

# PAYSA BOARD MEETING

## Referee Report 2023-24

### Annual General Meeting, October 9, 2024

#### House League Refereeing.

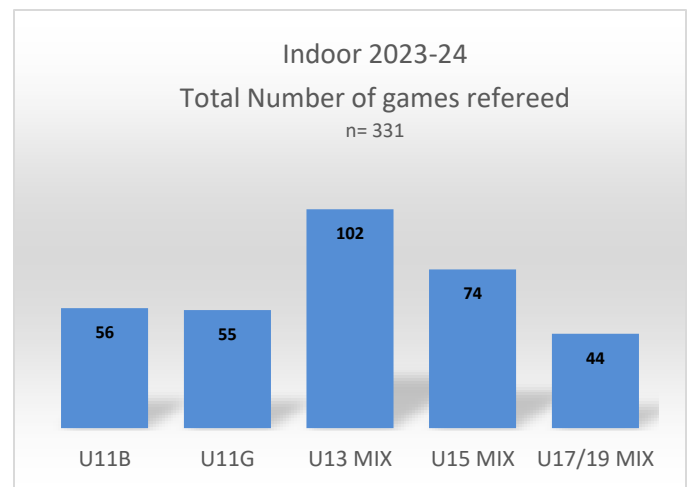
PAYSA continues to train and develop youth and district level referees. In 2023-24 we deployed a team of 43 dedicated referees to officiate all regular season playoff and Club Day matches. This number includes twelve newly trained referees who joined our referee team in January 2024!

**WE NEED YOU!! COME OUT AND REFEREE!!**

#### 2023-24 Indoor Season.

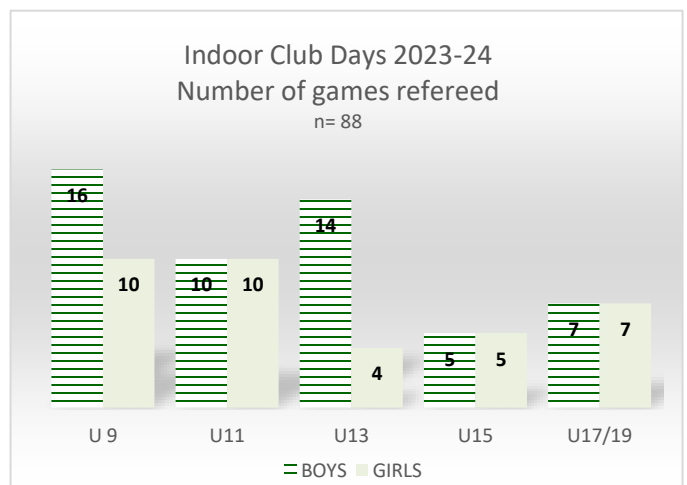
##### House Program.

In 2023-24, a total of 314 regular house league games were refereed. There were 35 playoff games for a total of 331 games officiated.



##### Celtic Program.

In 2023-24 indoor season PAYSA referees officiated in 88 Club Day matches. Club days were scheduled between November 26, 2023, to February 11 2024. Celtic U9 to U17/19 teams played against 5 clubs.



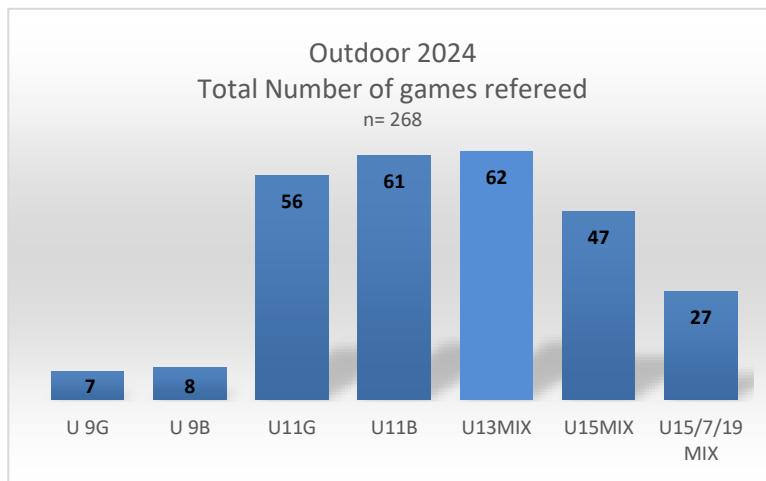
##### Celtic Program – Melba Cup.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Melba Jenkins Cup Tournament was held November 10-12, 2023. PAYSA referees officiated 43 games for U9 to U13 teams from Saskatoon, Melfort and North Battleford over the three-day event. The event was a great success.

PAYSA referees also provide public service to the community through refereeing Saskatchewan High School Soccer (SHSAA) matches every fall. In 2023-24 PAYSA referees officiated 24 SHSAA matches.

## 2024 Outdoor Season.

**House Program.** In the 2024 outdoor season 243 games were scheduled. Of these, 28 games were cancelled – 12 due to flooded fields! All outdoor matches started the week of May 1 and ended on June 20, 2023. Playoffs were held June 20 to 23. In total, 53 playoff matches were officiated for an outdoor total of 268 games.



**Celtic Program.** In 2022-23. Celtic teams played in two outdoor Club Day events with visiting clubs from Saskatoon Aurora and ASTRA. PAYSAs referees officiated 12 matches.

**PSL.** In 2024, four U15 Girls PSL matches were officiated by a team of 5 PAYSAs Referees. Thanks to Carlos Corea; Lane Dayton; Milan Muriithi; Nnamdi Jr; Joe Ndubuka and Richard Pytlak.

## Referee Development.

In the 2023-24 season the referee training course was delivered on January 27, 2024. In total we have trained 12 new referees. Congratulations to:

- Hassan Al Asmi
- Andi Bunjaku
- Cameron Duplessis
- Sofie Duplessis
- Korbin Ingram
- Nathan Jereda
- Emma Leland
- Owen Nimubona
- Odiase Omeike
- Hadlee Pawliw
- Roman Ruskovski
- Sophia Walter

I would like to thank Gord Quinlan of SSA for delivering this training.

This is a dynamic process and succession planning is key to the success of the program. PAYSAs refereeing team needs new recruits so that the club can continue to build a broad base of youth referees who will continue to develop and referee older age groups. As our older District referees move on to new opportunities or secondary education, I say farewell to our college and university age referees. We thank them for the many years of help and wish them the very best in the future.

## The Future.

The future is going to be very bright! PAYSAs has hired a new Club Manager who will be responsible for management of many club functions – including referees. With this new direction in program delivery, I will be stepping back from Referee Coordination and Development. For the past 10 years or so, I have performed this task and have overseen the development of many fine referees. I could not hand over this responsibility to anyone better than the new Club Manager – Thomas McIntosh! I know he will do a fabulous job continuing to develop and grow this vital part of soccer in Prince Albert.

It has been a pleasure working with you all over the years. I wish you all the best of luck and thank you for all your hard work and dedication to soccer in our community.

Rory McIntosh

*PAYSAs Referee Development and Coordination – retired!*