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Q1 Name:

Answered: 16 Skipped: 3

#	Responses	Date
1	Neale Ames	4/14/2016 7:09 PM
2	Danny Morrison	4/13/2016 5:40 PM
3	Joel Meuli	4/13/2016 4:24 PM
4	Michael Kindred	4/13/2016 12:56 PM
5	Greg Swanberg	4/12/2016 10:35 PM
6	Carl Sandford	4/12/2016 10:01 PM
7	John Bryant	4/12/2016 10:30 AM
8	Henry Backhouse-Smith	4/12/2016 8:48 AM
9	Rhys Speirs	4/12/2016 8:34 AM
10	stu handford	4/12/2016 8:34 AM
11	Zac Franich	4/12/2016 8:08 AM
12	Peter Stevenson	4/11/2016 10:42 PM
13	Sarah hogg	4/11/2016 10:31 PM
14	logan wright	4/11/2016 10:12 PM
15	Dave smith	4/11/2016 9:51 PM
16	Jimmy	4/11/2016 9:23 PM

Q2 Club:

Answered: 16 Skipped: 3

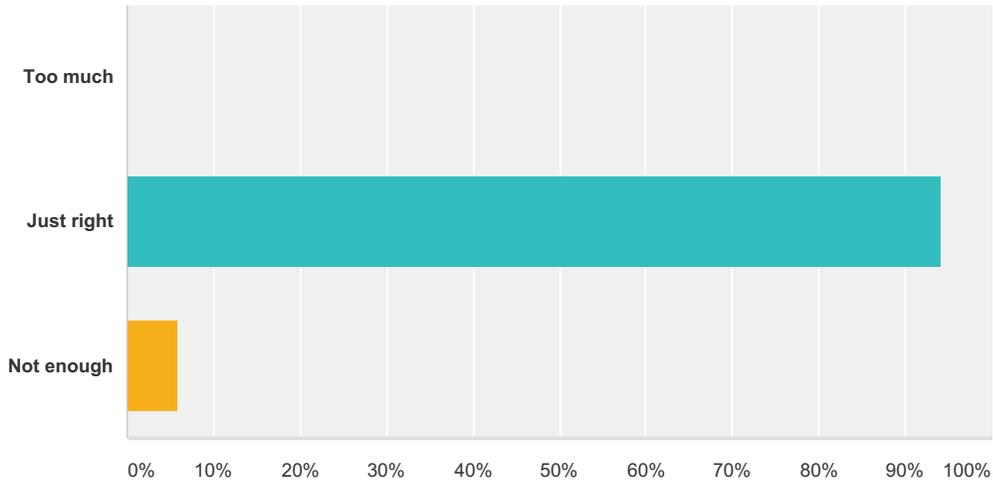
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1	Otaki	4/14/2016 7:09 PM
2	Mairangi Bay	4/13/2016 5:40 PM
3	East End	4/13/2016 4:24 PM
4	New Brighton	4/13/2016 12:56 PM
5	Omanu	4/12/2016 10:35 PM
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11	Orewa SLSC	4/12/2016 8:08 AM
12	Waikuku Beach SLSC	4/11/2016 10:42 PM
13	Orewa	4/11/2016 10:31 PM
14	waihi beach	4/11/2016 10:12 PM

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15	Spencer park	4/11/2016 9:51 PM
16	South Brighton	4/11/2016 9:23 PM

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

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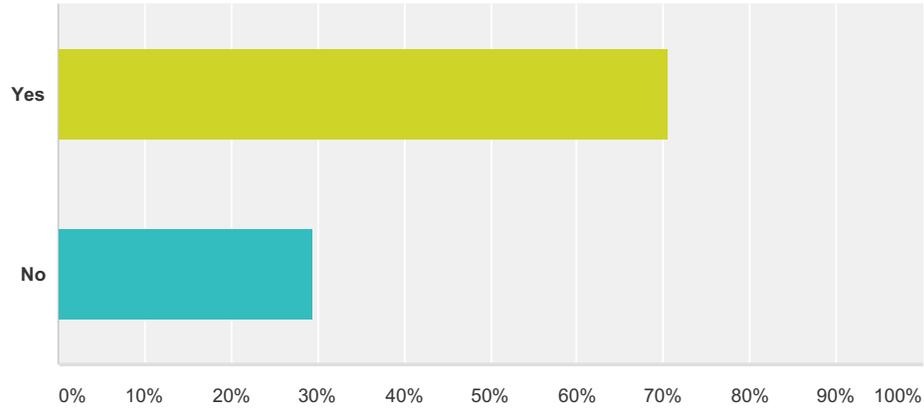
Answer Choices	Responses
Too much	0.00% 0
Just right	94.12% 16
Not enough	5.88% 1
Total	17

