




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Appendix XX: Sports Club

Question Response Rate

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Responses	64	64	35	36	35	33	36	35	31	35	35	27	34	35	36	27	26	26	27	33
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	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
Responses	33	33	29	32	33	32	31	28	31	17	32	22	21	19	19	18	16	14	13	11
Skipped	31	31	35	32	31	32	33	36	33	47	32	42	43	45	45	46	48	50	51	53
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	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	58	60
Responses	17	6	19	15	19	11	16	16	17	14	17	1	17	17	20	18	18	18	18	13
Skipped	47	58	45	49	45	53	48	48	47	50	47	63	47	47	44	46	46	46	46	51
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Total	64																			

	Football Club Questions
	Other club questions
	Questions for all clubs

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Summary

Of the clubs that responded 40% were football clubs. 60% were clubs that participated in athletics, swimming, cricket, gymnastics, rugby, martial arts, netball, tennis and volleyball.

Overall, the consensus is that there is not enough good quality provision, both indoor and outdoor.

Although CoVID has been detrimental to the maintenance of some facilities (due to lack of funds and volunteers), it has had a positive impact and has increased the number of individuals participating in physical activity and sport. However, this increase has highlighted the need for more suitable facilities across all sports.

If the increase in participation continues, there is a need for more coaches, volunteers and facilities (both indoor and outdoor), this alongside more funding

The main facilities that are used are; sports halls, outdoor pitches, cricket squares, cricket nets (indoor and outdoor) and swimming pools.

There are increased facility hire fees which has a detrimental impact on the smaller clubs, especially when trying to ensure all members have the equipment required.

The quality and quantity of the main facilities and ancillary facilities largely depends upon the area in which they are based; and how the club is able to raise/apply for funds or if the council/operators maintain the facilities to the required standards. This has led to some clubs saying the facilities are not fit for purpose.

Indoor

The most popular mode of transport to and from matches / training is the car followed by walking.

All of the clubs that responded when asked if they utilised a training ground alongside their main facility said 'yes', and that this was due to the lack of availability of the main ground.

The top three priorities that were highlighted regarding indoor facilities are:

1. Better changing facilities
2. New facilities to train
3. Better maintenance

The reasoning for these priorities was to attract and increase club members.

Outdoor Pitches

Of the clubs that responded the playing times were on Saturday and Sundays by all teams regardless of age, gender, or type of play.

The main type of pitch used was grass followed by synthetic and the 3G. The survey highlighted that there is a need for a 4G pitch.

Due to the large number of teams spanning from U5s to veterans, the pitches in the winter are overplayed, especially if the clubs use their main ground for training. It is the issue of pitch maintenance that comes out as the top (73%) issue for clubs.

This has been impacted due to the increase in team numbers across the board, with exception of the adult men and adult women's teams where the numbers have decreased.

60% of football clubs that responded indicated that they had plans for facility/pitch improvement, with the majority wanting new pitches and / or new/improved pitch drainage. However, 67% said that they had not secured funding for the improvements.

Current unmet demand for match play is at 44%, but again depends upon location. Conversely there is huge demand for training facilities 84%.

Some clubs highlighting that they don't have playable pitches in December and January (due to poor drainage) , with no access to synthetic or 3G pitches. With the increased demand the clubs **'currently not the grounds to provide the opportunity. However the possible grounds are available but this is all waiting on planning approval from EDDC'**.

When asked what facilities would be required the top three were:

1. Additional artificial surface requirements
2. Toilets / changing facilities
3. Additional pitch requirements

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Name of Club responding:

Axe Valley Runners
Axminster Gymnastics Club Ltd
Axminster Town AFC
Axminster Town FC
Axmouth United Football Club
Beer Albion F.C.
Brixington Blues Youth Football Club
Broadclyst Cricket Club
Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club
Budleigh Salterton Tennis Club
Chardstock Cricket Club
Clyst Hydon Cricket & Sports Club
Clyst St George Cricket Club
Clyst Valley AFC
Colyton Youth Football Club x2
Colyton AFC
Cranbrook United youth football club
Dawlish Swimming Club
Devon Judo Centres
Exeter City Swimming Club
Exeter Storm Volleyball Club
Exeter University Swimming Club
Exmouth Community College
Exmouth Cricket Club
Exmouth Lawn Tennis Club
Exmouth RFC
Exmouth Spartans
Exmouth Town FC x2
Feniton FC

Honiton Cricket Club
Honiton Gymnastics Club
Honiton Running Club
Honiton Town FC
Honiton Town Youth FC
Kilmington cricket club
Lympstone Association Football Club
Newton Poppleford CC
Otterton Football Club
Ottery St Mary AFC
Ottery St Mary Cricket Club
Seaton Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club x2
Seaton Town Football Club
Seaton Youth
Sidbury Cricket Club
Sidmouth Cricket Club x2
Sidmouth Netball Club x2
Sidmouth Tennis Club x3
Sidmouth Town AFC
Sidmouth Town Junior Vikings
Tipton St John Cricket Club
Tiverton Swimming Club
Upottery Football Club
West hill junior football club
Whimble football club
Withycombe Rugby Football Club x2
Woodbury Tennis Club

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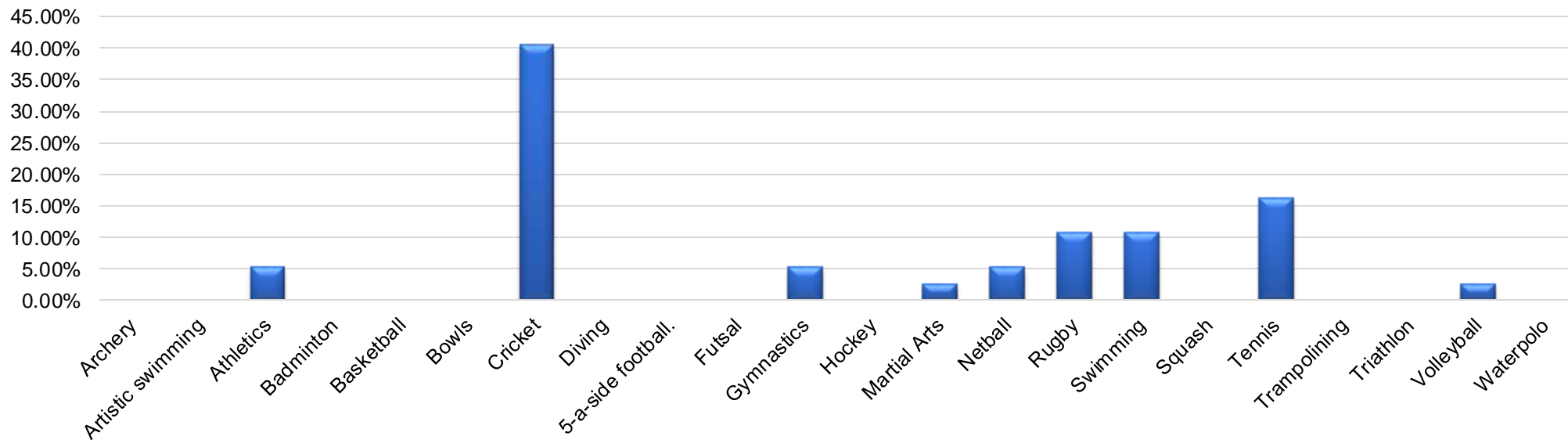
Are you a football club?



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NON FOOTBALL CLUBS:

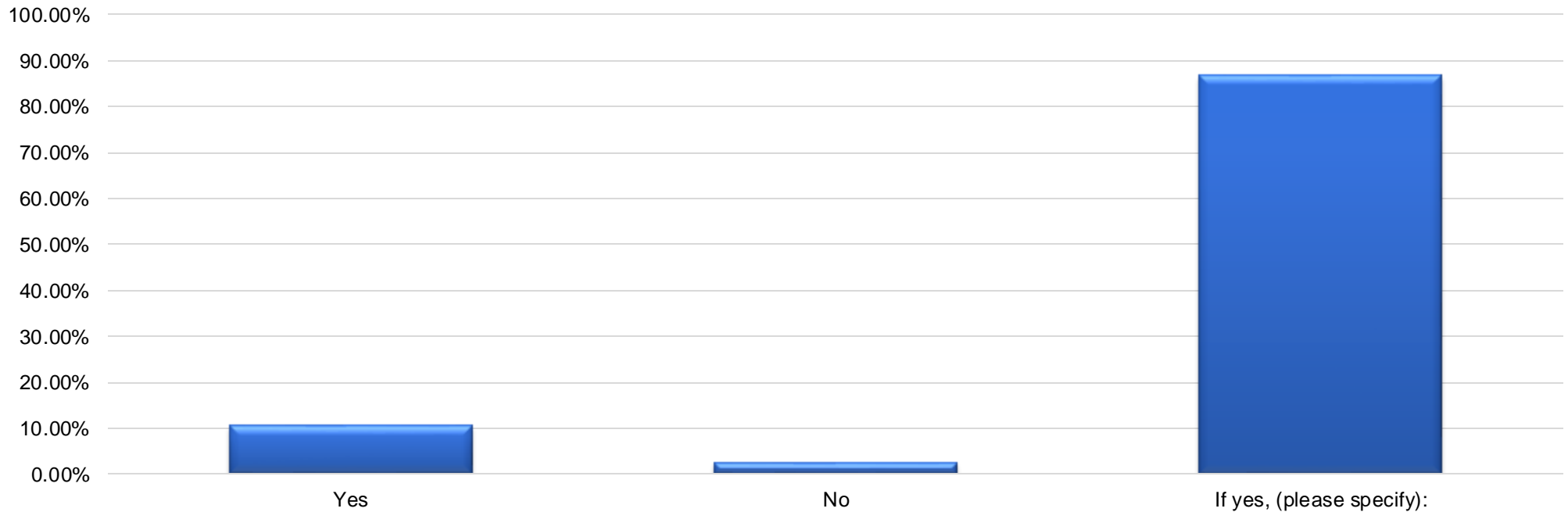
Which sport does your organisation participate in?



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Is your organisation affiliated to a national governing body or association?

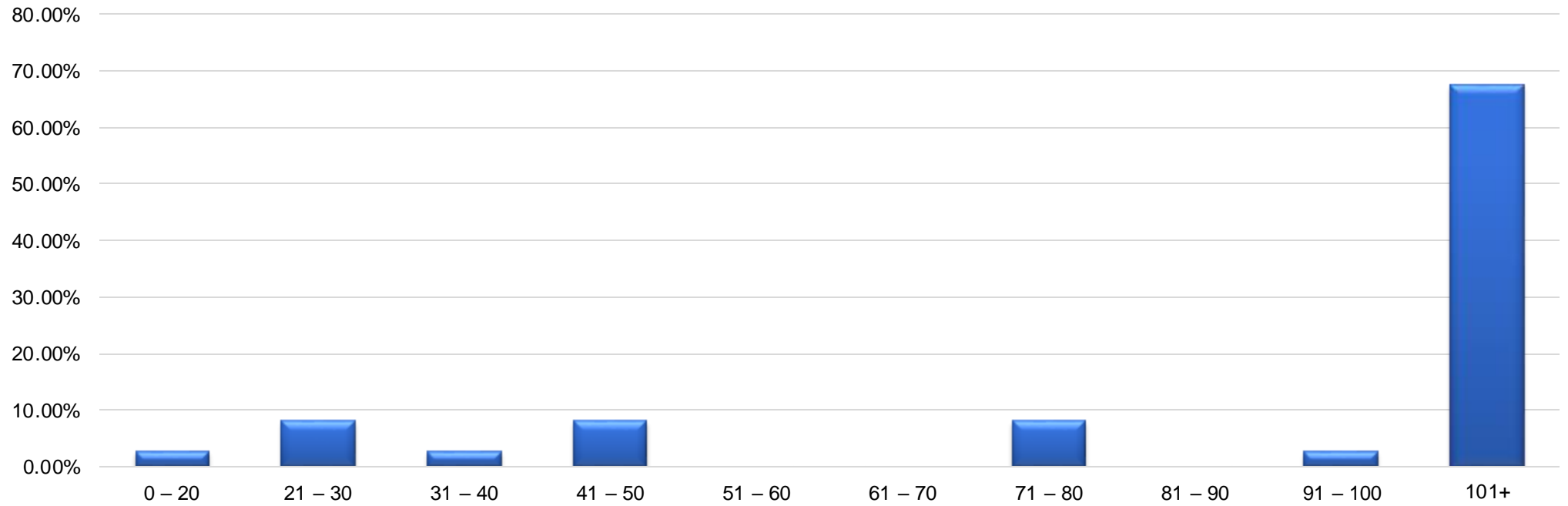


Of the clubs that responded 'yes', the affiliations were listed as:

- British Gymnastics
- ECB (England & Wales Cricket Board)
- England Athletics
- Lawn Tennis Association
- RFU
- Swim England
- Universal Budo Association
- Devon Cricket Board
- England and Wales Cricket Board via Devon Cricket League
- England Netball
- English Cricket Board
- Rugby Football Union
- Club Mark
- Volleyball England

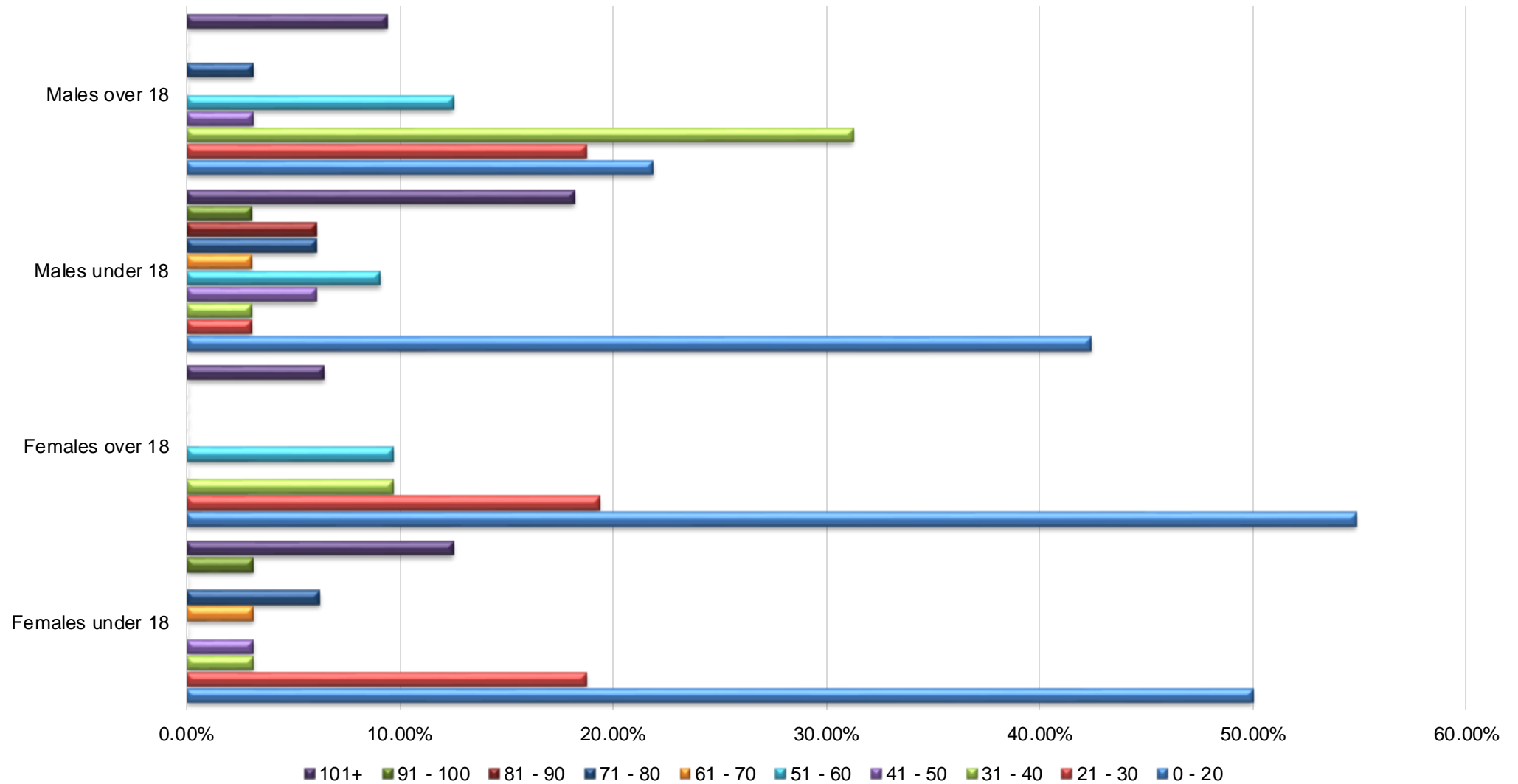
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How many playing members do you have at present?



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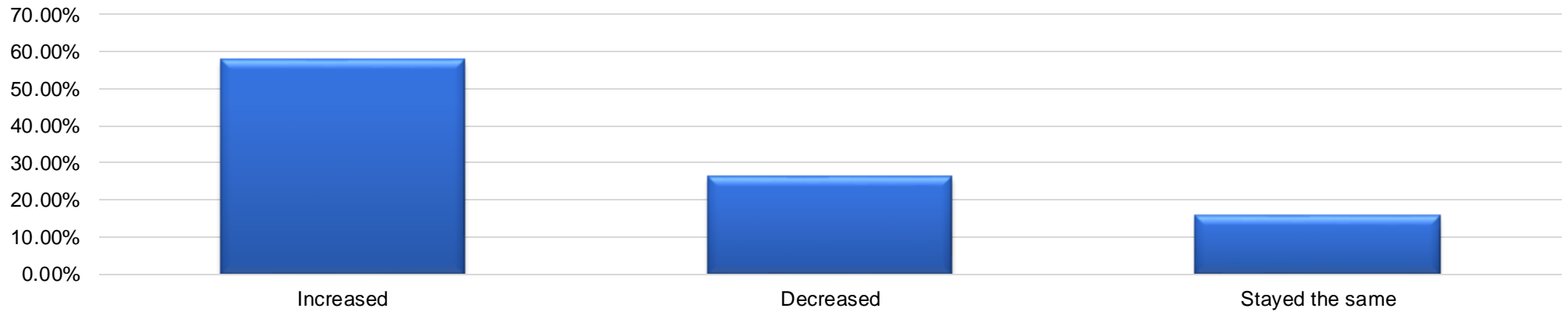
Number of male and female members you have under the age of 18 and over the age of 18:



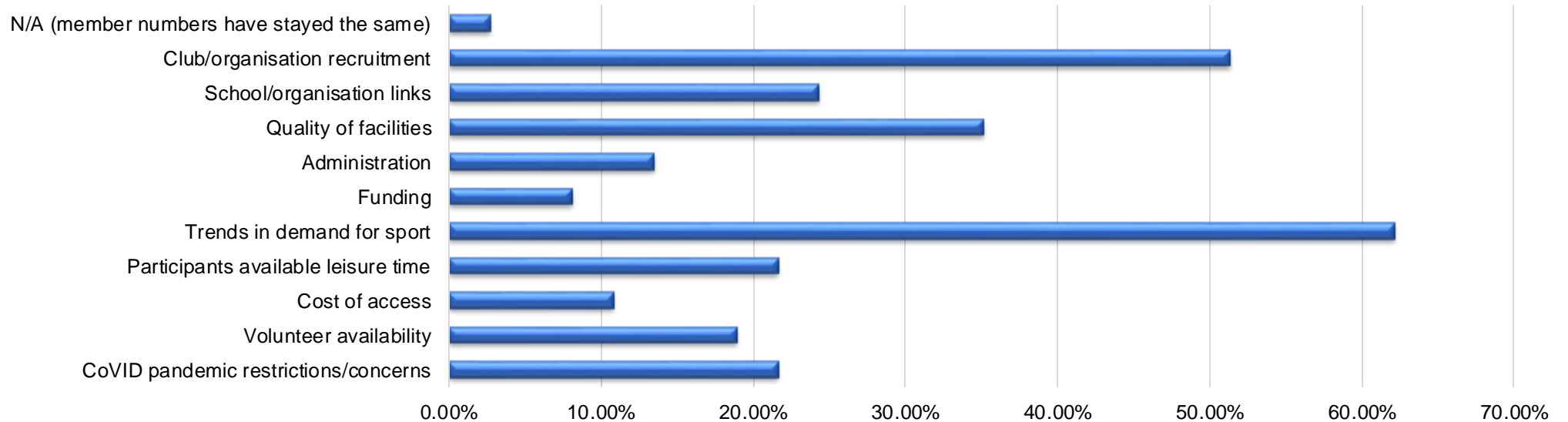
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How has the number of members in your club/organisation changed over the last 3 years?

