

**New Jersey State Referee Committee Referee Program
Grade 8 Certification and Recertification Requirements
Effective May 1, 2016**



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.

Certification Requirements	
Age	16 years old
Previous Game Experience	None Required
Previous Grade Experience	None Required
Training	Complete the Grade 8 Referee Course
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 8 Referee Test
Fitness Test	None
Practical Evaluation	None
Annual Recertification Requirements	
Training	Attend the annual NJSRC recertification class
Laws of the Game Test	Pass the Grade 8 Referee Test
Fitness Test	None
Practical Evaluation	None

Notes

- All State Referee Association requirements 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
 - At a minimum, U.S. Soccer recommends that training includes the completion of all online training materials for the Grade 8 Referee Course
- The 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