#	Comments:	Date
1	Unable to find any entry details of teams entered prior to event on Web site	4/13/2016 1:02 PM

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

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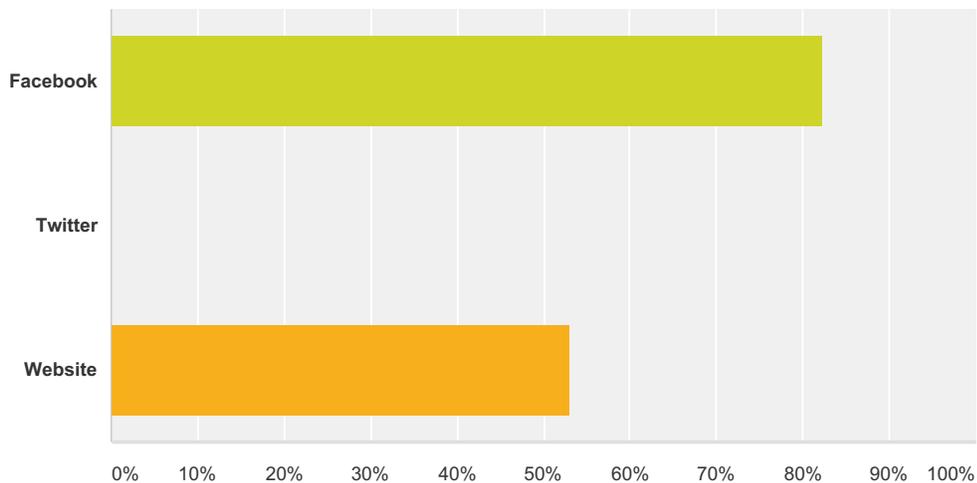


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	70.59%	12
No	29.41%	5
Total		17

#	Comments:	Date
1	Communication was mostly adequate except for the various breaks in the carniva	4/13/2016 4:38 PM
2	Could have been more during the day and the communication on the last day about the iron events was not well considered in regards to the open women .	4/12/2016 10:07 PM
3	Decisions were not communicated in a timely manner	4/12/2016 8:49 PM
4	Yes and no, ironmen kept on the line for an hour is not good communication.	4/12/2016 11:01 AM
5	Not getting notified of the start time on the Saturday night was ridiculous. A text came through at 10pm. After two days of racing, Athletes, managers and parents were in bed by 8.30pm. Not good enough.	4/12/2016 8:15 AM
6	In some areas the speakers were not used or working	4/11/2016 9:53 PM

Q5 What sort of social media did you use to keep up to date with the event?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 2



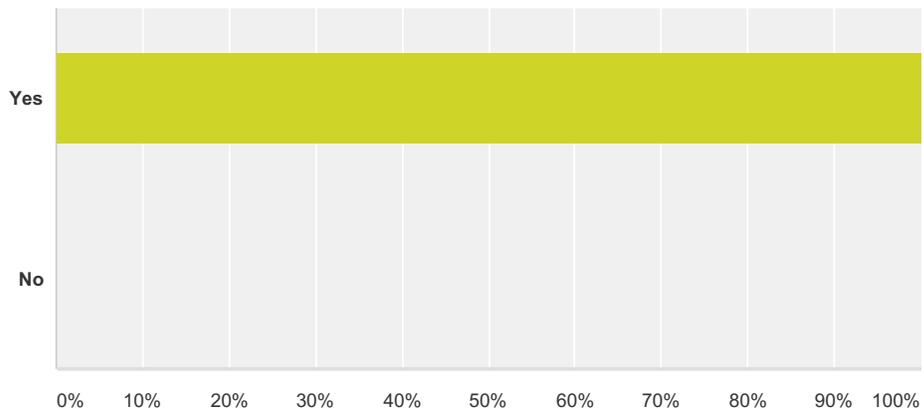
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Answer Choices	Responses
Facebook	82.35% 14
Twitter	0.00% 0
Website	52.94% 9
Total Respondents: 17	

#	Comments:	Date
	There are no responses.	

Q6 Did the beach layout work well?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 2



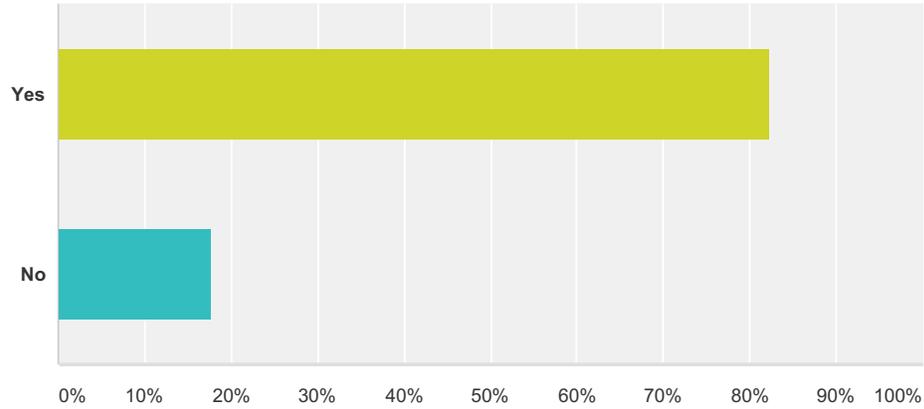
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 17
No	0.00% 0
Total	17