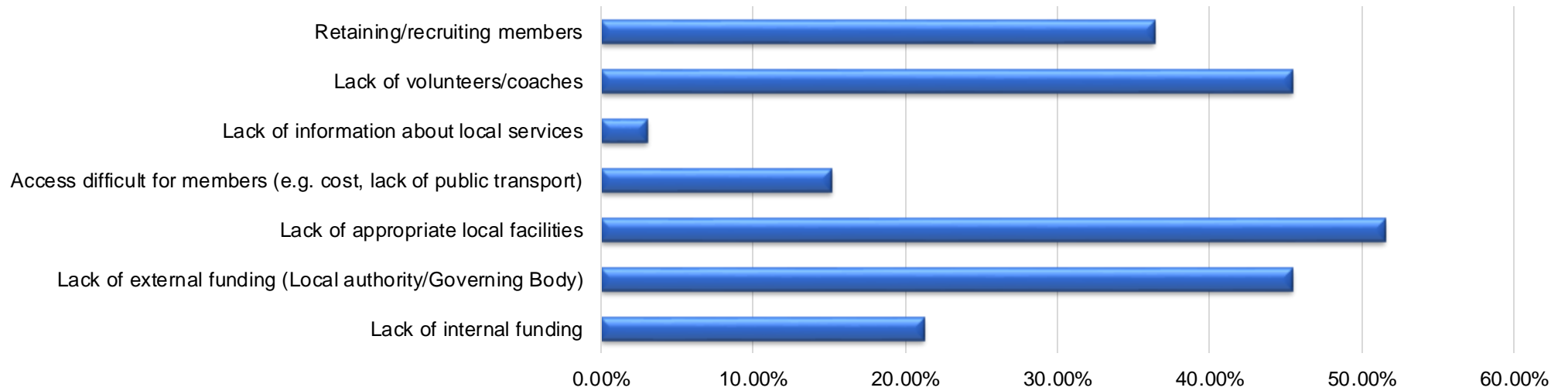


Please provide the main reason for this answer:

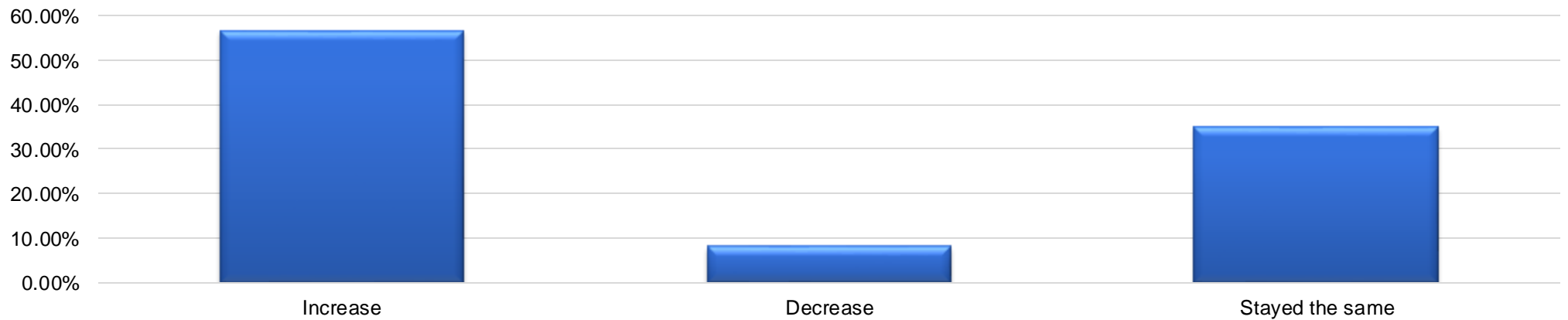


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Which of the following issues are currently problematic for your club? Please tick all that apply.

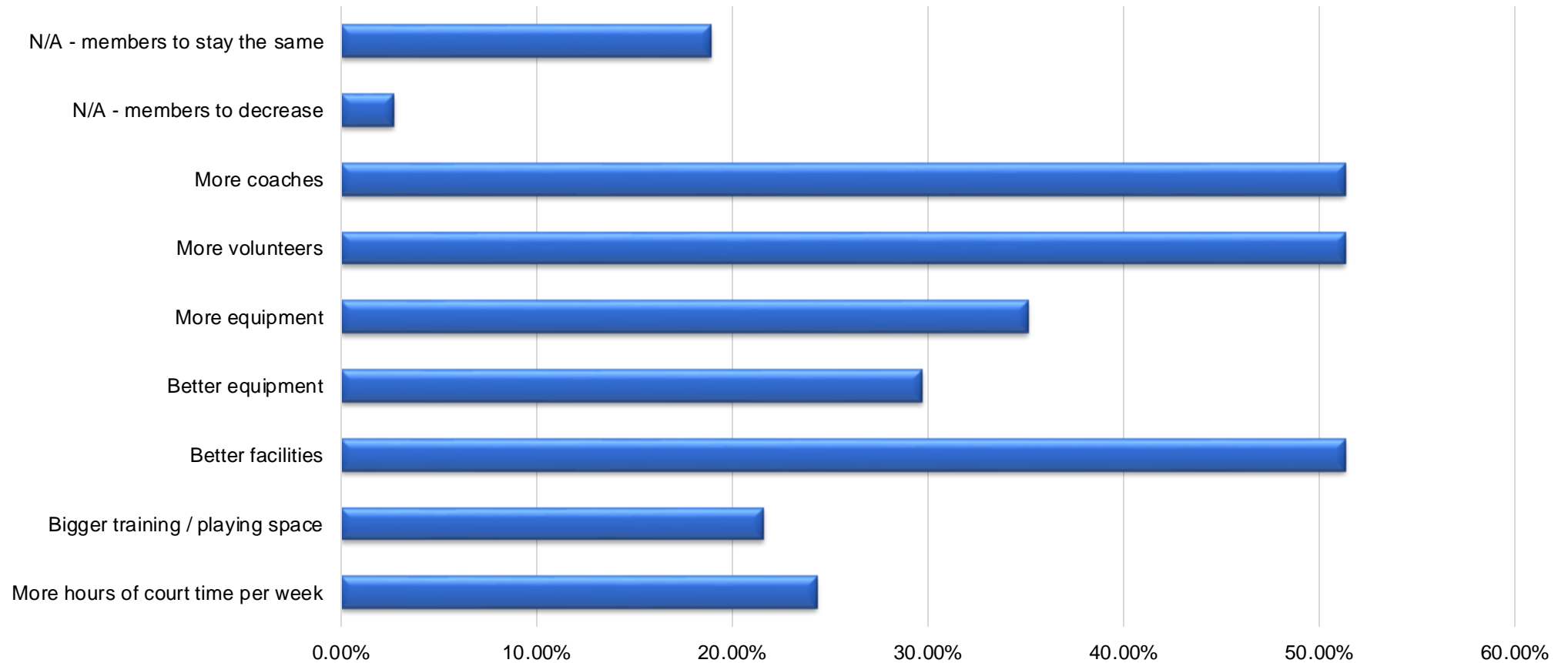


Is the membership of your sports club likely to increase or decrease over the next 3 years?

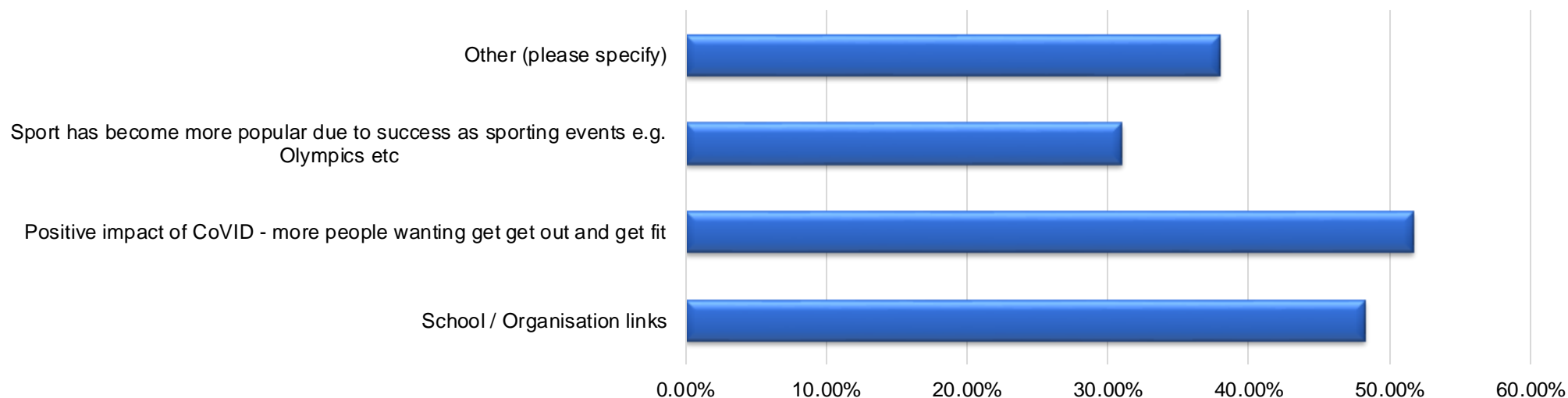


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What would this change mean in terms of your requirement for facility space? e.g. 5 more hours of court time per week.



Please provide the main reasons for any increase expected in participation?

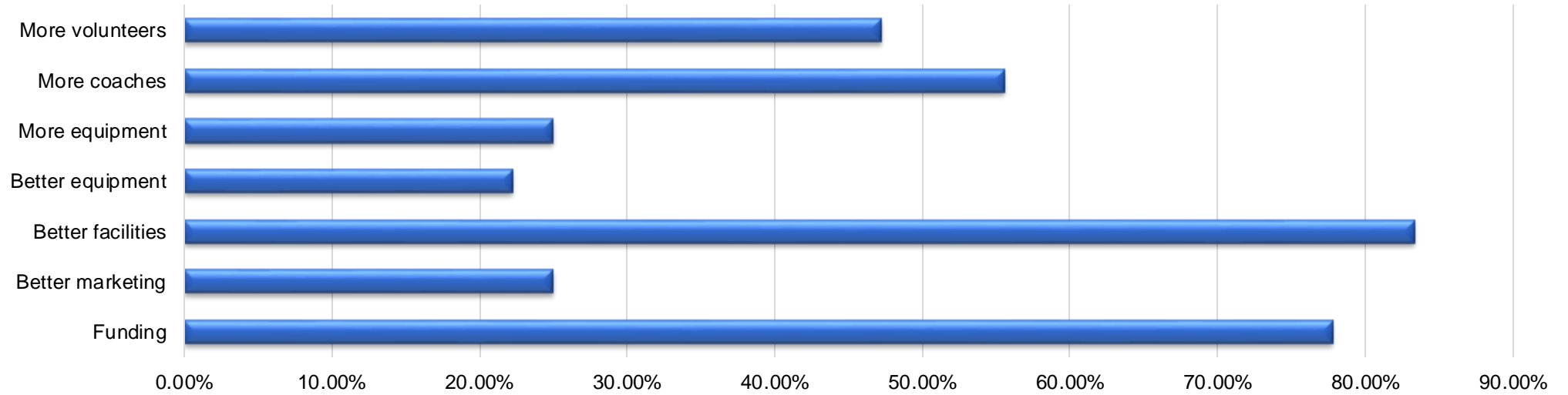


Of the responding clubs that said there were 'other' factors for their increase / decrease information was given as:

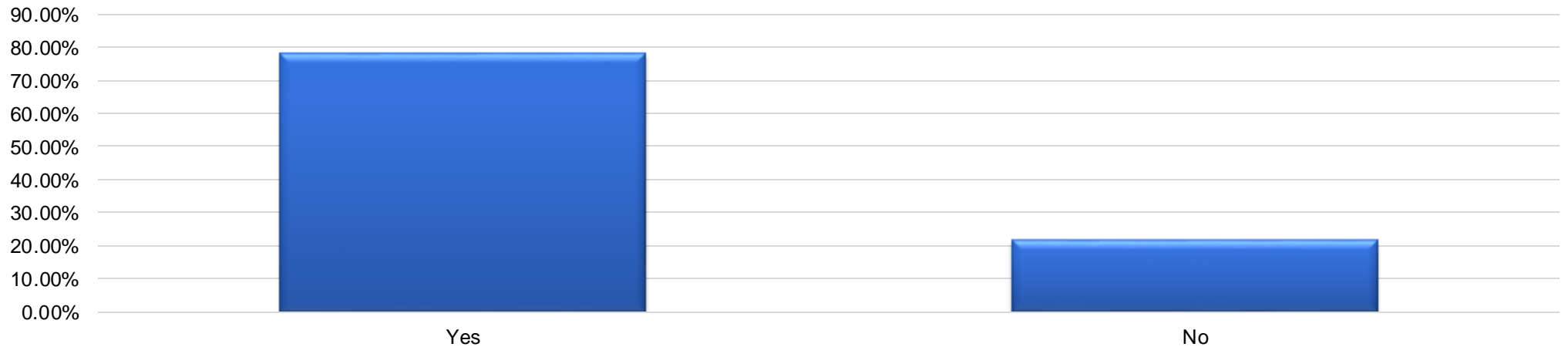
- We had an increase prior to Covid but due to high numbers were unable to cater for all of the swimmers coming through and were unable to provide a performance hub to other local clubs as we did not have space
- Increased pull-through of youth cricketers into adult teams
- growth in girls playing cricket
- Reduction in covid restrictions may improve experience
- More people knowing we exist
- We have built our team of coaches, and as a British-Gymnastics-approved course venue and approved tutors, we have a continual programme of upskilling our staff to be helpers, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 coaches. We've promoted the club and extended our programme of recreational gymnastics, alongside very popular PAYG pre-school classes, with a focus on high-quality in all aspects while keeping costs affordable
- ECB initiatives and greater diversity by the club
- This is a commonwealth games year, England will be looking to defend their title at home
- Members going to university

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In order to achieve your organisation's aspirations, what partner support will you require over the next 3 years?

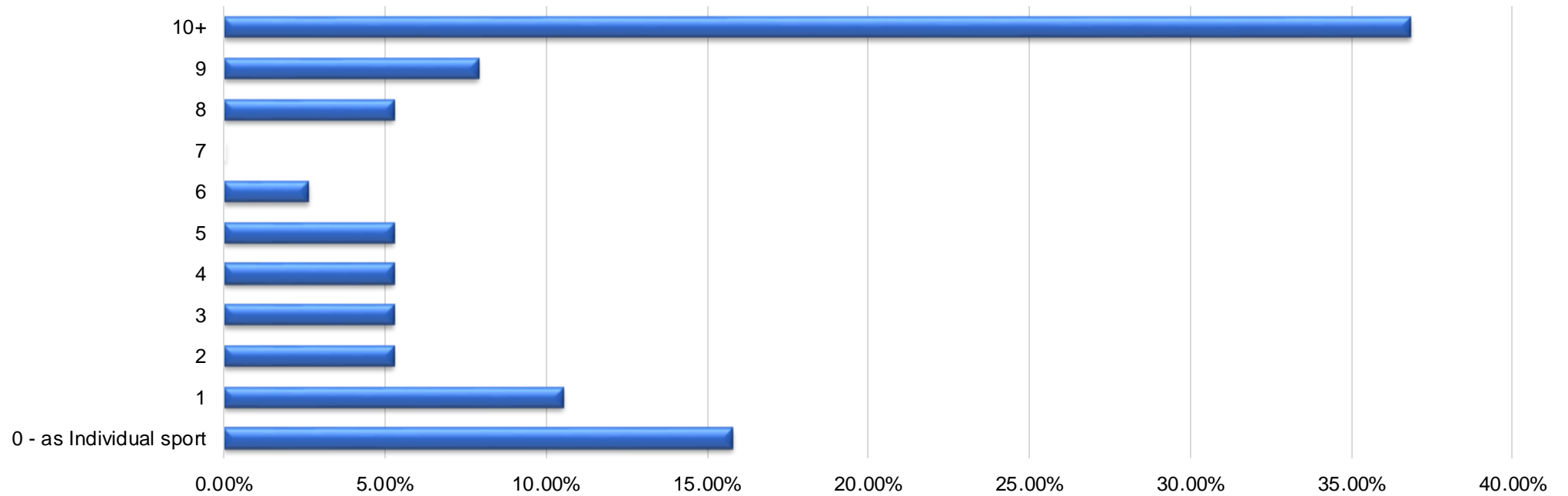


Has your sports club got capacity for new members?



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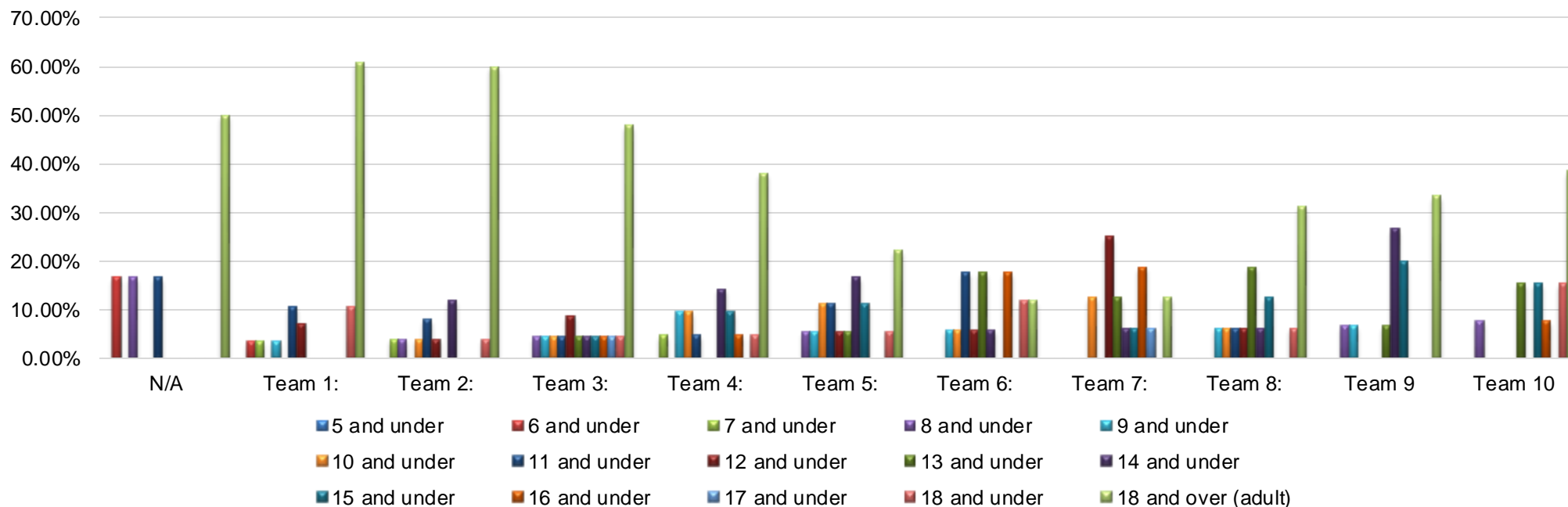
Please list the number of teams that your club runs?



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Please enter the team details where applicable below:



Please enter the League each team plays in below:

Team 1:	Team 2:	Team 3:	Team 4:	Team 5:
Junior Arena League - Devon Inter Club	Junior Arena League - Devon Inter Club	Arena League - Devon Inter Club	Arena League - Devon Inter Club - National Relays	Arena League - Devon Inter Club - National Relays
Devon Cricket League C East Division	Devon Cricket League E East Division	Sunday Friendly/Development Team - no League	Ladies and Girls Cricket Friendly	East Devon Youth League
Devon Cricket League - A Division	Devon Cricket League - G East Division	Friendly Cricket	East Devon Youth League U10	East Devon Youth League U11
Devon Cricket League				
East Devon Youth Cricket League under 12's	East Devon Youth Cricket League under 14's	Devon League E div East	Devon League G div East	

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Team 1:	Team 2:	Team 3:	Team 4:	Team 5:
Devon Cricket League	T20 Local league	Devon Womens Cricket League		
Devon Cricket League	Devon Cricket League	Devon Cricket League,	East Devon Youth Cricket League	East Devon Youth Cricket League
National Club League Devon	National Club League Devon	National Club League Devon	Exeter and District Tennis League	Exeter and District Tennis League
South West Premier League	Devon Merit Table 1	Devon Merit Table 2		
South West Men's League	Exeter & District Division 1	Exeter & District Division 1	Exeter & District Division 2	Exeter & District Ladies Division
Devon premier	DiV c east	Div e east	All stars	Dynamos
East Devon Junior Netball Leagues (EDJNL)	EDJNL	EDJNL	EDJNL	EDJNL
Devon Cricket League - East Devon		East Devon Midweek Cricket League		
EDYCL	EDYCL	EDYCL	EDYCL	EDYCL
Devon league A division		Devon league G division East		All stars cricket not a league
A Division	C East	G East	Devon Under 9s Softball	Devon Under 9s Hardball
Sidmouth Indoor winter league				
ALL TEAMS PLAY IN DEVON CRICKET LEAGUE MATCHES				
national arena league	North Devon mini league	Devon County Championships	Regional Championships	
Exeter abd District	Exeter abd District	Exeter abd District	east Deon	
Exeter and district netball league	EDJNL	EDJNL	EDJNL	EDJNL
Exeter & District	Exeter & District		Exeter & district	
National Arena League, Mini League, Inter Club				
Tennis - Exeter and District League and East Devon League	Cricket - Devon League			

