

PAYSA BOARD MEETING

Referee Report 2018-19

Annual General Meeting, October 28, 2019

House League Refereeing.

PAYSA continues to train and develop youth and district level referees deploying a team of 34 dedicated referees to officiate all regular season playoff and Club day matches. In 2017-18 we had 31 District, 4 youth and 1 Regional referee. In 2018-19 the referee team includes 12 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.

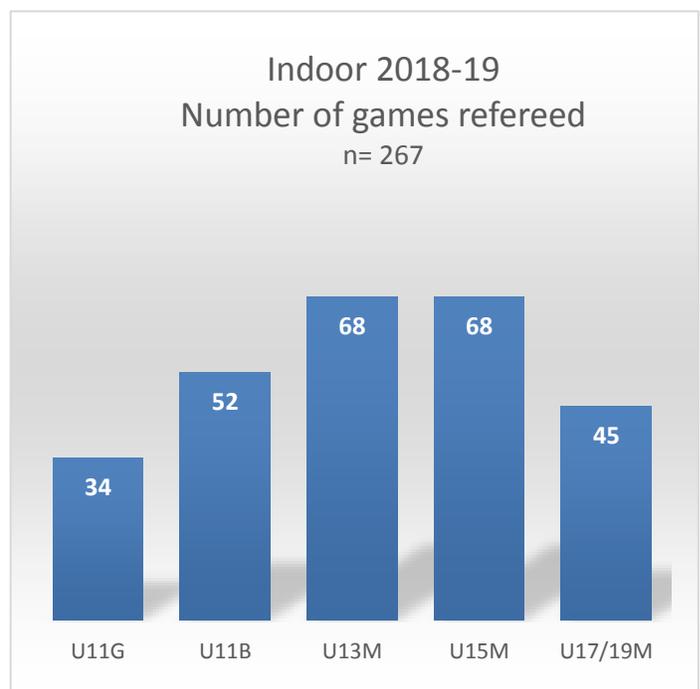
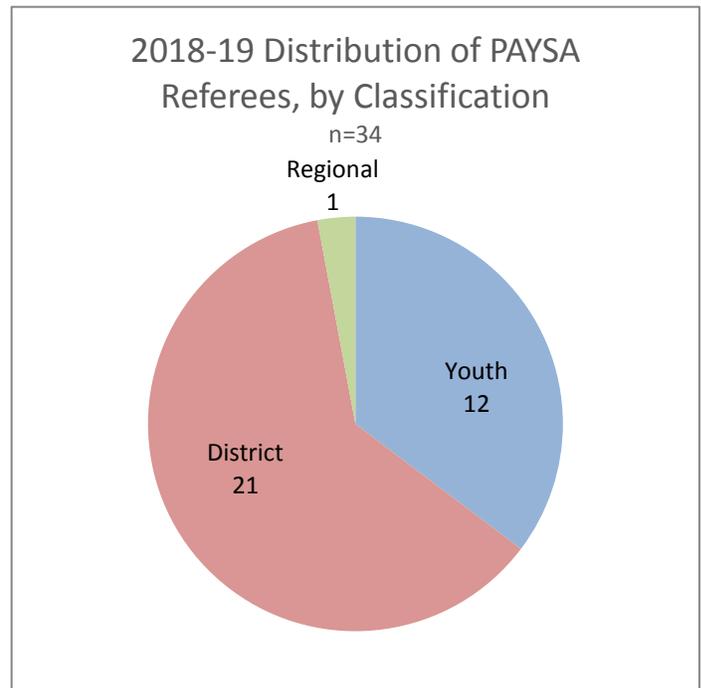
In 2018-19, PAYSA referees officiated a total of 775 youth soccer matches!

PAYSA referees also provide public service to the community through refereeing Saskatchewan High School Soccer matches every fall.

2018-19 Indoor Season.

In the 2018-19 indoor season, PAYSA's team of referees officiated a total of 354 games: 267 of these were house league regular season and 28 were playoff games. In addition, 59 club day matches were officiated with our Celtic Club teams playing teams from a wide range of clubs in Saskatchewan.

In house league the referees officiated a total of 86 U11 games; 68 U13 games, 68 U15 and 45 U17/19 games.



Referee Development.

On January 19-20, 2019, a SSA referee training clinic was held in Prince Albert. In total, 9 new referees were trained. Eight trainees achieved youth referee status; and one achieved District Referee status. These new referees were active in the outdoor season and all received mentoring support.

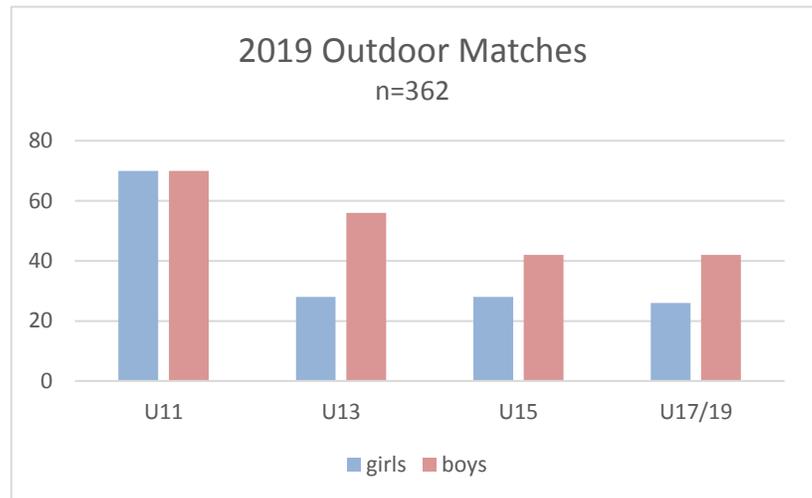
In 2019 there were substantive changes to the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game. Although these Laws would not be implemented in the 2019 outdoor season, PAYSAs Regional referee and mentor Randy Whitter presented a mandatory refresher course on April 15th 2019, to give our referees an opportunity to review the laws prior to the start of the outdoor season.

This is a dynamic process. As our referees move on to secondary education we say farewell to our college and university age referees. In 2019 we wish the best of luck to two of our senior youth referees who have left to pursue further education or other activities. We wish them well in the future.

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 still a few spots left on the 2020 training course. PAYSAs is always seeking out new referee trainees and encourages those who would like to become a referee to contact the office.

2019 Outdoor Season.

In the 2019 outdoor season our referee team officiated a total of 421 matches. 362 of these were house league with an additional 59 playoff matches. Further, there were 8 high performance matches (4 Club Day and 4 summer games tryout) covered by our referees.



The year ahead.

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 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,

Rory McIntosh

PAYSAs Referee Development and Coordination