#	Comments:	Date
1	Beach layout was good.	4/12/2016 11:01 AM

Q7 Did the arena layouts work well?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 2

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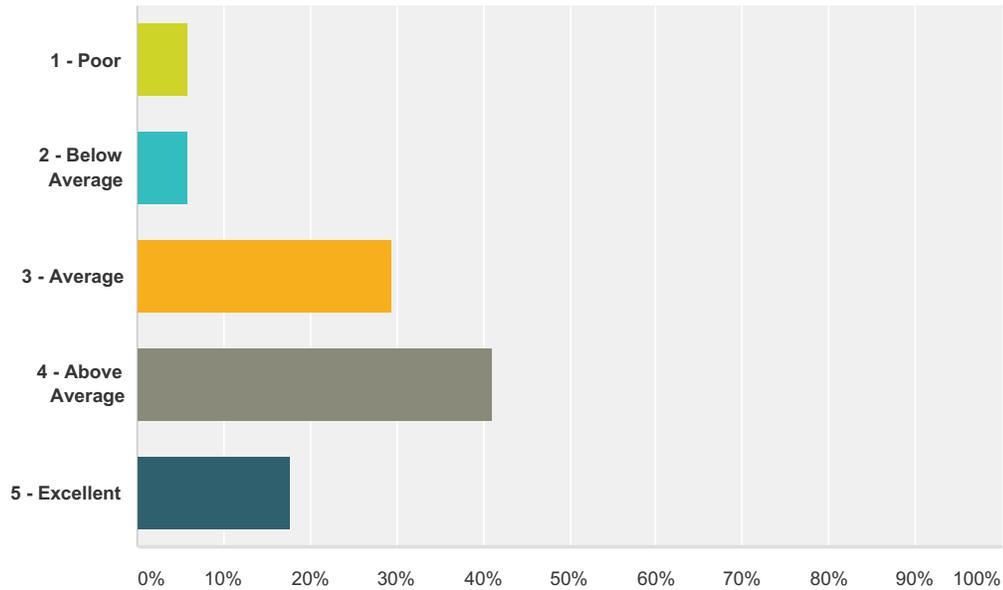
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	82.35% 14
No	17.65% 3
Total	17

#	Comments:	Date
1	As there was no space between arena's, I felt like I was continually getting in trouble for trying to warm and warm down in between races. If an athlete is doing multiple races over a 8 - 10 hour period, there is a requirement to warm up and warm down sufficiently - especially in a Nationals environment. We do not want to get ourselves or our clubs into trouble, or cause stress to officials - we simply want to warm up and down.	4/13/2016 5:47 PM
2	This part was most disappointing. Having the Open Men with the Under 16 Men on the first day meant that arena was very far behind because both age groups required quarter finals. The other arenas did not have this issue and were too far ahead, this caused delays. Besides this there were other delays, and a refusal to move age groups to different arenas to speed up the programme probably contributed to not being able to complete the entire list of events.	4/13/2016 4:38 PM
3	In the areas I were in	4/12/2016 8:49 PM
4	Beach layout was fine but the setting of the water arena's needs work. Need to get people on board the can read the water and the rips to help the event flow. Running reverse courses was wrong and the simple shifting of cans and would have worked better with less chance of harm/injury	4/12/2016 11:01 AM

Q8 Please rate the quality of the Officials at the event?

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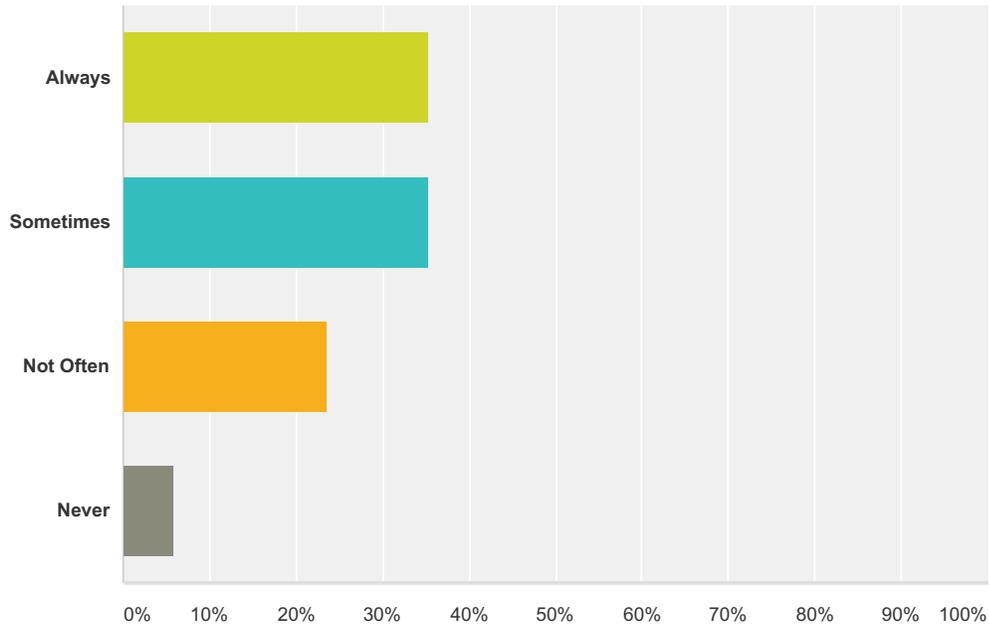
Answer Choices	Responses	
1 - Poor	5.88%	1
2 - Below Average	5.88%	1
3 - Average	29.41%	5
4 - Above Average	41.18%	7
5 - Excellent	17.65%	3
Total		17

