

2016 New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships - Officials Survey

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1	Curly	4/17/2016 4:35 PM
2	Mike Baker	4/17/2016 11:56 AM
3	Neale Ames	4/14/2016 4:56 PM
4	Phil Fraser	4/14/2016 1:51 PM
5	Dave Bourke	4/14/2016 10:26 AM
6	Jackie Grant	4/13/2016 8:48 PM
7	Duncan Mckenzie	4/13/2016 7:22 PM
8	Tom Burgess	4/13/2016 1:29 PM
9	Alistair Thorpe	4/13/2016 11:39 AM
10	Malcolm Hikuwai Heke MStJ	4/13/2016 10:24 AM
11	Debbie Hutchings	4/12/2016 9:48 PM
12	Denys Carpenter	4/12/2016 9:11 PM
13	Michael ONeill	4/12/2016 8:57 PM
14	Tony Wiseman	4/12/2016 7:58 PM
15	Wil Blakeway	4/12/2016 7:18 PM
16	Warren Clow	4/12/2016 6:05 PM
17	Trina Wills	4/12/2016 4:57 PM
18	David East	4/12/2016 4:40 PM
19	dave price	4/12/2016 4:18 PM
20	Murray Kemp	4/12/2016 4:02 PM
21	Harley McLaughlin	4/12/2016 12:57 PM
22	Greg Rieger	4/12/2016 11:51 AM
23	Kevin Campbell	4/12/2016 11:37 AM
24	Michael Clarke	4/12/2016 11:09 AM
25	Yolande Brophy	4/12/2016 11:01 AM
26	JANE KEEF	4/12/2016 10:14 AM
27	Colin Weatherall	4/12/2016 10:07 AM
28	Debra Cairns	4/12/2016 10:01 AM
29	Harold Pearse	4/12/2016 9:40 AM
30	Leah Blincoe	4/12/2016 9:23 AM
31	Michelle Newton	4/12/2016 9:03 AM
32	Ken Lee	4/12/2016 8:46 AM
33	Valda Walsh	4/12/2016 8:40 AM
34	Greg mcClurg	4/12/2016 8:26 AM
35	Benny Larsen	4/12/2016 8:21 AM

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36	Teri Anderson	4/12/2016 8:15 AM
37	Craig Gledhill	4/11/2016 11:30 PM
38	Sue Grace	4/11/2016 10:46 PM
39	Nigel Tizard	4/11/2016 10:17 PM
40	S Brewer	4/11/2016 10:15 PM
41	Lawrence Taylor	4/11/2016 9:44 PM
42	Susan	4/11/2016 9:30 PM
43	Cat Manning	4/11/2016 9:25 PM
44	Dennis Trembath	4/11/2016 9:24 PM
45	Glenn Phipps	4/11/2016 9:14 PM
46	Craig Lacy	4/11/2016 9:11 PM

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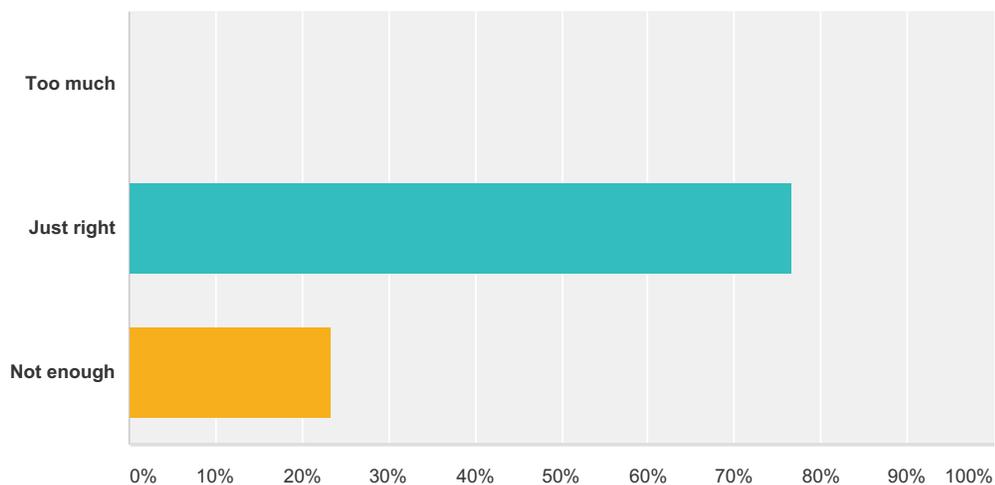
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3	Otaki	4/14/2016 4:56 PM
4	Mairangi Bay	4/14/2016 1:51 PM
5	St Kilda	4/14/2016 10:26 AM
6	Mairangi Bay	4/13/2016 8:48 PM
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9	Waikanae	4/13/2016 11:39 AM
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11	Waikanae	4/12/2016 9:48 PM
12	Pacific	4/12/2016 9:11 PM
13	Omanu	4/12/2016 8:57 PM
14	Orewa	4/12/2016 7:58 PM
15	Whakatane	4/12/2016 7:18 PM
16	National official. Fitzroy club	4/12/2016 6:05 PM
17	Westshore	4/12/2016 4:57 PM
18	North Beach	4/12/2016 4:40 PM
19	north beach	4/12/2016 4:18 PM
20	Waikanae	4/12/2016 4:02 PM
21	Waimarama	4/12/2016 12:57 PM
22	Mount Maunganui	4/12/2016 11:51 AM
23	Mairangi Bay	4/12/2016 11:37 AM
24	Lyll Bay	4/12/2016 11:09 AM

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25	Paekakariki	4/12/2016 11:01 AM
26	LYALL BAY SLSC	4/12/2016 10:14 AM
27	Brighton (otago)	4/12/2016 10:07 AM
28	Red Beach	4/12/2016 10:01 AM
29	Waimarama	4/12/2016 9:40 AM
30	Mairangi Bay	4/12/2016 9:23 AM
31	Red Beach	4/12/2016 9:03 AM
32	Orewa	4/12/2016 8:46 AM
33	East End	4/12/2016 8:40 AM
34	Taylors Mistake	4/12/2016 8:26 AM
35	Orewa	4/12/2016 8:21 AM
36	Paekakariki	4/12/2016 8:15 AM
37	Official	4/11/2016 11:30 PM
38	Waimairi	4/11/2016 10:46 PM
39	Mairangi Bay	4/11/2016 10:17 PM
40	Westshore	4/11/2016 10:15 PM
41	Sumner	4/11/2016 9:44 PM
42	Hot water beach	4/11/2016 9:30 PM
43	Whakatane	4/11/2016 9:25 PM
44	Brighton	4/11/2016 9:24 PM
45	Mairangi bay	4/11/2016 9:14 PM
46	Mount Maunganui	4/11/2016 9:11 PM

### Q3 Were you provided with adequate information prior to the New Zealand Championships?

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<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Responses</b>
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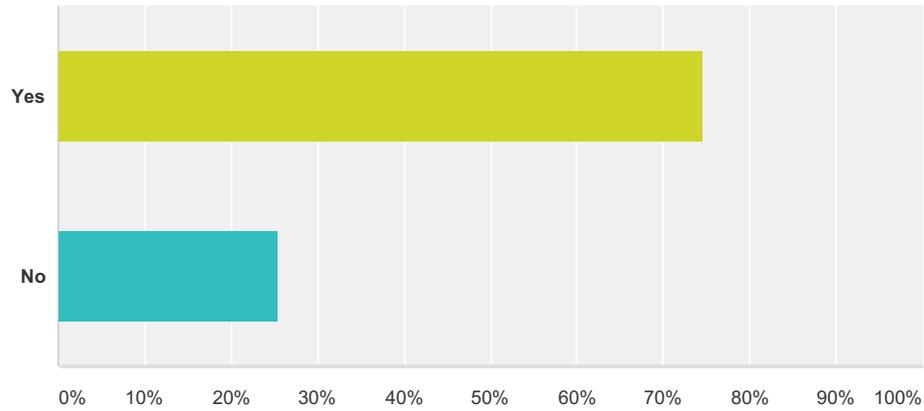
Too much	0.00%	0
Just right	76.60%	36
Not enough	23.40%	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>47</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	To late	4/17/2016 4:39 PM
2	Information needs to be sent earlier to give time for booking accommodation, airfares, arranging transport. Also, many officials travel big distances so no point in sending information after weekend before event starts	4/14/2016 6:52 PM
3	Confirmed that I was an official but when the list came out wasn't on it and took a bit of backward and forward emails to get sorted about a 10 days before Nationals were due to start. Never saw an updated programme after the first one was received.	4/13/2016 9:11 PM
4	Composition of arena teams was only announced 4 days before the event.	4/13/2016 11:41 AM
5	I was on the original selected list and then for some reason I was just dropped off the list. I emailed mike lord and never got a response back from him and had to email other officials to find out any information	4/12/2016 10:19 PM
6	Information was very last minute, however this is OK for those that have some years of experience but I'm sure is not ideal for new officials	4/12/2016 9:59 PM
7	Great communication	4/12/2016 5:43 PM
8	Although it seemed slow to come	4/12/2016 11:14 AM
9	Programme-canoe timings were out by several minutes per race	4/12/2016 10:17 AM
10	all good	4/12/2016 10:13 AM
11	Info was wanting for quite sometime and then info started to come through two weeks prior. However, some officials missed out despite names on the list	4/12/2016 8:26 AM
12	As an official travelling from the South Island, my main concern was the lateness of advice concerning whether or not I was even needed. There is a requirement for us all to organise our own travel and accommodation, and so we need confirmation from organisers as early as possible to ensure that we can get reasonable deals with these. Also, it is a costly exercise to attend Nationals in terms of lost pay and allowances only go a small way towards recompensing us our expenses. Not complaining... Just saying that an opportunity to get the best rates (through early bookings etc.) and thus reduce our expenses, would be welcomed.	4/12/2016 12:07 AM
13	However I think this was my fault for changing e-mail address. All sorted now	4/11/2016 11:57 PM
14	A little late coming out,	4/11/2016 9:47 PM
15	It was not until the day before the event that I recieved a email to tell me where the officals briefing was to be held, and it was only a couple of days before the event that I found out what role I was doing.	4/11/2016 9:20 PM

