

2021-22 FUSION SC AGE GROUP GOALKEEPER QUALITIES

FUSION SC IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EVALUATIONS THAT FOCUS ON SPECIFIC GOALKEEPER QUALITIES THAT CORRELATE WITH FUSION'S PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHY. THE TABLE BELOW ILLUSTRATES THE DESIRED GOALKEEPER ATTRIBUTES AS A PLAYER PROGRESSES THROUGH THE SPECIFIED AGE GROUP.

FUSION U9 AND U10	TACTICAL THINKING
Communication	A goalkeeper is able to recognize and have simple communication of 'keeper' or 'away'
Vertical Positioning	A goalkeeper does not sit on their goal line, but plays higher off their line in their box.
Set Pieces/Corners/ Crossing	A goalkeeper is able to jump and catch the ball above their head and has the ability to time their jump correctly.
1v1 Situations	The goalkeeper has the confidence to come off their line
	Shot Stopping
Body Shape/ Set Position	The Goalkeeper has the basic body shape of feet being shoulder width apart, hands are neutral and slightly away from the body and is able to be in an athletic stance.
Footwork	The Goalkeeper has tight footwork and is able to perform shuffling movements across their goal
Diving	The goalkeeper is able to perform low, mid, and extended range diving with good and controlled technique. The goalkeeper has a 'prep' step when they dive and is able to generate lateral power to cover one's goal.
Catching	The goalkeeper is able to handle the ball and have a good hand shape to catch the ball
Ball Line (Horizontal Positioning)	The goalkeeper has the recognition of where they are in their goal and works to adjust to be in the right positions. Ball line: Where the middle of the goal is relative to where the ball is on the field. The goalkeeper will be on this line/ angle so that they are able to properly cover their goal.
	Distribution
Punts	A Goalkeeper is able to punt the ball
Goal kicks	The goalkeeper is able to take their own goal kicks and strike the ball in the air
Throws	A goalkeeper is able to roll the ball out to their field players and works to develop their sling throw
Passing/ Long ball	The goalkeeper is able to connect 5-10 yard passes to their back line and make good decisions in playing with their feet. The goalkeeper is able to clear the ball in the air.