#	Comments:	Date
1	Some officials were fantastic - Marshaling and judging seemed to be pretty good across the board. Starting in the water arena's - especially ski races is an ongoing problem that needs to be addressed with additional specific training to those officials who are asked to provide those roles.	4/13/2016 5:47 PM
2	The officiating was not up to the usual standards. Many of the arenas were run very very slow. Several times I saw athletes not entered into quarter/semi finals because of an oversight. This was definitely the slowest run Nationals I have attended. There were far too many beach and water arena delays. Too often the officials would have meetings together with no distinguishable outcome. There is a line between being safety conscious and being pedantic. Too often the line was crossed into pedanticism.	4/13/2016 4:38 PM
3	The officials in the beach sprints and flags were awesome apart from one-david east is extremely in approachable and is on occasions rude to competitors and managers - he was marshaling flags and spent 30 minutes trying to marshal all age groups when he only needed to Marshall the first one - he did not accept offers of help - this meant we stature late - he is not good with that sort of thing so don't know why he is always on marshaling	4/12/2016 8:49 PM
4	They didn't even watch it canoe final, had their backs to the race	4/12/2016 8:28 PM
5	Unfair Question. Some of them were really good but there were some that were average as well.	4/12/2016 11:01 AM
6	Some good, some very over officious. One particular instance saw me sent out of an arena for wishing one of my competitors "good luck".	4/12/2016 8:15 AM

Q9 Do you think the officials displayed an "athlete focused" approach?

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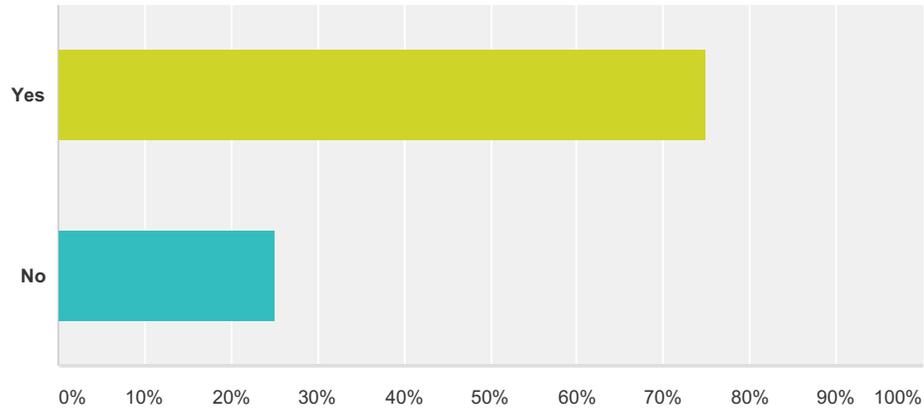
Answer Choices	Responses
Always	35.29% 6
Sometimes	35.29% 6
Not Often	23.53% 4
Never	5.88% 1
Total	17

#	Comments:	Date
1	No - I believe we operate a "Health & Safety Focused Approach". It seems that decisions made have a H&S focus, which is fine, as long as that is what you promote. Please do not preach an Athlete Focused approach, and then go completely against that when decisions are made on the day - for example, warm up / warm down areas, changes to event schedules, cancellation of races etc.	4/13/2016 5:47 PM
2	It seemed that this carnival was more about the event management team covering their liabilities than it was about allowing the athletes to compete for national titles that they had worked so for.	4/13/2016 4:38 PM
3	I think cross over events in the u16 arenas needs to be looked at as some of the athletes are very good at water and beach and making them choose is unfair. Also would NZ teams not want a board paddler that can sprint and swim / board at a high level .	4/12/2016 10:07 PM
4	All the beach sprint and flag officials did apart from Dave east	4/12/2016 8:49 PM
5	Most of the time they did but when you don't complete the program then I don't believe they are. Shame because this question label's everyone in the same boat when it is not like that.	4/12/2016 11:01 AM
6	U19 and U16 womens had a number of waits and too much down time in the arena with reprioritising of mens events.	4/12/2016 8:36 AM
7	The event is very official centered. Lack of Comms to athletes on the beach due to hold ups, having barriers 30m behind start line so coaches can't give last minute advice ect. All things impact on an athletes racing experience.	4/12/2016 8:15 AM
8	if run events at same time has other athlete had make hard decisions broad rescue and sprint I have athlete good at both and come to run sprint but did what to let her teammate down in broad rescue if this going to happen we need to know at enter time the systems need to tell us which event are clashing	4/11/2016 10:51 PM

Q10 Were the medics and medic tents easy to identify?