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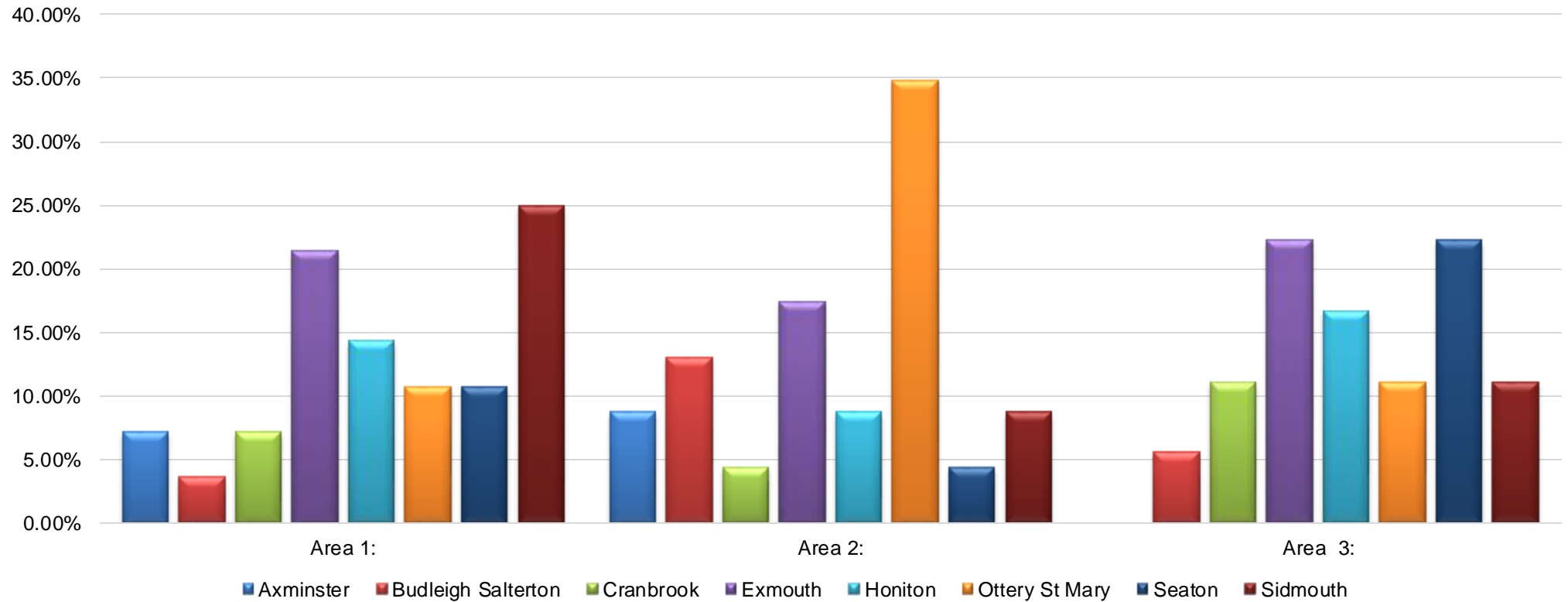
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Team 6:	Team 7:	Team 8:	Team 9	Team 10
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Easton Devon Youth League U13				
East Devon Youth Cricket League	East Devon Youth Cricket League	East Devon Youth Cricket League	East Devon Youth Cricket League	East Devon Youth Cricket League
Exeter and District Tennis League	Exeter and District Tennis League	Exeter and District Tennis League	East Devon Tennis League	East Devon Tennis League
Volleyball England National Grand Prix Series - U18 Boys	South West JuVoTo Series	South West JuVoTo Series	South West JuVoTo Series	South West JuVoTo Series
U9 league east	U10 soft ball east	U11 hard ball east	U13 hard ball east	U 15 hard ball east
EDJNL	EDJNL	Honiton Netball League (HNL)	HNL	HNL
EDYCL	EDYCL	Devon Cricket League	Devon Cricket League	Friendly
Devon Under 10s	Devon Under 12s	Devon U 13s	Devon U 15s	Currently no league
EDJNL	EDJNL	Honiton netball league	HNL	HNL

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Please specify the 3 main areas that your sport club draws members from:



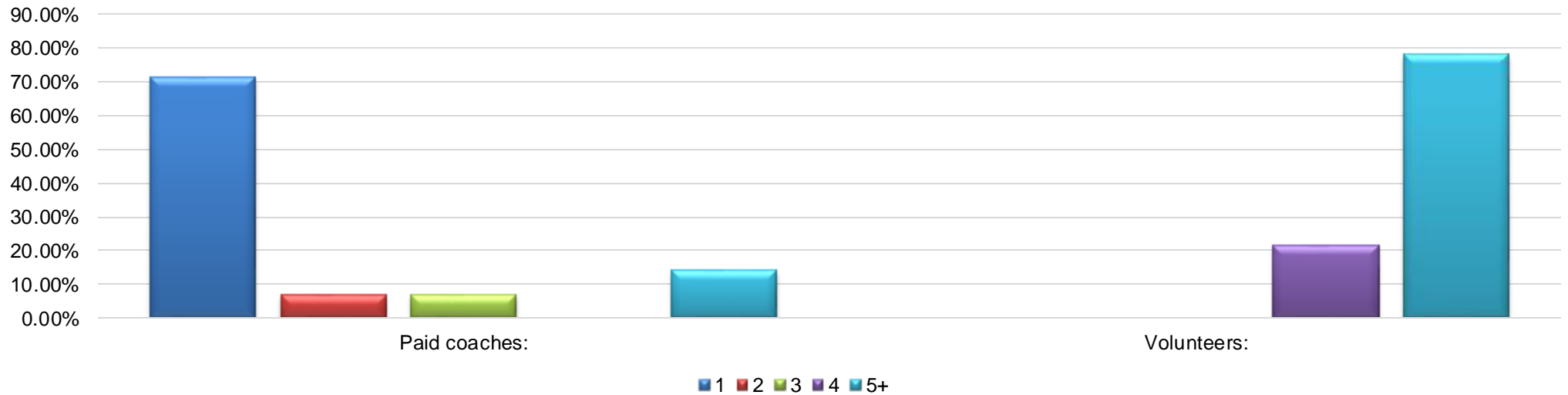
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'Other' areas specified are listed as:

- South Devon
- Lyme Regis
- Colyton
- Woodbury
- West Hill
- Broadclyst
- Topsham
- Feniton
- Payhembury
- Whimble
- Axminster
- Mid Devon
- Beer
- Branscombe
- Rousdon
- Exeter
- Tipton
- Newton Poppleford
- St George
- Uffculm
- Willand
- Axmouth
- Hydon
- East Devon
- St. John
- Sandford
- Cullompton
- Payhembury,
- Woodbury
- Hemyock
- Throughout Devon, and as far afield as Plymouth, Yeovil, Exmouth, Exeter and Tiverton

Number of paid coaches and volunteers in your sports club



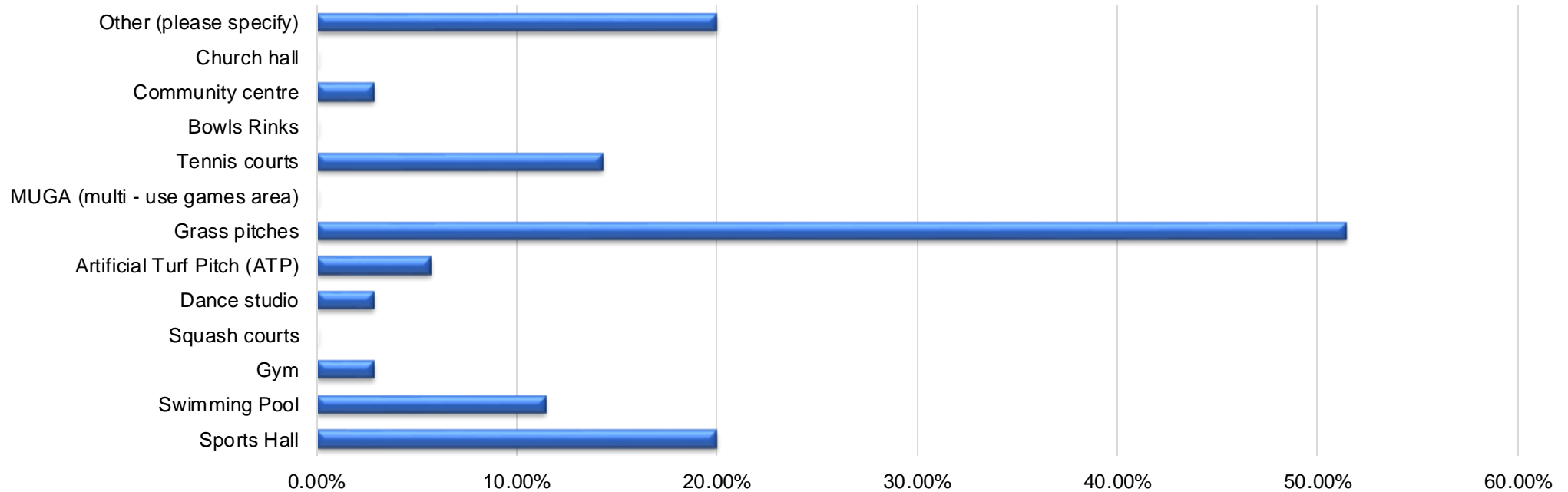
When asked to specify if over 5, the responses ranged from 10 – 60, with the following arrangements:

- Self- employed Coaches only
- 7 volunteers (none of our coaches, organisers or committee members are paid)
- 15 x paid and 8 volunteers
- 1/2 or more coaches for each junior age group
- None of our coaches or volunteers are paid
- 38 self employed coaches +six members of reception staff
- Our coach makes his own private arrangements with members
- Coaches self employed. About 20 volunteers.

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Please select the facility type your organisation uses most frequently:



Of the other responses, facilities were listed as:

- Roads and footpaths.
- Indoor cricket nets, outdoor cricket nets
- Our own premises
- Cricket pitch / square
- Honiton Gymnastics Centre is a full time gymnastics facility (7,800 sq ft). It is a converted retail unit
- Community College Indoor Nets

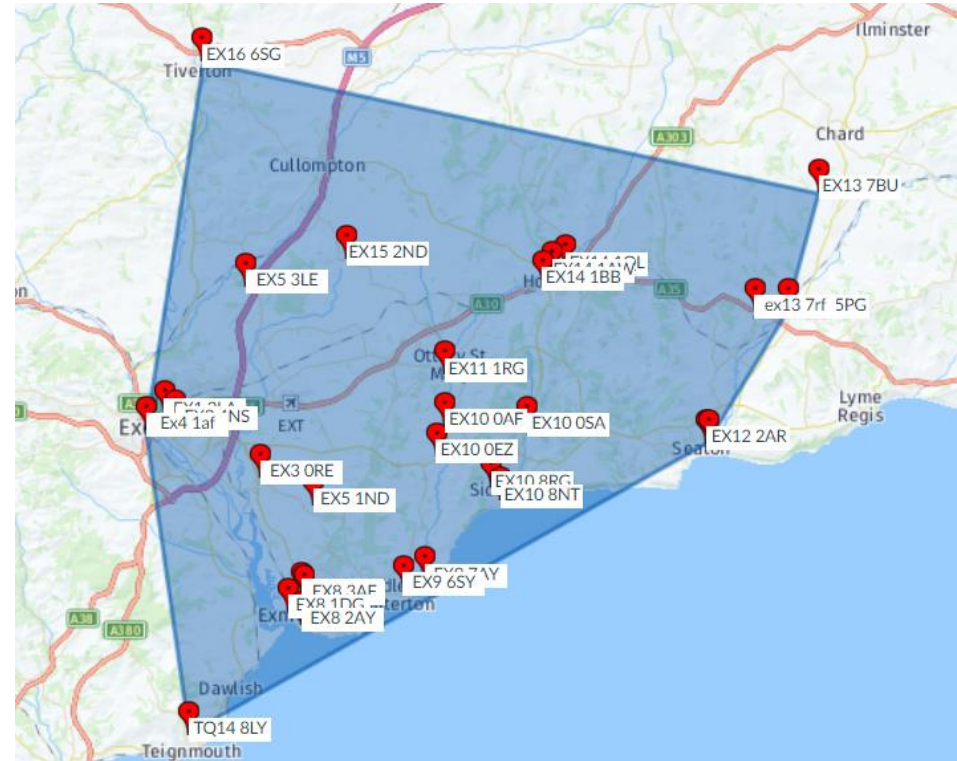
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Please name the MAIN facility/venue your organisation uses most frequently:

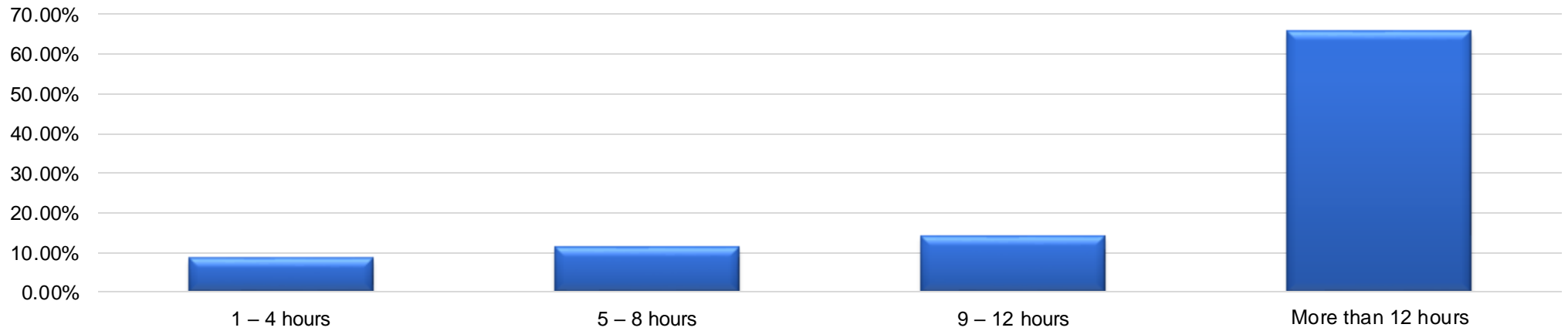
- Axminster Gymnastics Club
- Bohea Field
- Broadclyst Cricket Club
- Budleigh Salterton Cricket Club
- Budleigh Salterton Tennis Club
- Chardstock Cricket Club
- Clyst Hydon Cricket & Sports Club
- Exe Valley Leisure Centre
- Exeter School Swimming Pool
- Exmouth Cricket Ground
- Exmouth Rugby Football Club
- Honiton Gymnastics Centre
- Kilmington Cricket Club
- Mountbatten Park
- Newton Poppleford Playing Field
- Ottery St Mary Cricket Club
- Our Own Club on the Maer, Exmouth
- Pyramids
- Raleigh Park
- Riverside Leisure Centre
- Seaton Cricket Club
- Sidmouth Cricket Club
- Sidmouth Tennis Club
- Silver St Car Park
- St Johns School
- Tennis Courts
- The Fortfield
- Tipton St John Playing Field
- Trinity School Pool
- Woddbury Tennis Club

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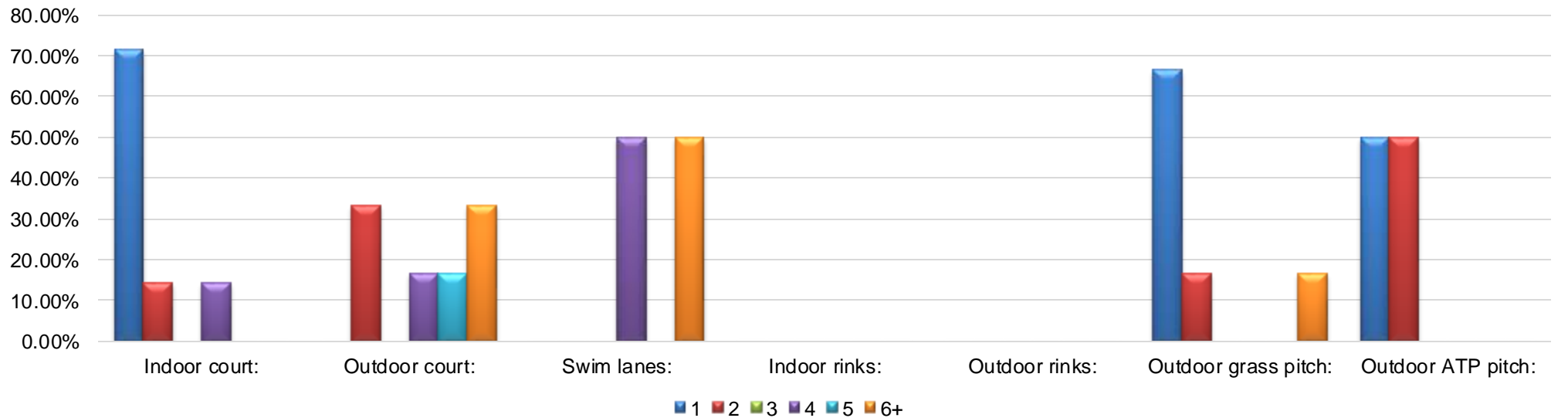


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How many hours per week does your organisation utilise this venue?

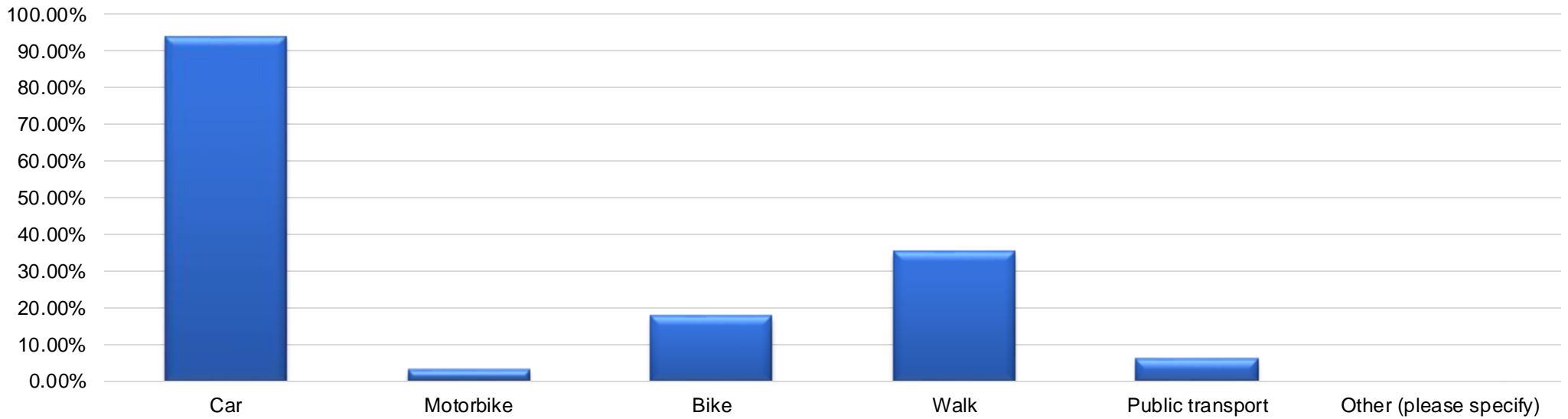


If applicable, please state how many courts, pitches, swim lanes or rinks your club uses at your MAIN:

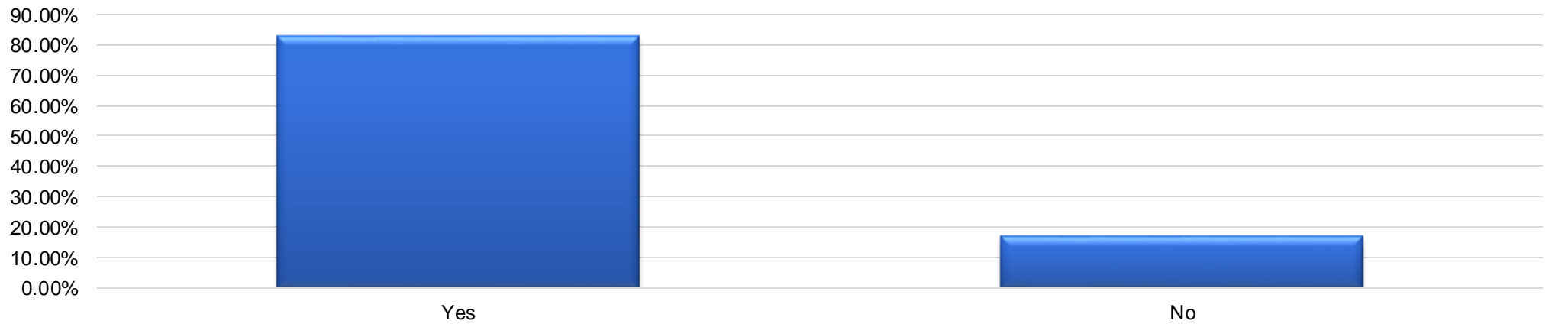


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How do the majority of your club's members travel to the MAIN venue?'



Do you use any other venues for training or competition?



