

# **The Advanced Referee**



The Advanced Referee should have a good understanding and application of the “technical” aspects of refereeing, the Laws of the Game, and the diagonal system of control.

## 1. Pre-game

Advanced Referees should arrive at the game at least 15 minutes before it starts, inspect players’ equipment, and provide acceptable pre-game instructions to their assistant referees.

## 2. Fitness

The Advanced Referee is expected to be within 15-20 yards of play, generally travel the diagonal, cover the extremes of the field, sprint as required, and anticipate play.

## 3. Attitude

The Advanced Referee should be friendly and accommodating to fellow referees, players, and coaches, demonstrate confidence, and control the game at all times.

## 4. Courage, character, and consistency

Advanced Referees should demonstrate their willingness to call fouls equally for both teams when they occur, and be capable of dealing firmly with any challenges to their authority.

## 5. Positioning, mechanics, and signals

Advanced Referees should demonstrate a knowledge of the diagonal system of control and the ability to deviate from the diagonal to follow play, position themselves correctly in advance of restarts, consistently orient themselves in a manner that maximizes eye contact with their assistant referees, use the whistle in a manner that reflects the seriousness of the call, apply proper restart signals in a professional manner, and take proper positions for restarts.

## 6. Accuracy of decision

The Advanced Referee should consistently recognize and whistle less obvious as well as obvious fouls, recognize the difference between offside position and offside participation, apply the proper penalties and restarts, and demonstrate the use of advantage.

## 7. Control

The Advanced Referee should have full control of the game through starting and stopping the game on time, controlling substitutions, handling injuries, being aware of the readiness of players and assistant referees, and providing sufficient whistle signal level so that players are aware that the referee has made a call.

# ***The Advanced Referee as Assistant Referee***

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## 1. Pre-game

Advanced Referees should arrive at the game at least 15 minutes before it starts, in response to directions from the referee inspect players and field equipment, and ask questions during the pre-game conference, if needed.

## 2. Fitness

The Advanced Referee is expected to be able to maintain a position opposite the second to last defender, sprint as required, position themselves correctly for restarts, follow the ball to the goal, and anticipate play.

## 3. Attitude

The Advanced Referee should exhibit an appropriate professional attitude and a spirit of cooperation and support for the referee team.

## 4. Courage, character, and consistency

The Advanced Referee should demonstrate a willingness to make consistently fair and unbiased decisions, and maintain composure.

## 5. Positioning, mechanics, and signals

The Advanced Referee should demonstrate a knowledge of the diagonal system of control, maximize eye contact with the referee, take the correct position for restarts, use proper restart signals and apply them professionally, and maintain the flag unfurled and on the field side while moving up and down the field.

## 6. Assisting

The Advanced Referee should provide timely and accurate assistance to the referee for ball out of play, for offside infractions, and for fouls and misconduct out of view of the referee; and ask for support when sideline interference is interrupting the game and their concentration.