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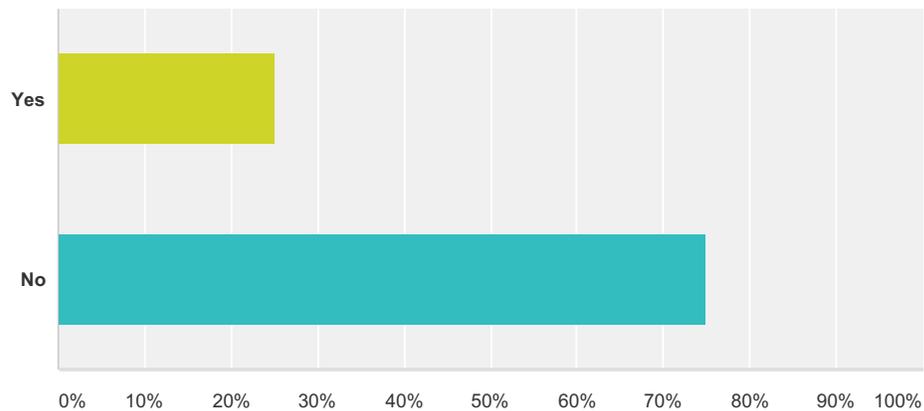


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	75.00% 12
No	25.00% 4
Total	16

#	Comments:	Date
1	Didn't notice it	4/12/2016 8:49 PM
2	Not easily visible as to where the tents was.	4/12/2016 8:36 AM
3	Although I did not see much of the medics, I know that they were close by when assistance was needed.	4/11/2016 10:33 PM

Q11 Did you have any safety concerns during the event?

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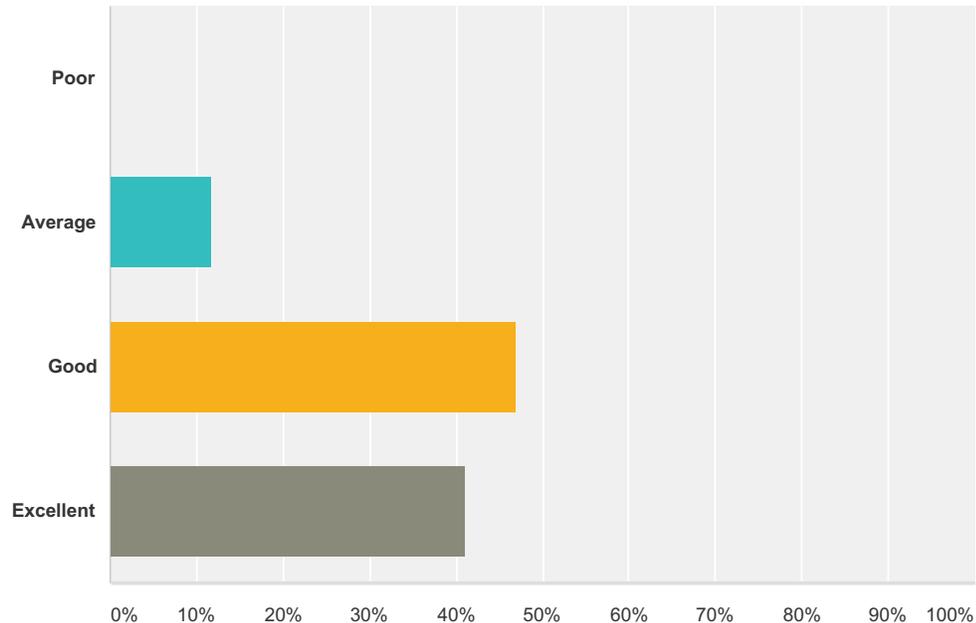
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	25.00% 4
No	75.00% 12
Total	16

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#	Comments:	Date
1	As qualified lifeguards who have trained in far worse conditions, all of my athletes were disappointed at the apparent gutlessness of officials on the final day who, probably acting on orders, were hesitant to proceed with the carnival.	4/13/2016 4:38 PM
2	Cans set in the surf break is not good. I had one athlete in the U19 Taplin heats that went round the board cans and a wave broke on her and she got washed into the middle of the swim cans. She then had to paddle back out towards other boards coming towards her. This is dangerous for everyone out there. Set the cans out past the surf break!! When I said about it I got the same answer as always, they are at the correct distance. They are minimum distances not set distances in the rule book. Reverse courses went against all out surf principles, going out through the surf and in through the rips goes against everything you are taught in lifeguarding. Also rips put your gear sideways and this makes it harder to handle, it is a lot easier bring your gear in on and even breaking wave.	4/12/2016 11:01 AM
3	Mainly due to the surf and danger in the boat arena.	4/11/2016 10:33 PM
4	I guess starting the u16 women's ski race with no irbs in the water seemed abit frightening	4/11/2016 9:32 PM

Q12 How would you rate Ohope as a venue?