### Q4 Was communication adequate and were you kept informed during the event?

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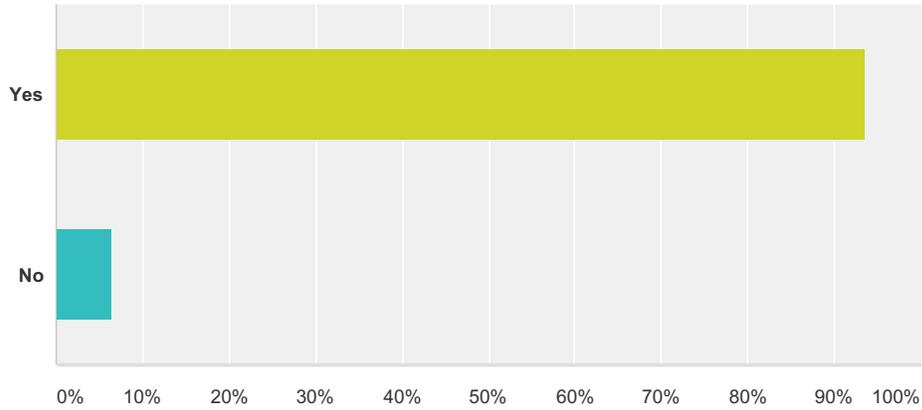


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	74.47%	35
No	25.53%	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>47</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	to late	4/17/2016 4:39 PM
2	Not as well as I believe could have been achieved and certainly the last day was a major disappointment.	4/17/2016 12:01 PM
3	From a National point of view yes, kept informed. From an arena perspective, not the arena referee communicated very little with the officials	4/14/2016 4:02 PM
4	Although think there is room for improvement	4/13/2016 9:11 PM
5	Officials appeared to miss e-text messages regarding programming changes	4/13/2016 11:41 AM
6	There wasn't any info	4/12/2016 10:19 PM
7	The final day of competition was, in my opinion, was not only disappointing for the people entrusted to deliver the event, but the fact that the volunteers with the experience on the beach were undermined by slsnz board members. I personally believe that these board members were more concerned about the organisation rather than the competitors. This of course can be argued either way, but is only my personal opinion.	4/12/2016 9:59 PM
8	Yes to admin, as well as Arena Ref.	4/12/2016 5:43 PM
9	Twice we had major holdups with the hierarchy spending heaps of time trying to sort out the event. They did not communicate well with officials the crowd or most importantly on the Sunday the competitors.	4/12/2016 1:03 PM
10	On Sunday we where standing around, didn't know what was going on especially in the afternoon	4/12/2016 11:51 AM
11	No debriefs ... would have helped after long hard daysand helped solve a few problems	4/12/2016 10:17 AM
12	maybe all officials on E T system would assist	4/12/2016 10:13 AM
13	In the past we as officials/team managers have had regular e-text updates - sending an email on the day of a meeting when travelling will not get to you - a text should have been sent regarding a change of meeting times.	4/12/2016 9:08 AM
14	Too much indecision , judges waiting around but actually unable to have a decent amount of time off to relax. 7am to 5.30 without as much as a lunch break is too long when it is 3 days.	4/12/2016 8:50 AM
15	Arena ref and CJ were very good	4/12/2016 8:26 AM
16	Whenever possible. Of course, it is not feasible to have everyone fitted with radio equipment, so occasionally circumstances would change and some officials may have found themselves briefly out of the loop from time to time. However, the chief judge made every effort to keep us informed.	4/12/2016 12:07 AM
17	not aware of any Text updates. Radio comms were OK during the event. However perhaps Text updates or confirmations of Arena Start and break times might assist general Officials to plan their day.	4/11/2016 11:57 PM
18	Good communication.	4/11/2016 9:20 PM

### Q5 Did the beach layout work well?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 3



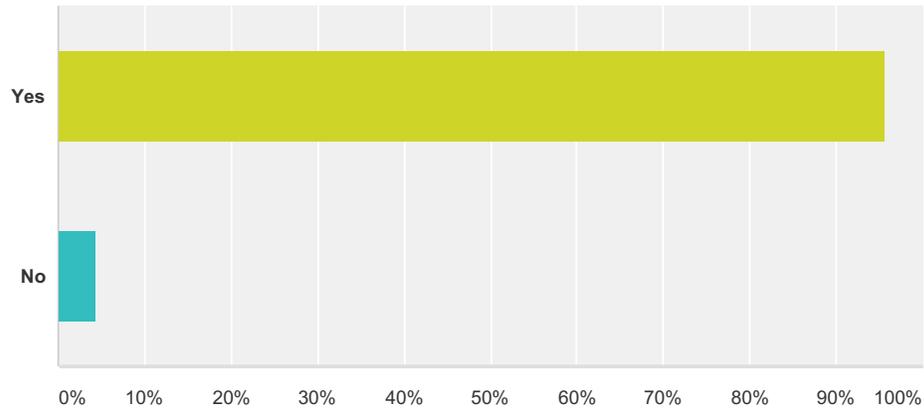
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	93.48% 43
No	6.52% 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	OK	4/17/2016 4:39 PM
2	Need to liaise between arenas so if races are switched from left to right, they all do it at the same time. Otherwise there are worse clashes of competitors.	4/14/2016 6:52 PM
3	Worked well in the Boat arena plus Tony (AR) was excellent to work with	4/14/2016 2:00 PM
4	Was in port a com with vaughan n/a	4/14/2016 10:28 AM
5	Canoe arena was too close to 3rd arena when they reversed courses	4/13/2016 1:34 PM
6	At times we were unsure where are arena was first thing in the morning	4/12/2016 4:05 PM
7	Seemed to be some confusion from work party with our arena having several different arena flags and signage. Created a slow start to first day and frustration for team managers trying to register athletes.	4/12/2016 11:14 AM
8	Just condition challenges ...something we cannot control but work with ,,	4/12/2016 10:13 AM
9	For the most part	4/12/2016 8:26 AM
10	No problems.	4/11/2016 9:20 PM

### Q6 Did the arena layouts work well?

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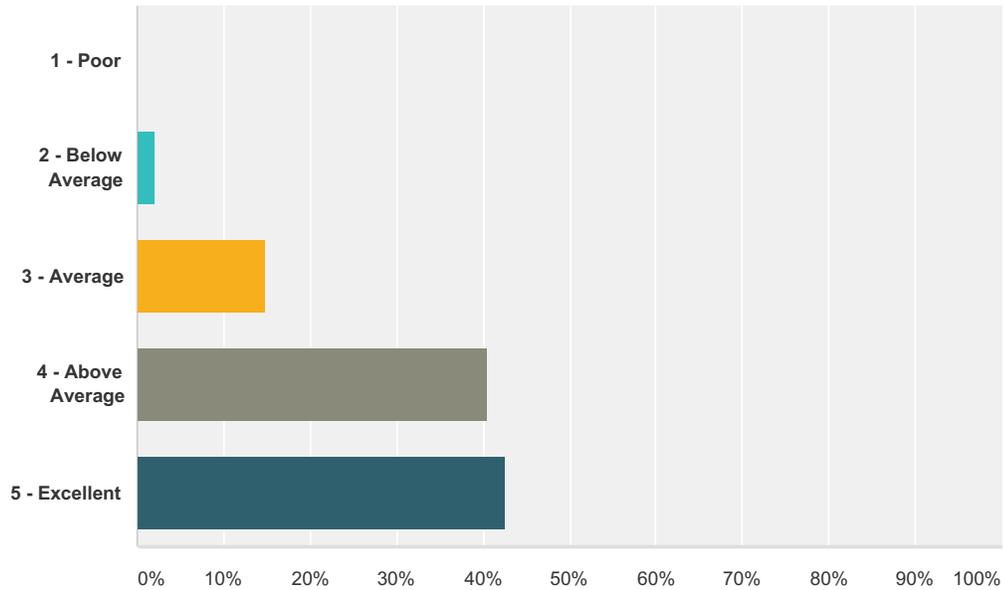
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	95.65% 44
No	4.35% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	Was in port a com with vaughan n/a	4/14/2016 10:28 AM
2	Just the re laying and Resetting of courses was very slow	4/13/2016 7:33 PM
3	Better definition of the actual arena areas was needed. Several times we were directed to put an arena in a certain spot , which was different to where we believed we should be, only to be moved back to where we wanted to be.	4/13/2016 11:41 AM
4	Once set up	4/12/2016 4:05 PM
5	Started canoes late both days as buoy lines were not set prior to racing ... had to really chase to get them set... more a challenge because we were running beach events	4/12/2016 10:17 AM
6	From an official point - yes	4/12/2016 8:26 AM
7	Unfortunately there was no place for officials to secure their gear on the beach or protect it from the weather. In the past there has been an officials' tent - in each arena I think. We are already on the beach for long hours and in all weather, sometimes getting wet, but unlike competitors, we cannot always easily dry off between events. I feel it is important that officials have such a facility close to where they are working, where they can change if necessary into dry clothing, wetsuits or whatever is required at short notice. Also, there seemed to be a shortage of flags, occasionally requiring a course layout to be altered in terms of which flags were used for what purpose etc. The starters made sure that competitors were made aware of any changes from the norm, but I feel it may have been a little confusing for the athletes from time to time.	4/12/2016 12:07 AM
8	A little close to the other arenas	4/11/2016 9:47 PM
9	Again no problems.	4/11/2016 9:20 PM