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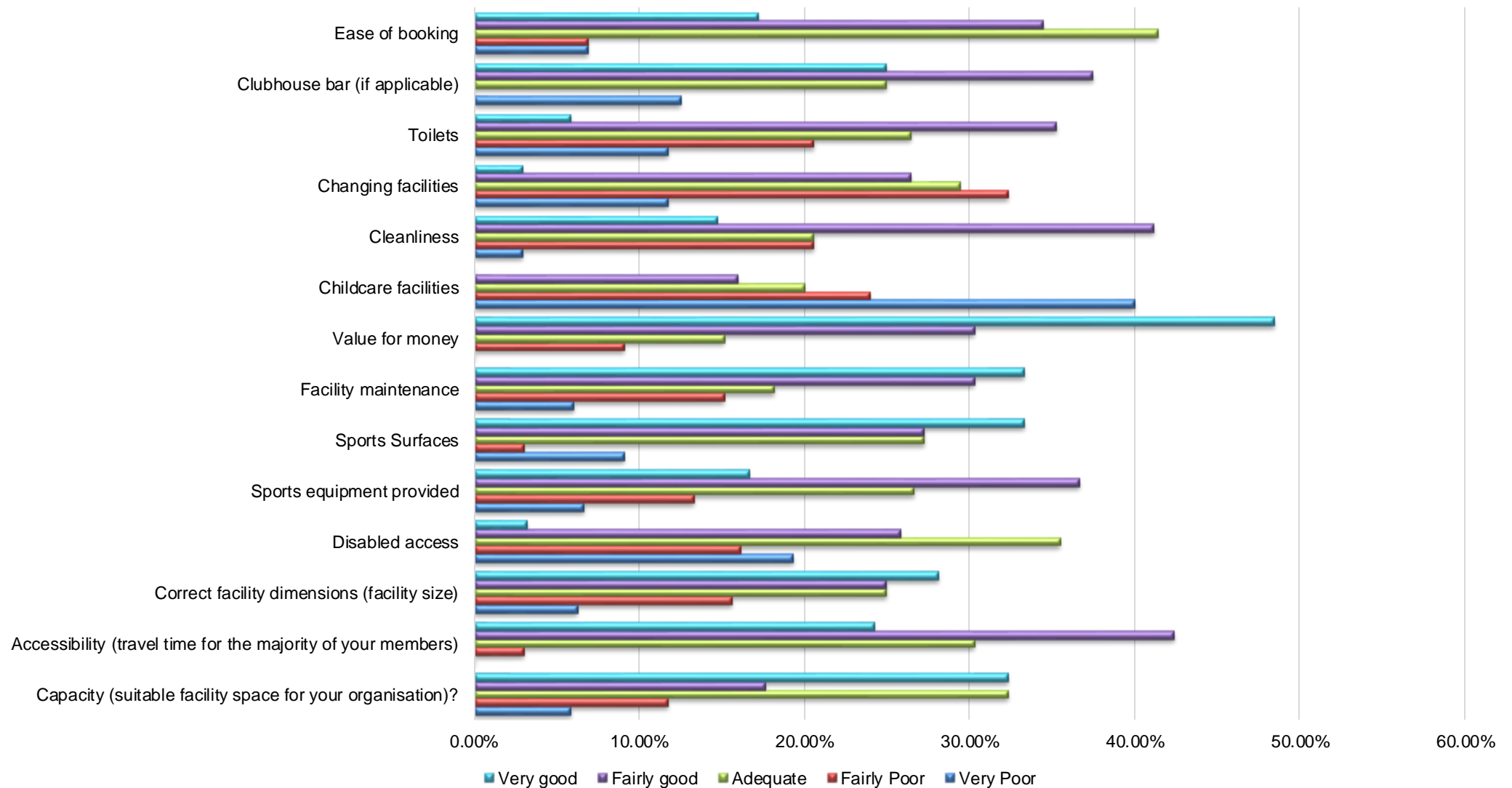
Of the clubs that said 'yes', they did use other venues the venue names given were:

- Bickton College Pitches
- Bickton College Sports Hall for Training
- Colyton Leisure Centre - LED
- Colyton sports hall
- Cranbrook education centre, Honiton LED
- Exeter School
- Exeter University indoor cricket centre for Winter training
- Exeter University indoor nets.
- Exmouth Community College
- Exmouth, Broadclyst, Schools
- Honiton Leisure Centre and changing facilities for our shows at East Devon Business Centre (next door)
- Indoor Nets at Exeter Uni; LED Community Leisure
- Newton Poppleford Playing Field, St John's School indoors, Bickton College indoors
- Other gymnastics clubs for competitions
- Plymouth Life Centre, Pyramids in Exeter, Torrington pool, Barnstaple pool, Millfield Pool, Tavistock Mount Kelly pool, Hutton Moor Pool, Horfield Pool, Hengrove pool, Ponds Forge, Tollcross, London Aquatic centre, Newport International pool, Swansea pool, Cardiff pool, Corby pool
- Pyramids, Riverside, InFocus, Lymington, Mount Kelly, Exe Valley Leisure Centre, LED Exmouth Leisure Centre, Chudleigh, Northbrook
- Rural footpaths in summer
- Sidmouth Sports Centre
- St Luke's Swimming Pool
- University of Exeter Sports Park
- Withycombe rugby club, warren view

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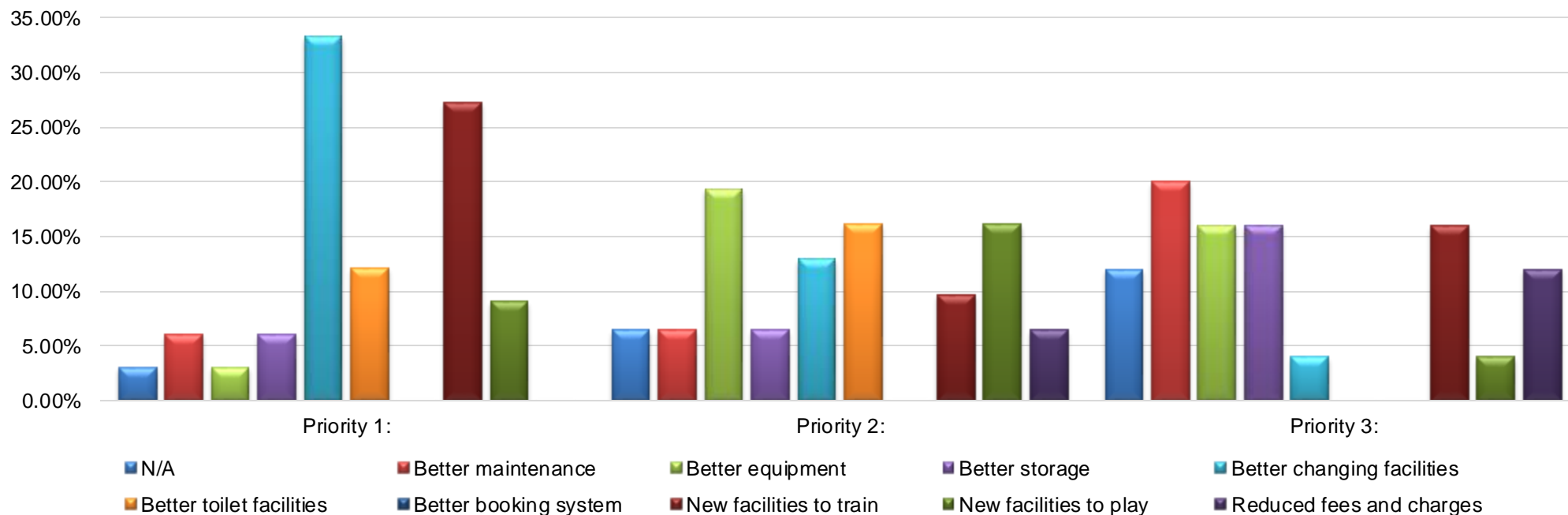
On behalf of your organisation/club, how would you rate your venue in the following areas?



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If applicable, please prioritise 3 areas for improvement in your most frequently used venue:

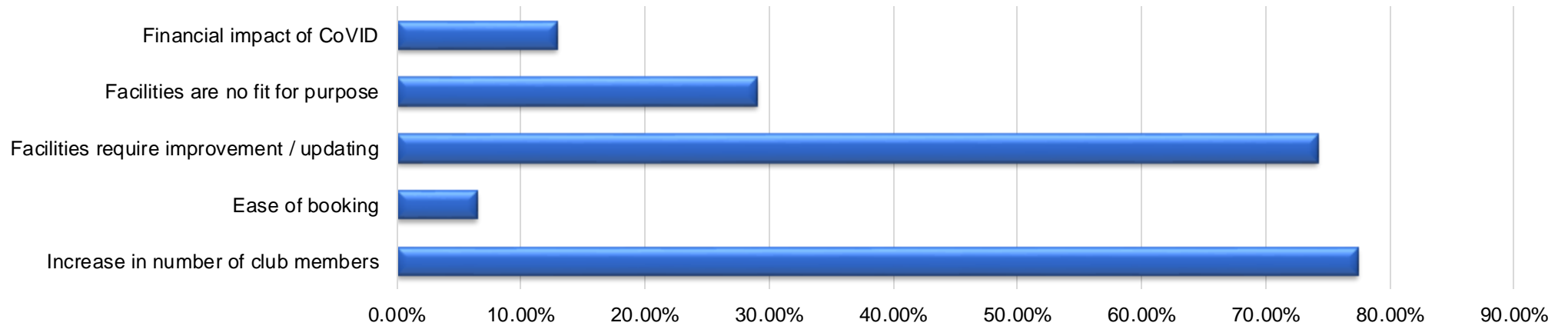


Other priorities were listed as:

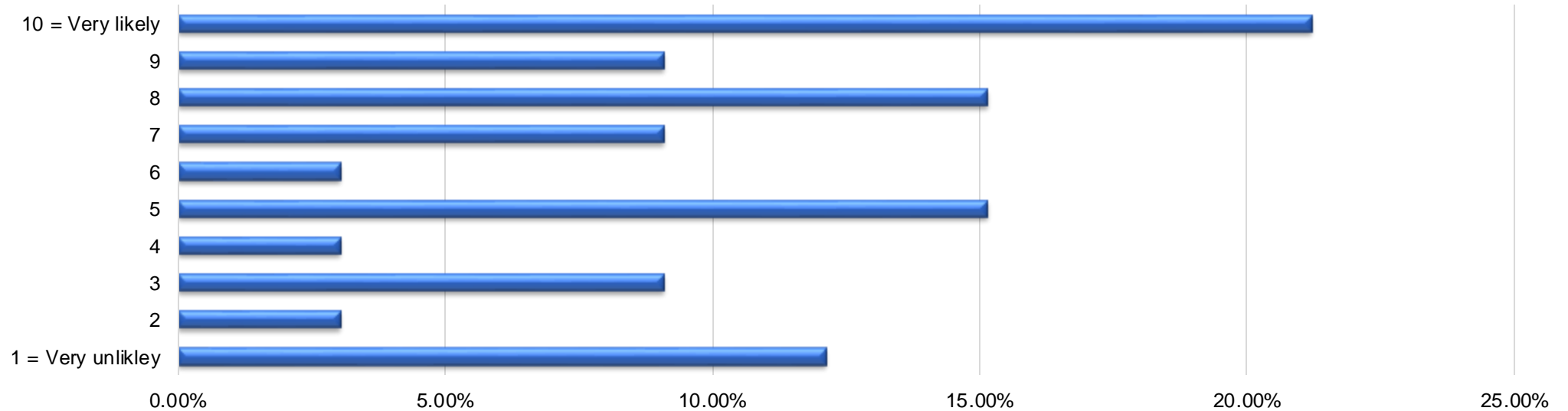
- This would not be our choice if most frequently used venue, it is because we are able to book most time. Our preference would be a larger pool where we can get more swimmers in at one time with land training facilities
- Improved social space and facilities
- Better club house
- Our club cannot expand to cater for additional members unless sports hall availability increases
- Security of future venue for the next 25 years, more room to expand, opportunity to develop facilities more and embed ourselves even more into the local community
- More Volunteers
- Better social/meeting facilities
- 50 meter pool for training

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Please provide reasons for the above list of priorities:



How likely is it that you would recommend this facility to other similar sports organisations? (1 – very unlikely; 10 – very likely)



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Please provide below any further comments regarding the venue that your club/organisation most frequently uses:

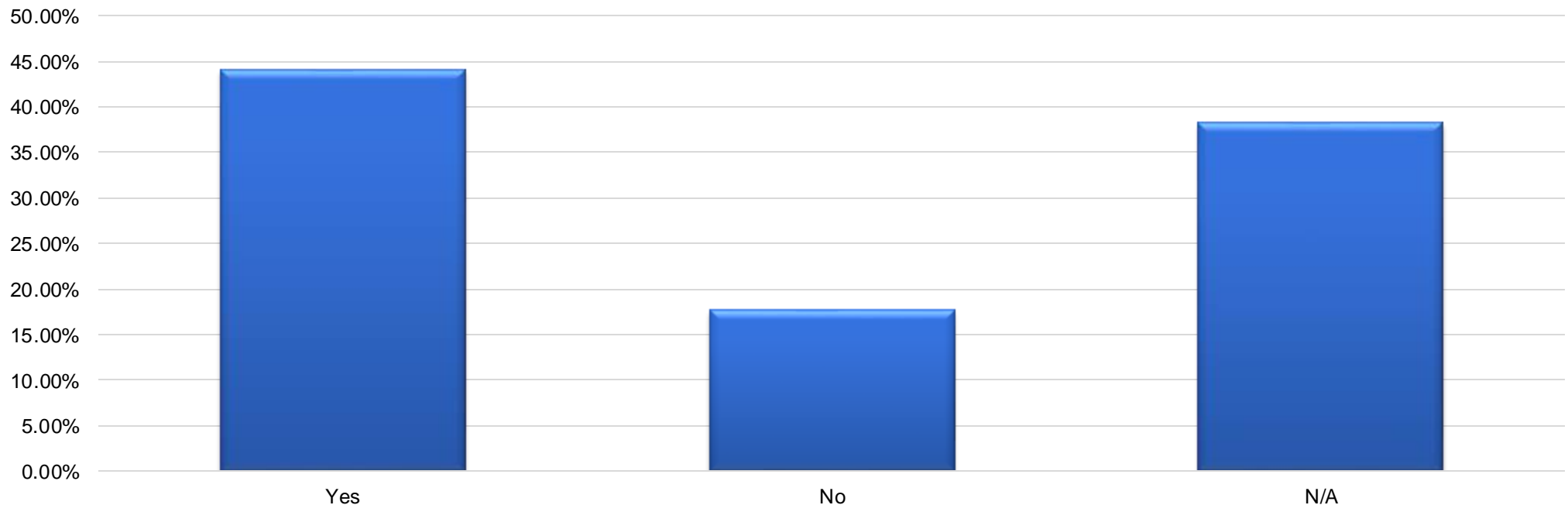
- We are unable to do morning sessions at this facility so swimmers will always need to take kit home with them after morning training. The facility shuts during some school holidays so we have to rearrange squads to provide some time for all during holiday periods
- It is entirely looked after by the volunteer members of the club to the best of our ability
- Recent adjacent housing developments have made the ground less attractive and imposed the need to install safety netting.
- Sidmouth Tennis Club is a section of Sidmouth Cricket, Tennis and Croquet Club, and as such is responsible to the main SCTC committee
- Excellent venue for community use. Easy access and parking.
- Resurfacing of the floor in the indoor sports hall is long overdue - it is overly slippery (due to being worn) and damage to the surface has been repaired quite roughly in places. The sports hall roof leaks whenever there is heavy rainfall and pigeons keep getting into the hall via holes in the roof. Despite these issues, it is the best and most affordable venue for our sport.
- We are unable to rent out the ground to other clubs without permission from the national trust.
- We have lots of junior cricketers in summer including girls , not enough facilities for the girls changing rooms and equipment especially
- It is our own facility that we rent and have worked hard to acquire in a relatively short time.
- The club has outgrown the facility as membership increases, especially playing membership
- We have no suitable outdoor or indoor courts in Sidmouth to run our netball club. The indoor courts at St John's are inadequate and the outdoor courts in St John's and Sidmouth College have poor surfaces and are not floodlit - making them unusable for most of the netball calendar. The only indoor court available in the whole of Sidmouth is run by LED and is fully booked without any ability to be added to a waiting list. The only time our club has been offered court time was 9pm on a Sunday which is totally inadequate for any of our junior members. The facilities in Sidmouth are so poor that our 3 ladies teams cannot train at all as there is no court availability. They can only play matches.
- The cricket field is also used by the village primary school for their sports facility
- Honiton Gymnastics Club requires a larger (and permanent) facility, so that Honiton Gymnastics Club can continue to operate a purpose-built/renovated community gymnastics centre. We have viewed the following facility and are keen to purchase it: <https://peppercommercial.co.uk/property/trade-counter-warehouse-heathpark-honiton-ex14-1se/> This is based on a successful existing business model and sound additional research surrounding the need for a centre that can cater for more people. Our project is supported by Sport England and British Gymnastics . This would fulfil multiple objectives, including:
 1. Providing a training space for 1,000 gymnasts per week
 2. Providing employment opportunities for 50+ members of sports coaching staff (10 FTEs)
 3. Providing training space/studios for several clubs from other sports and activities
 4. Providing a meeting place for community sports clubs and other community, in the pursuit of a healthy, safe, strong and sustainable community
 5. Providing a high-quality, well-resourced world-class training facility that will enable local and regional children to reach their potential in acrobatic gymnastics (<https://bit.ly/2Julots>)
 6. Provide high-quality fun, soft-play recreational equipment for young children We have a full business plan, including a five-year financial forecast and six figures in reserves.
- Our Lease with EDDC forbids the use of the Pitches for any sport other than Cricket

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- Excellent playing facilities; pavilion badly needs updating
- A friendly well run club
- we have limited pool time, at a very expensive rate, if pool time was cheaper we could pay more coaches to train the members better
- We are training at a privately run school without any long term security of venue booking. If the school decided to withdraw its support our club would close immediately as there are no other facilities available in the town. The only outdoor courts are at sidmouth college and have no lighting and a very poor surface. LED sports hall is fully booked by other clubs with historic agreements.
- In the winter evenings access is problematic because of the very sparse lighting to our club - often this is not working at all

If your sports club operates the facility at which it plays, do you offer pay and play opportunities for non-members?



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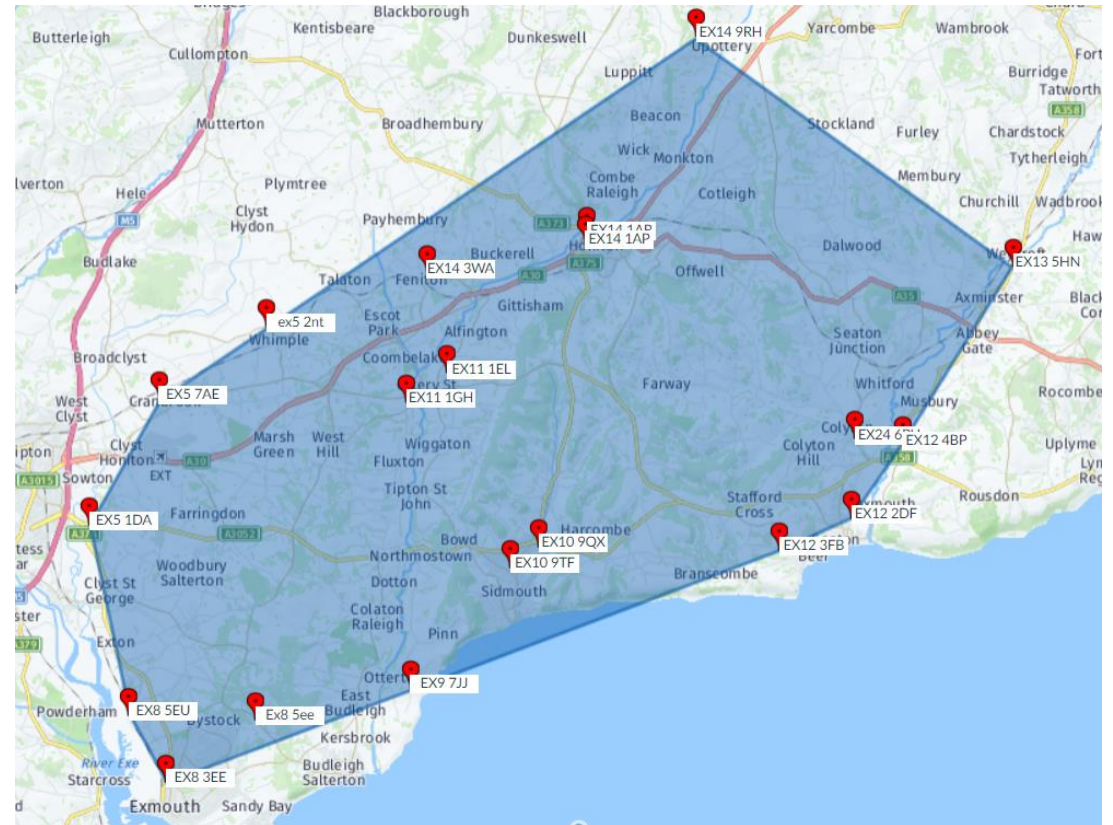
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FOOTBALL CLUBS:

Responding Clubs:

- Acland Park
- Boshill Cross Ground
- Byes Lane
- Cliff Field
- Clyst Valley
- Colyford Road
- Glebe Park
- Ingrams
- King George V Southern Road
- Knowle Cross Recreation Ground
- Manstone Recreation Ground
- Mountbatten Park Sports Ground
- Peace Memorial Field
- Peace Memorial Playing Fields
- Seaton Town
- St Rita's
- Stantyway Playing Fields
- The Furzebrake
- The Kings School Field
- Tiger Way
- Washbrook Meadows
- Withycombe Raleigh Common Pitches

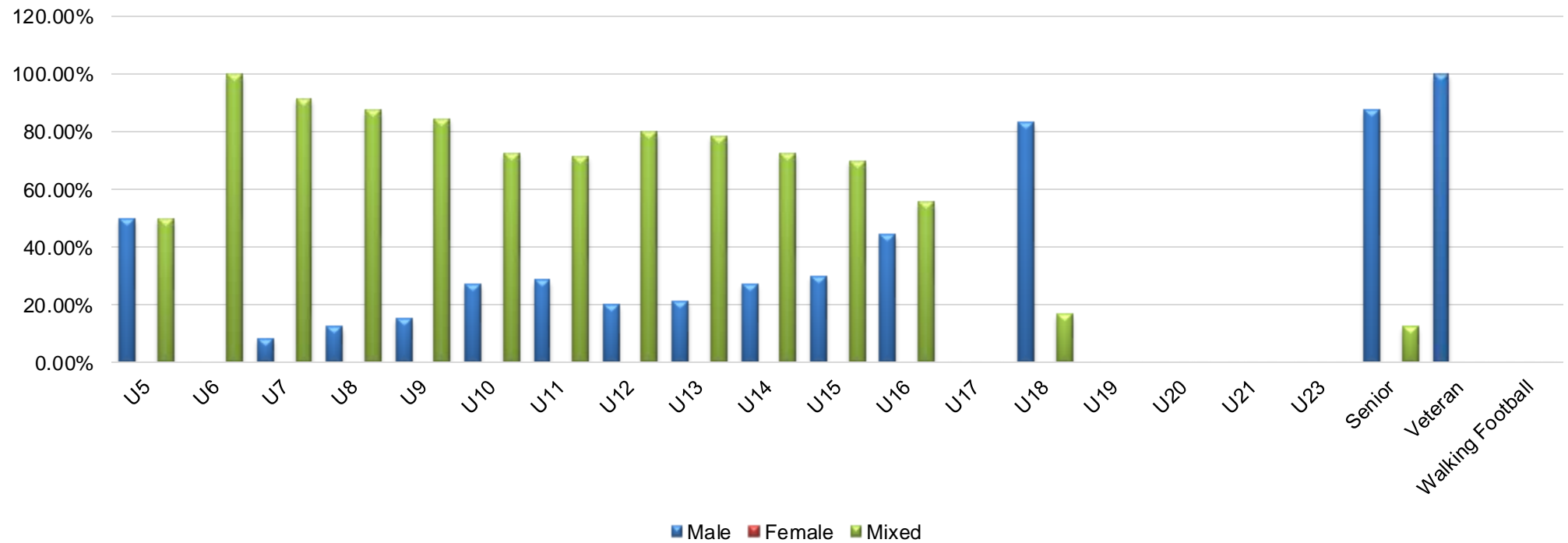
Distribution of home grounds:



