

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

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Existing Rule:

230.8b

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Rule w/ proposed change:

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How the Rule would read after proposed change:

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Rationale:

An 18 year old referee has to go through background checks and extra training, just like the older referees. As such, an 18 year old referee is considered an adult and is also eligible to do adult games. An 18 year old referee should be allowed to referee any youth game like any other adult referee.

I have searched the policies of both US Soccer and US Youth Soccer. Our current requirement was not found.