




REFEREE ASSESSMENT REPORT 2015/16







Match Details

FIXTURE	 Manchester City	3-0	Chelsea	
COMPETITION	Barclays Premier League			
DATE (KICK OFF TIME)	16/08/2015 (16:00)			
VENUE	Etihad Stadium, Manchester			



Appointed Officials

			MARK	BAND
	REFEREE	ATKINSON, Martin	8.4	GOOD
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	MULLARKEY, Michael	8.5	EXCELLENT
	ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	CHILD, Steven	8.4	GOOD
	4 TH OFFICIAL	MOSS, Jonathan	8.4	GOOD
	ASSESSOR	EDWARD		



SECTION A – THE REFEREE

1 | IDENTIFICATION OF FOUL CHALLENGES

ACCURACY The referee's ability to accurately distinguish between fair and foul challenges.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
CONSISTENCY The referee's consistency in identification & penalising of foul challenges.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	X GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.3 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee had a quite good foul detection. His line was to favour the match as much as possible and allow quite a good amount of physical play (27', 34', and 56'). In order to achieve that he also used the advantage rule in a very good way in the few moments that it was needed (12', 61'). At the same time he was ready to bring back play and punish the initial infringement if that was required. However the referee missed 3 clear fouls (12', 14', 61'). There was only 1 crucial scene at the match at min. 07'. Diego Costa and Fernandinho challenge the ball inside the penalty area. Diego Costa gets to the ball first and he seems to have a contact with Fernandinho. However the CHE attacker doesn't fall instantly and does a step before going into the ground. Referee waives play-on. After reviewing the replay, I agree with the referee's decision.					

2 | POSITIONING & MOVEMENT

READING OF THE GAME The referee's ability to see play developing & adjust positioning & movement accordingly.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
POSITIONAL AWARENESS The referee's awareness of his surroundings, including position of the players & the ball.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee had generally a good position and managed to stay away from active play. In most cases he was close to the action with a few exceptions (39', 43', and 64'). He shouldn't move so vertical (64') in order to ensure always a good position to take the proper decision.					

3 | MAN MANAGEMENT

TECHNIQUES The methods used by the referee to manage situations and cooperate with the players.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
EFFECTIVENESS The success of the methods used by the referee to manage players & situations.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee had an excellent player management. He started mostly with small talk and gestures of calm down and went on cautioning players when it was needed. Especially at the second half he used his personality a bit more in order to calm down the player and control them. The only negative in this section was the fact that he didn't deal with Silva's gestures. In 4-5 times at the first half mostly, Silva disagreed with a referee's decision but either making a gesture or by shouting to the referee. Atkinson should really have a word with him.					

4 | DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

ACCURACY The accuracy of the referee's identification of cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
CONSISTENCY The referee's consistency in identifying cautionable and dismissable offenses.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	The referee produced 6 cautions in total. All the cautions were correct and in accordance with the LOTG. His line in disciplinary control was consistent. The only scene that could bring some talk was the 45+1'. Fernandinho and Diego Costa challenged for the ball in the air and the MNC defender used his hand in order to win his opponent. Atkinson gave the foul correctly and issued the YC. A correct decision since the usage of the arm was only reckless.					

5 | FITNESS

OVERALL MARK	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	8.5		
COMMENTS	The referee's physical condition was very good. He followed up with play the whole time and managed to be near the action from min. 1-90. Moreover he didn't appear tired at any moment of the match especially considering the high pace the match presented.					

6 | OVERALL GAME MANAGEMENT & APPLICATION OF THE L.O.T.G

GAME MANAGEMENT The referee's overall management of the occasion and handling of the match.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
APPLICATION OF THE L.O.T.G The referee's knowledge and accurate implementation of the L.O.T.G throughout.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	X EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
OVERALL MARK An overall mark out of 10 in accordance with the guidelines for this category.	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.5 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS Brief comments by the assessor, applied to this category, with reference to specific incidents where appropriate.	Overall the performance was very good if we count the name of both teams and the importance of the match. Atkinson managed the match in a good way and all his disciplinary cautions were correct. The referee team worked very well and without any problem. The final mark is a combination of his really good performance with some smaller weaknesses.					

7 | OVERALL MARK

CATEGORY	MARK	BAND
1	8.3	GOOD
2	8.3	GOOD
3	8.5	EXCELLENT
4	8.5	EXCELLENT
5	8.5	EXCELLENT
6	8.5	EXCELLENT
OVERALL Add the above marks together and divide by 6. Round up or down to the first decimal place. In instances where the referee has made 1 or more major errors, this mark is limited to 7.9.	8.4	GOOD



SECTION B – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES

1 | OFFSIDE ACCURACY

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.5 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Both AR's had good offside calls. A small exception for AR2 at min. 54'. Aguero was in offside position but he didn't have any chance to play the ball which ended on the CHE GK. AR2 flagged but he should have used the wait-and-see technique instead. Especially AR1 was totally correct in disallowing a goal by Ramirez (CHE). When the pass was made, his upper body was in front of the second last defender. According to the LOTG he was in active offside position and as a result the goal was correctly annulled.					

2 | TEAMWORK & COMMUNICATION

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.5 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.5 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Good performance at this section for both AR's. They helped the referee identify infractions near them (28', 53'). Moreover they correctly signalled every goal-kick, corner-kick and throw-ins. It was visible that the refereeing team had a very good pre-match preparation which helped them finish the match with little fuss.					

3 | OVERALL MARKS

ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	8.5 EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	UNACCEPTABLE	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
COMMENTS	Both AR's worked well with the referee. Their offside accuracy was very good and they both helped the referee when it was required. Both AR's are very experienced and know how to deal with incidents and when they have to intervene to the match.					



SECTION C – THE 4TH OFFICIAL

1 | CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEAM

OVERALL MARK	POOR	SATISFACTORY	8.4 GOOD	
COMMENTS	The Fourth Official executed correctly his technical duties. Substitutions and additional time were displayed properly and on time. He had mostly small talk with both coaches when it was required (57' small talk with Pellegrini). Good presence when a CHE injured player was taken care of the doctor (45')			