

SH COMPETITIVE SPORTS NEWSLETTER



In this month's issue... the action is heating up! Intramurals are in full swing while most of our Club Sports and eSports teams have wrapped up tryouts and are diving headfirst into their competitive seasons. Let the games begin!



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Exciting news for gamers at SHSU! The brand new Esports Lab is officially open in the Rec Center. Whether you're looking to unwind with friends or get into the competitive scene, the lab is a welcoming environment for all skill levels and interests. Equipped with high-performance PCs as well as multiple consoles, there are plenty of options to choose from. This space is open Sunday-Thursday 4-10pm and offers drop-in casual play and scheduled events while also being the home of our many competitive teams, making it the perfect spot to game, connect, and compete. Stop by to play your favorite titles, join a tournament, or just see what all the buzz is about!

IN THIS ISSUE...



Intramurals kicked off the fall semester with a fun and competitive lineup of activities, including Pickleball, Sand Volleyball, and our crowd-favorite Flag Football League.

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From the first whistle, our athletes have shown skill, teamwork, and determination—setting the tone for an exciting season ahead!

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Set, Spike, Repeat: Sand Volleyball Brings the Heat!

The Sand Volleyball Tournament brought out the sunshine and the competition as teams hit the court for a fun-filled two weeks of spikes, dives, and teamwork. With great energy, close matches, and plenty of school spirit, students showed up ready to play and cheer each other on. Whether competing for the win or just enjoying the good vibes, everyone brought their A-game to the sand. Congrats to FIJIxFRIENDS on taking home the overall win!



Game On, Bearkats!

Flag Football season kicked off with high energy and intense match-ups as teams battle it out on the field each week between our Co-Ed, Greek, and Open divisions. From clutch plays to last-second touchdowns, the competition has been fierce and the spirit even stronger. Teams have also displayed great sportsmanship, showing respect for opponents and officials while keeping the competition fun and positive. As the regular season winds down, the playoff picture is starting to take shape, with top teams eyeing a shot at the championship and others fighting hard for a final push into contention. With bragging rights and championship glory on the line, the level of play is only getting sharper—every snap, pass, and touchdown now carries extra weight as the road to the title heats up.



Serving Up Fun: Pickleball Takes the Court by Storm!

The Singles and Doubles Pickleball League served up fast-paced fun and friendly competition in this mini-league. Players of all skill levels hit the courts, showing off their quick reflexes, smart strategies, and love for the game. Whether competing solo or teaming up in doubles, participants brought great energy and sportsmanship to every match. Congrats to Singles Champ 'CoolsMan' and Doubles Champs 'Narps'. Catch the next chance for Pickleball with our singles event in November!



Current and Upcoming Registrations:

- Indoor Volleyball League: Regular Season 10/26-11/20
- Outdoor Soccer League: Regular Season 10/26-11/20
- Spikeball Single Day 10/6
- Cornhole Single Day 10/9
- 2 Person Golf Scramble Single Day 10/17
- Halloween Dodgeball Single Day 10/31

JOIN THE ACTION!

Students from all across campus are coming together to stay active, meet new people, and enjoy some friendly competition in a fun, inclusive setting. With high energy and plenty of sports to choose from on the courts and fields, it's shaping up to be one of our best seasons yet!



Double Play! Intramural Supervisor and Official of the Month Bring Their A-Game!

Senior Criminal Justice major and Homeland Security minor, Jacoby McGowen, was nominated as Supervisor of the Month by his fellow staff members for his leadership throughout flag football training as well as his support and mentorship on-shift.



Go Team Zebras!

Semesters on Staff: 2

Favorite Sport to Ref: Started with Basketball, but prefer Flag Football

Why IMs?: I like sports, seemed like one of the most fun campus jobs to do

Favorite Part: Hanging out with other officials, making new friends

Advice for Incoming Officials: Rely on your teammates!

Free Time: I like to hang out with friends, play games, eat, and workout

Semesters on Staff: 5

Why IMs?: Looking for a job for extra money, but officiating opened doors for other opportunities

Favorite Part: Being on the field, not just with the crew but also with the teams and players. Making connections with different organizations and getting recognized walking around campus

Advice for Incoming Officials: The job can be stressful and there is conflict on the field but coming in with a good head on your shoulders can take you really far.