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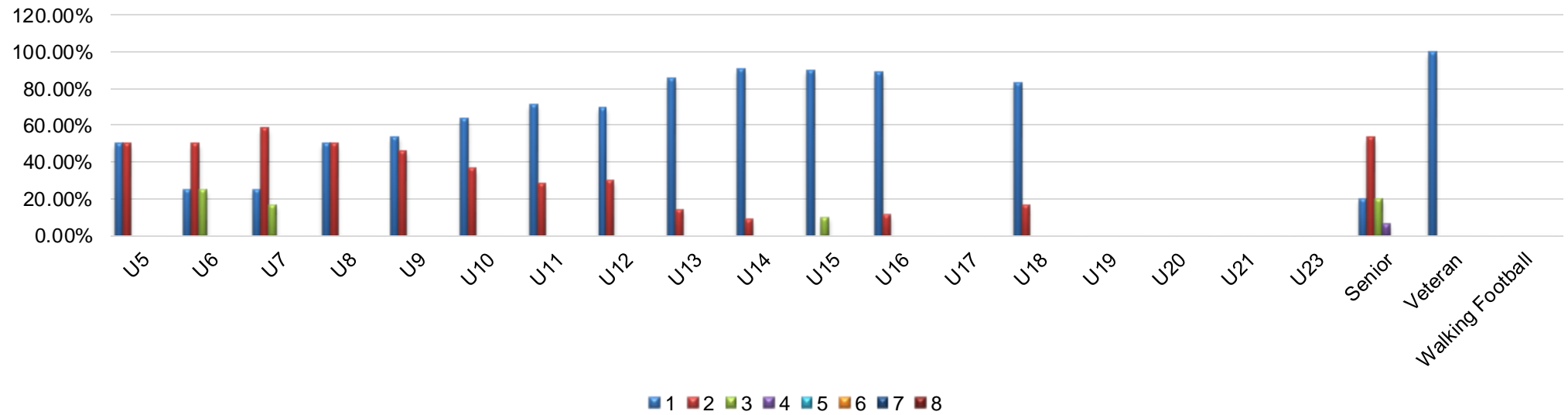
Please complete the following table for each team and all types of play:

Gender:



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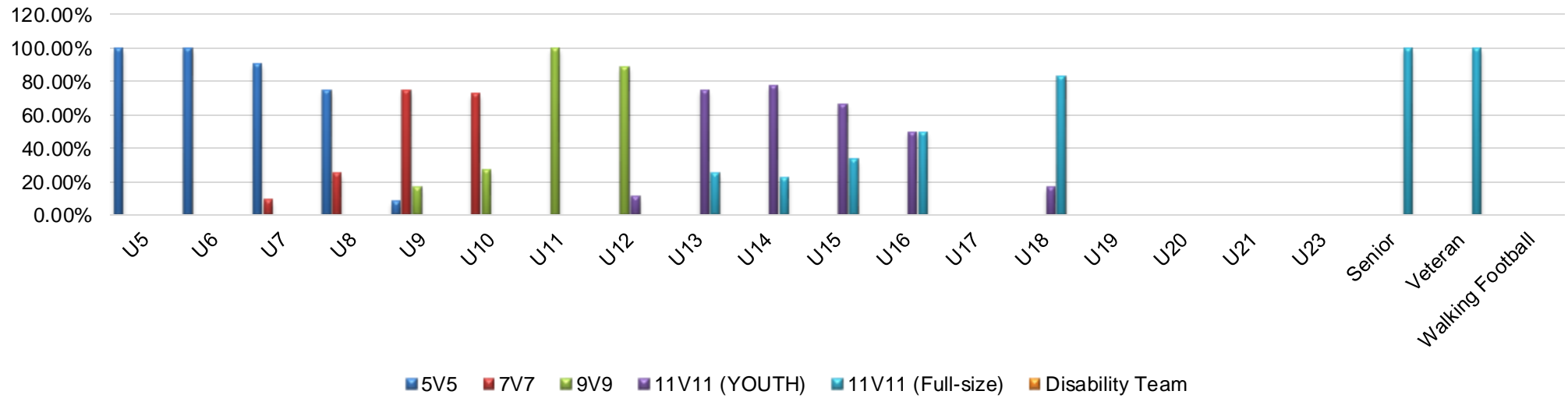
Number of teams in this age group



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Format



Type of play

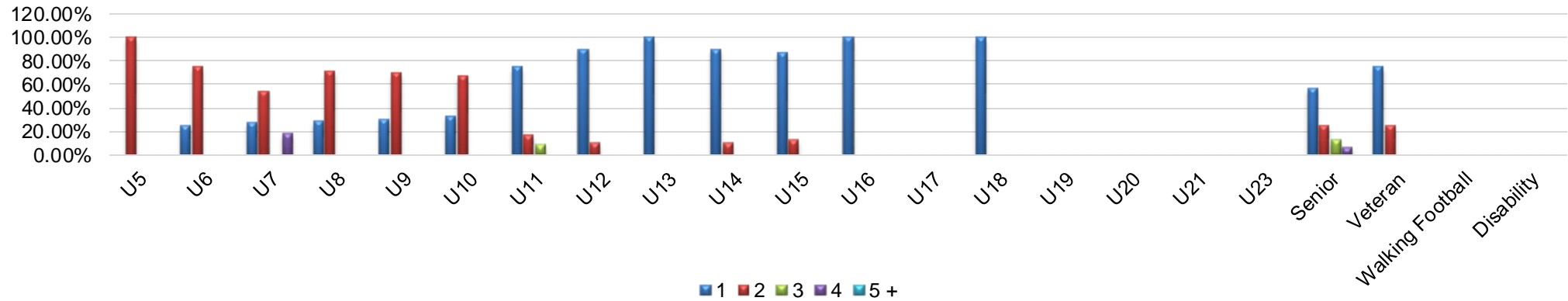


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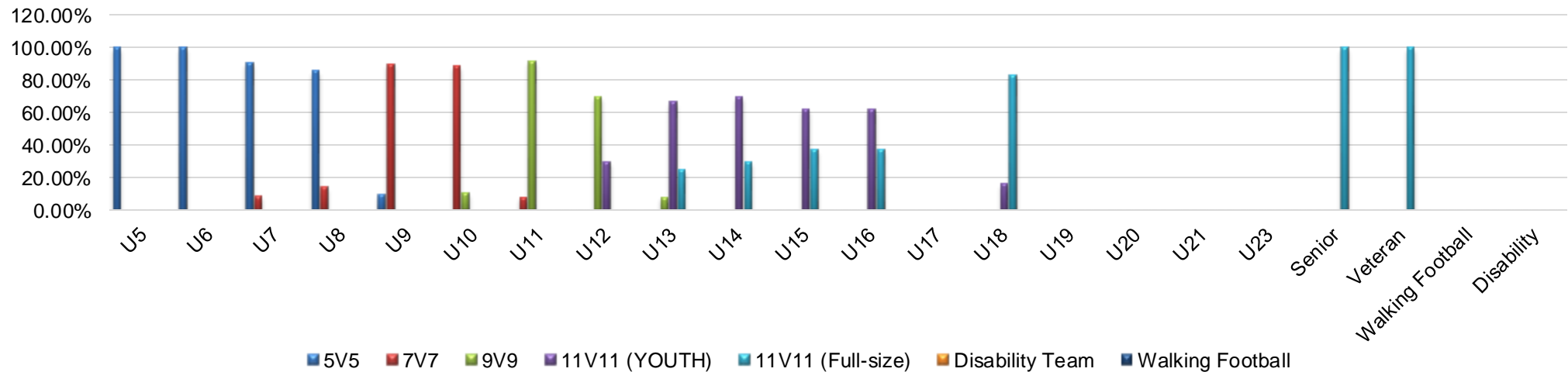
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Please indicate the number of pitches used and the pitch size on your home ground:

No of Pitches used



Pitch size

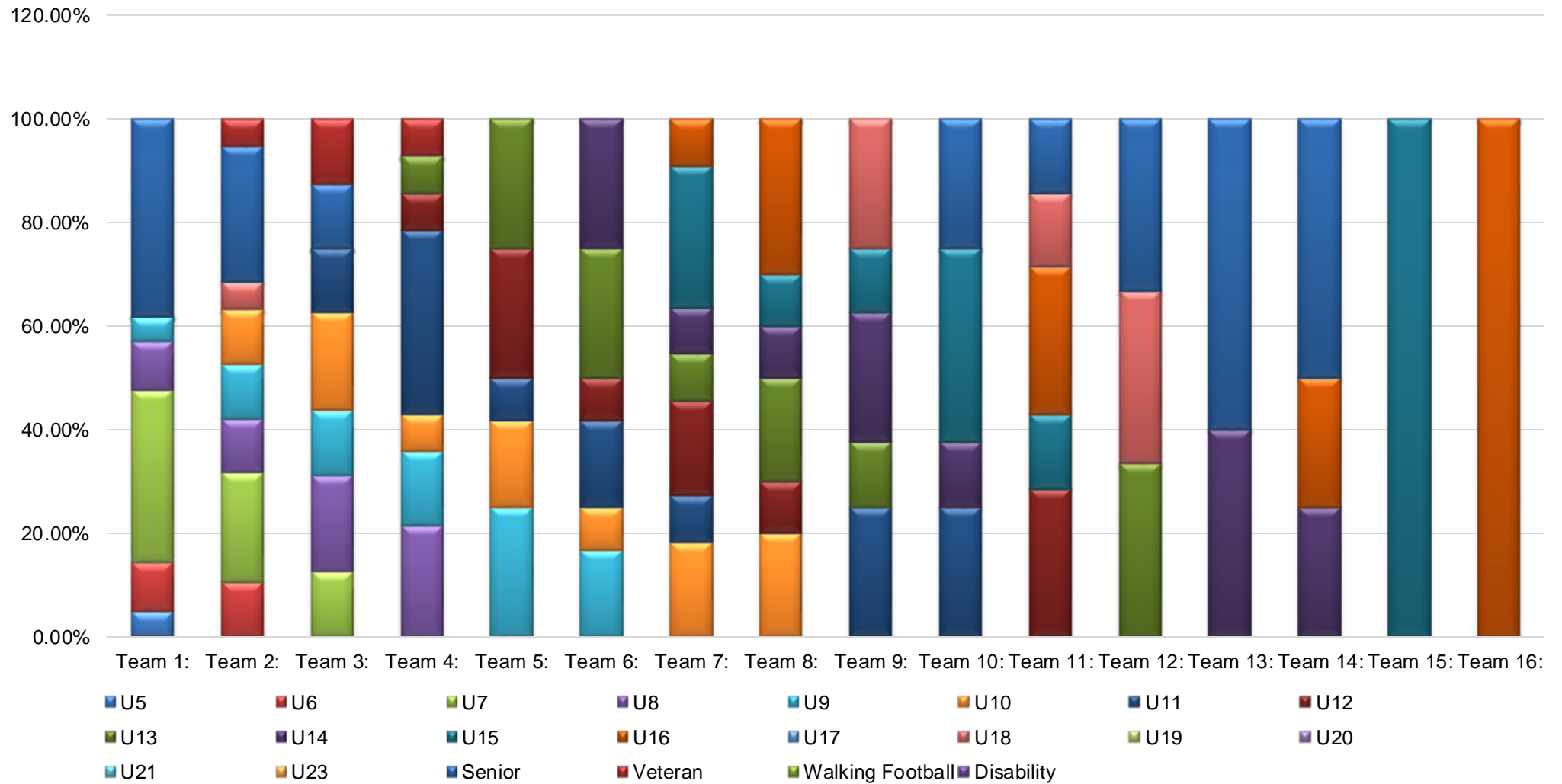


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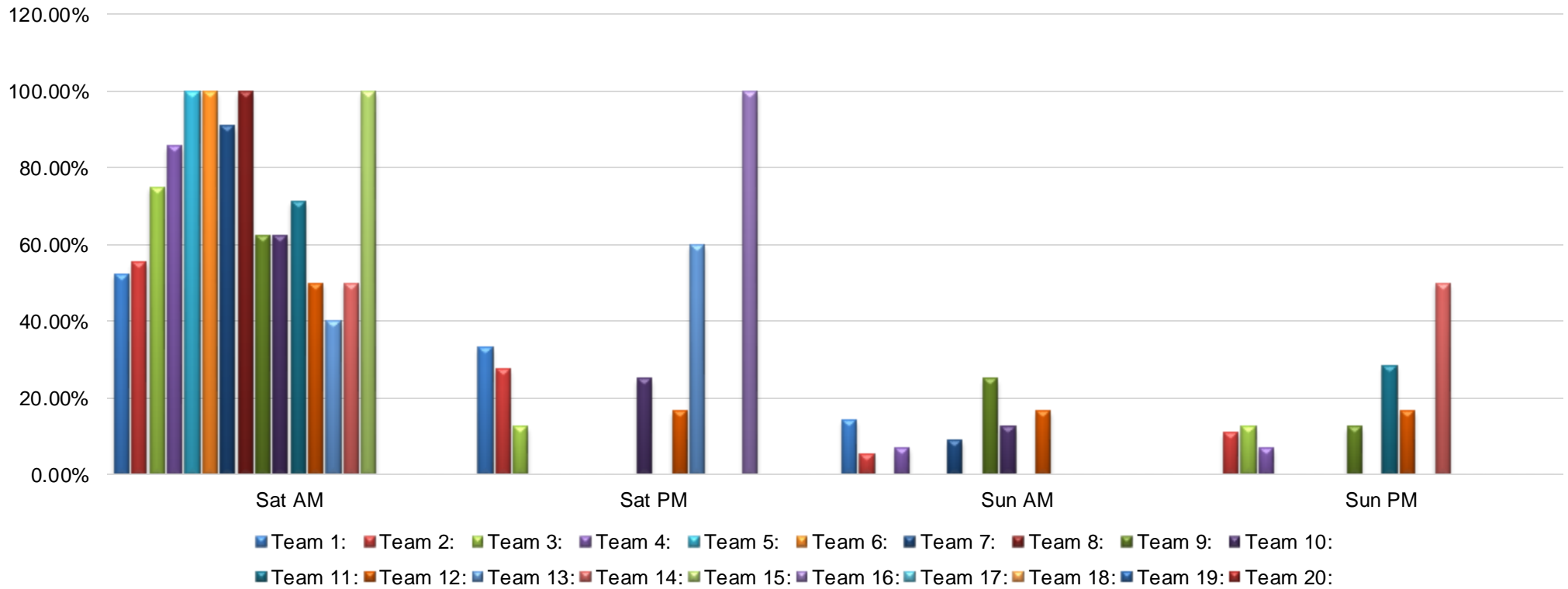
Please indicate the competition playing times for each team:

Team Type:



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Playing Times:



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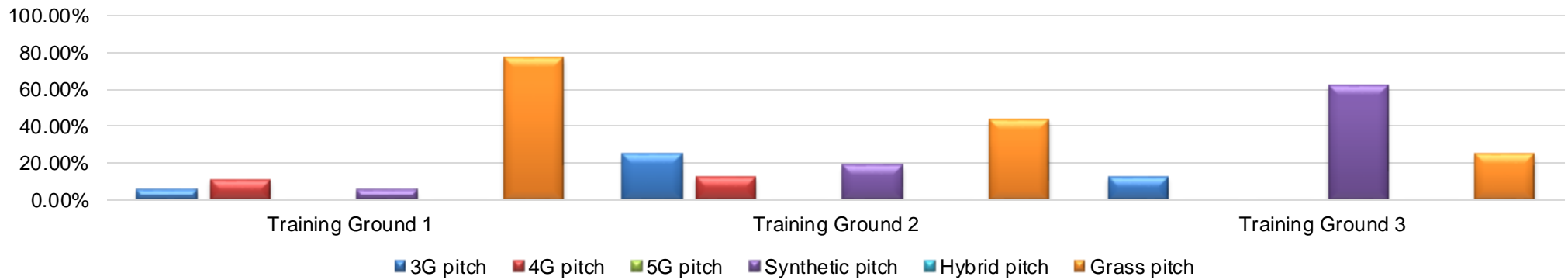
Address of Training ground (s):

Training Ground 1 Address and Postcode (in full e.g. EX11 1AB):	Training Ground 2 Address and Postcode (in full e.g. EX11 1AB):	Training Ground 3 Address and Postcode (in full e.g. EX11 1AB):
Kings school field EX11 1GH	West hill school, Beech park EX11 1UG	
Colyton LED, EX24 6GB	Axminster LED - EX13 5AZ	
EX14 3WA	EX11 1QZ	
AUFC, Boshill Cross Ground, Musbury Road, Axmouth, EX12 4BP	LED Colyton Leisure Centre, Stafford Ln, Colyford, Colyton, EX24 6GB	
Peace Memorial Playing Fields, Coly Road, Colyton, Devon, EX24 6PU	Chantry Bridge, King Street EX24 6LD	Colyton LED, Colyford, Colyton EX24 6HN
St Rita's EX14 1AP	LED Leisure, Colyton EX24 6GB	LED Leisure, Honiton EX14 1QW
Exmouth Community College, Exmouth. EX8 3AF-EX5 7AE	Exmouth Community College, Exmouth. EX8 3AF- 3G	Exmouth Community College, Exmouth. EX8 3AF-
Axminster sports facility EX13 5AZ	The Furzebrake EX12 3FB	
Clyst Valley AFC EX5 1DA	Clyst St Mary Village Hall Field	ISCA School all weather pitch
St John's School Sidmouth EX10 8RG	LED Ottery leisure centre, Cadhay lane EX11 1QW	
Manstone Recreation Ground, Manstone Lane, Sidmouth, EX10 9TF	Colyton Astro pitch, Stafford Ln, Colyford, Colyton EX24 6GB	Ottery Sports Centre, Cadhay Ln, Ottery St Mary, Ottery Saint Mary EX11 1QW
Cliff Fiel, Lympstone Villaga. EX8 5EU	Candy's field, School hill, Lympstone Village EX8 5JY	St Peters School Harefield . Lympstone . Devon . EX8 5AU
EX12 2DF	EX12 2DJ	
EX14 9RH	EX13 5AZ	
Stantyway Playing Fields EX9 7JJ		
Washbrook Meadows, Butts Rd, EX11 1EL	LED Leisure Astro, Colin Tooze	Cranbrook 3G
	Axminster Community College, Lyme Road, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5EA	Axminster FC, Tiger Way, Chard Road, Axminster EX13 5HN

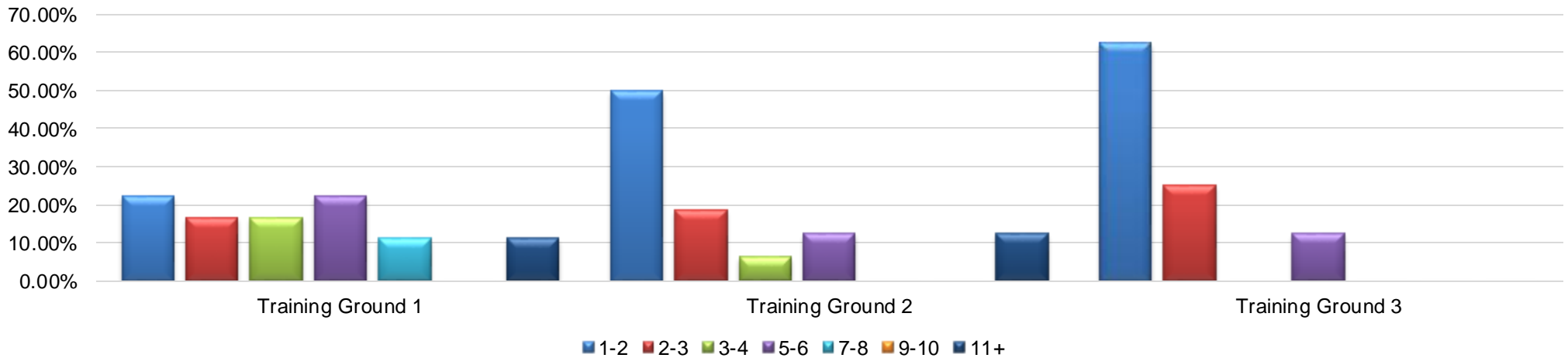
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Concerning your training ground (s), please indicate the pitch type and the length of weekly use:

Facility type



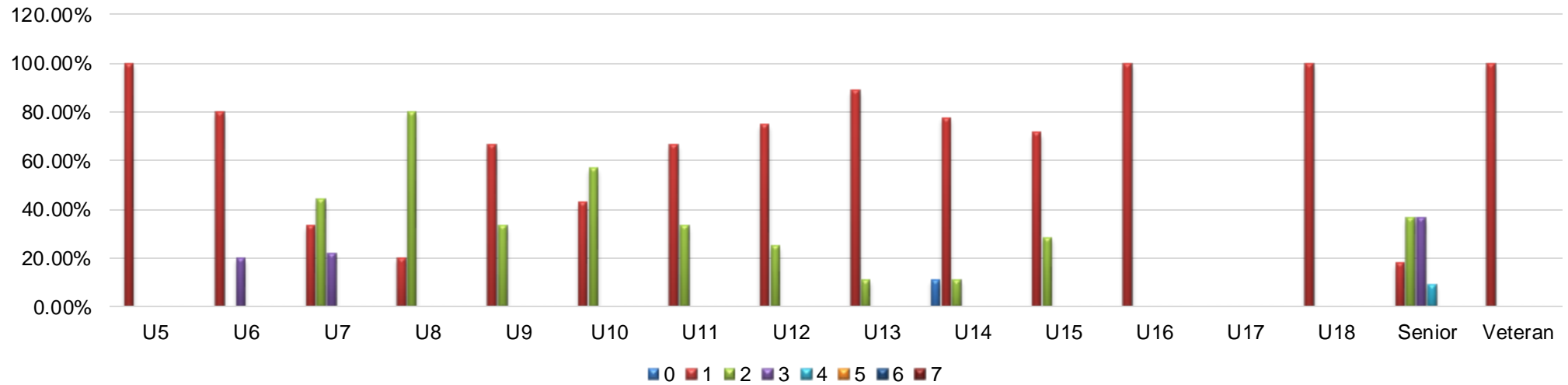
Use per week (hours)