### Q7 Please rate the quality of the officiating from Officials that you worked with at the event?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 2

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Answer Choices	Responses	
1 - Poor	0.00%	0
2 - Below Average	2.13%	1
3 - Average	14.89%	7
4 - Above Average	40.43%	19
5 - Excellent	42.55%	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>47</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	Some very poor	4/17/2016 4:39 PM
2	Little communication from the arena referee and delegated tasks from the chief judge and then tasks changed. Felt that there was little requirement for my assistance. When taking the initiative to do what was required, was reassigned and then reassigned again.	4/14/2016 4:02 PM
3	We all worked well as we have a core group and everyone knows what to do and have each others back if required	4/14/2016 2:00 PM
4	A number of newer judges who did an amazing job but there was sometimes a lack of direction from those who were more knowledgeable	4/13/2016 9:11 PM
5	Probably too many officials in the arena for the officials to fully occupied all the time.	4/13/2016 11:41 AM
6	All Officials were very good they should be given a pat on the back	4/13/2016 10:30 AM
7	The team of officials in my arena were all fantastic and hugely experienced. I would work with all again without question.	4/12/2016 9:59 PM
8	Surf knowledge is significant at this level past competitors and experienced lifeguards understand this, a background through working at junior surf does not quite cut it for me for senior appointments.	4/12/2016 9:03 PM
9	I really enjoyed working with Greg Rieger, Malcom Heke and Ross Edwards as chief judge at NATS, I also worked with Ross and Malcom before as chief judge at Easterns. I felt this team worked really well together. Complimented each other. One minor concern was the fact the one official was not 'fit' for the beach as he had recently had an operation...with diabetes	4/12/2016 5:43 PM
10	with the exception of the chief judge in my arena who was a right control freak....she had no idea of the experience of the judges working for her.	4/12/2016 1:03 PM

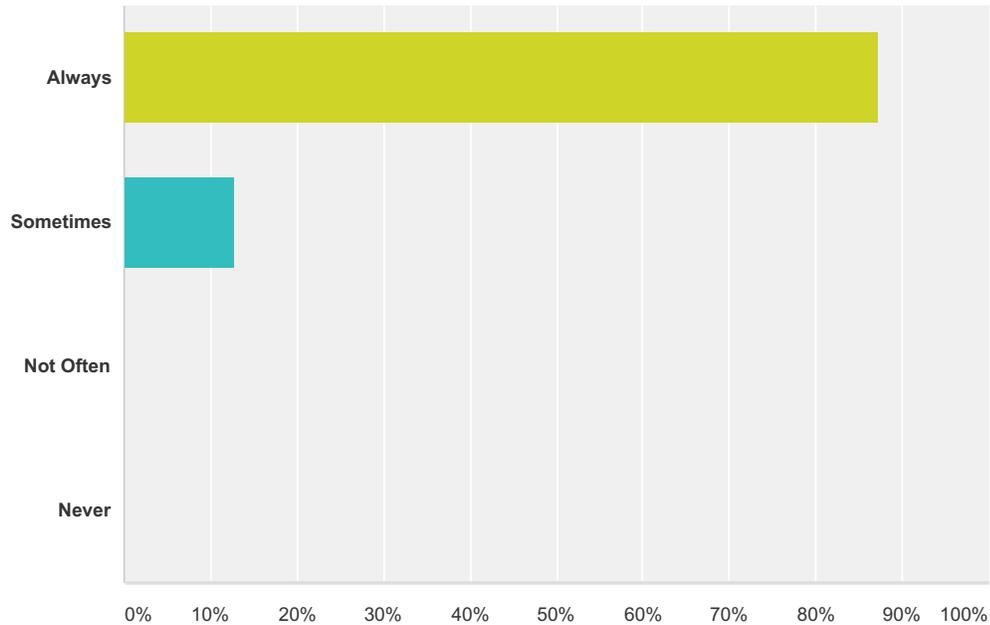
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11	<p>The Canoe Arena Referee made some errors. She placed first time officials on one of the stands for the long course and placed them as No. 1 stand (I was on No. 2 stand). For the first event they called the placings on the buoys in the wrong order - they began calling from the last buoy. This we pointed out to them. (I have worked on the stands in Canoe for years! Also, for the short course, I was judging the last 3 buoys. In one event two competitors ran up the beach, one went through the flags to finish the race and be placed - I think they were 1st, the other ran on the outside between me and the finish flags. I then heard that they were DQd as two runners went through the flags - so I went to the Referee and 'argued' as I was standing right there and only one runner went through the flags. I had to be quite adamant. To be honest she should've asked me before making the decision to DQ - it did not look good. I believe she reinstated them. Also for the final day of canoe competition we were in the sprint arena. I was looking after 2 and 3rd positions - there were 3 of us on the offside of the track. In one event again this Referee did not listen to me and kept trying to give the 3rd position to the one who came 4th - and he knew he was not placed. Again it took some '.....' convincing her that she was wrong - even the announcer and other standing watching agreed with me and my fellow judges. Eventually she gave the positions to the correct sprinters. She told us to report at the portacom in the canoe arena for 11 am (finishing the sprints at 10.30 am) for an early start as we had a lot to get through. All judges were there for 11 am, she was not there. We set up the course, all competitors were asked to be there for a hopeful 11.30 am start - she was no where to be found. The event was officially starting at 12.30 pm. The recorder was a little upset as she had no paperwork for the event - even at 12.30 pm when we should've started officially. When the paperwork did arrive it was incorrect and the recorder had to amend in longhand. Something else that should've been checked by the Referee perhaps! I was disappointed in our Referee's decisions and felt she should not have been in that position at a National competition.</p>	4/12/2016 10:32 AM
12	<p>3 new national officials really stepped up did an awesome job also had 2officials not suitable for the longer days and also not suitable to be on stands... a results person who I think did not want to be in canoes.. all others were excellent. No cards for long course canoes why are these not available and boat arena had cards ... we had to use paper ..</p>	4/12/2016 10:17 AM
13	<p>some room for improvement in mid/ lower level of officials totally support Wayne &amp; Dave</p>	4/12/2016 10:13 AM
14	<p>Arena 1 officials worked well together and everything ran smoothly.</p>	4/12/2016 10:03 AM
15	<p>Judges that have qualified without ever competing are never going to know what it is like to compete.</p>	4/12/2016 8:50 AM
16	<p>The officials in the arena I worked in were all willing, enthusiastic and cooperative, tending to anticipate requirements to reset flags/ courses etc. rather than wait for instruction. (Although occasionally that may have meant it looked like we didn't know what we were doing, as more senior officials would often then decide to adjust the course according to information they alone seemed privy to. Of course, such decisions were generally accepted and accommodated with goodwill). I felt that the senior officials were also considerate in accommodating athletes whenever possible to enable most competitors the opportunity for rest between events, by rescheduling the order of events when feasible.</p>	4/12/2016 12:07 AM
17	<p>There were a few officials in the canoe that really had no idear what they were doing.</p>	4/11/2016 9:20 PM

