

# Preparing for Assessment

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**A Guide for Referees  
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# **AYSO Assessment Philosophy**

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Assessments for up-grade to Advanced and National Referee are intended to be a positive experience for up-grade candidates. They are to provide the referee candidate with positive feed back on areas of strength and areas that may be improved.

# Assessment Requirements

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## **Up-grade to Advance Referee:**

- One as Referee in a U-14 game, and
- One as Assistant Referee in a U-14 Game.

## **Up-grade to National Referee:**

- Two as Referee in a U-16 or U-19 match with at least one at U-19, if available. (The SRA may authorize substitution of U-16 for U-19 if U-19 matches are not available.), and
- One as Assistant Referee in a U-16 or U-19 match. (The SRA may authorize substitution of U-16 for U-19 if U19 matches are not available.)

Service Assessments may be conducted at any time, at the request of a referee.

# Scheduling Assessments

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**Up-grade to Advanced Referee-requested by the referee and:**

- Scheduled through the RRA
- Assessor assigned by the ADRA

**Up-grade to National Referee-requested by the referee and:**

- Scheduled through the RRA
- Assessor assigned by the SDRA

**Service Assessments-requested by the referee and:**

- Scheduled through the RRA
- Assessor assigned by the RDRA, ADRA or SDRA

# Resource Material

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- AYSO edition FIFA Laws of the Game
- Guide to Procedures for Referees, Assistant Referees and 4th Officials (USSF)
- Guidance for Referees and Coaches (AYSO)
- Advise to Referees on the Laws of the Game (USSF)

# Tips for the Advanced Referee Candidate

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## **Before the match....**

- Be prepared to demonstrate ability to referee most typical regular season AYSO upper level matches
- Plan ahead and prepare for the assessment by reviewing resource material
- Communicate with Assistant Referees prior to the game
- Arrive on time, properly attired
- Conducts a proper field & equipment inspection, pre-game with Assistant Referees and coin toss
- Be physically fit to referee the game

## **During the Match...**

- Referee the game for the players not for the Assessor
- Show good knowledge of Laws of the Game
- Effectively apply the laws of the game
- Use only acceptable and understood signals
- Communicate positively & professionally with players and coaches
- Use Assistant Referees effectively

- Use proper positioning for restarts
- Demonstrate knowledge of the diagonal system of control
- Understand and demonstrate adequate foul recognition
- Understand and apply, if appropriate, Advantage
- Apply proper restarts for stoppages of play
- Demonstrate proper time management
- Handle substitutes properly
- Use warnings, cautions and send offs, as necessary, to properly control the match

### **As Assistant Referee...**

- Participate in referee pre-game
- Maintain proper position throughout the game
- Use only accepted and understood signals
- Properly apply off side
- Assist don't insist

### **After the Match...**

- Complete all post-game referee duties
- Manage your time to review the assessment with the Assessor immediately after the game
- Keep an open mind for suggestions and recommendations
- Have up-grade paperwork available for the Assessor

***Anticipate Success-Be Prepared-Have fun!***

# Tips for the National Referee Candidate

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## **Before the match....**

- Be prepared to demonstrate ability to referee any typical regular season AYSO upper level match
- Plan ahead and prepare for the assessment
- Communicate with Assistant Referees prior to the game
- Arrive on time, properly attired
- Conducts thorough field and equipment inspection, detailed pre-game with Assistant Referees and proper coin toss
- Be physically fit to referee the game

## **During the Match...**

- Referee the game for the players not for the Assessor
- Show total knowledge of Laws of the Game
- Effectively apply the laws of the game, including applying the “Spirit of the Game”
- Use only acceptable and understood signals professionally
- Communicate positively & professionally with players and coaches
- Use Assistant Referees effectively and efficiently, as a team

- Use proper positioning for all restarts at all times, anticipating play as needed
- Demonstrate match control through appropriate positioning on and off the diagonal and sound match management
- Demonstrate complete foul recognition & effectively apply advantage
- Direct proper restarts at all times
- Demonstrate proper time management
- Handle substitutes properly
- Uses warnings, cautions and send offs only as necessary to properly control the match

### **As Assistant Referee...**

- Effectively participate in referee pre-game
- Maintain proper position at all times & demonstrate side-stepping and back pedaling.
- Use only accepted and understood signals
- Properly apply off side and foul recognition
- Assist don't insist

### **After the Match...**

- Complete all post-game referee duties
- Manage your time to review the assessment with the Assessor immediately after the game
- Keep an open mind for suggestions and recommendations
- Understand that a requirement for reassessment is not failure

***Prepare-Think-Have fun!***