigate the definition of talent in Brazilian soccer from a national scientific perspective.

A systematic review was carried out in the Web of Science and Scopus databases in October 2023. The inclusion criteria were indexed articles by Brazilian authors and/or authors linked to institutions in Brazil. The following words were used for the research: futebol, soccer, football, Brasil, Brazil, brasileiro, brazilians, talento, talent, dom and gift; in the title, keywords and abstracts of the documents<sup>6</sup>.

In the Web of Science database, 10 documents were found, and in the Scopus database, eight. After excluding duplications, book chapters and abstracts from conference proceedings, eight articles remained. In the articles studied, a definition of talent for Brazilian soccer was not found.

The establishment of a definition of talent for Brazilian soccer is fundamental for its study and, mainly, the operationalization of its development in the process of training high-performance footballers.

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