## HSSOA Season 2023-24 Game \& Finances Overview <br> 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 <br> Officiated In | \# Refs | $\%$ | Games <br> 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 |  |  |  |  | $22 \%$ | 62 | $100 \%$ |
| Reliables | $50-74$ | 76 | $22 \%$ | 4698 | $12 \%$ | 36 | $58 \%$ |
| Occiaisionals | $25-49$ | 72 | $21 \%$ | 2615 | $4 \%$ | 10 | $16 \%$ |
| Helpers | $<25$ | 79 | $23 \%$ | 822 |  |  |  |

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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 696 | 720 | 1,416 |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 706 | 774 | 1,480 |
| 7 th $/ 8^{\text {th }}$ 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 348 | 360 | 708 |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade | 353 | 387 | 738 |
| 7 th $/ 8^{\text {th }}$ 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 | $-11,211$ |
| Chapter Expenses | $+31,367$ |
| Net Operating Income | $-1,913$ |
| Non-Operating Expenses | $-3,037$ |
| Escheat Payment | $-5,508$ |
| Bad Debt Write Off | $+20,909$ |
| Net Profit |  |

- 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 | $\mathbf{\$}$ | Credits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Referees | 2,285 | 457 |
| Suspended Referees | 0 | 0 |
| Previous Season Referees | 0 | 0 |
| ISD's | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 2,285 | 457 |


| Payables, $5 / 31 / 24$ | $\$$ | Credits |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Referees | 12,555 | 2,511 |
| Not Current or Escheat | 4,775 | 955 |
| Escheat 2024 | 1,313 | 262 |
| ISD's | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 18,643 | 3,733 |

Notes:

- HSSOA now up to date with escheat submissions.

Notes:

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


## 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.