### Q8 Do you think the you displayed an "athlete focused" approach?

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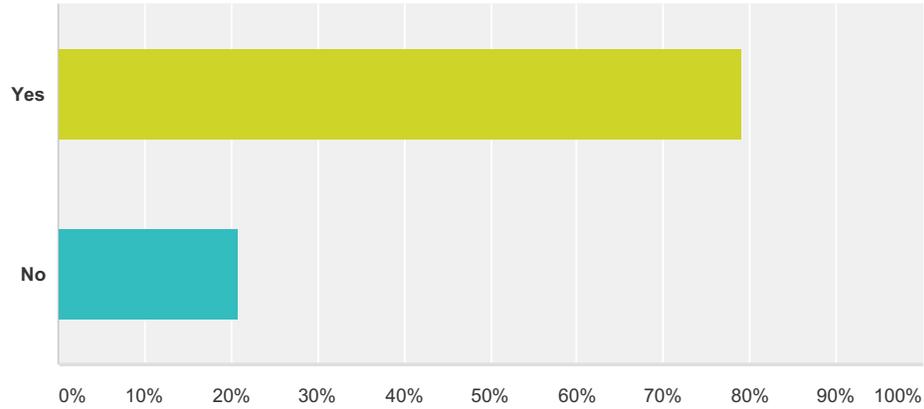
Answer Choices	Responses
Always	87.23% 41
Sometimes	12.77% 6
Not Often	0.00% 0
Never	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	We had good feedback from all athletes over all days. Plus when Tony (AR) needed to make a decision on a challenge the Athletes were understanding and excepted the outcome.	4/14/2016 2:00 PM
2	I think the Arena officials all showed a great Athlete focus, except the final decisions on the last day which were made by Wayne and Dave particularly in the womens Arena . Particularly around the delivery of the decision to Team managers Nothing was direxctly said to the Arthletes who were already marshalled.	4/13/2016 7:33 PM
3	Sometimes it was forgotten that this was a championship event and that while rules must be clear and communicated, they are all still there to enjoy the event	4/13/2016 1:34 PM
4	The decision making on the Sunday left a lot to be desired. Clearly the athletes were frustrated.	4/13/2016 11:41 AM
5	Until the final day!	4/12/2016 9:59 PM
6	improving attitude getting better each year	4/12/2016 10:13 AM
7	When a decision has been made on Friday to run a straight final , & the final is programmed for Sunday. Get on & have the final then - Friday. Many events got canned on Sunday and we had some extremely disappointed competitors!	4/12/2016 8:50 AM
8	Got along with all athletes, even the ones I had to DQ. Was happy to give them advice.	4/11/2016 9:20 PM

### Q9 Were the medics and medic tents easy to identify?

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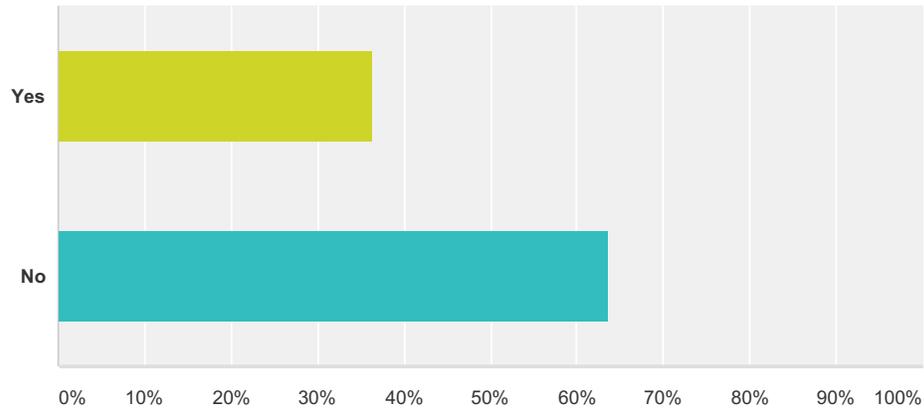
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	79.07%	34
No	20.93%	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>43</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	Probably need one in each arena	4/14/2016 6:52 PM
2	Unsure never looked for them	4/12/2016 10:19 PM
3	They were sometimes not even on the beach.	4/12/2016 8:00 PM
4	I didn't need to find/use them	4/12/2016 11:12 AM
5	Didn't even have time to find them! We were kept pretty busy.	4/12/2016 10:32 AM
6	Although one did not want to get his feet wet !!!! Not ideal at a beach	4/12/2016 10:17 AM
7	some challenges with St Johns event team initially but Pru managed that	4/12/2016 10:13 AM
8	In the boat arena they didn't show up on the Friday until requested which was over a hour after the event started. Next couple of days again wasn't until requested did they show up - if we'd had a serious injury it wasn't a good look. Medics sleeping in the back of an ambulance not appropriate - they didn't seem to want to get their shoes sandy - I know how much this type of service costs and you did not get the service we would have paid for	4/12/2016 9:08 AM
9	Were missing in action for some of the time.	4/12/2016 8:50 AM
10	I went to find them myself as I had thrown my back and gave up looking for them	4/12/2016 8:26 AM
11	Good having medic flags on mule.	4/11/2016 9:26 PM
12	No issues.	4/11/2016 9:20 PM

### Q10 Did you have any safety concerns during the event?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 5

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	36.36%	16
No	63.64%	28
<b>Total</b>		<b>44</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	over kill generally	4/17/2016 4:39 PM
2	The largest SAFETY concern was Ross Merrick the Safety Officer for the event who I believe overall performed poorly and seemed to have far more power to affect the event (as he apparently did) than what he should have. To allow heats etc all day and then to stop the major finals (or reduce then) for the elite was in my view extremely disappointing and not a good outcome also communication at this point of time was also somewhat lacking. We could have all merged into one arena (and the IRB's) and undertaken the finals.	4/17/2016 12:01 PM
3	On the last day as the surf became more difficult for competitors, particularly on skis, but also in younger age groups. The decision to abandon the last few events was correct	4/14/2016 6:52 PM
4	Under Womens 16 Ski race on Sunday	4/13/2016 7:33 PM
5	When we were down to the one arena, I was one of the officials who was given a specific competitor to watch. I found this very hard, even with good awareness of the severity of the conditions and good eyesight. The events should have been called after the first race of doing that following checking in with the officials who completed the roles	4/13/2016 1:34 PM
6	The observation of competitors by the officials was good. No athletes appeared distressed when either completing or failing the complete their events	4/13/2016 11:41 AM
7	Bit overkill on the last day I think. Would we say we can't rescue someone cause there was a bit of swell	4/12/2016 10:19 PM
8	Conditions heightened the level of safety required. At all times I had every confidence in the people managing safety issues.	4/12/2016 9:59 PM
9	Conditions on Sunday	4/12/2016 8:00 PM
10	Was addressed on Sunday	4/12/2016 7:20 PM
11	The women's ski events arena should have been stopped earlier because of conditions	4/12/2016 6:08 PM
12	The last finals day. Especially the surf swim events for example- U16 boys / poor vision from shore and in IRB, many boys missed the bouy and it was really disappointing for the athletes who got passed because of this.	4/12/2016 5:43 PM
13	Certainly the Sunday afternoon was hairy...decision to can u16 events was prudent	4/12/2016 1:03 PM
14	But were resolved quickly and professionally by the event safety team	4/12/2016 11:58 AM
15	I think the health and safety had to much control over the arena"s Sunday afternoon was a joke having the open ironman marshalled and ready to go for 1.5hrs These are our top athletes and a show case for our sport these are world class athletes. I understand that we must keep everyone safe	4/12/2016 11:51 AM
16	Though Event Management had a good handle on the changing conditions.	4/12/2016 11:12 AM