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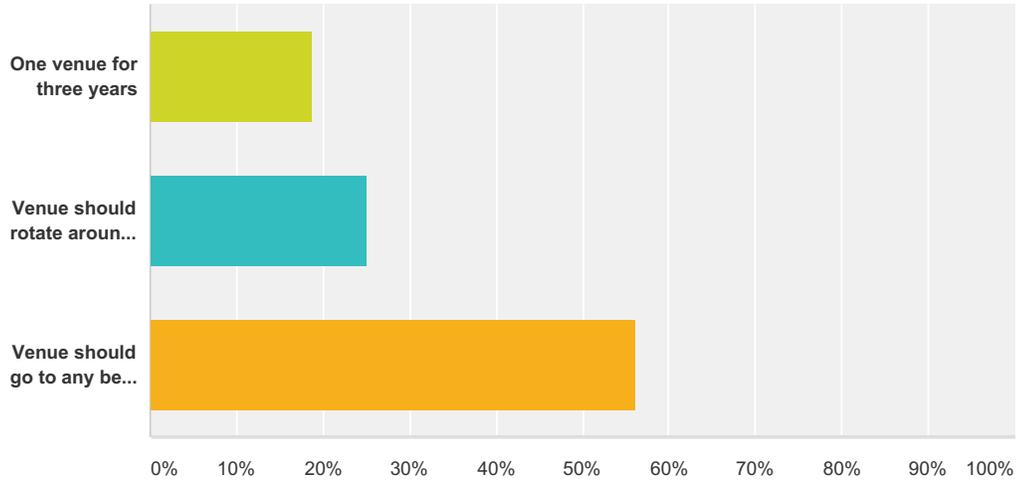


Answer Choices	Responses
Poor	0.00% 0
Average	11.76% 2
Good	47.06% 8
Excellent	41.18% 7
Total	17

#	Comments:	Date
1	Great venue, unfortunately the carnival was poorly run.	4/13/2016 4:38 PM
2	Jist hard to find motels	4/11/2016 9:53 PM

Q13 Should the New Zealand Championships always be rotated around different beaches or held at one venue for the next 3 years?

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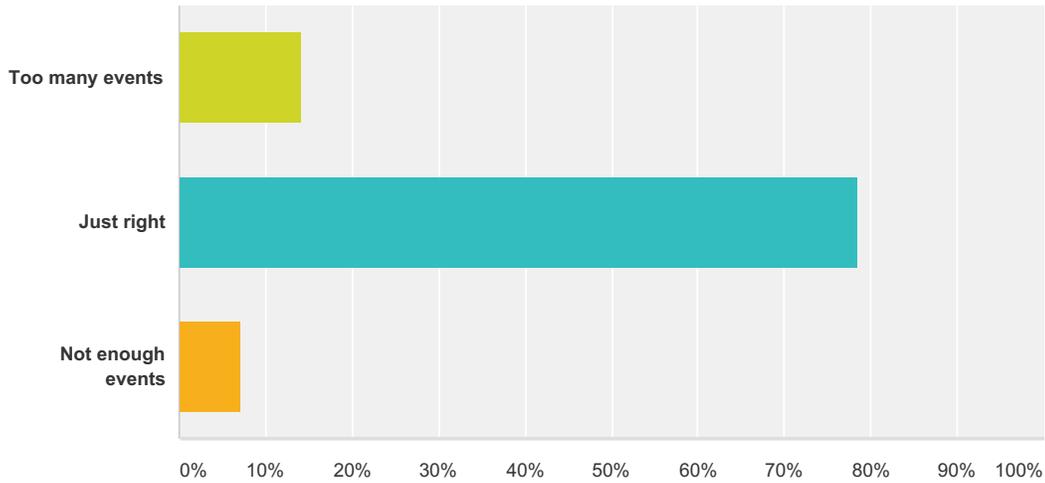
Answer Choices	Responses
One venue for three years	18.75% 3
Venue should rotate around specific Beaches	25.00% 4
Venue should go to any beach that has the ability to host	56.25% 9
Total	16

#	Comments:	Date
1	The event should be kept at beaches that are able to hold the event . I am also unsure that sending 80% of the athletes from NZ to Christchurch is a good idea considering there is still a lot of earthquakes happening down there . Maybe the entry fee could be increased for north island clubs to help get the southern clubs up to north island.	4/12/2016 10:07 PM
2	I think it is ridiculous going to the South Island for nationals - it is cold, hard to get accommodation and expensive - the majority of athletes are in the north island - better to have a warmer venue where you will get more competitors	4/12/2016 8:49 PM
3	If the venue is suitable then fix it for three years. Remember the venue must have Warm Weather, chance of good surf, warm water and a back up venue if the surf doesn't play ball. My preference would be Mount, Midway, Whakatane	4/12/2016 11:01 AM
4	for south club is the cost getting north	4/11/2016 10:51 PM
5	Papamoa or Tay street. Not main beach	4/11/2016 9:32 PM

