

# **National Assistant Referee Candidate Assessment Criteria**

The observation should focus mainly on the candidates' understanding of the professional aspects of being assistant referees, application of the Laws of the Game and mastery of the diagonal System of Control

## **Appearance**

National assistant referee candidates shall arrive at the match properly attired and have the require equipment

## **Pre-game**

Candidates should:

- Arrive at the match at least 30 minutes before its scheduled start time, be properly equipped and be ready 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 for clarification
- Assume proper position for the kick-off.

## **Fitness**

Candidates are expected to:

- Maintain a position in line with the second to last defender unless otherwise directed by the referee
- Sprint, side-step and back-peddle as required
- Demonstrate their ability to anticipate play by positioning themselves in advance of play
- Correctly position themselves for restarts.

## **Attitude**

Candidates should:

- Practice the AYSO Team philosophy at all times
- Exhibit an appropriate professional attitude and a spirit of cooperation and support for the referee team
- Assist, not insist
- Maintain an even temperament in the presence of sideline and player criticism or misconduct

## **Courage, Character and Consistency**

Candidates must:

- Maintain their composure and attention to the responsibilities
- Demonstrate a willingness to make consistently fair and unbiased decisions

## **Positioning, Mechanics and Signals**

Candidate must:

- Demonstrate their mastery of the operation of the Diagonal System of Control
- Correctly position themselves in a manner that maximized their eye contact with the referee
- Correctly position themselves in advance of restarts
- Indicate their awareness or proper restart signals and show professionalism while executing them
- Consistently 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:

- 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.
- In response to referee's direction, provide play-on signals for plays along the Touch line and Goal line and for offside
- Provide accurate assistance for participating offside

## **Assistance: Foul and Misconduct**

Candidates must:

- Indicate a willingness to flag infractions which are out of the view of the referee
- Ask for support when sideline interference is interrupting the match and their concentration

## **General**

Candidates must be extremely successful in demonstrating:

- Knowledge of the Laws of the Game
- Application of the Law
- The mechanics of the Diagonal System of Control
- Proper positioning for restarts