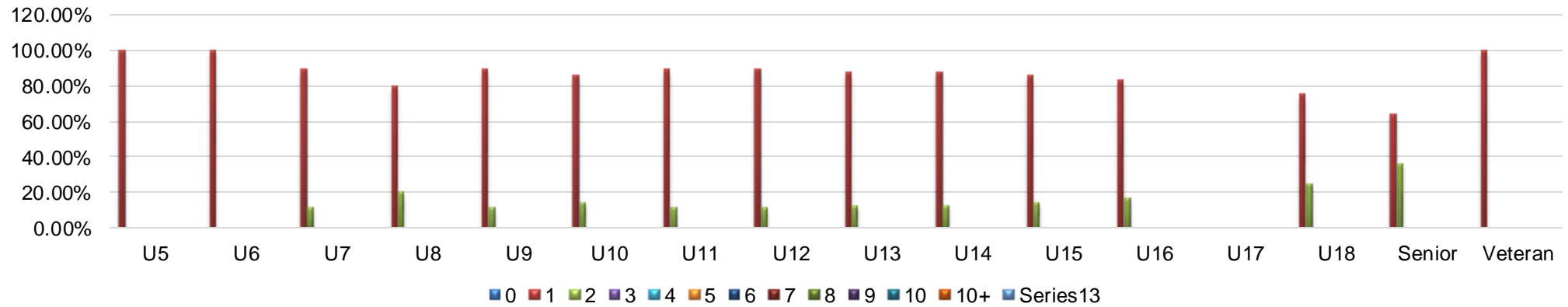
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Concerning WINTER training, please indicate the extent of training for each team type:

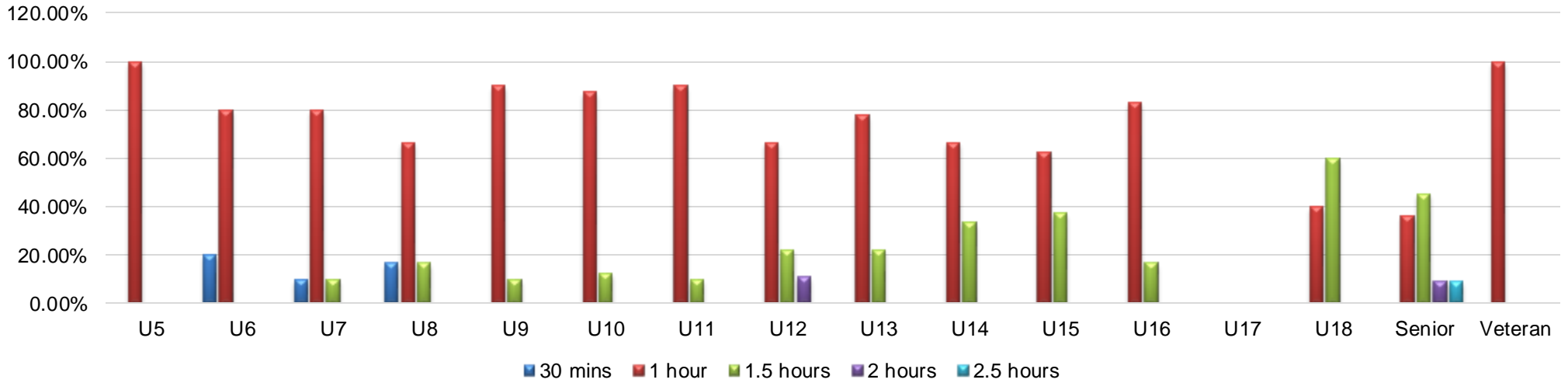


Number of Sessions

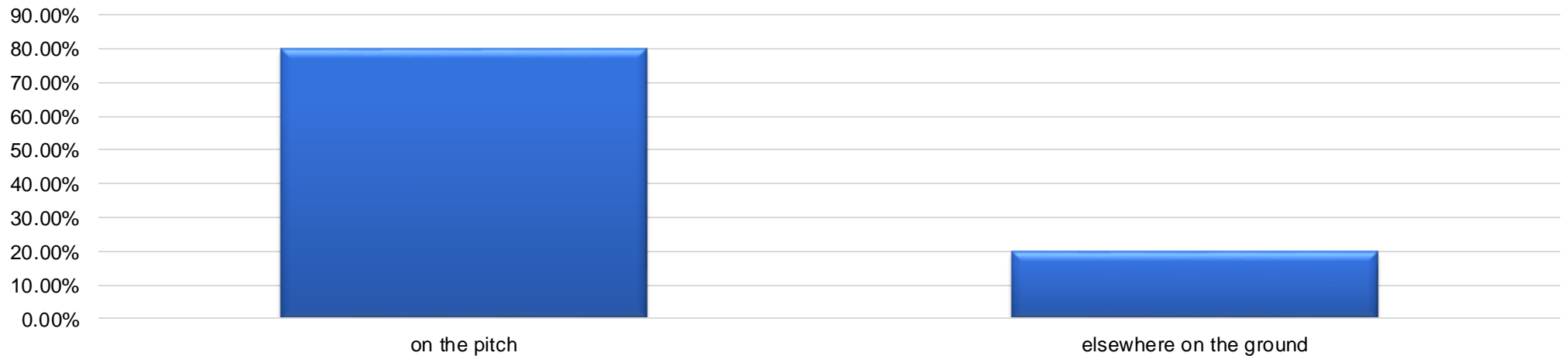


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Length of sessions

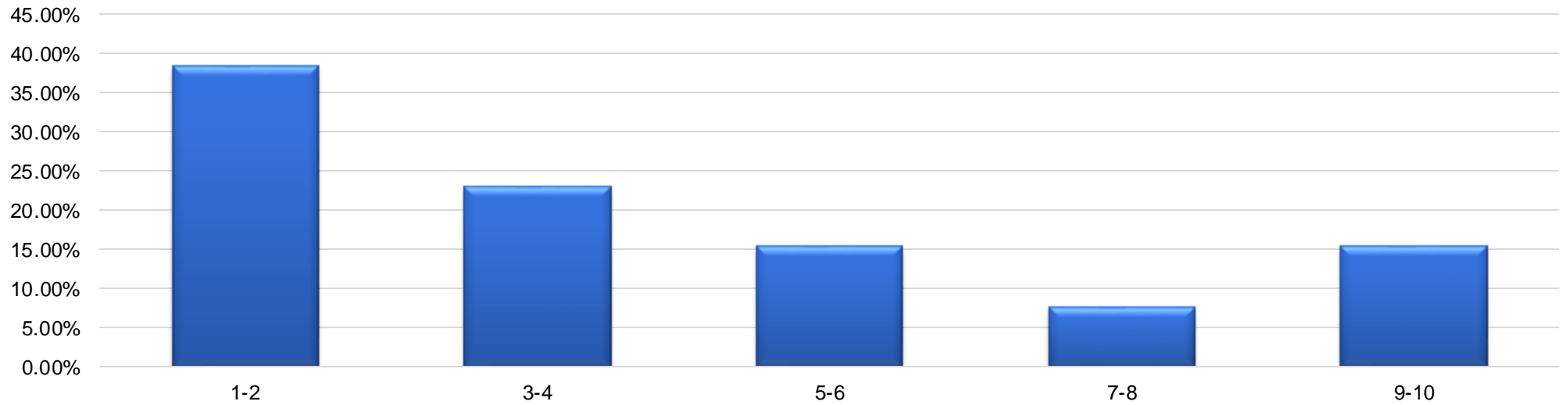


If you stated that some of your teams train at the same facility as where you play competitive (league) games; does training take place

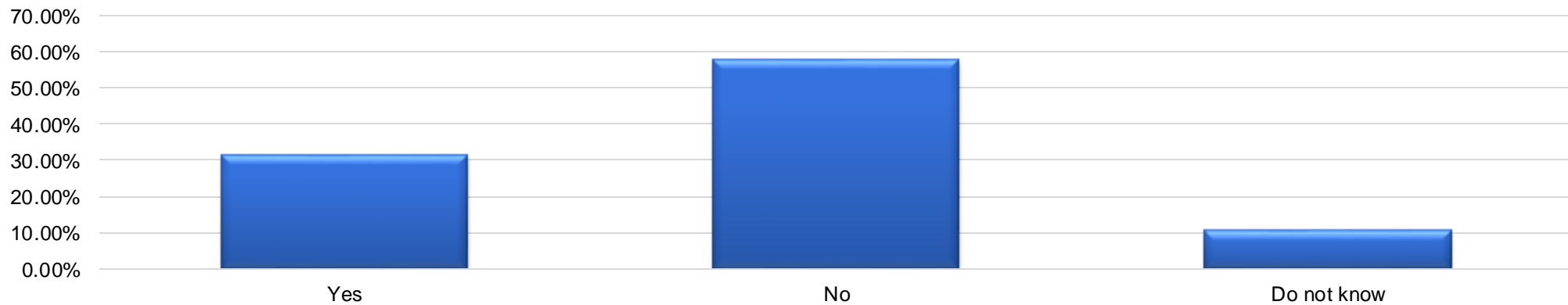


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If training takes place on the pitch(es), please indicate how many hours of training takes place each week:

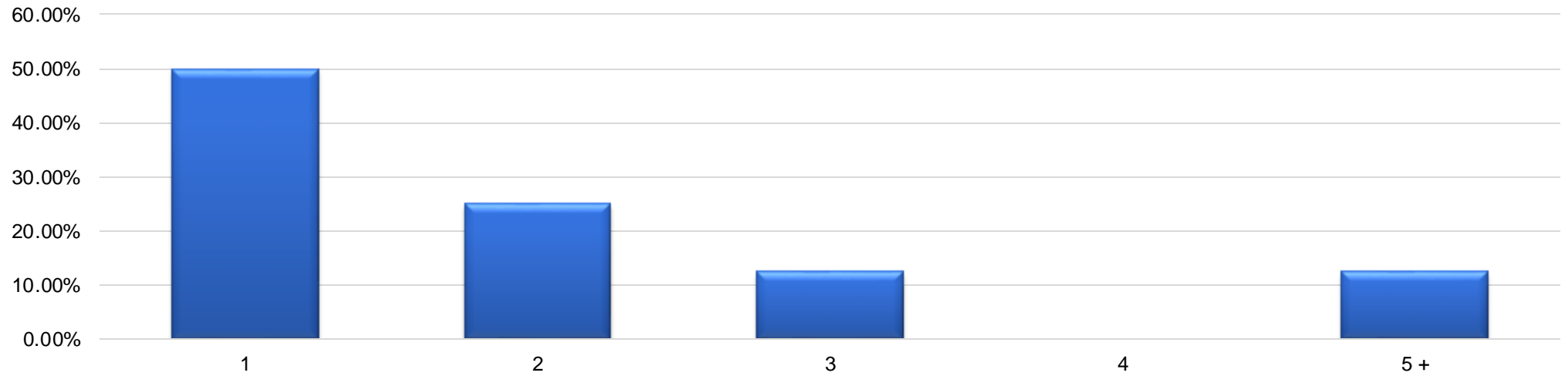


Are the pitches used for any other informal use per week?



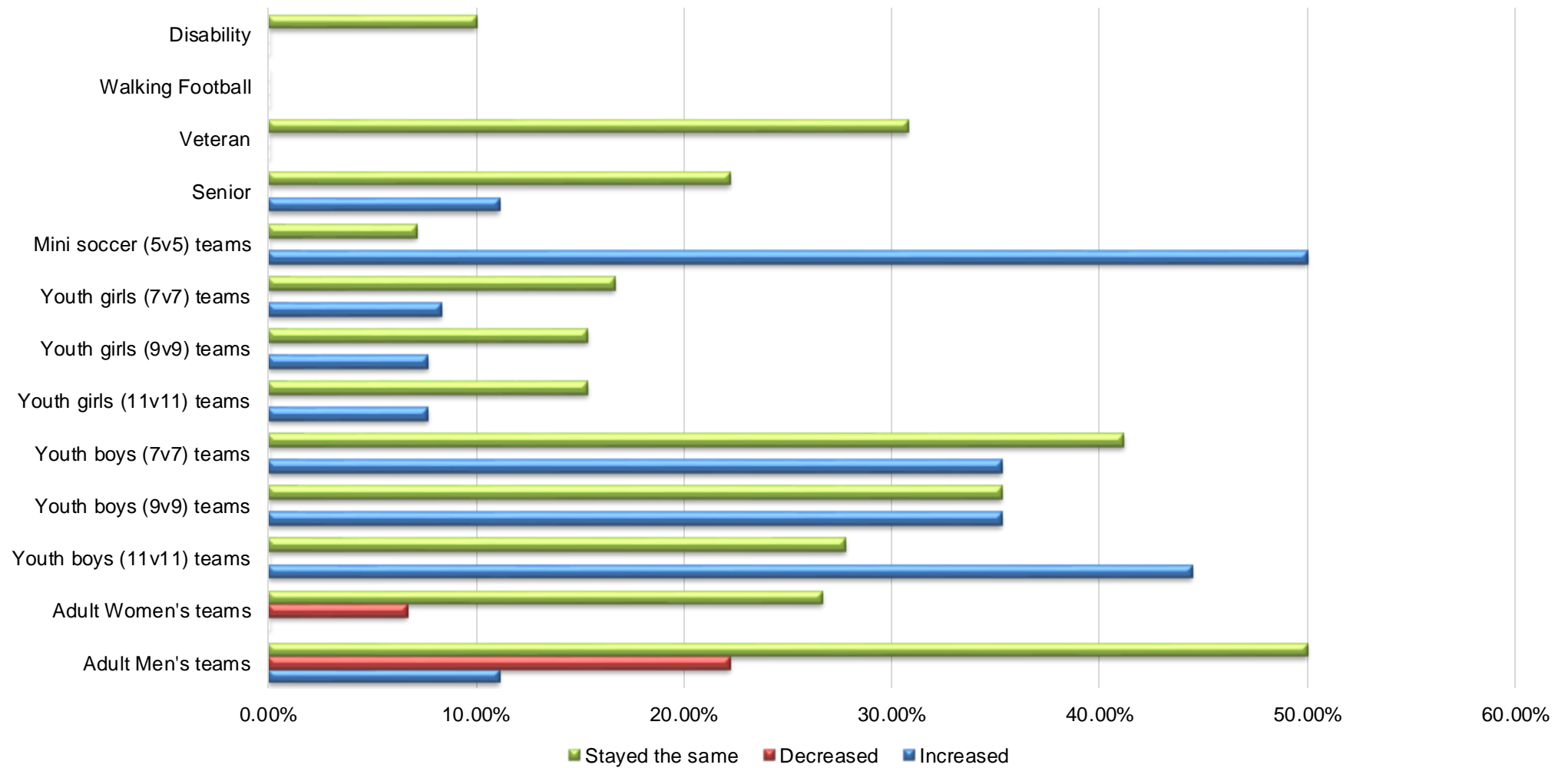
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Please indicate how many informal sessions there are per week - using one session as 90 mins



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In the previous three seasons has the number of teams in your club:



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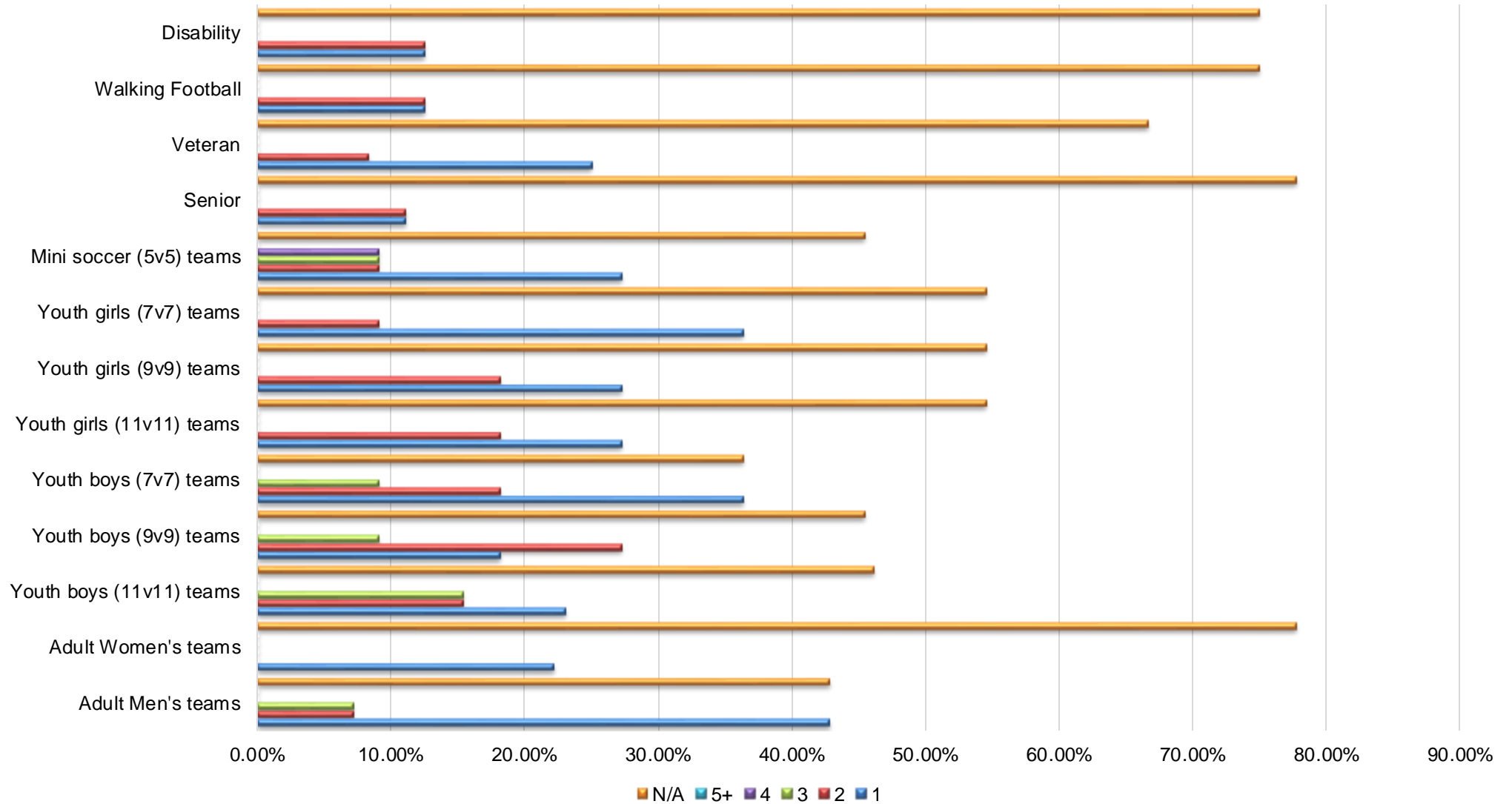
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Additional comments included:

- Under 6's and under 7's as well as under 18's started
- We have two pitches but found that we could not accommodate 2 teams on the same pitch so withdrew our 3rd team.
- Decrease by one team at U13, Increase by one team at U15
- Increased youth membership due to interest and growth of town. Lack of Pitch availability means although squads have grown many of these players can only attend training sessions.
- Increase in 9v9 due to increasing from one team to two.
- We have formed a new junior section starting with two teams for U7's though there are 24 regular attendees
- The numbers have increased at all age groups, from 13 to 15 teams last year and will increase again next year as we lose one team and gain 2.
- This season our senior 4th team was withdrawn from the league due to lack of numbers to fulfil all fixtures. However we expect the team to restart from next season as we have since signed many more players. 3 years ago we started a senior women's team but when it came to playing matches there was not enough interest in this. They were new to the sport and simply wanted to train. A lack of adequate training facilities was a factor in the decision to withdraw. We would love to restart the team in the future if further facilities in the Town were available.
- ONE of our adult teams folded due to COVID but will be reinstated next season.
- Increase in youth football with mixed teams from U6. Reason being having a coach in place that stays with the team all through to adult football, majority of the time it is a parent of a player in that team

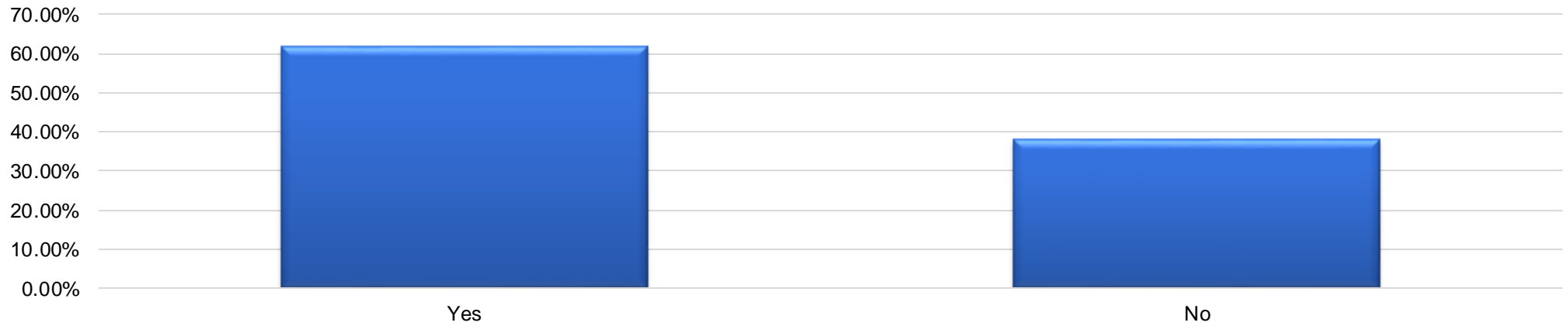
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If you have realistic plans to increase the number of teams at your club in the next three seasons, please indicate how many more (i.e. two teams):

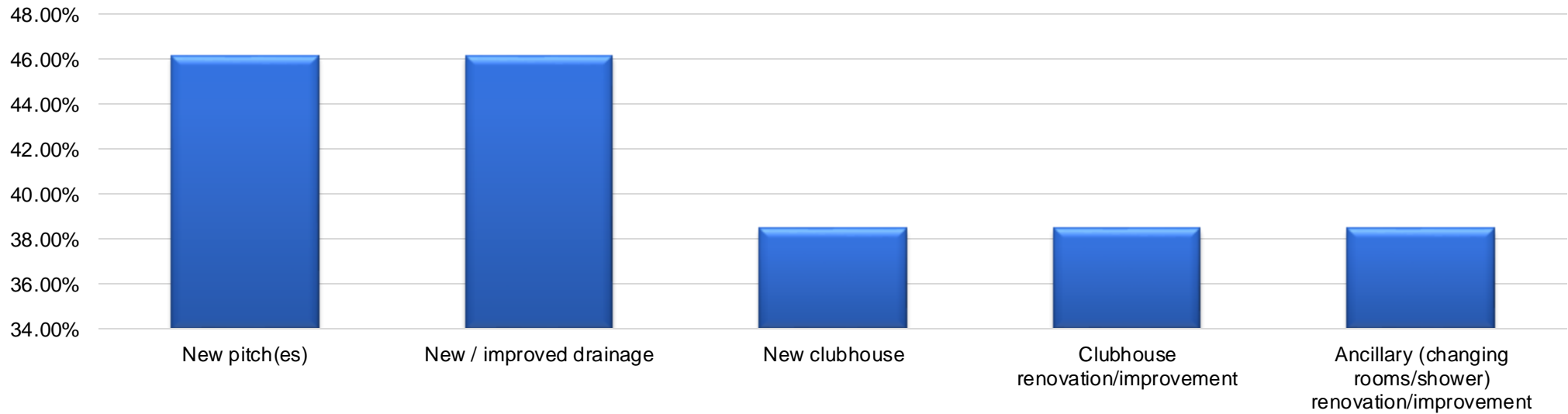


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Does the Club have any facility/pitch development plans (e.g., new pitch, drainage, clubhouse etc)?