Q14 What did you think of the overall event programme?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 5

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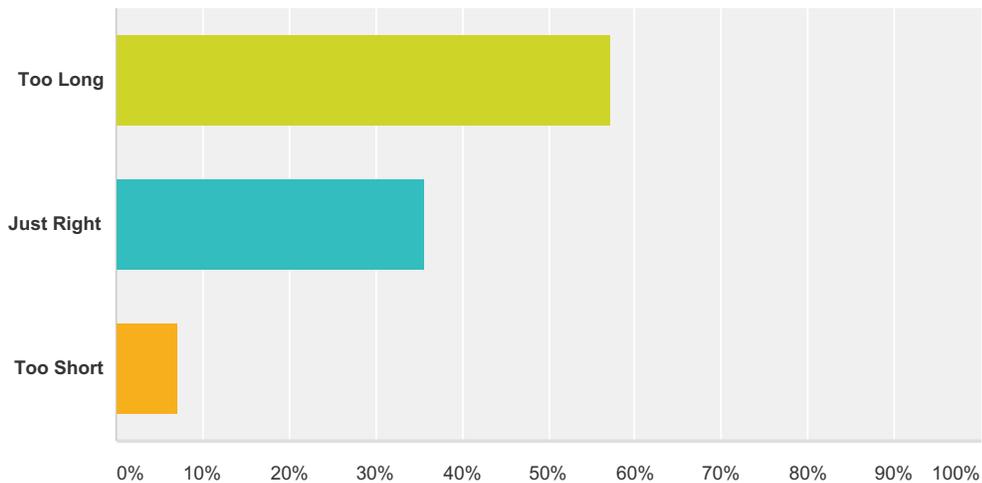


Answer Choices	Responses
Too many events	14.29% 2
Just right	78.57% 11
Not enough events	7.14% 1
Total	14

#	Comments:	Date
1	I do not see any value in the 2km beach run. It has not delivered the result that it was introduced for - i.e. to encourage more athletes with an athletics / triathlon background to join Surf. It no longer has relevance for international teams as it is only raced at Aussie Titles outside of NZ.	4/13/2016 5:51 PM
2	The amount of events are adequate, the time in which it took to get through them was not.	4/13/2016 4:45 PM

Q15 What did you think of the length of time each day took to completed?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses
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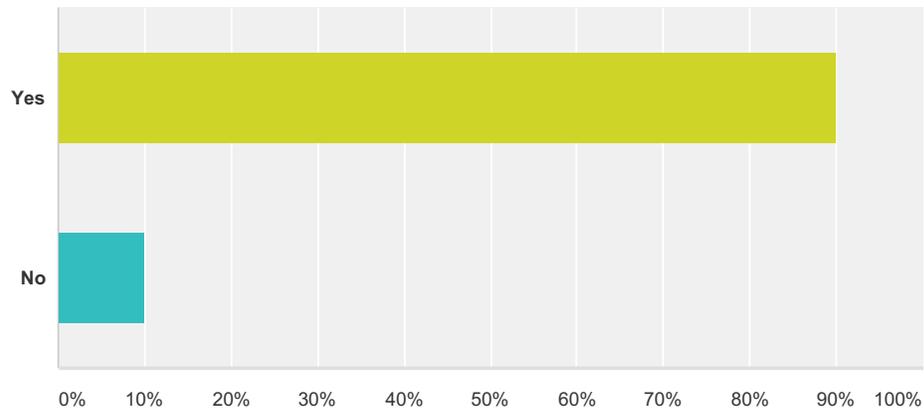
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Too Long	57.14%	8
Just Right	35.71%	5
Too Short	7.14%	1
Total		14

#	Do you have any suggestions to improve the event duration?	Date
1	Make it 4 days not three.	4/26/2016 8:37 PM
2	4 day event	4/13/2016 5:51 PM
3	Put the largest age groups with the smallest, e.g Open Women and 16 Boys, Open Men and 16 Women and 19 Men and Women. Reduce the over emphasis on safety.	4/13/2016 4:45 PM
4	Always hard with surf it is what it is .	4/12/2016 10:08 PM
5	Follow the programme and don't hold events - sprint relays held up for hours due to a couple of competitors on the water - this is nationals - make a choice as to what events you are in - don't let a few hold up a whole arena	4/12/2016 8:55 PM
6	If you call an event up and it is a straight final then run it. Watched the RSR get called to the line and only run heat for the U19 and U16 Men. The others should have been run there and then as you just spent 40min getting them there	4/12/2016 11:16 AM
7	Keep the days as short as possible, while still getting at least 3 races in!	4/11/2016 10:34 PM
8	Regional qualifying for board and tube rescues.	4/11/2016 9:38 PM

