

## ***Observing the Section Referee Candidate***

Recognize that candidates are being critiqued on their ability to successfully perform as referees and assistant referees in a TYPICAL U14 AYSO game. The assessment should focus on the candidates' 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 referee candidates shall arrive at the game properly attired and have the required equipment.

### ***Pre-game***

Section Referee candidates should:

- a. arrive at the game at least 20 minutes before it starts, be properly equipped and be ready to walk onto the field
- b. administer the field, players and field equipment inspection, and require correction or marking of unsafe conditions before the game is allowed to begin
- c. provide general, but acceptable pre-game instructions to their assistant referees that include: positioning and signaling on restarts, offside, and goal
- d. provide acceptable techniques during the coin toss, and leadership in acquiring game cards, and game ball
- e. 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:

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

### ***Attitude***

Candidates:

- a. must practice the "AYSO Team" philosophy at all times
- b. should be friendly and accommodating to fellow referees, players and coaches including introducing assistant referees to team captains during the coin toss
- c. must demonstrate confidence and be perceived by players and coaches to be confident
- d. must control the game at all times

### ***Courage, Character, and Consistency***

Candidates must:

- a. demonstrate their willingness to call fouls equally for both teams when they occur
- b. 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 must:

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

## ***Accuracy of Decision***

Candidates must:

- a. recognize and whistle less obvious as well as obvious fouls
- b. have no difficulty distinguishing between penal and non-penal fouls
- c. distinguish between offside position and offside participation
- d. apply the proper penalties and restarts
- e. demonstrate the use of advantage

## ***Control***

Candidates should demonstrate that they have full control of the game at all times by:

- a. starting and stopping the game on time
- b. stopping and starting quarters and halves on time
- c. controlling substitutions
- d. handling injuries
- e. being aware of the readiness of players and the assistant referees
- f. providing sufficient whistle signal level so that players are aware that the referee has made a call

## ***Conclusion***

To satisfy the field certification requirements at the Section level while refereeing a TYPICAL AYSO U14 game, candidates must be mostly successful in demonstrating:

- a. knowledge of the Laws
- b. proper application of the Law
- c. the mechanics of the diagonal system of control
- d. proper positioning for restarts

## ***Observing the Section Referee Candidate as an Assistant Referee***

Recognize that candidates are being critiqued on their ability to successfully perform as assistant referees in a TYPICAL U14 AYSO game. The observation should focus mainly on the candidates' 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 candidates should arrive at the game properly attired and have the required equipment.

### ***Pre-game***

Section assistant referee candidates should:

- a. arrive at the game at least 20 minutes before it starts, be properly equipped and be ready to walk onto the field.
- b. in response to direction from the referee, inspect players and field equipment
- c. be attentive to the referee's pre-game instructions, and when in doubt, ask questions
- d. assume proper position for the kick-off

### ***Fitness***

In general, candidates are expected to:

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

### ***Attitude***

Candidates:

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

### ***Courage, Character, and Consistency***

Candidates must:

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

## ***Positioning, Mechanics, and Signals***

Candidates must:

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

## ***Assisting: Offside, Goal line and Touch line***

Candidates should:

- a. 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
- b. provide accurate assistance for offside calls (participating players)

## ***Assistance: Fouls and Misconduct***

Candidates must:

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

## ***Conclusion***

To satisfy the certification requirements at the Section level while refereeing a TYPICAL AYSO U14 game, candidates must be very successful in demonstrating:

- a. knowledge of the Laws
- b. application of the Laws
- c. the mechanics of the Diagonal System of Control
- d. proper positioning for restarts