



What Area 1-P Assessors Expect From Advanced Referee Candidates

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As Referee

Appearance

Advanced Referee candidates, and the other match officials, are expected to arrive at the game properly attired and have the required equipment.

Pre-Game

Advanced Referee candidates are expected to:

- arrive at the game at least 30 minutes before it starts, be properly equipped and be ready to walk onto the field
- administer the field, players and field equipment inspection and require correction or marking of unsafe conditions before the game is allowed to begin
- provide general, but acceptable pre-game instructions to their assistant referees that include: positioning and signaling on restarts, offside and goal
- provide acceptable techniques during the coin toss and leadership in acquiring game cards and game balls
- properly position themselves for kick-off and verify proper position of players and assistant referees for kick-off

Fitness

In general, candidates are expected to:

- be within 15 – 20 yards of play
- generally travel the diagonal while demonstrating their ability to cover the extremes of the field when required
- sprint as required
- demonstrate their ability to anticipate play by positioning themselves in advance of play

Attitude

Candidates are expected to:

- practice the “AYSO Team” philosophy at all times
- be friendly and accommodating to fellow referees, players and coaches including introducing assistant referees to team captains during the coin toss
- demonstrate confidence and be perceived by players and coaches to be confident
- control the game at all times

Courage, character, and consistency

Candidates are expected to:

- demonstrate willingness to call fouls equally for both teams when they occur
- be capable of recognizing and dealing firmly with any challenges to their authority on or off the field and interference from the sidelines

Positioning, mechanics, and signals

Candidates are expected to:

- demonstrate knowledge of the operation of the diagonal system of control and when it is appropriate, to deviate from the diagonal to follow play
- position themselves correctly in advance of restarts
- consistently orient themselves in a manner that maximizes their eye contact with their assistant referees
- indicate their awareness of proper restart signals and show a measure of professionalism while executing them
- use the whistle in a manner that reflects the seriousness of the call

Accuracy of decisions

Candidates are expected to:

- recognize and whistle less obvious as well as obvious fouls
- have no difficulty distinguishing between DFK and IFK fouls
- distinguish between offside position and offside participation
- apply the proper penalties and restarts
- demonstrate the use of advantage

Control

Candidates are expected to demonstrate that they have control of the game at all times by:

- starting and stopping the game on time
- stopping and starting halves on time
- allowing for substitutions at an appropriate time
- controlling substitutions
- handling injuries
- being aware of the readiness of players and the assistant referees
- providing sufficient whistle signal level so that players are aware that the referee has made a call

As Assistant Referee

Pre-Game

Advanced Assistant Referee candidates are expected to:

- arrive at the game at least 30 minutes before it starts, be properly equipped and be ready to walk onto the field
- in response to direction 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 kick-off

Fitness

In general, candidates are expected to:

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

Attitude

Candidates are expected to:

- practice the “AYSO Team” philosophy at all times
- exhibit an appropriate professional attitude and a spirit of cooperation and support for the referee team

Courage, character, and consistency

Candidates are expected to:

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

Positioning, mechanics, and signals

Candidates are expected to:

- demonstrate their knowledge of the operation of the diagonal system of control
- correctly position themselves in a manner that maximizes their 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

Assistance: Offside, goal line, and touch line

Candidates are expected to:

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

Assistance: Fouls and misconduct

Candidates must:

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