



AYSO Area 1/P Expected Intermediate Referee Skills and Proficiencies¹



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Appearance

Intermediate Referee candidates are expected to arrive at the game properly attired and have the required equipment.

Pre-Game

Intermediate 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
- provide general but acceptable pre-game instructions to their assistant referees
- demonstrate acceptable techniques during the coin toss and leadership in acquiring game cards and game balls
- properly position themselves for the kick-off and direct the referee team and the players as to their position for the kick-off

Fitness

In general, candidates are expected to:

- keep up with play while traveling the diagonal
- sprint as required
- demonstrate the rudiments of anticipating play

Attitude

Candidates:

- should practice the "AYSO Team" philosophy at all times
- should be friendly and accommodating to fellow referees, players, and coaches
- may indicate some nervousness but should demonstrate an aura of authority

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
- position themselves correctly in advance of restarts
- direct assistant referees to preferred positions during a restart by the attacking team near the opponents goal line
- 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

¹ AYSO National Referee Program Manual 2019-2020, pages 44 - 45

- use the whistle in a manner that reflects the seriousness of the offense

Accuracy of decisions

Candidates are expected to:

- consistently recognize and whistle fouls which occur in a typical regular season AYSO U-12 game including DFK and IFK fouls
- recognize the difference between offside position and offside participation
- apply the proper penalties and restarts

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