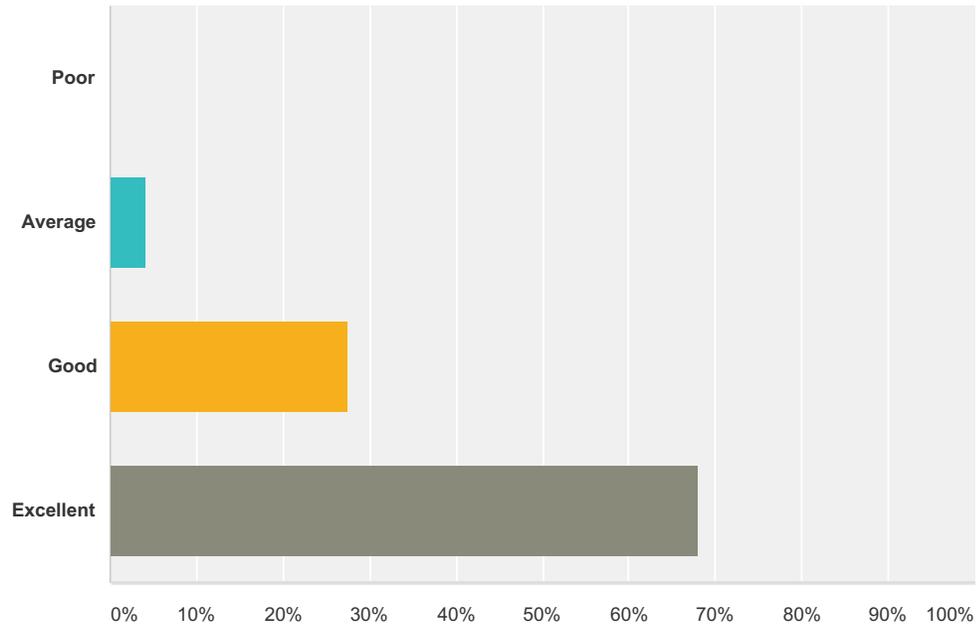
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17	Age and capability of several of my judges Nutrition... not good makes potential for bad decisions . Taking one of my judges for ASO meant I was down a judge also new role such as ASO needs assistance from event safety hardly came to my arena. on Sunday after we had completed beach relays I offered my assistance in water arenas ... was told I was not needed by a referee that was str also finishing long course early evening my judges very cold .	4/12/2016 10:17 AM
18	great to see warm-up monitored pre start each day some condition challenges subject to separate report / review	4/12/2016 10:13 AM
19	Medics not available when most needed. Perhaps were possible events finished on the day they started and not wait for "finals Sunday"	4/12/2016 9:08 AM
20	I acknowledge that the surf conditions changed to become quite challenging on Sunday. However I agree with the process and procedure and the final outcome of amending the program.	4/12/2016 8:25 AM
21	Yes, during ski races on one particular day when the shore break was quite harsh and competitors were told they were to have a dry finish carrying their skis and paddles across the line. At the time I thought it was crazy as surely running at speed carrying two pieces of equipment would result in injuries, but in the end I changed my mind - as indeed it seemed the best option to require competitors to clear loose equipment from the "zone" so that it did not impede others coming through. A good decision by the referees under the circumstances.	4/12/2016 12:07 AM
22	Final 6 Events were difficult to manage head counts. Arena 1 U16 ski final as example, with 50% of competitors not finishing and it was difficult to identify 8 DNF competitors all the way to safety. with 4 or 5 coming in in IRB's and others drifting in. Adding to that Gear handlers and competitors drifting well out of arena. Similar in U19 with 4 or 5 DNF. Also as an example an Open Ironman competitor DNF and washed well out of arena. I tracked him out of the water. He then (due to embarrassment for not finishing) took off his cap and High vis and blended into the crowd on his return to the arena. Then the head was one short. Had I have not been tracking him we potentially had a missing person. On 2 other occasions Competitors just "Forgot" to return to register they had finished or DNF. When we appealed for Competitors to return one came and apologised. In the final race, we as officials tried to set up a one on one Official to Competitor match head count. When the U19 Final had finished we had 3 Arena Safety Officers doing a head count. All 3 of us agreed that we had only 14 of the 15 return (including 4 the DFN) Checking with the Finish line they had a 14 count also. I informed the Arena Referee, however I we now had 2 AR operating Mens / Womans and I was informing the wrong one. I tried to get the Officials to confirm if they had their one on one match headcount. There was no Official confirmation. At that point I was radioing Ross ESO and at the same time the Competitor who was missing appeared to the recorder and said he had forgotten to sign back as DNF. SO even though we had one on one, we didn't close the loop and have the official tick off their competitor back to the Recorder as having returned to the finish, or DNF and accounted for. The Surf conditions made for exciting racing and my U16 son who was a DNF came out of the race beaming that the race was "Awesome" but to have 8 out of 16 competitors missing for long periods before washing in or being picked up by IRB's was difficult. My son was knocked off his ski by another competitor from behind, which can happen from time to time, but in those conditions, it would have been impossible to rescue him quickly if he was injured or unconscious. Whilst cancelling his final 2 x U16 (Iron & Taplin) events & one U19 Taplin event upset him because he has trained incredibly hard to get to those finals, I believe it was the correct decision.	4/11/2016 11:57 PM
23	Took to long to make a decision on last day whether racing should continue in women's arena.	4/11/2016 9:25 PM

### Q11 How would you rate Ohope as a venue?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 2

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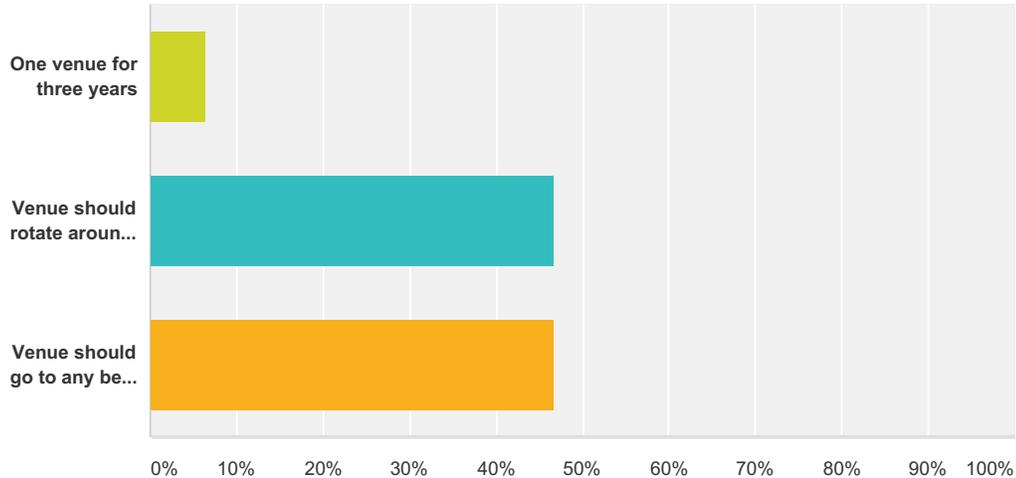


Answer Choices	Responses
Poor	0.00% 0
Average	4.26% 2
Good	27.66% 13
Excellent	68.09% 32
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

#	Comments:	Date
1	Much fairer than Mount Maunganui with its shore dump	4/14/2016 6:52 PM
2	Accommodation can be difficult at this venue.	4/14/2016 4:02 PM
3	Very fair beach overall particularly when compared to Mt Maunganui main beach..	4/13/2016 7:33 PM
4	One of the Best Events that I have seen or been at in a while	4/13/2016 10:30 AM
5	Nice and flat and even, but never has even sets and a wicked drift	4/12/2016 10:19 PM
6	It has an 'soothing relaxed atmosphere' . Large seven sandy beach.	4/12/2016 5:43 PM
7	Good straight beach, ideal for competitors and officials	4/12/2016 4:43 PM
8	Quality of food was very poor however. And repetitive	4/12/2016 11:14 AM
9	Great beach	4/12/2016 11:12 AM
10	Accom adequate was easy to find work party awesome always visible and willing to assist -Steve O / Michelle were fantastic Club surrounds Park with tents and dais worked great	4/12/2016 10:17 AM
11	Enjoyed ..all in similar/ same space from Boats / Canoes Water to Sand areas s 1 beach 1 event	4/12/2016 10:13 AM
12	One of the fairest beaches around for boats. And best prices accommodation.	4/12/2016 8:50 AM
13	Better than the Mount. It's much more inclusive having our boaties and canoes on the same beach. Easier to move between the arenas for our arenas.	4/12/2016 8:26 AM
14	My favourite venue I think. :)	4/12/2016 12:07 AM
15	Been here or a couple of nationals now. Enjoyed both of them. The club does a great job as host.	4/11/2016 9:20 PM

### Q12 Should the New Zealand Championships always be rotated around different beaches or held at one venue for the next 3 years?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses
One venue for three years	6.38% 3
Venue should rotate around specific Beaches	46.81% 22
Venue should go to any beach that has the ability to host	46.81% 22
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

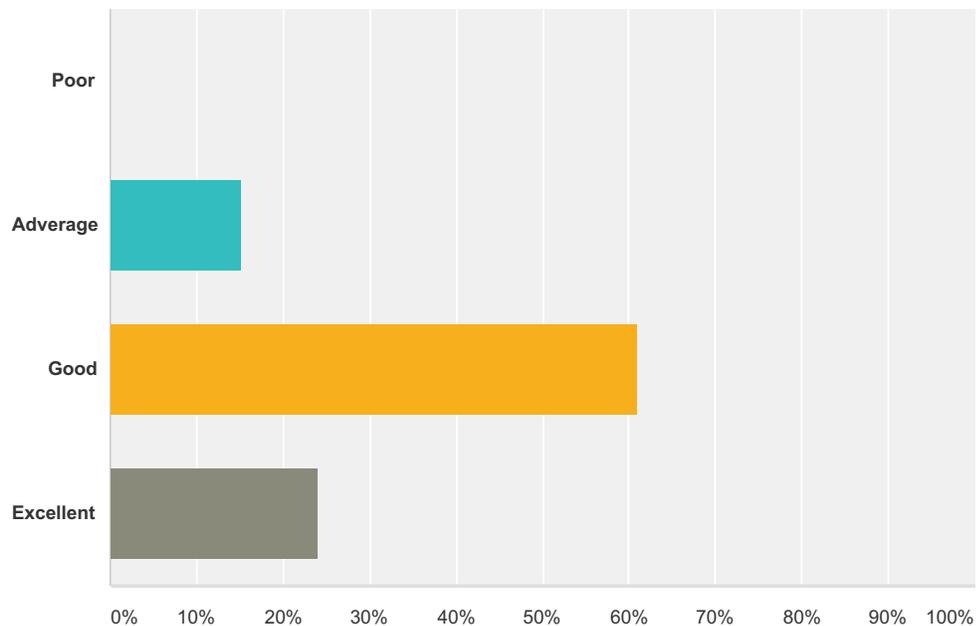
#	Comments:	Date
1	All options have advantages. 1. Logistically one venue for three years should provide familiarity with processes and some cost savings. 2. Competitors enjoy travelling to different beaches and experiencing varying conditions. 3.The criteria to host would limit the number of beaches so this wouldn't create too many problems.	4/14/2016 6:52 PM
2	The should always go to North Island beaches . It is bad for our movement and clubs to have 90 % of the Athletes and clubs have to go to the South Island. It would be better to subsidise south island clubs to come north .. Also the selection of Mt Maunganui Beach needs to be monitored and surveyed with other clubs and officials.If MT is selected then consideration needs to be given about running the water Arena's down by the island or around at Tay St !! Not right in front of the Tower .. The beach Break is so unfair for starts and finishes .. It has not changed in 20 odd years !! There is a much fairer stretch of beach to the south of the club.	4/13/2016 7:33 PM
3	The ability to host I trust includes fairness of competition to all athletes.	4/13/2016 11:41 AM
4	Would like to see some of the other beaches that can host the Champs be given a go at hosting.	4/13/2016 10:30 AM
5	Need to get away from the mount for everything	4/12/2016 10:19 PM
6	Whilst it is good to rotate around specific beaches, there should be the opportunity for a club to make an application to coincide with a particular moment - eg a centenary.	4/12/2016 4:43 PM
7	Ohope and Gisborne are good beaches as they are fair	4/12/2016 4:05 PM