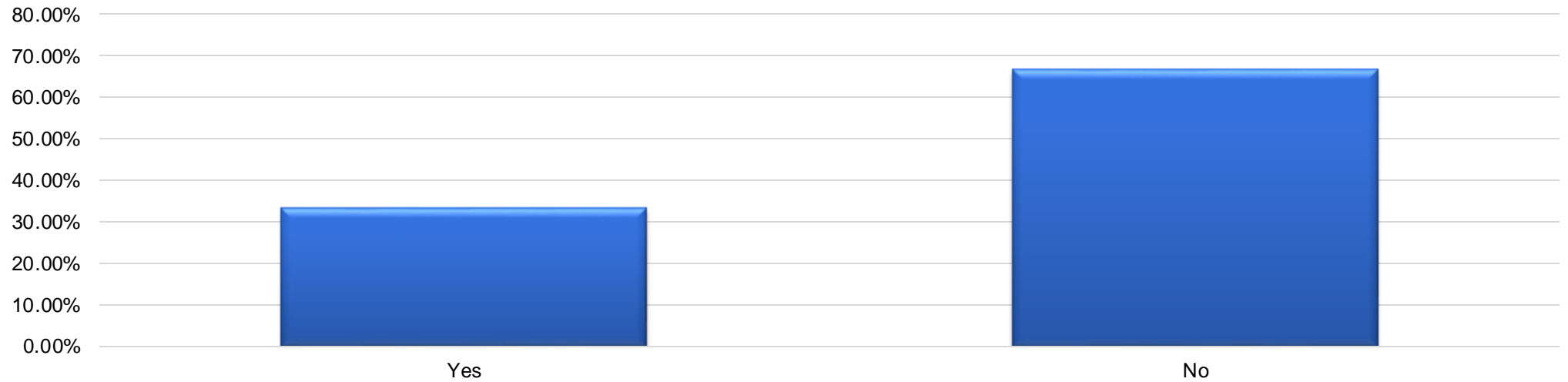


If yes, please give details:

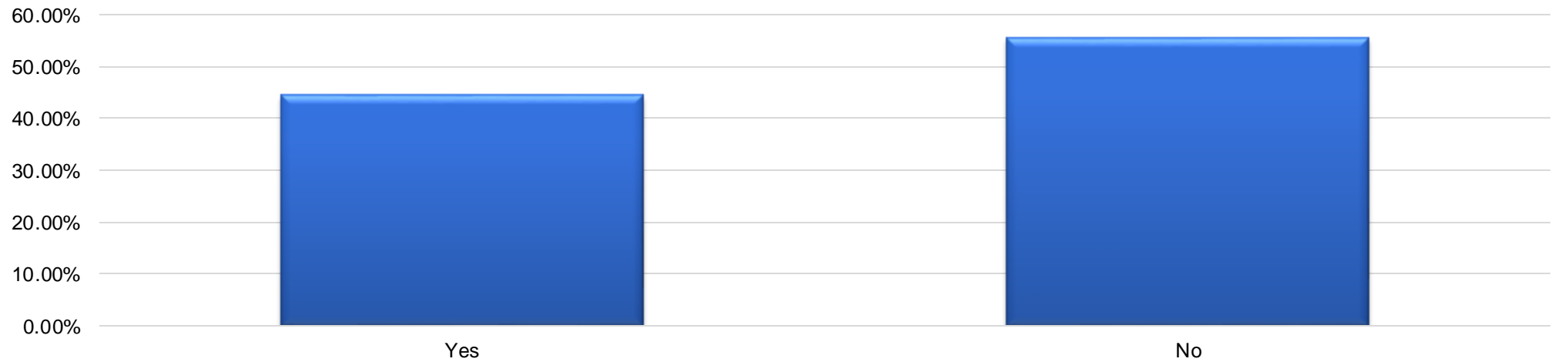


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Has funding been secured for this development?



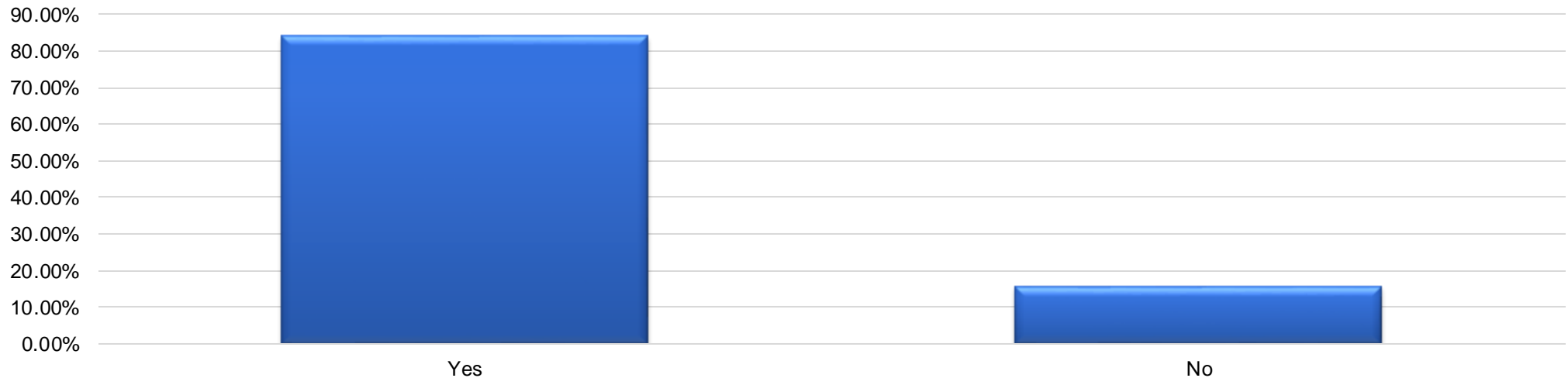
Do you have any current unmet demand for match-play?



If, Yes what is the nature of this demand (e.g. age group) and what pitch provision is required to meet it?

- We don't have pitches that are playable in December or January at all. We don't have enough space to play or train. We don't have a club house at all and there is no additional access to Astro training. The grass school pitches are overused even though we can't train on them hardly in the winter due to poor drainage
- We require additional pitches at all sizes and age groups in order to meet demand from current membership. It is calculated that we need to at least double our current facility.
- Drainage is an issue at the moment. Water logged pitch
- We have demand right across the board but currently not the grounds to provide the opportunity. However the possible grounds are available but this is all waiting on planning approval from EDDC.
- Our 13's 14's 15's and 16's are 5 teams sharing 3 pitches.
- As we only have one pitch under our control at the club and this is played on at least once a week, we often find that our veteran's matches on a Sunday (after the previous day's game) needs to find an alternative venue. Although the Sidford pitches are often available to book, these too are often out of action due to the previous day's matches from both senior and junior teams.
- We don't have our own facility, we hire pitches from schools, local councils and the Royal marines. This has become a major problem with the lack of facility's in East Devon (LYMPSTONE VILLAGE). We currently use a meadow grass field form the NT. for most of our playing, with NO changing rooms or toilets. "
- We often have to double up on the number of teams using a pitch with staggered kick offs etc

Do you have any current demand for additional training facilities?



If, Yes what is the nature of this demand (e.g. age group) and what type of facilities would be required to meet it (e.g. grass pitch, 3G artificial grass pitch etc)?

- We need better drainage in the school pitches but want a field back in our own village that we could develop for the club to give us enough space to train. We don't even have a single toilet at either venue
- We have to travel to Axminster or Colyton to get an outside pitch, during the Winter period.
- Cost of current 3G training over £300 per week. Would like our own facilities to save this cost
- Winter : Colyton LED Astro is needing replacing, unable to secure any other facility due to other clubs securing venues. Summer: Memorial Peace gets water logged frequently meaning postponement of games.
- No toilets, parking or disabled access at current venue - needs to be addressed for basic welfare and equality needs. Current training requirements contributes to overuse of grass pitches together with excessive travel to use commercial facilities. Dedicated training area on club facility or more local (at cost effective) commercial training

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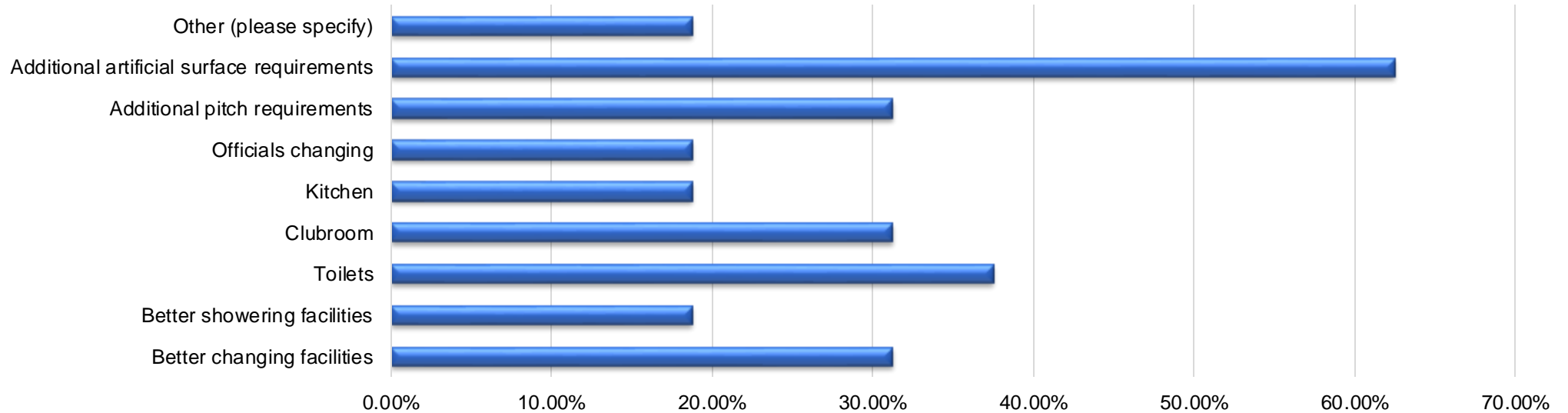
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- Walking football and youth. But our 2 mens teams have such an impact in the pitch we can't have anymore playing on it
- The pitch vets waterlogged in the winter months, so we have to train at places where we have to pay as a club we have brought flood lights but get frustrated the pitch isn't maintained properly through the winter
- Long term we would like to provide a 4G facility at the home pitch area , to avoid travel to Axminster for 'winter' training.
- Ideally 3G training pitches would be preferred.
- We would like to offer all of our age groups a one hour winter training session on Astro under lights
- Sidmouth has never had a full sized artificial floodlit pitch, let alone 3G surface. This is a massive hinderance to both us and the Junior Vikings. Training sessions for all senior teams have to be arranged at both Ottery (1st team) and Colyton (2nds/3rd team) and cost the club approximately £100 each week to use. These pitches are also very well used by others and consequentially we have to use Colyton at the late time of 8-9pm each week which is sub optimal to say the least (too late and not long enough).
- As we don't have our own pitches in Lympstone Village we are in desperate need of a sports facility, grass pitches, club house/changing rooms. During the winter months we were using the astro pitch at CTCRM this has now gone! so we hire floodlit facility's from schools & colleges but these are in high demand, so we need a 3G floodlit training facility.
- All youth. The local LED astroturf is in a poor state. When it's cold it's dangerously slippery
- Some sort of affordable pitch rental for training in Exmouth would be great. Floodlights a massive bonus.
- There are not enough sessions available on our local artificial surfaces so some training sessions have to take place on grass
- Demand for senior training and youth training within two years, mainly winter training (3G) and grass pitches to play on.

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What facilities would be required?



Of the clubs that responded 'other', the details below were given:

- We are a successful club and have nothing
- A floodlit full sized all weather pitch is all we need although we would only be able to schedule league matches on a 3G surface (astro would be sufficient for training though).
- All of the above, as we have none
- Additional grass pitch for U6 - U10

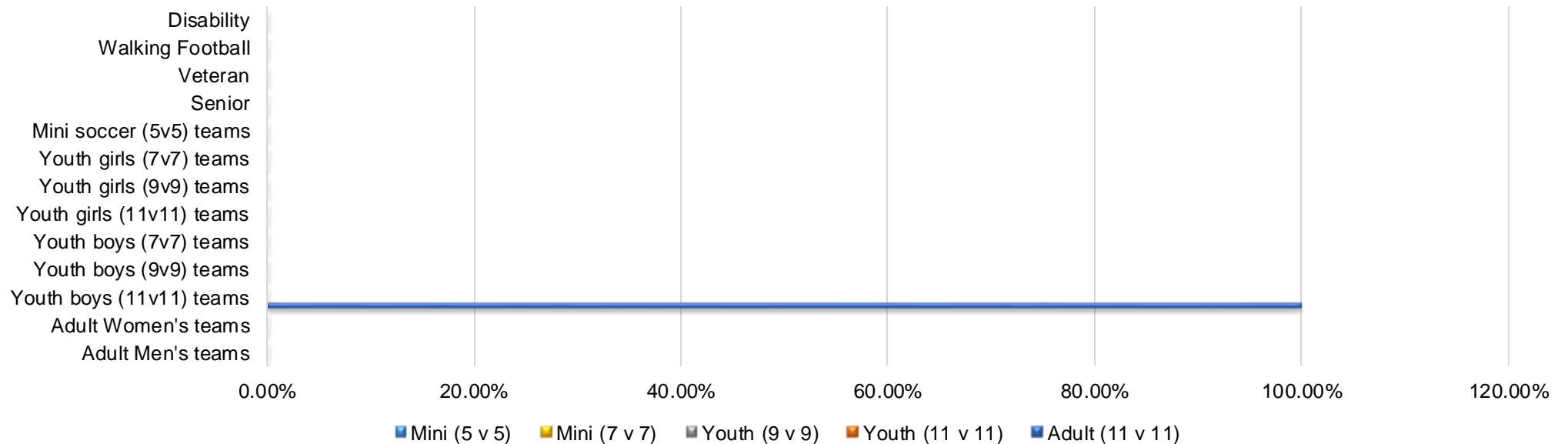
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Do all of your teams play on pitches of the appropriate size for their age group?



If no, please state the nature of the teams and the unappropriated pitch size they use instead:

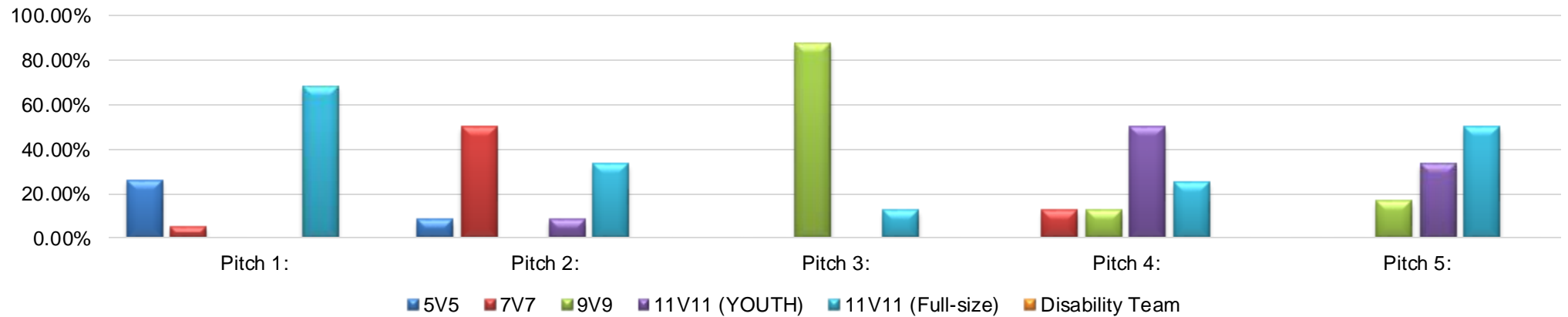
Inappropriate pitch size



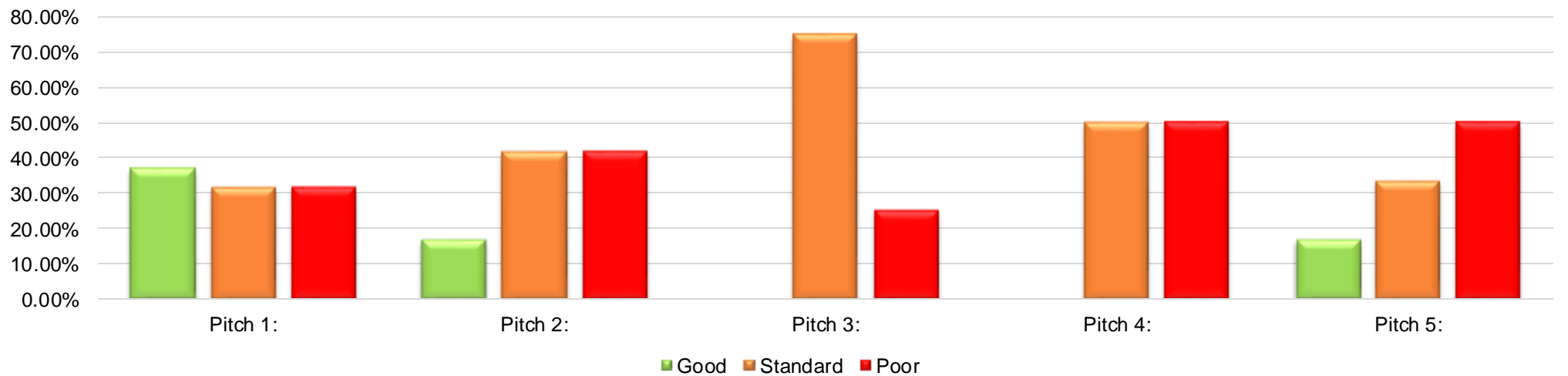
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Please list the name and type of pitch played on (home games only), rating each pitch in relation to overall quality throughout the season:

Pitch size



Quality Rating



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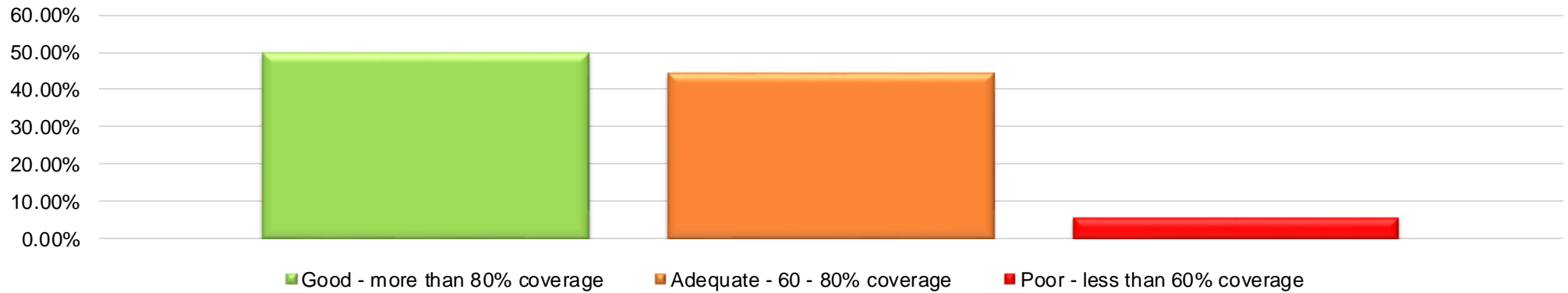
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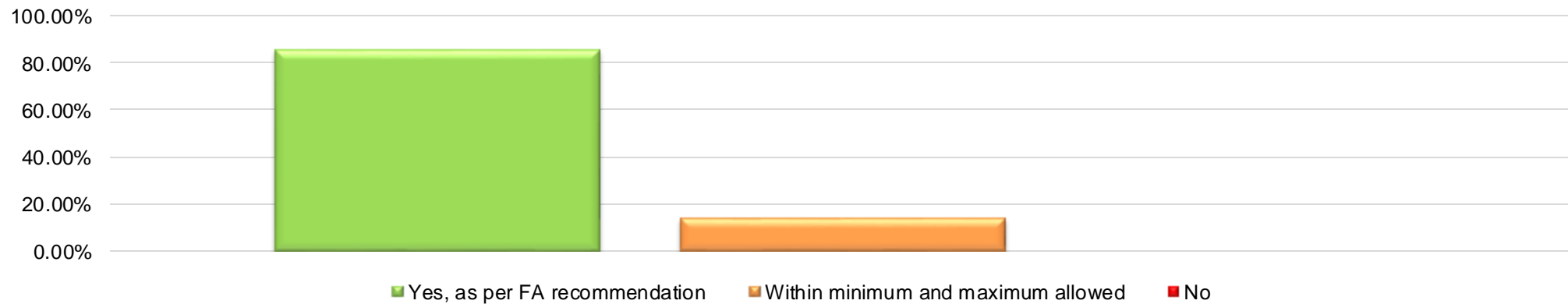
Of the 19 clubs that responded to this question, all 19 indicated the pitch type was 'grass'.

