

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 U14+	TACTICAL THINKING
Communication	The goalkeeper has a commanding presence and is able to communicate with their back line. The goalkeeper can recognize and organize back line shape, pass off runners, and communicate runners that are on the restraining line.
Vertical Positioning	A goalkeeper does not sit on their goal line but is engaged in the game and has good spacing between their defenders. The goalkeeper has the recognition to be able to clean up through balls with their feet. The goalkeeper is tactically aware of their positioning on the field in order to help advance the ball up the field.
Set Pieces/ Corners/ Crossing	<p><u>Set Pieces:</u> The goalkeeper knows the roles and responsibilities of how to set a wall and the number of members in the wall based on where the free kick is on the field. Is able to organize their box and communicate markers in the box. The goalkeeper is able to confidently handle traffic in the box.</p> <p><u>Corner Kicks:</u> The goalkeeper is able to cover and own their 6-yard box. Making good decisions whether to go up for the cross or allowing their defenders to clear the ball. Communicated by "Keeper" or "Away."</p> <p><u>From the run of play:</u> a goalkeeper should be able to handle traffic in the box and make good decisions to come off their line or hold for defenders to clear the ball. The goalkeeper owns their 18-yard box. The goalkeeper makes good decisions whether to punch away or catch</p>
1v1 Situations	The goalkeeper has the confidence to come off their line and has the ability to tactically make assertive decisions. The goalkeeper can begin to recognize the type of breakaway situation they are whether that be the forward being in control, a 50/50 situation, or the goalkeeper being in more control of the situation, and which save to use in each scenario.
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 perform advanced footwork for various types of situations and scenarios. The goalkeeper has the ability to recognize which footwork to use on crossing, moving from post to post, and adjusting their positioning with efficient footwork.
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 can generate lateral power to cover one's goal. The goalkeeper has more advanced handling of being able to hang onto the ball in their dives or make a good decision to parry away.
Catching	The goalkeeper is able to handle the ball and has a good hand shape to catch the ball. The goalkeeper has the ability to handle the ball in all forms of saves to prevent rebounds or corners.
Ball Line (Horizontal Positioning)	<p>The goalkeeper has the recognition of where they are in their goal and works to adjust to be in the right positions through various game scenarios and has the proper footwork to move across their goal for each scenario.</p> <p>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.</p>
DISTRIBUTION	
Punts	A Goalkeeper can punt the ball to half field or can drop kick the ball.
Goal kicks	The goalkeeper is able to strike their goal kicks to at least the bottom of the center circle or half field. The goalkeeper can hit the wide zones of the field and have greater distance and accuracy with their goal kicks.
Throws	A goalkeeper can roll the ball out to their field players and has developed their sling throw. The goalkeeper can recognize the situations in which style of distribution from their hands to use.

Passing/ Long
ball

The goalkeeper can connect 25-30 yard passes to their back line through a ball driven on the ground or in the air. The goalkeeper is developing various forms of ball striking such as a long ball, a ball driven with their laces, or a pass. The goalkeeper can clear the ball in the air if the ball is passed back to them. The goalkeeper is able to handle being under pressure with the ball at their feet.