



Ken Aston Cup 2026

Instructions for Evaluators *(as of 4/9/26)*

1. **Thank you** for agreeing to help. These instructions are only for items specifically necessary for the Ken Aston Cup. These are not general instructions on assessing or evaluating referees.
2. You must attend one of the KA Cup briefings prior to your first match. Evaluator briefings will be held on Saturday at 7:30 am and 10:30 am at the KA Cup desk as well as via Zoom in the week preceding the event.
3. A **successful evaluation is positive** and leaves the referee (a) feeling good about himself and AYSO, (b) **motivated to improve** his refereeing, and (c) focused on specific improvements for upcoming games.
4. Evaluators must work as a team to evaluate the team of referees. Before the match, the evaluators should determine which one Evaluator will lead the debrief. After observing the match, the evaluators should caucus to agree on key points to be made in the debrief. One Evaluator should lead the debrief for the referees with other Evaluators only answering questions or adding brief supplementary explanations. **Debriefs should run no more than 15 minutes, and it is the responsibility of the lead Evaluator to observe that time limit.**
5. **Evaluate the entire referee team, including the AR's. Include comments for each in the debrief.**
6. **Get a new evaluation form for every match from the KA Cup Desk. It is critical that the information at the top of the form, including Game # and Evaluator Name & # be correctly entered on the form.** Without those items, we can't track the form to the work you do. Redundant info at the top helps reduce errors, so please complete it all.
7. **To complete the form, you need to (a) enter a single digit number from 1 (=unacceptable) to 6 (=outstanding) in each box on the right side of the form, (b) circle one item in each of the summary questions near the bottom, and (c) if you identified a law error during the match, briefly describe it (them) in the space provided.** In choosing a score, you should compare the observed performance against the range of performance you have seen in the same level (U12, U16, etc.) observation / assessment matches in AYSO.
8. Any other mark you put on the form, or perplexing scrawls, will be interpreted with our best sense of humor, so please write clearly and only put single digits (1-6) in the boxes. There are multiple Evaluators per match, so all your input is important. **Answering the summary questions is in fact the most important input you give us.**
9. **The referees have been told to complete Strawberry Cup paperwork BEFORE starting the debrief.**
10. After the match, **please get your completed evaluation forms back to the KA Cup Desk ASAP** so we can be prompt in reviewing forms and compiling scores. We suggest one Evaluator bring us the forms while others are starting the debrief. This is especially true for round 3, just before awards.
11. We publish only consolidated rankings of ref teams. **Your specific scores will not be identifiable to the participants.**
12. No, we will not explain how the scoring system works in detail.
13. Thank you again for all you do for AYSO.