

Observing the Section Candidate as an Assistant Referee

Recognize the candidate is being critiqued on their ability to successfully perform as an assistant referee in a TYPICAL U-14 **AYSO** game. The assessment should focus mainly on the candidate's basic understanding of the "technical" aspects of refereeing and general understanding of the Laws of the Game and the Diagonal System of Control.

Appearance

- Section assistant referee candidate should arrive at the game properly attired and have the required equipment.

Pre-game

Section assistant referee candidate should:

- arrive at the game at least 20 minutes before it starts, be properly equipped, and be read to walk onto the field.
- in response to directions from the referee, inspect players and field equipment
- be attentive to the Referee's pre-game instructions, and when in doubt, ask questions
- assume proper position for the kickoff

Fitness

In general, the candidate is expected to:

- maintain a position opposite the second to the last defender
- sprint as required
- demonstrate their ability to anticipate play by positioning themselves in advance of play
- correctly position themselves for restarts

Attitude

Candidate:

- must practice the "**AYSO** Team" philosophy at all times
- should exhibit an appropriate professional attitude, and a spirit of cooperation and support for the referee team.

Courage, Character and Consistency

Candidate must:

- maintain their composure and attention to their responsibilities
- demonstrate a willingness to make consistently fair and unbiased decisions

Positioning, Mechanics and Signals

Candidate must:

- demonstrate their knowledge of the operation of the diagonal system of control
- correctly position themselves in a manner that maximizes eye contact with the referee
- correctly position themselves in advance of restarts
- indicate their awareness of proper restart signals and show a measure of professionalism while executing them
- maintain the flag unfurled and on the field side while moving up and down the field

Assisting: Offside, Goal-Line and Touch-Line

Candidate should:

- provide timely and accurate assistance to the referee for the ball out of play across the touchline or goal-line or indicate the proper restarts required
- provide accurate assistance for offside calls (participating players)

Assistance: Fouls and Misconduct

Candidate must:

- indicate a willingness to flag infractions out of view of the referee
- ask for support when sideline interference is interrupting the game and their concentration

Conclusion

To satisfy the field performance requirements at the section level as while refereeing a TYPICAL **AYSO** U14 match, the candidate must be very successful in demonstrating:

- knowledge of the Laws
- application of the Laws
- the mechanics of the diagonal system of control
- proper positioning for restarts