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Club Survey

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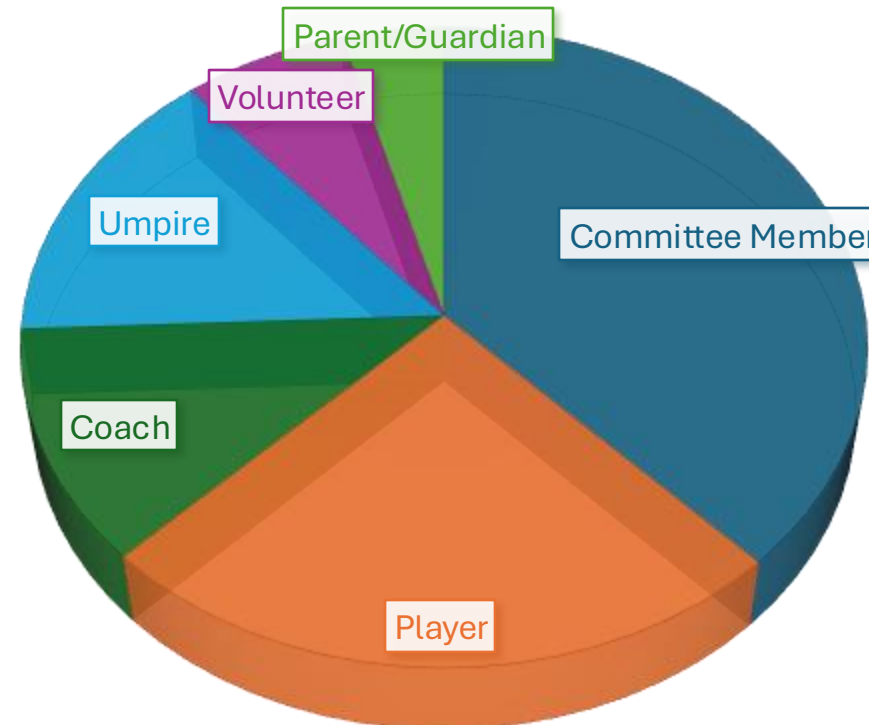
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Club Survey - responses

- We had a total of 124 responses from 99 different Clubs
- Clubs from across the Area
- Range of roles

THANKS!

ROLES OF WHO RESPONDED





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Club Survey – League structure

How many matches a season?

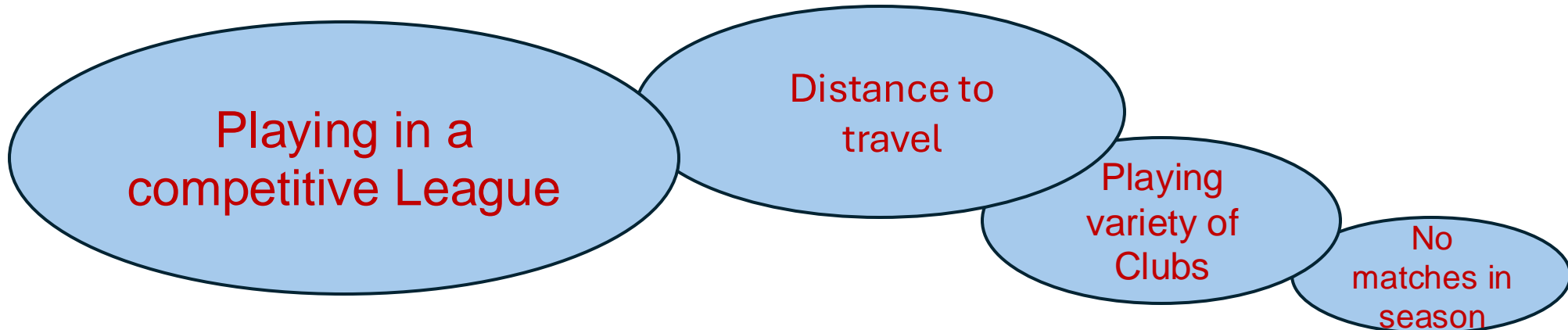
- 61% answered 19 to 20

How far should teams travel to games?

