

**U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program
Grade 8 Certification and Recertification Requirements
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Grade 8 – Referee

The purpose of the Grade 8 Referee Course is to prepare officials for the competitive youth game. Based on the level of training provided, U.S. Soccer recommends that these officials be assigned accordingly to best service the game.

Minimum Certification Requirements	
Age	None
Previous Game Experience	None
Previous Grade Experience	None
Training	Complete the Grade 8 Referee Course
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 8 Referee Test
Fitness Test	None
Practical Evaluation	None
Minimum Annual Recertification Requirements	
In-Service Training	Complete the Grade 8 Referee Course
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 8 Referee Test
Fitness Test	None
Practical Evaluation	None

Notes

- All requirements listed are minimums provided by U.S. Soccer
- Any additional requirements mandated by the State Referee Association must be made public
- All training requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the State Referee Association and there are no minimum number of hours associated with either requirement
- The minimum passing test score is 80% and all testing requirements can be completed online and/or in the classroom setting as determined by the State Referee Association