

## **AYSO Region 277 Middleville Player Evaluation 14U**

Middleville AYSO is asking each coach to evaluate their players so that the region can more effectively organize balanced teams within each age division for the next season. Accurate player evaluations are essential to the process of forming balanced teams.

Experience has proven that youth soccer is more enjoyable for everyone when games are played by teams of similar ability. But, without our coaches best efforts to accurately rate their players, it can be difficult to achieve.

It is important that you be impartial, objective, and accurate. Please take your time and give this evaluation the consideration it requires. Ratings are kept confidential and will not be shared with the players or parents.

For each player on your roster determine a rating for each skill area based on a player's ability compared to their peers with the whole division.

As a guide an average player is around 10 points for each category and a perfect player would score a 20 (meaning no room to grow/develop or otherwise already mastered all skills and knowledge in a skill area). A below average player would score between 3-9, an above average player would score between a 11-15, and a really good/outstanding player would score between 16-19. Double check your ratings to ensure that they make sense and are reasonable.

### **Technical**

1-20 Points

- Effective touches when dribbling; close, vision, turning
- Passing; accuracy, pace, timing, deceptive, successful in advancing, maintaining possession
- Receiving a pass; trapping, turning, good touches
- Ability to maintain great vision while incorporating feints/fakes to, unbalance an opponent
- Using change of speed to beat an opponent

### **Tactical**

1-20 Points

- Awareness of what is happening or what might happen on the field of play
- Ability to communicate with teammates
- Willingness to assume responsibility for taking charge on the field
- Has the soccer skills required to develop tactical play.
- Aware of what constitutes organization and shape of play
- Ability to play both on and off the ball
- Provides support for the attack and defense and creates options with appropriate runs

### **Functional Defending**

1-20 Points

- Establish appropriate marking distance
- Maintains a goal-side, ball-side position
- Ability to slow down the attack by closing gaps and denying space for the other team to work in – delay
- Ability of supporting players challenging the ball in case they are beaten – depth
- Ability to read the attack and provide an equal or greater number of defenders than attackers at the point of attack – balance
- Ability of compressing or restricting the space of the attacking team
- Ability to stay calm and collected in the face of an attack by maintaining proper defensive techniques and positioning – composure

### **Functional Attacking**

1-20 Points

- Ability of advancing the ball past opposing players by dribbling & passing
- Maintain possession of the ball under pressure
- Ability to support teammates by creating safe options for the player with the ball
- Ability to attack on a broad front by stretching the defense and creating space
- Ability to turn on a defender or take on a defender
- Preparation, decisiveness, and timing when shooting
- Ability to change positions and moving off the ball creating numerical advantages
- Ability to create opportunities for advancement, possession and scoring by utilizing individual skills and creativity

### **Stamina, Intensity, Hustle, Speed**

1-10 Points

- Player Intensity, aggressiveness
- Speed of player moving to the ball
- Player effort
- Ability to play effectively at a sustained pace for entire game

### **Behavior, Sportsmanship, Coachability, and Attitude**

1-10 Points

- Behavior during practices and games
- Shows good sportsmanship
- Shows a desire to play soccer for the love of the game
- Listens, Pays Attention, Focuses during practices and games
- Eager to learn