- Grade 2; split evenly across 1-2 hrs / 2-3hrs
- Grade 3; 1-2 hours
- Grade 4/5; upto an 1 hour

On winning the League, what should the prize be?

- 54% answered Small Club trophy and individual pin / medal
- This was more than double any other choice





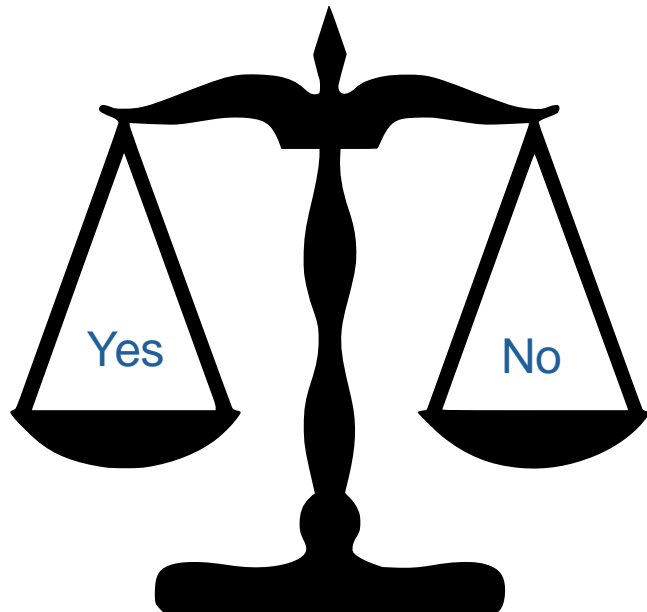
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Club Survey – ways to play

An extra Cup or Competition?

- 64% of you wanted something

More Indoor?



Clubs are offering the following options for people to engage with hockey

- Summer League
- Masters
- Back2Hockey
- Pay & Play
- Hockey Heroes
- Walking Hockey
- Flyerz



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Club Survey – what should change, things to consider

Things are OK,
generally good?

Some key themes

- **League structure**
- **Officiating**
- **Additional support**
- **Regulations**
- **Infrastructure**

League Structure –

- address travel distances
- parity across all teams for number of games
- more competitive Leagues greater depth
- increased promos & relegations
- play-offs
- cap on Uni sides
- separate Development League
- limit teams from same Club in a Division
- more doubling up
- Wales West / East split

Officiating

- development of umpires
- increasing number of umpires
- parity of appointments across genders
- neutral umpires at Grades 3/4/5



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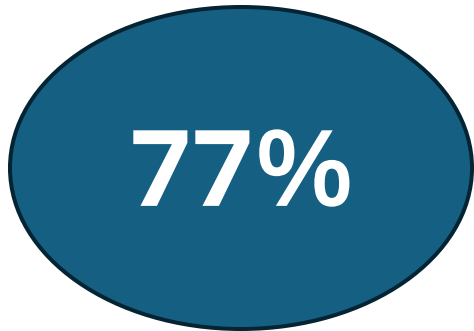
Other points raised for consideration

- Focus meetings for smaller Clubs
- Cap on the number of teams in a Club
- Cap on the number of teams from same Club in a League
- Cross Club sessions for coaching / other specific topics
- More communication on Transgender policy and implications
- Diversity also to include financial diversity / hardship
- Improve Masters selection processes
- Wales U18 into EH competition / Performance academies
- Jersey to engage in more competitions / Leagues



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Club Survey – West Hockey Strategy



...of Clubs know about the Strategy

Your top 3 priorities are the following

- Focus on growing participation
- Work to share good practice across Clubs
- Grow commercial partnerships

Closely followed by

- Educate Clubs on discipline and code of conduct
- Focus on developing more diverse participation group