

Grade 8* to 5 - Dynamic Positioning Development Sequence

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Referee Grade	Positioning Goal**	Match Type	Notes and Remarks***
Beginning Grade Eight	Moves with the play 10 yards from ball and keeps play in view and looks for assistants when ball goes out of touch	U-10 match (8 vs. 8) - with assistant referees	Simple fouls and offside indicated by referee. (Instructional Soccer)
Early Grade Eight	Moves with the ball about 10 yards from play, reads play to avoid interfering with play and looks at assistant when ball goes out of touch	U-11 match (9 vs. 9) – with assistant referee	Simple fouls and offside indicated by referee. (Instructional Soccer)
Later Grade Eight	Moves with the ball about 15 yards from play, and keeps the ball to his right so he can keep his lead assistant referee in view	U-12 match (11 vs. 11)	First competitive games with assistant Referees. Simple games with a few fouls and offside.
Early Intermediate Eight	Moves with play and keeps contest for ball in view along with the lead assistant referee.	U-13 match (11 vs. 11)	Simple fouls and minimal tactical play.
Intermediate Eight	Reads play and change in possession and is always moving toward the referees area of the field	U-14 match (11 vs. 11)	Matches need to exhibit some tactical play, simple fouls and little man management
Early Advanced Eight	Anticipates when his presence could be needed to prevent unfair or unsafe play and moves quickly in where needed	U-15 match (11 vs. 11)	Play requires that the referee to prevent and manage unfair and unsafe contact.
Advanced Eight	Recognizes potential player conflict after play and temporarily modifies position to manage players	U-16 match (11 vs. 11)	Play requires that the referee to prevent and manage misconduct and unsporting behavior
Beginning Seven	Anticipates play and is ahead of attack or sprinting with the attacking players and has the lead assistant referee in view	U-17 match (11 vs. 11)	Positions him self so he is the best angle of view of play and is able to respond to the counter attack.
Seven	Constantly refines field position to get the best angle of view for the potential foul or conflict	U-18 match (11 vs. 11)	Refines position but is always in position for counter attack
Advanced Seven	Positions himself based on how the players are marked, the number of players and how many are involved in the contest for the ball	U-19 match (11 vs. 11)	Players play similar to adults and respond to referees intervention
Early Six	Reads tactical play positions himself accordingly and has full view of the contest for the ball and his assistants at all times	Men's Division One	Teams play in a tactical manor and move the ball in more complicated manor
Grade Five	Always where needed and modifies position quickly to be there	Men's Premier	Follows smoothly and fluidly with the game and conserves energy

* All matches are intended to be select or advanced development play competitions. **Each goal group includes elements in the proceeding group.

*** These notes relate to referee skills exhibited and match characteristics.