# HSSOA Season 2023-24 Game & Finances Overview

June 2024

#### HSSOA Is A Hot Bed Of Soccer

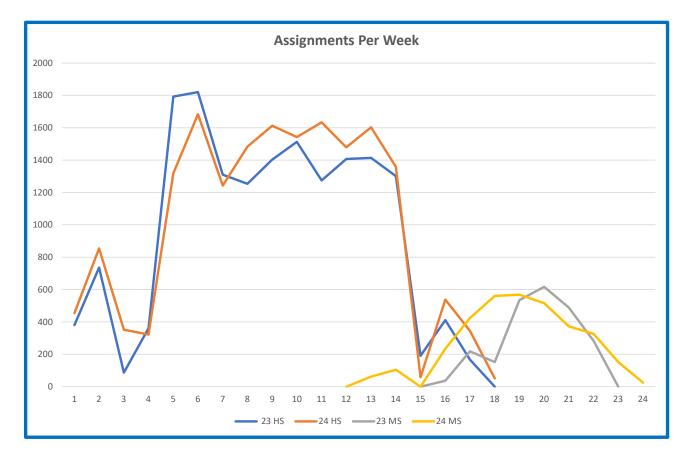


- The HSSOA area encompasses an estimated 7.6 million people with 134 soccer playing high schools and more than double that for middle schools.
- Two school districts left the area in 2023/24, Palacios and El Campo, each with one high school.
- The area includes large ISD's for example, Houston, Cy-Fair and Katy as well as many with just one high school, such as La Porte and Bay City.

#### **HSSOA Season Overview**

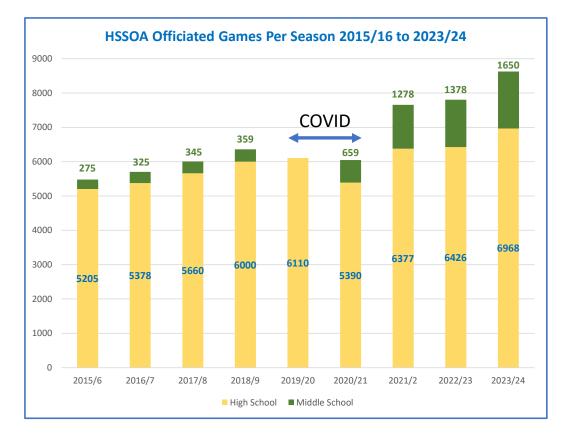
- On the field, HSSOA provided 21,181 officiating positions for 8,618 games. This is the largest number of games in chapter history. Middle school games saw notable growth.
- HSSOA had 342 members who were active officials. 63 members officiated in more than one hundred games, providing 43% of the total officiating positions. Arturo Gomez's previous 223 season game record was beaten by Brian Llewellyn on the final day of the season, reaching 225 games.
- Total gross earnings for members is estimated at \$1.43 million, an average of \$65.50 per game. Members averaged 62 officiating positions for the season, earning \$4,061.
- The chapter recorded a profit of \$20,909 as income grew, expenses were significantly below target and payables and receivables remained tightly managed.

#### Demand For Referees Continued To Increase



- 21,181 assignments. It was the first ever 20,000 assignment season in HSSOA's history.
- Increases came in all game types except non-District games, which was mainly weather related.
- The middle school season started earlier and finished later to accommodate all the games.

## The Growth of HSSOA Games Continued



- The total of 8,618 games was 814 games more than the 7,804 in 2022/3, up 10.4%.
- 6,968 high school games was an 8% increase versus last season despite Palacios and El Campo leaving the district.
- 1,650 middle school was a 19.7% increase versus last season. New schools joined and existing ones played more games.
- 349 middle school games were cancelled and not replayed, many due to intense weather events, mainly in North Houston.
- Major growth came in scrimmage and Varsity games.

#### Record Member Numbers Joined HSSOA



- HSSOA made a major effort to recruit early and increase the number of members.
- 80 more referees were available on the opening day than the previous season.
- The Chapter ended with 342 active members, 49 more then the previous season.
- 237 were returnees.
- 27 returned from a previous season but did not referee last year.
- 80 new members joined.

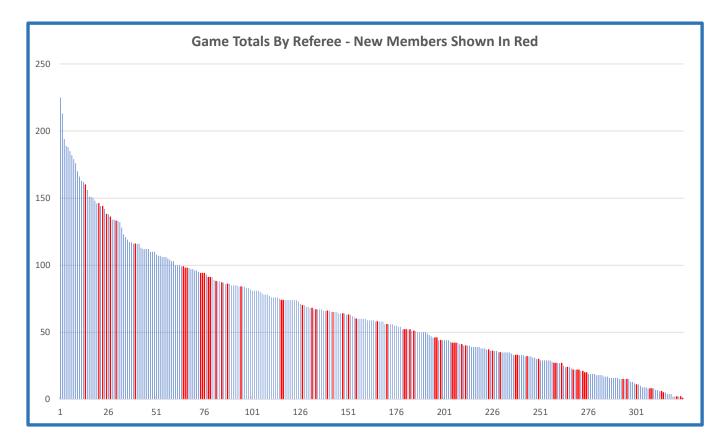
## Active HSSOA Members Game Counts

Category	Games Officiated In	# Refs	%	Games Positions	%	Ave. Games	Production
High Milers	>150	18	5%	3160	15%	176	283%
Cruisers	100-149	45	13%	5383	25%	120	193%
Gamers	75-99	52	15%	4503	21%	86	139%
Average						62	
Reliables	50-74	76	22%	4698	22%	62	100%
Occiaisionals	25-49	72	21%	2615	12%	36	58%
Helpers	<25	79	23%	822	4%	10	16%
		342		21,181			

Notes:

- 18% of our members officiated 40% of the game positions.
- 65% of our members officiated 83% of the game positions.

