



# WYOMING SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program

### **Grade 8 – Competitive Youth 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 - No minimum Age (recommend 12 or older)
- Previous Game Experience - No previous experience required
- Previous Grade Experience - None
- Training – Attend a Grade 8 Referee Clinic which includes a field training session
- Laws of the Game Test - Pass the Grade 8 Referee Test
- Fitness Test - Not Applicable
- Practical Evaluation - Not Applicable
- Background Check – New Adult Referees are required to pass a background check

### **Annual Recertification Requirements**

- Training
  - Complete the online course OR attend a clinic
  - Complete the online Amendments to the Laws of the Game
- Laws of the Game Test - Pass the Grade 8 Referee Test (80% or higher)
- Fitness Test - Not Applicable
- Practical Evaluation - Not Applicable
- Background Check – Adult Referees must have a background check every two years