Q16 Was the event merchandise good quality?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 9



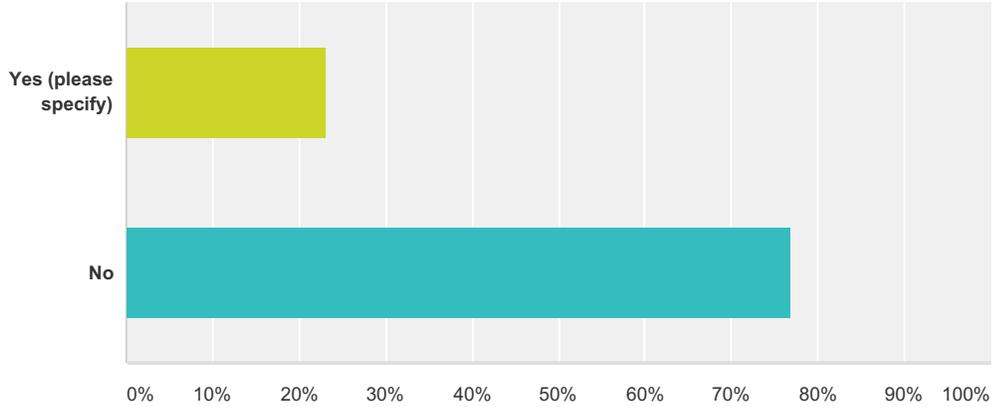
Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	90.00% 9
No	10.00% 1
Total	10

#	Comments:	Date
1	It always budget.	4/26/2016 8:37 PM
2	Did not get to merchandise area	4/13/2016 1:06 PM
3	N/A	4/12/2016 11:16 AM

4	Did not purchase	4/11/2016 10:34 PM
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Q17 Do you want to see more event merchandise?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes (please specify)	23.08% 3
No	76.92% 10
Total	13

#	Comments:	Date
1	Do not usually get to merchandise area as not handy to arena I am in	4/13/2016 1:06 PM

Q18 Do you have any suggestions for improving future New Zealand Championship Events?

Answered: 7 Skipped: 12

#	Responses	Date
1	Finals archway. Introduce the finalists. One arena for the finals day.have all Un16 events already finished before Sunday. Promote the senior's much more. They are the stars not the kid who wins an under 16 race. Relax on all the rubbish about togs and start line tags. And marshaling. Just relax overall really. It seems like an officials focused event more than athlete.. why do I know more officials than senior athletes at the beach.needs to change.	4/26/2016 8:37 PM
2	When you are aware that conditions are deteriorating on the final day for weeks (as almost anyone who checked the forecast was) have a backup plan. That plan could be to move the event to a lake or river (has been done in the past) or to fit more events in earlier. An example could be to run more events in the morning, don't force a "super Sunday". One way to do this would be to move all the beach events until the afternoon on Sunday. These events can be run regardless of water conditions. It may not be desirable for the competitors to have to run sprints and flags in succession, but that is a far more desirable outcome than cancelling events. Under only the most extreme of circumstances should events at a National Championship be cancelled. Athletes dedicate are large portion of their lives in order to race, and to have that taken away from them because of poor event management is inexcusable.	4/13/2016 4:45 PM
3	Awesome event just abit of tweaking here and there . But surf is surf and the challenges will always be there . Could we go to and xtra day or half day ?	4/12/2016 10:08 PM

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4	Stick to the north island - don't have Dave east marshelling - don't hold events for a few athletes- Officials and athletes / managers have very little to do with one another - could be good to have a workshop where a group of selected senior athletes , officials , managers and coaches get together to talk and come up with positive solutions	4/12/2016 8:55 PM
5	- need a coaches panel to help make decisions. We are the ones that put the athletes out in the water so should have a say in the way the arenas are set up, Heath and Safety etc. - Don't take the nationals to the South Island, it doesn't make sense shifting 83.5% of Surf Athletes down there to race. People want warmer weather, warm water and a good beach to race at. South Island does not have that. I should know as I was a south island born and bread. I'm sure if you added a levy to help get the Southerners up north then everyone would help out. - Listen to feed back and don't be arrogant about things - Welcome ideas and don't get defensive. - Strive for excellence and not mediocrity like you are doing at present - This will be the last survey that I will fill out as I don't believe they get listened to. Good luck	4/12/2016 11:16 AM
6	Investigate possibility of fixed bouy lines and cans. In bigger surf the current weights don't hold. Is there any merit in laying bouys out further? NZ always seem to have shorter courses than in Aus- further the course, the more spread out the field and (hopefully) less carnage.	4/12/2016 8:19 AM
7	run all event with clashing if often event you should be able to it eg sprint and broad rescue this first time ever we had to pick only one	4/11/2016 10:54 PM