

# NASOA General Meeting – January 10, 2023

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Meeting opened at 18:03 CDT at Merrimack Soccer Complex. The meeting was led by President Tim Holt.

1. Tim welcomed every back for the beginning of another fun year. A couple of new refs were introduced and welcomed as well.
2. Motion was made to accept the minutes from the November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 meeting as presented and seconded.
3. USSF news:
  - a. The new SRA is Pete Dakis.
  - b. The youth league season is Feb 7 – Apr. 24. The State Cup is May 5 – May 7.
  - c. HASL begins Feb. 26.
4. The high school season begins Feb. 2. Start your registration process. Of the approximately 100 officials in the system, only 34 are registered for the current year. The registration test requires a score of  $\geq 80$  to pass. If you have not passed after 2 attempts contact the board members for help before taking it again. You only have 3 chances of passing the test.
5. The high school referee training clinic will be held on Jan. 28, at Jack Allen Soccer Complex in Decatur. Please sign up. There is a link at [nasoa.org](https://nasoa.org) under the helpful links.
6. The Huntsville Middle School League has now been incorporated as part of the normal high school season.
7. Be cognizant of setting your blocks in DragonFly. Typically the heavy days for high school games are Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday. Please make yourself available if possible. Please avoid setting a travel limit. If you have a child playing at a school, set a block for that school and let Andy know as well. The direction from Andy is, setting a block ending at 4:30 will assume that you will be available for a 5:00 game. For those officials that also work USSF games, make your blocks consistent between DragonFly and Game Officials.
8. The pay for normal-season high-school games will be done through Game Officials (GO). If you do not currently have a GO account contact the treasurer, Kim Hensley, at [wgas@hotmail.com](mailto:wgas@hotmail.com). Pay is normally done once a month. Contact Kim if you need something more often.
9. There are very few rule changes/clarifications and points of emphasis (POE). These can be found in the 2022/23 Rules Handbook and are also available from NFHS Hub link on your DragonFly account. A few are listed below:
  - a. Rule 4-2-2: *The change clarifies that hair adornments, such as beads, may be worn in the hair if they are secured to the head and do not present a risk of injury to the player, teammates or opponents.*
  - b. Rule 10-1-3h: *Clarifies that a player cannot score by throwing the ball into the goal.*
  - c. Rule 12-2: *Clarifies the upper boundary of the arm is in line with the bottom of the armpit.*

- d. Rule 7-1-3: *Clarifies that a state association may adopt procedures to require the game be played in its entirety.*
10. Ejection reports and Incident/Field reports will now be entered into DragonFly and **not** the AHSAA site.
11. Cedric Thomas, the NW District Director for high school was present and discussed some of the criteria that will be looked for when considering officials for playoff games and the final 4. Some of the criteria that will be taken into account are: a) minimum game count, b) classification test, c) attendance of district camp, d) performance on field from observations. (Cedric and Kim Bailey will be out and about doing observations.)
12. One of this year's district camps will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> (10-3) in Huntsville. Kris Bailey will be one of the instructors/speakers. The fee is expected to be \$30. Attendance is not mandatory but is highly suggested. Further details are expected to be sent out by email soon.
13. Finally, a recognition and award was presented to Magdi Eltom for being chosen as the Top Referee of the NW District.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 18:50.

**Attendees:**

Abdallah Abuspetani	Abigail Amaya	Dominic Aragon
James Ballamy	Bria Beidleman	Scott Bialkoski
Alain Bucio	Steve Cummings	Dan Cutshall
Charles Durodola	Magdi Eltom	Troy Evans
Paul Galloway	Alex Garcia	Connie Geary
Jeremy Glombowski	Kim Hensley	Alan J (AJ) Hicks
Tim Holt	Frank Jones	Simon King
Mike Krassick	Evan Kreider	Douglas Litavec
Megan Mokhtari	Yamu Moyo	Claudiu Muntele
Walner Nelson	Cooper Nyquist	Kim Khoon Ong
James Oswald	Brigham Parker	Manuel Patino
Joseph Patterson	Ashley Phillips	Wanda Porter
Celeste Roberts	Darrell Schmidt	Michael Smid
Michelle Smid	Robert Sullivan	Jackie Svehlak
Cedric Thomas	Gene Uhl	Douglas Vechinski
Darrel White	Josh Wilson	Alexis McDonald