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## Pathway Advisory Services for Young Australian Footballers

### READY TO START YOUR FOOTBALL PATHWAY ASSESSMENT?

#### Initial Consultation

We offer a confidential initial consultation to:

- Review your current situation and performance data.
- Assess your realistic professional prospects.
- Discuss pathway options based on your profile.
- Answer questions about overseas opportunities, contracts, or agent approaches.
- Provide honest guidance on next steps.
- Provide a concise report at a **fix fee**.

### The Reality of Professional Football

You're talented. You've been selected for representative teams. Coaches see your potential. But here's the truth that most young players and their families don't hear early enough:

#### The Numbers Don't Lie

**Only 0.12%** of young Academy players in England will play in the English Premier League.  
**Just 4%** of talented teen academy prospects in Spain make it to the top tier of professional football  
**Worldwide only 0.5%** of players who join a youth academy go on to have a professional career.

### Current Industry Performance Benchmarks

Professional clubs use specific metrics to identify talent. Understanding where you rank is crucial for realistic pathway planning. Benchmarked levels that apply at professional football include:

#### SPEED, ATHLETIC and MENTAL RESILIENCE STANDARDS

Speed is a critical differentiator at professional level. Here's where you need to be:

#### Sprint Speed Benchmarks (Season average from 5+ GPS match data points):

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### Classification Top Speed

<b>Elite Speed</b>	35+ km/h
<b>Very Fast</b>	32-34 km/h
<b>Above Average</b>	30-31 km/h
<b>Average</b>	27-29 km/h

### Key Markers:

- **Elite Players:** Achieve 32+ km/h in match situations consistently.
- **Acceleration Target:** 3.0-3.5 m/s<sup>2</sup> in first 10 metres (critical for fullbacks, wingers, strikers).
- **Professional Standard:** If you're not hitting 30+ km/h regularly by age 17-18, your physical profile may limit professional opportunities.

## OTHER MATCH PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Professional scouts assess players using three key methods:

- 1. Match Analysis**
- 2. Technical Skill Assessment**
- 3. Psychological Profiling** - Technical ability without the right mentality rarely succeeds at professional level.

## UNDERSTANDING THE TRANSFER MARKET

### Current Transfer Activity (Per Transfer Window)

When professional moves happen, here's how they typically break down:

57% - Free transfers (players signing without a transfer fee)  
21.9% - Paid transfers (clubs paying a transfer fee)  
10% - Loan deals (temporary moves)  
10% - Returns from loan (back to parent club)

### The Youth Transfer Boom

Since 2016, analysis of over **100,000 player transfers** reveals:

- Consistent decline in the average age of signings
- Clubs increasingly investing in younger players (15-19 years) as long-term assets
- Transfer fees for young talents have skyrocketed due to competitive pressure
- European and global clubs targeting youth prospects earlier than ever

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## PATHWAYS FOR AUSTRALIAN PLAYERS

## Understanding Your Options

1. The A-League Pathway
2. Going Overseas Earlier
3. Private Youth Football Academies
4. The United States College Soccer Pathway
5. European, South American & Asian Pathways

## WHY CHOOSE LIBERO CONSULTING?

Peter Paleologos brings:

- ✓ **20+ years** as FIFA-licensed football agent (since 2001)
- ✓ **Legal expertise** as a Football Lawyer in football law and regulations
- ✓ **Author** of *The Australian Youth Footballer Regulatory Guide* and the first Australian book on football player agency namely 'The Agent's Game'
- ✓ **Editorial Board Member** of Football Legal Journal
- ✓ **FIFA Pro Bono Counsel** appointment
- ✓ **President** of Australian Football Agents Association (10+ years)
- ✓ **International network** of clubs, scouts, and agents across Europe, Asia, and beyond
- ✓ **Track record** successfully guiding Australian players to A-League and overseas opportunities

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For an Initial Consultation our Contact Details are available below: -