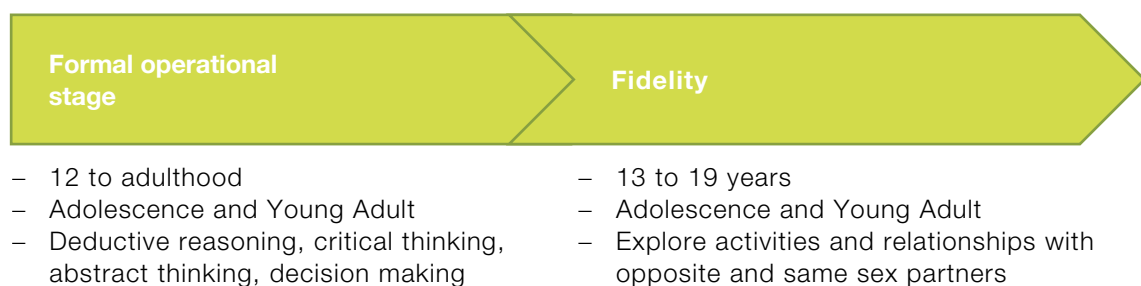


ADVANCED STAGE

The advanced stage encompasses the formal operational stage of intellectual development (Piaget 1954) and the fidelity stage of emotional development (Erikson 1959, 1964).

INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT:



PLAYERS FULLY GRASP AND UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPTS OF:

- Think about abstractions
- Logical thought processes
- Deductive reasoning
- Systematic long-term planning becomes part of the thought processes
- Fully understand rules of the game
- Understand fully the consequences of their actions
- Handling of competitive situations
- Performance on demand
- Stress handling related to training, competition, team selection and try-outs and education demands
- Independent thinking
- Self-coaching
- Decision making
- Critical thinking
- Transfer of decisions from practice to game-situations
- Assuming responsibility for own behavior and own decisions
- Team first thinking
- Development of self-coaching abilities
- Independent thinking skills
- Team play and accountability