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8	Opportunity should be given to any club to host as long as they meet required criteria, e.g. long enough beach, not too dangerous, back up beach/venue available, enough accommodation close by etc.. Clubs are getting sick of constantly going to the Mount. Northern Region (Auckland, BOP) have it too easy for venues, their costs are minimal, low travel time and clubs from the South Island, Lower North Island suffer with additional costs to constantly head north for events.	4/12/2016 11:15 AM
9	Specific beaches over a period of 3 years. Two in the North Island and one in the South Island. Ohope should be the beach for the top half of the North Island. There should be another venue for the bottom half of the North Island and one venue in the South Island - this I believe goes without saying.	4/12/2016 10:32 AM
10	as on NSC I refrain to offer view	4/12/2016 10:13 AM
11	Having the boaties and canoes on the same beach is important both from an athlete and spectator point of view	4/12/2016 8:26 AM
12	Coming back into surf after many years, I recall it was a highlight to go around the country to the different venues.	4/12/2016 8:25 AM
13	Whilst I have my own preferences, I think that in the spirit of surf life saving, national events should be spread around the country a little more. As it stands, South Island clubs repeatedly incur the greatest costs in attending a national champs. Wellington and East Coast clubs fare a little better, but also have significant travel expenses. In fact, Auckland and Bay of Plenty clubs have the best options year after year. I heard many from such clubs saying they wouldn't support a South Island nationals because the cost was too great for them!!! Yet Nationals used to be regularly held in the lower North Island and South Island. However, I would suggest that timings could be brought forward for such events held further south. For example, the 2017 national champs in Christchurch are being held relatively late in March, when the water is already beginning to get colder. Exchanging dates with the Ocean Athletes event would mean that Christchurch waters a couple of weeks earlier would be a few degrees warmer for nationals, while a North Island sited Ocean Athletes a week or two later (the weekend originally allocated for nationals) would still enjoy reasonably warm water conditions.	4/12/2016 12:07 AM
14	Suggest; Omaha Whangamata Mt Maunganui OHOPE Gisborne New Plymouth	4/11/2016 11:57 PM
15	I think there should be more warning when the champs are in the South Island as it means that some clubs will not be able to attend due to costs and limited time to fundraise for shipping, transport etc.	4/11/2016 10:19 PM
16	Needs to be mixed up a bit.	4/11/2016 9:20 PM

### Q13 What did you think of the overall event programme?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices

Responses

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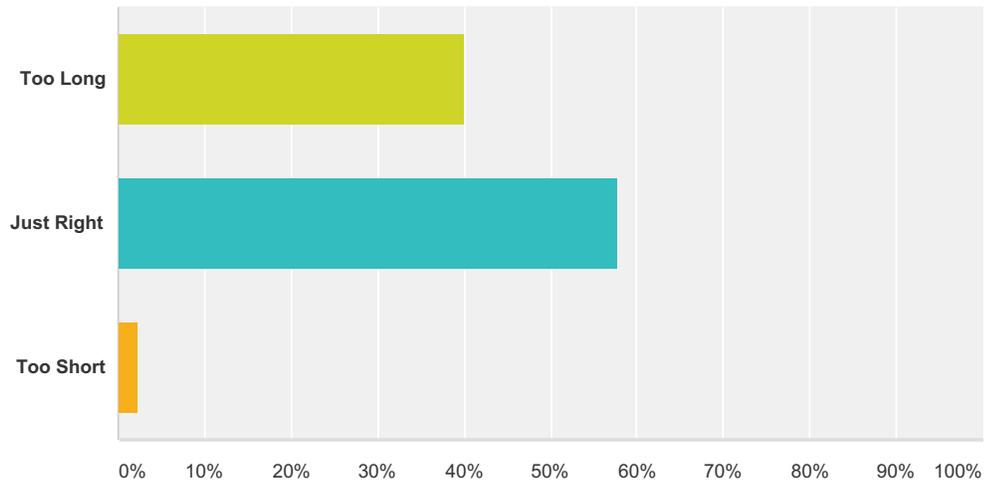
Poor	0.00%	0
Adverage	15.22%	7
Good	60.87%	28
Excellent	23.91%	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>46</b>

#	Please provide any suggestions you have to improve the programme:	Date
1	Bad spelling of average.	4/17/2016 12:02 PM
2	Drop one of the rescue events or limit the entries by some sort of qualification via Regional comps or numbers of teams from any one club .. Also Charge for each individual entry so clubs don't just enter all athletes in all events and then the Marshals are faced with 30 -40 % drop outs	4/13/2016 7:40 PM
3	Masters Mixed double ski	4/13/2016 1:37 PM
4	Consider running and completing one of the canoe races on Thursday afternoon.	4/13/2016 11:42 AM
5	Complete u16 water events through to finals asap. This would need to be done subject to expected water condtions. These young athletes will have the opportunity to perform in a more centralised arena when they step up into u19 & open age groups	4/12/2016 10:08 PM
6	Concerns with the safety officers competences and understanding of surf conditions.	4/12/2016 9:08 PM
7	Generally weather is best in the morning and sea conditions are also usually better then. We should aim to start each day by am at the latest in all arenas. There was often too much down time for some officials and an overflow arena should be available to utilise these officials. We should aim to punch through as much as possible in the first two days leaving only a few events for Sunday. Too often it is precious to retain events for Sunday and then either run out of time or have conditions against us	4/12/2016 4:53 PM
8	We let ourselves and the athletes down at the end by cancelling some events. We knew surf was likely to build so we should have revamped the carnival so we were able to complete the premier events like Taplins	4/12/2016 4:08 PM
9	It was very full and needed to allow for challenging conditions more. The event should always end with the premiere races and the women's protest at the cancelation of their events when U19 men's faces still ran should be highly noted. I personally found this "safety " call very sexism and gave no credence to the world class paddlers that we competing.	4/12/2016 11:28 AM
10	Attempt to move to two 'central' arenas was a great idea, although conditions changed that on the Sunday.	4/12/2016 11:27 AM
11	always can improve natural challenge of continual improvement heard some rumbling re quality of officials food to officials (say compared IRB Nationals being excellent ) overall review in May will give some clear direction(s) Cheers Colin	4/12/2016 10:21 AM
12	Have the timings right before event... I knew my day would be an hour longer than programme	4/12/2016 10:19 AM
13	With an early start on the last day in the water we could have completed all events. Water events shouldn't be held up for beach/flags/relays especially when conditions were forecast to increase. Maybe a re look at the programme and beach events at the end of the day would have been better. With changing down to 2 water arenas on the last day starts need to be as early as the previous days.	4/12/2016 10:10 AM
14	Run finals when the decision is made to have a straight final, not 2 days later then to find the event is cancelled.	4/12/2016 9:06 AM
15	Very disappointed for the Open women's missing out on their IM. Question why should the U19M have their final and the OW miss out. These athletes have been around long enough to know if they can compete with the conditions	4/12/2016 8:36 AM
16	We knew there was a Cyclone brushing past NZ but seemed too relaxed about the programme on Sunday. We should have cracked into the Programme smartly in the morning instead of a delayed Arena 1 start. We should not have stopped for the Sprints. Possibly run some finals on Saturday.	4/12/2016 12:04 AM
17	Worked well.	4/11/2016 9:28 PM

### Q14 What did you think of the length of time each day took to completed?

Answered: 45 Skipped: 4

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too Long	40.00%	18
Just Right	57.78%	26
Too Short	2.22%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>45</b>

