

# NASOA General Meeting – May 23, 2023

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Meeting opened at 18:05 CDT at Merrimack Soccer Complex. The meeting was led by President Tim Holt.

1. The treasurer stated that there are still a few schools (approximately 8) that payment is still yet to be collected. Also, to the treasurer's knowledge everyone should have been paid for their high school games. If anyone believes they have not been fully paid, it is important to contact the treasurer before the "books" are closed for the season.
2. Election for the new board members will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for yourself or others can be sent before May 30<sup>th</sup>, to any of the current board members. An email is expected to be sent out on May 30<sup>th</sup> listing the position and nominees. You must be present at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to vote and must be a dues paying member. USSF only officials (whom do not presently pay dues) may not cast a vote.
3. The volunteers helping with the Final 4 were thanked for their service. Besides the officials from or local area, there were several from the Shoals and Birmingham area that came up/over to help.
4. High school stats:
  - a. There were 1109 games that were assigned and played. A new record!
  - b. There were 175 middle school games, of which 133 were duals.
  - c. There were 12 9<sup>th</sup> Grade/Freshman games, of which 4 were duals.
  - d. There were 317 JV games of which 53 were duals.
  - e. There were 605 varsity games, of which 73 were duals.
  - f. There were approximately 90 officials from NASOA. The top 5 referees with the most games were: Joe Patterson (89), Magdi Eltom, Robert Sullivan, Kim Khoon Ong, and Walner Nelson.
  - g. Game counts: # Officials: >70: 3, 60-69: 7, 50-59: 13, 40-49: 12, 30-39: 14, 20-29: 13, <10: 9.
5. There were 23 games with Red Cards (RC) with a total of 28 being issued. 12 were for violent conduct, 6 for abusive language, 7 for 2<sup>nd</sup> cautions, and 3 for DOGSO. There were 2 games with 3 RC each. There were a total of 228 RC for the state of AL.
6. There were 27 officials that participated in the playoff rounds from our association. five local and one from the Shoals area were chosen to officiate at the Final 4: Ben Senior, David Barreto, Robert Sullivan, Michael Smid, Alex Garcia, & Jeff Edwards.
7. The Northwest District Director, Cedric Thomas, discussed some of his rationale for choosing the playoff officials and the Final 4 candidates.
  - a. First, officials needed to have made themselves available by removing any blocks on time and travel distance.
  - b. With a large pool of capable officials to select from other criteria need to be considered such as performance, attendance of district camp, and classification exam.

Several 4<sup>th</sup> officials were assigned to the last round play-off games. These positions are not currently covered (paid) by the State. They were voluntarily covered (paid) by the District. However, it was suggested that association should consider covering the cost, while in parallel, it was suggested that the matter should also be brought to the State's attention for consideration.

8. A suggestion was made by the HS Assignor that schools consider pairing JV games together more often. This would allow youth referees to be utilized better to help cover games. (Presently, youth officials are not allowed to officiate on varsity games.) Another consideration is to allow them to be ARs on varsity games.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 19:04.

**Attendees:**

Kimberly Alewine  
Andy Dye  
Tim Holt  
Michael Smid  
Cedric Thomas

Dominic Aragon  
Paul Galloway  
Frank Jones  
Michelle Smid  
Douglas Vechinski

David Barreto  
Kim Hensley  
Claudiu Muntele  
Jackie Svehlak