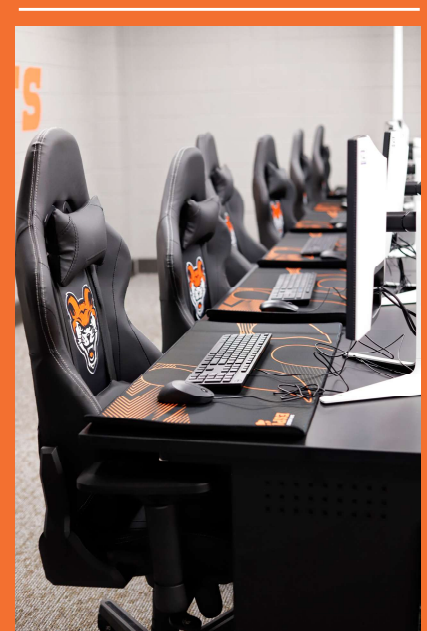
Favorite Part of Playing: It's fun, engaging, a great time for everyone. Opportunity for people to get away from academics and have fun/enjoy each other's time.



Sophomore Business Marketing major, Malachi Oldacre, was recognized as Official Month for his strong presence and consistent, positive attitude on and off the field. He can always be found with a smile on his face.

Fresh Teams, Fierce Battles: Esports Season Begins!

Esports team tryouts have recently been completed, with new talent joining established rosters across various games. Teams are finalizing strategies and building synergy as they prepare for the upcoming competitive season. Major leagues and tournaments are set to kick off soon, generating excitement among fans and players alike. With fresh lineups and high stakes, this season promises intense match-ups and breakout performances.



ESports at Sam Houston

Your Bearcats are competing across 11 teams between CCS, PCL, NACE, CCL, and the CCA. Here's your 2025 teams:

Rainbow 6 Siege

Splatoon 3

Marvel Rivals

Overwatch 2 (Varsity & JV)

Counter-Strike 2 (Varsity & JV)

COD Black Ops 6 (Varsity & JV)

League of Legends

Rocket League

Follow the teams throughout the season on Instagram @shsu_esports

Kicking Into High Gear!

The Men's Soccer club is off to a hot start with a 4-1 record, showing grit, skill, and serious team chemistry on and off the field. After moving out of the TCSL East conference and into the South, they are competing against teams they wouldn't normally see until regionals. With strong leadership, depth across the roster, and momentum on their side, the Bearkats are turning heads across the league. The energy is high, the goals are coming fast, and the Bearkats are just getting started!



Athletes in Action: Giving Back!

Club Sports are going beyond competition by actively partnering with organizations across campus to support events for their fellow students. Their involvement strengthens campus connections and fosters a sense of unity among the student body. By lending their time and energy, these club members are building school spirit and supporting a more vibrant campus life.



Gone Fishing: Hooked on Victory



On September 6th, the Sam Houston Bass Fishing Club hosted the Bearkat Bass Open at Stowaway Marina on Lake Conroe, welcoming both club and community members for a full day of friendly competition and connection. With strong participation from alumni, local anglers, and university supporters, the event was filled with excitement, camaraderie, and some serious fishing talent. The tournament served as more than just a fun outing—it was a key opportunity for team bonding, refining skills, and showcasing the club's growth as they secured new sponsors and strengthened community partnerships.

The Bearkat Bass Open also acted as a strategic tune-up for the team's first major event of the season in Paris, Tennessee as a part of the Collegiate Bass Championship Series. The club used the Open to test logistics, fine-tune strategies, and simulate tournament-day conditions—all in the pursuit of a competitive edge on the national circuit. Next up, the Bearkats will travel to Lake Dardanelle in Arkansas to compete in the AFTCO Collegiate Bass Open, where they'll aim to reel in big results. With strong leadership, growing support, and a passion for the sport, the Sam Houston Bass Fishing Club is ready to make waves on the national stage.



Senior and Club President, Noah Ortiz, was recognized for his leadership and support in preparation and execution of the event. Ortiz coordinated with Stowaway Marina to secure the venue, worked with sponsors to help provide support, and managed logistics to ensure the event ran smoothly. He also dedicated time to promoting the tournament, reaching out to anglers, alumni, and community members to encourage participation, ultimately gathering a strong field of teams to compete.