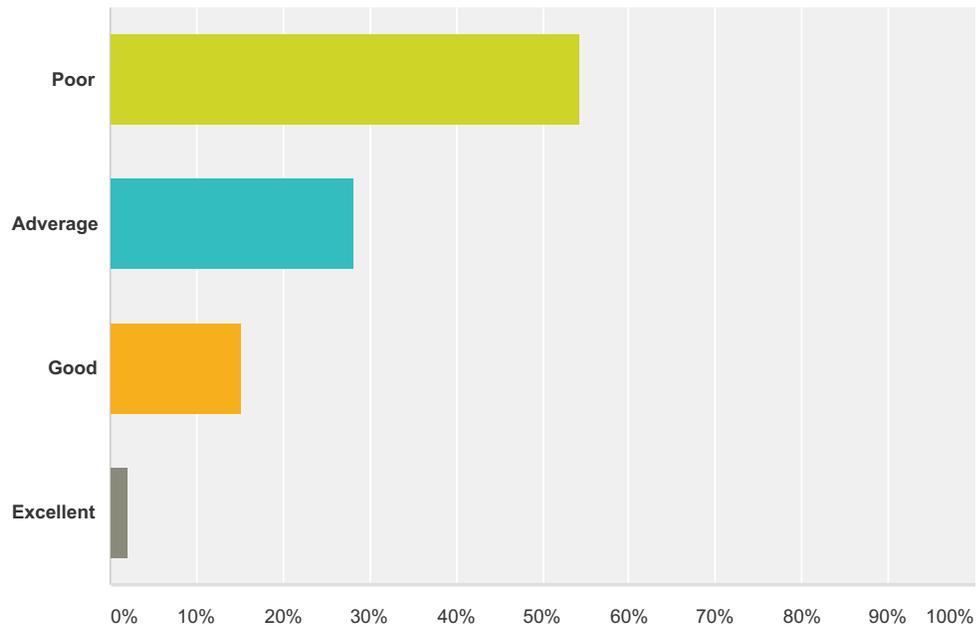
#	Do you have any suggestions to improve the event duration?	Date
1	One day too long one day too short and then the last day a disappointment	4/17/2016 12:02 PM
2	Spread the event over four days. I don't think officials should be on the beach for more than eight/nine hours on any one day. The boat/canoe arenas seem to be OK and a possible solution for the other arenas would be to have an extra 'set' of officials - three arenas start at 8am; one finishes at noon while two continue until 4pm. A fresh team start at noon until 6pm, and the team that finished at noon comes back 4pm until 6pm. First shift 8+8+4 =20; second shift 6 +2 = 8	4/14/2016 7:08 PM
3	Boats could be completed in two days if numbers are the same	4/14/2016 3:03 PM
4	Be more efficient at running the water events and Dont take breaks for 2 hours to stop and run land based events when there is likely to be tricky conditions on the later days.	4/13/2016 7:40 PM
5	Arena completion times need to about the same for all arena's on all days.	4/13/2016 11:42 AM
6	To complete the current programme the day has to be long. If shortened days are required then an additional day is needed. this is not new information and suggest that you review the blue sky review feedback	4/12/2016 10:08 PM
7	This beach demands constant re setting of arenas slows the carnival.	4/12/2016 9:08 PM
8	This comment is tempered with remarks above Some officials were on the beach for an inordinate length of time whilst others were well under utilised. It is therefore difficult to say too long just right, too short	4/12/2016 4:53 PM
9	with the exception of Sunday which got dragged out by lack of immediate decision making and communication	4/12/2016 1:10 PM
10	Especially given food quality	4/12/2016 11:28 AM
11	Events that take a long time to complete are the rescue events - Board and Tube. Perhaps limit entries from clubs for each age group for these events to reduce overall numbers and therefore reduce the time it takes to complete these events.	4/12/2016 11:27 AM

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12	In the canoe arena, as always!, we are last to finish on the beach. Mainly because as officials we are always used to fill in the gaps in the beach event. This is unacceptably long for the canoe officials, and probably other officials too! There should be officials that are rotated. In the canoe arena, for officials to be on the stands for 5 to 6 hours straight without a break - this is far too long and under H&S unacceptable. This is what happened with us in the canoe arena. Don't get me wrong, I love going on the stands and we were fortunate in that the weather was not inclement, but would you do it for 5-6 hours without a break! There should be other officials arranged to relieve the stand judges, even if for only 30 mins. Also, there were long waits between events - this should not have happened. Perhaps it was the inexperience of the Arena Referee.	4/12/2016 10:39 AM
13	too long i.e. 10 plus hrs. on beach each day (add senior officials before/ wind down up to 12 hrs.(plus ) add a day to event ...not a popular choice but we need to address,,	4/12/2016 10:21 AM
14	I was comfortable with the long days... several of my judges struggled... if numbers continue to increase may need to look at adding a day or half day to run through beach events.	4/12/2016 10:19 AM
15	Too much mucking about with health and safety decisions. Competitors and their coaches are all able to make decisions on either to compete or not.	4/12/2016 9:06 AM
16	Unfortunately that is surf. Preferably first two days to be longer and final day shorter	4/12/2016 8:36 AM
17	Specifically in the canoe arena when we run heats through to finals on Friday and Saturday. If the conditions were any more challenging then the day would have definitely became too long and we may not have finished the program.	4/12/2016 8:28 AM
18	Sunday should have been shorter as detailed above.	4/12/2016 12:04 AM
19	1st day to short 2nd day to long	4/11/2016 9:53 PM
20	Quicker decisions re changing order of events. We were waiting for women to finish water events but then decided to do men first in sprint arena. Deciding that sooner would have left more time to complete rest of planned programme.	4/11/2016 9:29 PM
21	Again worked well.	4/11/2016 9:28 PM
22	As an official to be on beach in one spot for 9 hours is tiring. There should be a cut of time.	4/11/2016 9:26 PM

### Q15 How would you rate the officials food provided throughout the event?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Poor	54.35% <span style="float: right;">25</span>

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Adverage	28.26%	13
Good	15.22%	7
Excellent	2.17%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>46</b>

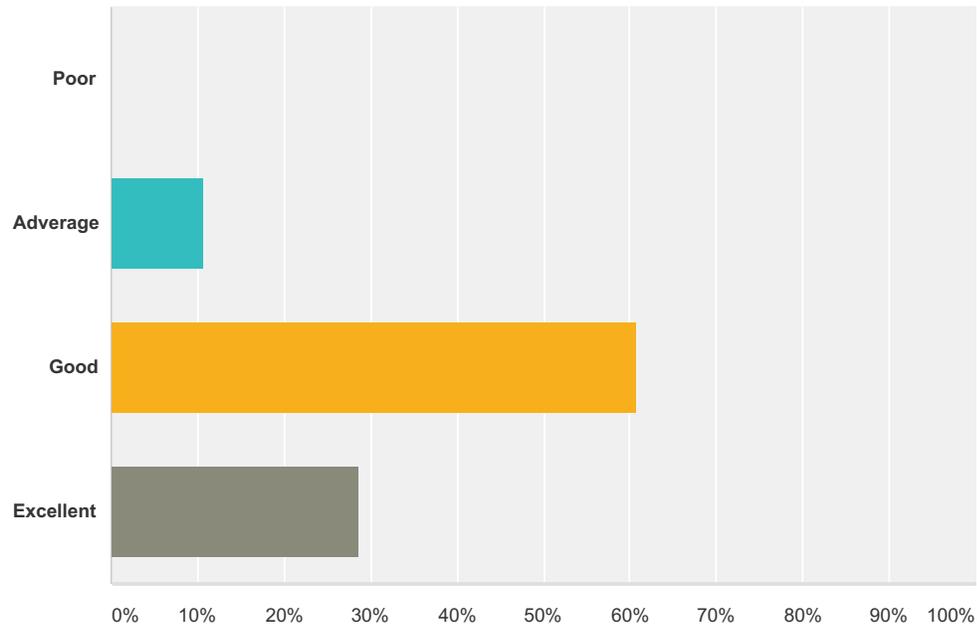
#	Comment:	Date
1	Bad spelling of average again. Food was disappointing and basically boring and often stale or chilled for too long.	4/17/2016 12:02 PM
2	After the first day the rolls seemed stale. The shop sold a lot of pies on days 2 & 3. The service on the beach was good though.	4/14/2016 7:08 PM
3	Was exactly the same as the when the event was last held at Ohope. Too much sweet food. No savoury for morning or afternoon tea. The runners enjoyed the juice boxes and muesli bars most days.	4/14/2016 4:07 PM
4	but this was based on what the food was like at IRB'S	4/14/2016 10:30 AM
5	My PREGNANT wife who was also an official was not given any vegetarian food that she had requested. I was in a different arena and went to get her food and brought it to her.	4/13/2016 1:37 PM
6	I guess met the need to provide food.	4/12/2016 10:08 PM
7	Always hard to be perfect; food provided gave the impression that it had been prepared too far in advance. It didn't seem fresh enough and lacked interesting flavours. Probably a bit bulky for some people.	4/12/2016 9:18 PM
8	First day Ok, same batch of buns used next too days and were very dry.	4/12/2016 4:53 PM
9	Stodgy bland etc etc. When you have male judges saying the highlights of the lunch package was a plum you know you have a problem. One of our judges got a rookie to go up and grab some sausages etc. Why cant we have hot food on a cooler day and decent coffee. Where were the officials tents in each of the arenas poor	4/12/2016 1:10 PM
10	Very disappointed. Compared to what we have had in the past this was very poor. My team did not appreciate buns that were 2 days old and been sitting in a chiller. There was nothing hot served at all	4/12/2016 12:00 PM
11	Already mentioned but will add, high energy snacks and natural foods are what are required for long days on the beach so highly processed sugary foods. I ended up bringing my own just so I could maintain the necessary focus required for safety.	4/12/2016 11:28 AM
12	Worst food I have had at a Nationals. The lunch roll had only slither of meat and salad, muffins stale a sugar laced cheap muesli bar and a kids juice box? Minimal nutritional value. Was thankful for lots of water available. Officials spend all day on their feet and in the sun, often in windy conditions so please make sure the hosting beach provides food that will help them sustain the day and preferably options for food choice. I did not see any coffee/tea offered at all unless you went and brought your own, which means you have to go off the beach. I ended up buying my own food and drinks at the food truck area beside the clubhouse.	4/12/2016 11:27 AM
13	On the stands, it would've been good to have had a coffee to help stay warm.	4/12/2016 10:39 AM
14	as above not as good as last time in Ohope beit team(OSLSC) catering tried hard... examples some bread bun shad piece ham smaller than a large finger nail (doesn't personally worry me ) but for volleys that travel as significant extra cost over . above allowance mim is we feed them well.	4/12/2016 10:21 AM
15	Food not appropriate for the long days...potential for bad decisions on the beach... also noted several judges with special dietary requirements had to purchase own food or go without maybe something hot I really felt for the event guards	4/12/2016 10:19 AM
16	Shocking! Obviously boxed up on Wednesday or Thursday . A 30ml cordial drink? Stale bread rolls! Muesli bar? The food bought around for Morning tea and Afternoon tea was fine. But what about a hot drink? I need my coffee - nobody ever got burnt with coffee being served on the beach.	4/12/2016 9:06 AM
17	Average to poor, coming out in boxes doesn't work on stands over the water. small bags for pockets works.	4/12/2016 8:53 AM
18	Unimpressed - bread was stale and water refill smelt of diesel. Luckily my club and other clubs from Welly. Would have to say worst ever	4/12/2016 8:36 AM
19	Quality was good, and there was plenty of it, but many of us agreed there was too much bread. It sat a bit heavy in our stomachs - especially as often the nature of our duties meant we were having to stand around while events were running. Maybe wraps or something a bit lighter from time to time...	4/12/2016 12:15 AM
20	Wouldn't eat it	4/11/2016 10:21 PM