#### New Members Made A Significant Contribution



- 80 new members officiated 3,875 times for HSSOA in 2023/4. This was 18% of the total Chapter assignments.
- These members averaged 48 games each over the course of the season.
- 7 new members officiated in over 100 games each. A significant contribution to the overall number of games.
- Of the 279 officials from
  2021/2, 169 refereed in
  2023/4. 60% retention rate.

## 17,881 High School Assignments

Female	Scrimmage	Tournament	Non-District	District	Play Off	Total
Freshman/Sophomore	2	4	2	34	-	42
Junior Varsity B	69	36	111	499	-	715
Junior Varsity A	383	425	249	1.963	-	3,020
Varsity	455	598	289	2,468	198	4,008
Total	909	1.063	651	4,964	198	7,785

Male	Scrimmage	Tournament	Non-District	District	Play Off	Total
Freshman/Sophomore	56	80	53	452	-	641
Junior Varsity B	154	90	162	1,083	-	1,489
Junior Varsity A	358	492	278	2,266	-	3,394
Varsity	493	853	288	2,740	198	4,572
Total	1,061	1,515	781	6,541	198	10,096

## 6,968 High School Games

Female	Scrimmage	Tournament	Non-District	District	Play Off	Total
Freshman/Sophomore	1	2	1	14	-	18
Junior Varsity B	37	16	48	181	-	282
Junior Varsity A	190	207	94	745	-	1,236
Varsity	230	297	111	925	66	1,629
Total	458	522	254	1,865	66	3,165

Male	Scrimmage	Tournament	Non-District	District	Play Off	Total
Freshman/Sophomore	22	31	19	153	-	225
Junior Varsity B	79	35	64	383	-	561
Junior Varsity A	179	233	99	788	-	1,299
Varsity	222	353	98	979	66	1,718
Total	502	652	280	2,303	66	3,803

## Middle School – 3,300 Assignments, 1,650 Games

Assignments	Female	Male	Total
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	696	720	1,416
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	706	774	1,480
7th/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	96	72	168
HISD	108	128	236
Total	1,606	1,694	3,300

- 1,650 middle school games was a 19.7% increase versus last season.
- All games were refereed in the dual format.

 349 middle school games were cancelled and not replayed, many due to intense weather events, mainly in North Houston.

Games	Female	Male	Total
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	348	360	708
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	353	387	738
7th/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	48	36	84
HISD	54	64	118
Total	803	847	1,650

## Profit & Loss

1/6/22 to 5/31/23	\$
Income From Members	+119,229
Other Income	0
Gross Income	+119,229
Payments To Assignors	-76,651
Chapter Expenses	-11,211
Net Operating Income	+31,367
Non-Operating Expenses	-1,913
Escheat Payment	-3,037
Bad Debt Write Off	-5,508
Net Profit	+20,909

- HSSOA made a greater profit than planned as expenses were significantly below target, the escheat payment was smaller than expected and fewer members requested refunds than in previous years.
- The final historic bad debts that could not be recovered have been written off.
- The Assignr assigning program was successfully introduced and cost half of what was being spent on Game Officials, the previous system in use.
- Cash in the bank rose from \$43,000 to \$74,397.
- In response to this cash accumulation a program has been put in place for next season to lower membership charges and "give back" \$100 in assigning credits to qualifying members.

## Receivables & Payables

Receivables, 5/31/24	\$	Credits	Payables, 5/31/24	\$	Credits
Current Referees	2,285	457	Current Referees	12,555	2,511
Suspended Referees	0	0	Not Current or Escheat	4,775	955
Previous Season Referees	0	0	Escheat 2024	1,313	262
ISD's	0	0	ISD's	0	0
Other	0	0	Other	0	0
Total	2,285	457	Total	18,643	3,733

Notes:

- Receivables further decreased from the previous season.
- Residual debt from previous years either recovered or written off.

Notes:

• HSSOA now up to date with escheat submissions.

# HSSOA Preparing For 2024/5 With Confidence

- From Bay City to Baytown and Conroe to Galveston the chapter covers a large geography and hugely diverse population. Soccer continues to be a significant and growing sport in the region.
- The chapter will again aim to recruit more members, building on the success of the season just ended. Mentoring and training will be ramped up.
- It is estimated that there may be up to 9,000 games next season, especially as middle school games grow and if severe weather events recede.
- The chapters finances are in good shape and a platform to build on, money will be given back to members given the considerable cash balance that has built up in the chapter.
- HSSOA is well placed to serve our schools and members who are looking forward to another exciting season.