

Field Player Evaluation Criteria

Competency Level 1	Competency Level 3	Competency Level 5
Passing/Services		
Passing accuracy needs development	Makes most passes accurately to other players	Accurately passes the ball to feet, ground and air
Passing pace, purpose lacks consistency	Uses pace and passes with general purpose	Consistently makes hard/soft passes as needed, into space or at player
Dribbling		
Dribbling lacks consistency and control	Consistently dribbles the ball under control	Dribbles under control with pace and quickness
Struggles to maintain possession of ball under pressure	Remains composed under pressure, maintains possession	Dribbles out of trouble, challenges defender with control
Receiving/First Touch		
When challenged, player's first touch may be too heavy or not under control	Maintains possession under pressure	First touch has a purpose and gets player out of trouble when pressured
Player is learning to control the ball when running	First touch mostly under control when moving/standing	Can consistently change direction with first touch when moving/standing
Shooting/Finishing		
Needs practice to learn proper technique and gain accuracy	Uses proper technique to pass accurately with varying consistency	Can strike the ball accurately and with proper technique
Ball control and accuracy of shots is outside of player's control	Places most shots on net, with an average rate of scoring goals	Can consistently finish shots on goal and score goals
1st Defender		
Dives/stabs for the ball	Jockeys in right moments, but inconsistent judging correct defensive distance	Can jockey and contain attacker, using the correct distance and positioning
Needs more experience to learn proper technique and timing to challenge the ball	Understands principles of challenging to win the ball	Chooses the correct moment to challenge and win the ball
Often lacks a clear plan upon winning the ball	Attempts to maintain possession after winning ball from opponent	Able to maintain possession with next decision
2nd/3rd Defender		
Needs experience with basic field positioning and roles	Understands basic principles of attacking and defending	Anticipates ball movement- recognizes the most dangerous spaces and covers effectively
Still needs experience reading the transition from 2nd/3rd defender to 1st	Gaining consistency moving from cover role to 1st defender	Quickly and seamlessly switches between 2nd/3rd D & 1st D
Development of basic transitional shapes and movements needed	Demonstrates knowledge of transition play - forward and defending	reads moments of transition, creates shape accordingly
1st Attacker		
Struggles to recognize right decision for penetrating defense	Good decision to penetrate, lacks ability to make decision at speed/under pressure	Achieves penetration at speed of play with correct choice of shot, pass, dribble
Often plays into pressure situations	Recognizes and avoids pressure	Shows composure in handling and solving pressure
Demonstrates limited number of offensive solutions	Shows creative competency in offensive solutions	Shows creativity and confidence in offensive solutions
2nd/3rd Attacker		
Demonstrates a basic understanding of field space, may still bunch up	Stretches the field wide and uses space well	Creatively uses open space, makes good runs without the ball
Understanding of role away from the ball is limited	Beginning to recognize moments to offer options for 1st defender	Offers consistent, useful support for 1st attacker (behind, to the side, or in front of)