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21	Cardboard boxes don't work around water. Too much sweet food for morning and afternoon teas. Fruit would have been nice.	4/11/2016 9:34 PM
22	No issues.	4/11/2016 9:28 PM
23	Luch rolls were tasteless.	4/11/2016 9:26 PM

### Q16 How would you rate the officials function on Saturday night?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 21



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Poor	0.00%	0
Average	10.71%	3
Good	60.71%	17
Excellent	28.57%	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>28</b>

#	Comment:	Date
1	rather hard to rush from beach to any evening event	4/17/2016 4:47 PM
2	Disappointing that the water safety crews were downstairs separate from the rest...but that's because of a lack of a venue of a suitable size so difficult to resolve.	4/14/2016 7:08 PM
3	Did not attend	4/14/2016 4:07 PM
4	Would have liked more interaction with the event guards	4/13/2016 1:37 PM
5	Didn't attend	4/12/2016 10:20 PM
6	Was a beautiful meal after some long days on the beach with less than fantastic food on beach. Thank you slsnz for providing this function.	4/12/2016 10:08 PM
7	Was a bit tired..great food. Maybe drinks before hand so its more social. more people mix.	4/12/2016 5:45 PM

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8	Difficult one this....as everyone is pretty tired from on beach activities	4/12/2016 1:10 PM
9	Didn't attend	4/12/2016 12:01 PM
10	Did not attend sorry	4/12/2016 12:00 PM
11	Did not attend	4/12/2016 11:27 AM
12	Didn't attend	4/12/2016 11:12 AM
13	Didn't attend as I was too cold and too tired.	4/12/2016 10:39 AM
14	Was late off beach so arrived a little late was excellent way to catch up with people seeing my days were so long	4/12/2016 10:19 AM
15	Did not attend.	4/12/2016 10:10 AM
16	Was not able to attend as notification came out too late and other plans made - think it worked better the previous year with 21 Club and Officials combined	4/12/2016 9:09 AM
17	Great food and plenty of it.	4/12/2016 9:06 AM
18	Didn't attend - over noise and too buggered. Heard it was great though	4/12/2016 8:36 AM
19	I did not attend, I had a club meeting to attend.	4/12/2016 8:28 AM
20	Did not attend, due to unforeseen circumstances.	4/12/2016 12:15 AM
21	Lacked atmosphere or character.... unless I missed the beginning welcome / stand up comedy session?	4/12/2016 12:04 AM
22	Didn't attend	4/11/2016 10:21 PM
23	I was unable to attend.	4/11/2016 9:28 PM

### Q17 Do you have any suggestions for improving future New Zealand Championship Events?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 32

#	Responses	Date
1	Officials that have experience shouldn't be a place to come and learn. selections made earlier with positions out a few months earlier.	4/17/2016 4:47 PM
2	I understand the need to have plenty of officials available to allow breaks and adequately manage long days, however there also needs to be sufficient roles available to ensure officials are being used.	4/14/2016 4:07 PM
3	Look at trying to stream line some of the length of races so Bouys can be used for multiple events .Set them once in the morning and then be able to run 3 to 4 hours of races.. The Resetting of bouys continually can loose up to half and hour each time ..We can be too exacting sometimes over these resets . Charge a per entry fee per pax per race to try and limit the over entering of Athletes. We also do need to publish the run sheets for clubs and team managers prior so when they are marshalling Team managers can easily know and tick off the athletes who are actually going to race on the day . This was a bit of a shambles this year .	4/13/2016 7:40 PM
4	I appreciate the need to grow and develop new officials but for this event you really want we'll experienced officials with solid surf backgrounds.	4/12/2016 9:08 PM
5	I have argued for many years that each arena should have a presentation dais and medals presented in the arena immediately after the event. Endless presentations afterward is demeaning to the competitor as not all recipients collect them and there peers are not often there to watch. Boat arena medal presentations were well received. We need to be thinking about other arenas	4/12/2016 4:53 PM
6	get the taplin and irons heats out of the way early so that if we have to shorten the event we can run these as a priority	4/12/2016 1:10 PM
7	Intergration of old/new officials. It can be quite hard for new officials coming in	4/12/2016 12:01 PM
8	Personally drop Masters from the Thursday they could have there own weekend. This would free up Thursday for running sprints, flags, sprint relays and 2 km run	4/12/2016 12:00 PM

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9	One point I missed. When we move to central arenas on the Sunday and all the big finals we need to ensure that the barriers are placed to keep spectators, clubbies etc.. behind so the arena is more open and all can watch, plus also creates an atmosphere.	4/12/2016 11:27 AM
10	Lots - see my comments above. Make it enjoyable for the officials - this is the first time in the canoe arena I was quite 'fed up'. Staying on the stands for 5-6 hrs was unacceptable. For the short course and judging on the beach - it was great. I was judging the last 3 buoy finishes and the competitors were enjoyable.	4/12/2016 10:39 AM
11	contributing to review in early may, so well refrain from over suggesting at this point ...a matter we DO need to address ...	4/12/2016 10:21 AM
12	There seemed to be less IRB- water safety at Ohope compared to ERC's. Numbers of water safety should be looked at as it is a long day in an IRB if they are not rotating (don't know if they were or not). Beach events run on the Thursday afternoon. Masters Thursday morning and Beach afternoon	4/12/2016 10:10 AM
13	Take heed of what I have said. Plus Official Meeting run by Prue Younger - she didn't introduce the Chiefs of arenas and name their teams for the various meetings. When you haven't judged for 5 years we don't know these new young Chiefs. I asked her what team I was in and she sent me to the wrong team also my fellow club official had the same happen. What was wrong with the surf people running the Nats? NZ surf must be paying her a heap to do an inadequate job.	4/12/2016 9:06 AM
14	there was a young Volunteer helper from Whakatane SLSC ... looked like a Rookie or U16... Alistair Barratt?? I think that was his surname.... he deserves a letter or some recognition from SLSNZ. He was one of the first on the beach in the morning and working all day and when I was changing each night he was mopping out the toilets at the club. Every day. Cheer Alistair.	4/12/2016 12:04 AM
15	Think some of the older officials need to be more welcoming to new officials	4/11/2016 10:21 PM
16	I was chief judge in the canoe arena and there were some issues around some of the rules. I was running as per the rule book. Some of these rules that were an issue I called in Dave Shanks to clarify some rules, he agreed with what I was saying. He then contacted Wayne Franich who over turned the ruling. Was disapointing as his ruling was differnt to what is in the rule book. We need to stick to the rule book, or change the rule book. I am happy ti discuss this further.	4/11/2016 9:28 PM
17	Tents & chairs for officials to put there gear in & a seat to take a rest every now n then.	4/11/2016 9:26 PM