

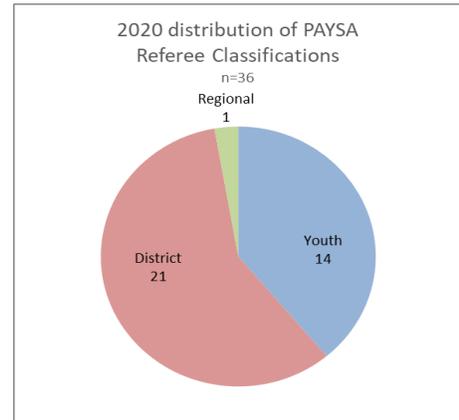
# PAYSA BOARD MEETING

## Referee Report 2019-20

### Annual General Meeting, October 26, 2020

#### House League Refereeing.

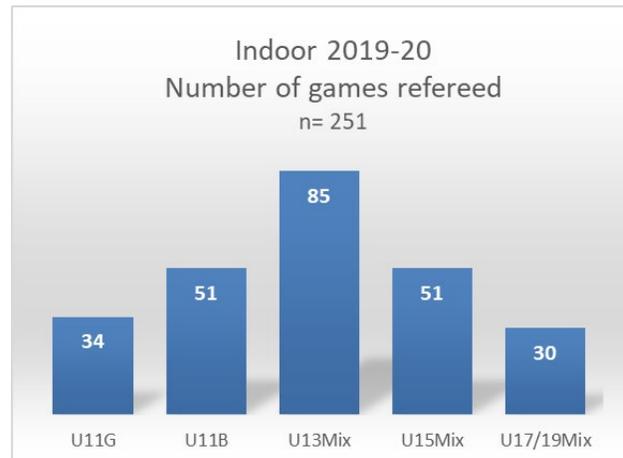
PAYSA continues to train and develop youth and district level referees deploying a team of 36 dedicated referees to officiate all regular season playoff and Club day matches. In 2019-20 the referee team includes 14 youth referees assigned to cover the U11 and U13 games; and 21 District referees who cover the U13, U15 and U17/19 matches. There are some referees who officiate both U15 and U17/19 matches including 12 adult referees who officiate mostly U17/19 matches. One Regional level referee serves primarily as a trainer/mentor. The distribution of experienced and new trainees officiating PAYSA games is strong.



#### 2019-20 Indoor Season.

**In 2019-20, PAYSA referees officiated a total of 372 House League and Celtic soccer matches!**

**House Program.** In 2019-20, 251 house league regular season and 29 were playoff games were played. Of these, 85 were U11; 85 U13, 51 U15 and 30 U17/19 games.



**Celtic Program.** In the Celtic program, **38 Club Day** matches were officiated with our Celtic Club teams playing teams from a wide range of clubs in Saskatchewan. In 2020 PAYSA hosted the first annual Melba Jenkins Memorial Cup Tournament. Our referee team officiated **54 matches**. Referee assessments by all coaches revealed excellent levels of satisfaction with the quality of PAYSA referees.

PAYSA referees also provide public service to the community through refereeing Saskatchewan High School Soccer (SHSAA) matches every fall. In 2019-20 PAYSA's Referee Assigner/Coordinator received the 2020 SHSAA North Central District Athletics Association High School Sports Referee of the Year Award.

#### 2020 Outdoor Season.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the outdoor season was cancelled so there was no officiating. As a result, no referee refresher course was delivered in 2020.

## Referee Development.

On January 18-19, 2020, an Entry Level referee training clinic was held in Prince Albert. In total, 10 new referees were trained: five of our younger trainees achieved “small-sided”; two “Youth”; and three “District” referee classification. These new referees were all mentored during the final two weeks of the indoor season. I would like to recognize SSA instructor Buck Bensen. Thanks Buck for your efforts delivering an interesting and challenging course and helping us to continue to develop our referees in the Prince Albert District.

This is a dynamic process and succession planning is key to the success of the program. PAYSAs refereeing team is looking very strong in that we have a broad base of youth referees who will continue in their development and move to refereeing older age groups. Every year PAYSAs holds an entry-level referee training course, typically in January. There are some changes as a result of Covid-19 as this is now delivered online with mentor support. PAYSAs is always seeking out new referee trainees and encourages those who would like to become a referee to contact the office.

As our older referees move on to secondary education we say farewell to our college and university age referees. We wish the best of luck to all our youth referees who have left the city to pursue further education or other activities. We thank them for the many years of help and wish them well in the future.

## The Future.

In summary, we are fortunate to have a pool of extremely diligent young referees who take their roles and responsibilities very seriously and consistently provide professional and very high quality officiating for PAYSAs. Our referee team is grateful for the continued encouragement and strong support from the Technical Director and the PAYSAs board. We will continue to provide top quality referee services, mentorship and development opportunities to create an excellent learning environment for all our youth referees. By offering each referee more games and therefore experience, we are able to stimulate continued interest and commitment. Our youth referees gain experience in many critical life skills, including: conflict resolution; man and time management; punctuality; reliability; commitment to their work; decision-making (sometimes under extreme pressure!) that will help them in their personal lives and of course their future careers. They do us proud!

Respectfully Submitted,

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*PAYSAs Referee Development and Coordination*