Pitch Issues:

Grass Coverage

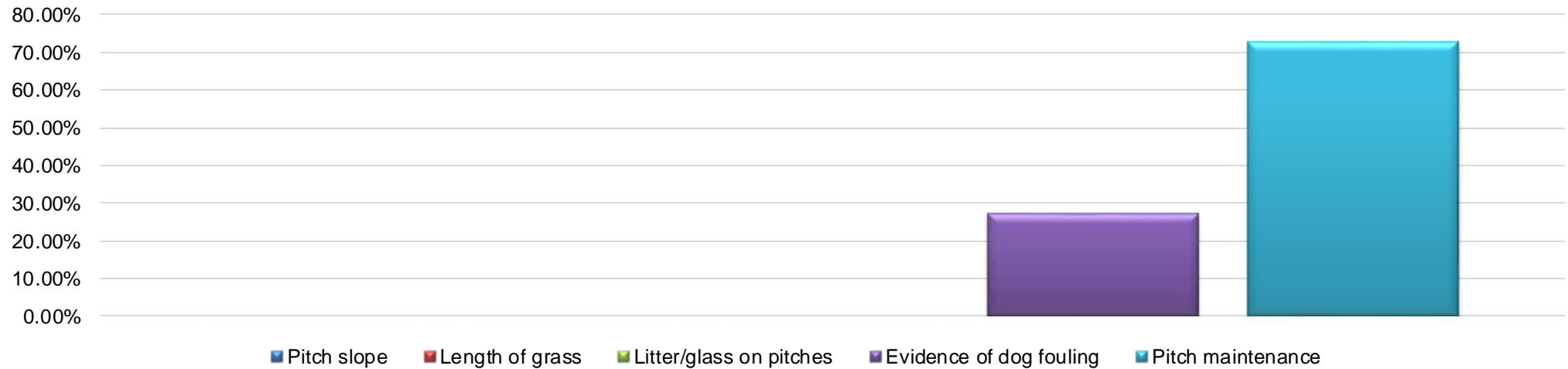


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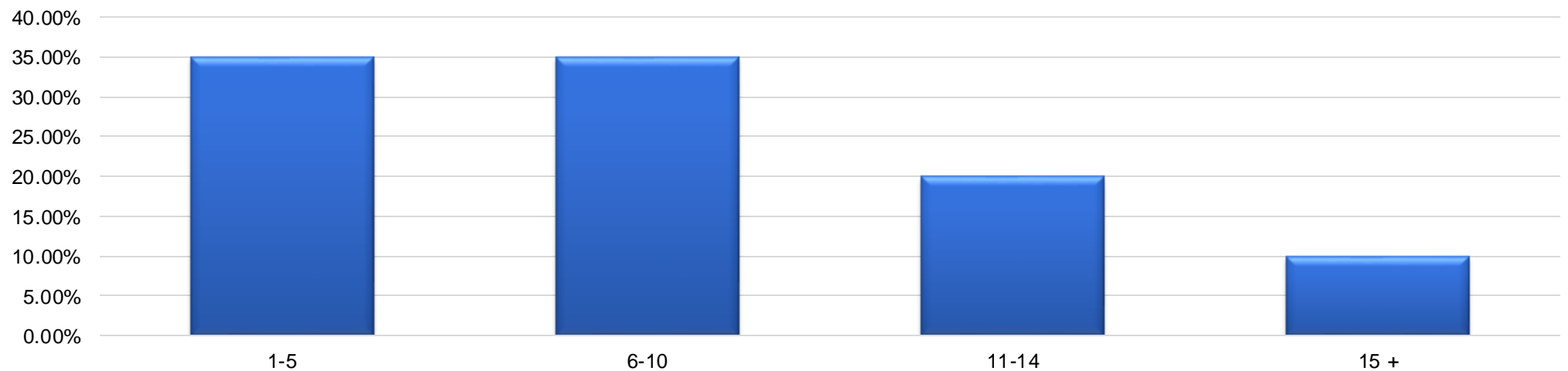


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Other issues

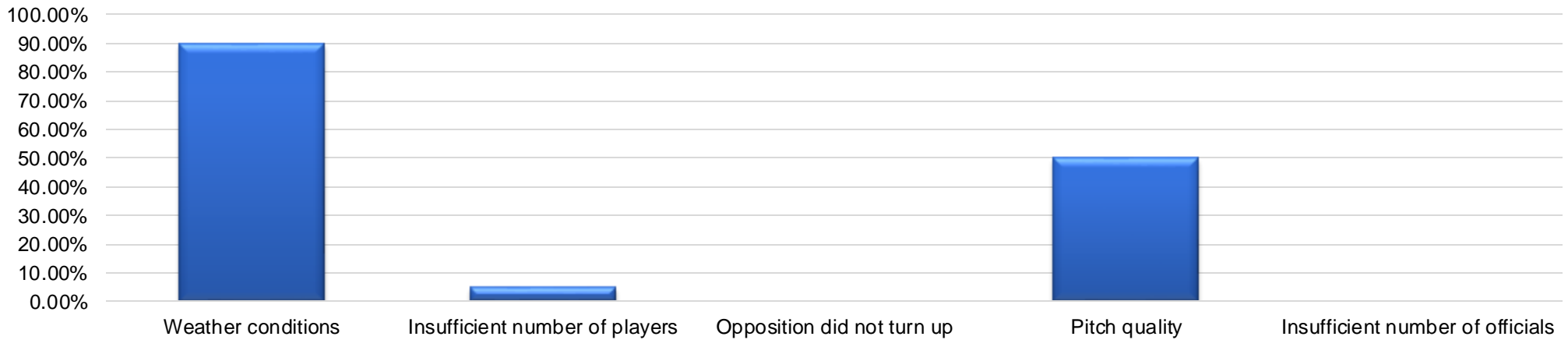


How many home matches were cancelled last season per pitch?

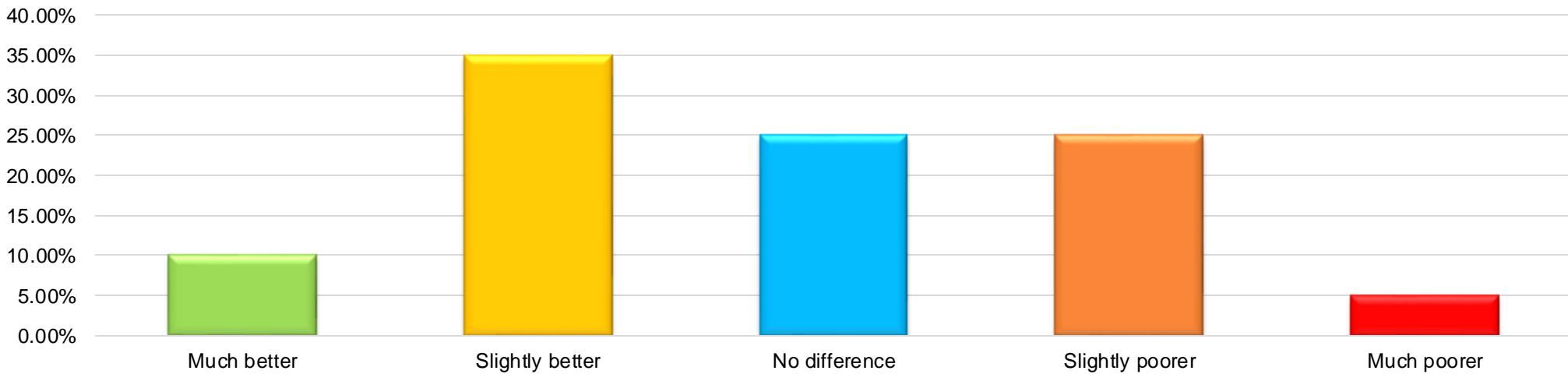


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What were the main reasons for the cancellations?



Has the quality of your designated pitch(es) got better or worse since the last season?



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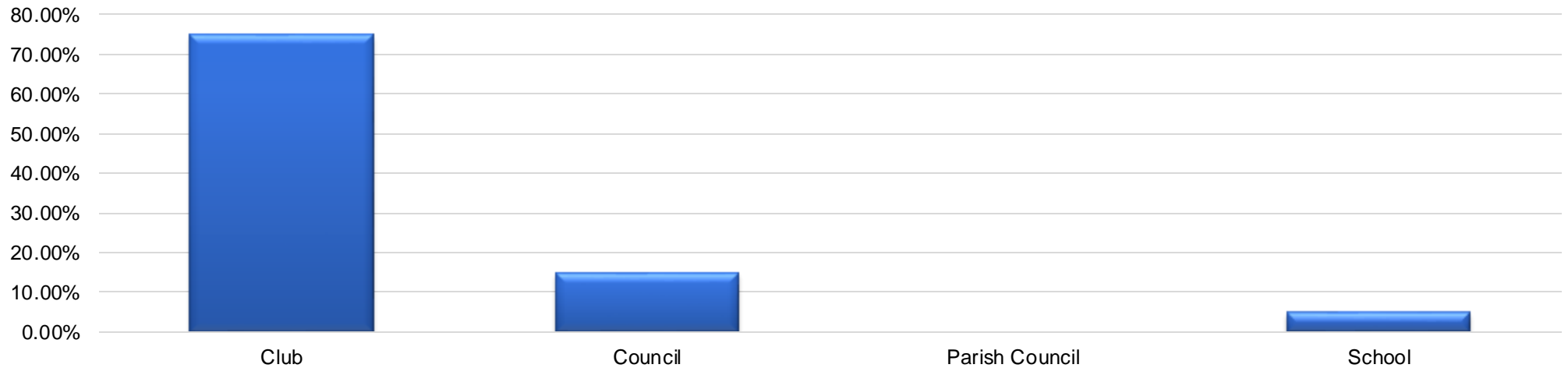
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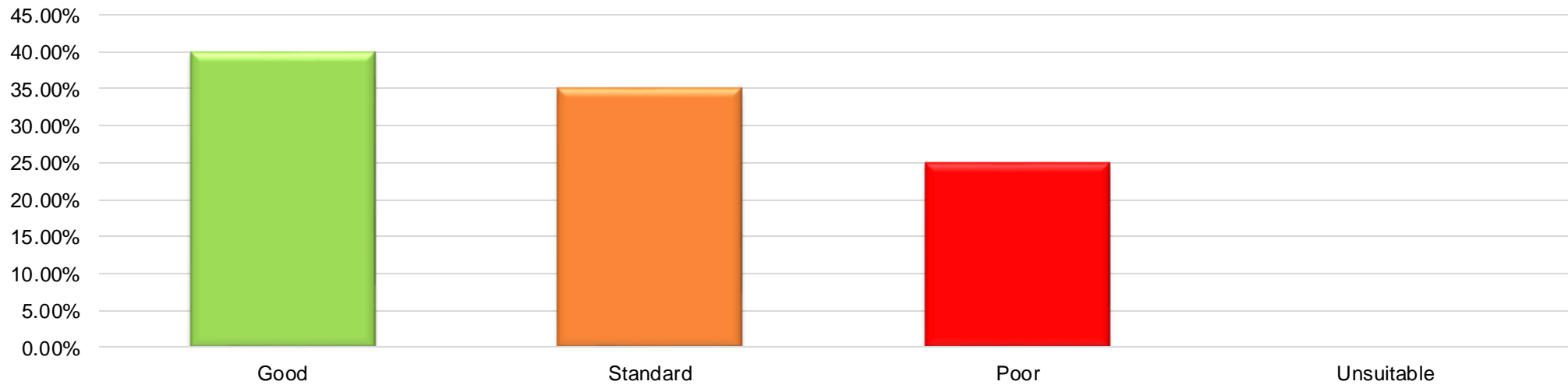
- Less play due to COVID that is all
- Issues with drainage and very poor soft areas on the pitch
- More grounds staff and extensive remedial work
- Water Logged in bad weather next to river
- Investment in new maintenance equipment and increased volunteer time devoted to maintenance activities
- FA grants have helped us purchase appropriate equipment
- Lack of pre-season maintenance
- The Sidford pitches have generally decreased in quality due to worse maintenance and poorer/wetter weather.
- Investment continued to look after the pitch
- Pitches are in poor condition. Netting in the goal is always loose and the netting/barrier has fallen down behind the goals causing lost balls every week at a cost of £20 each
- We invested heavily last year in improving the pitches
- Improved drainage works

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Who maintains the ground?



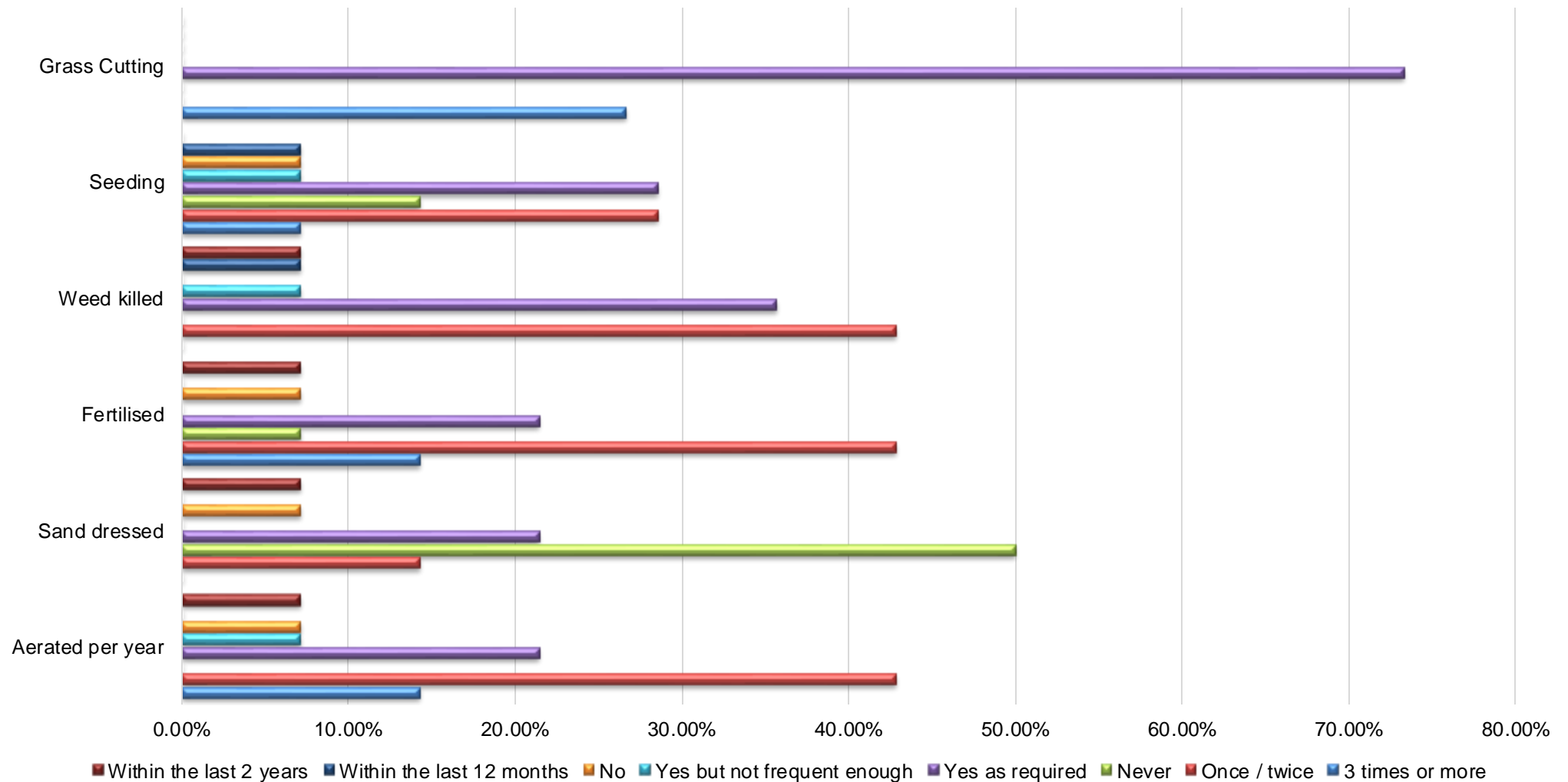
How would the Club rate the maintenance schedule on this pitch?



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Maintenance Programme (only complete if the club maintains the ground)

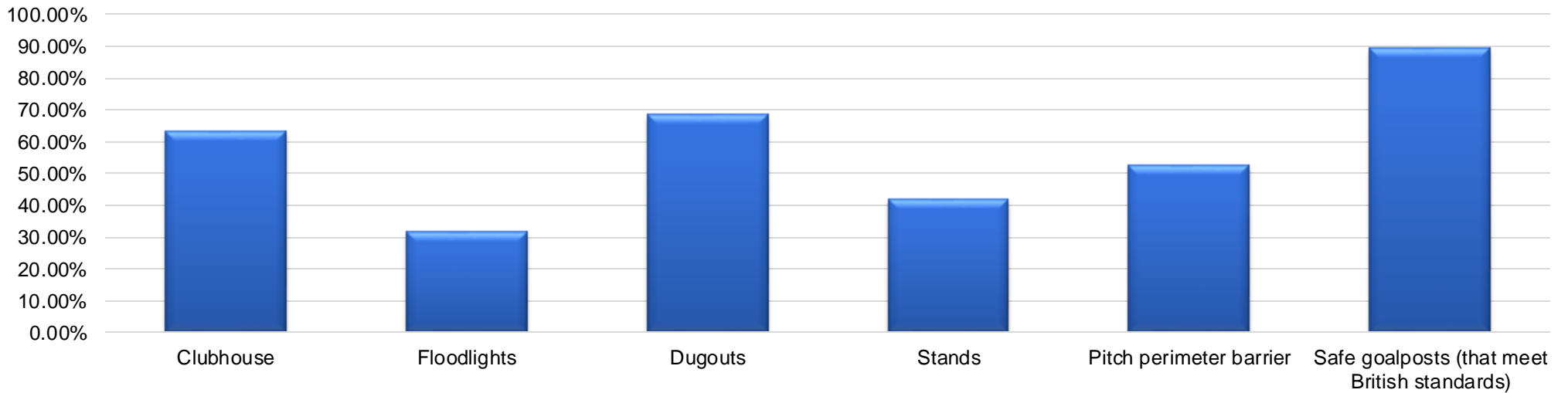
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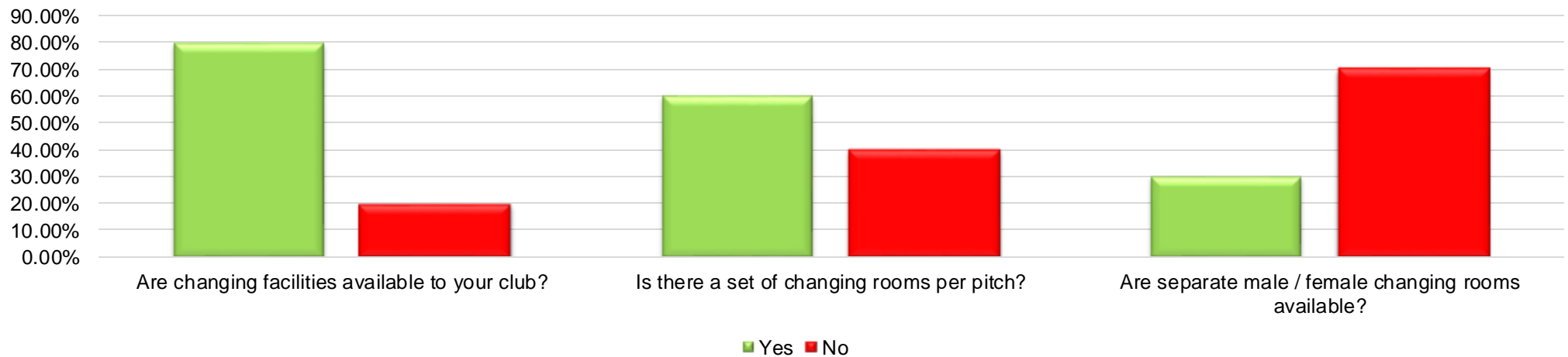
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Does the ground have any of the following? Please tick all that apply

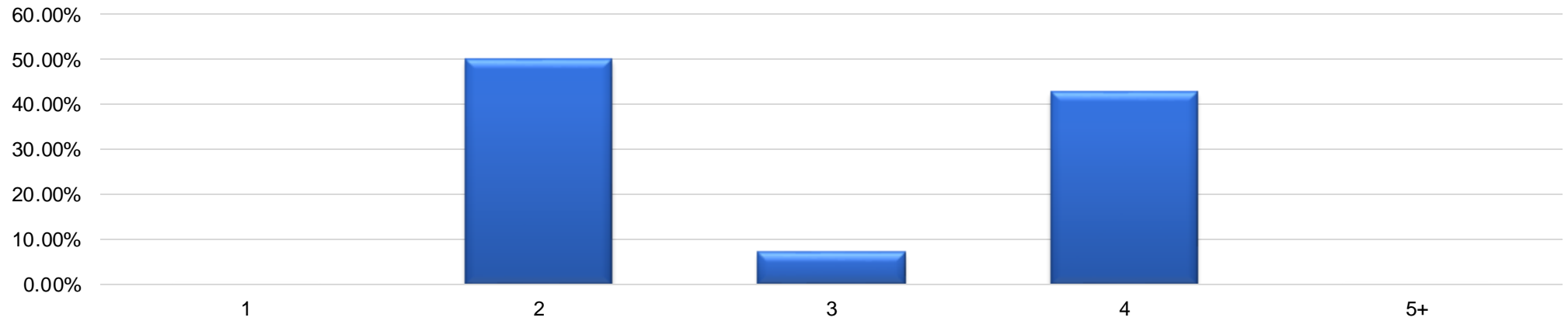


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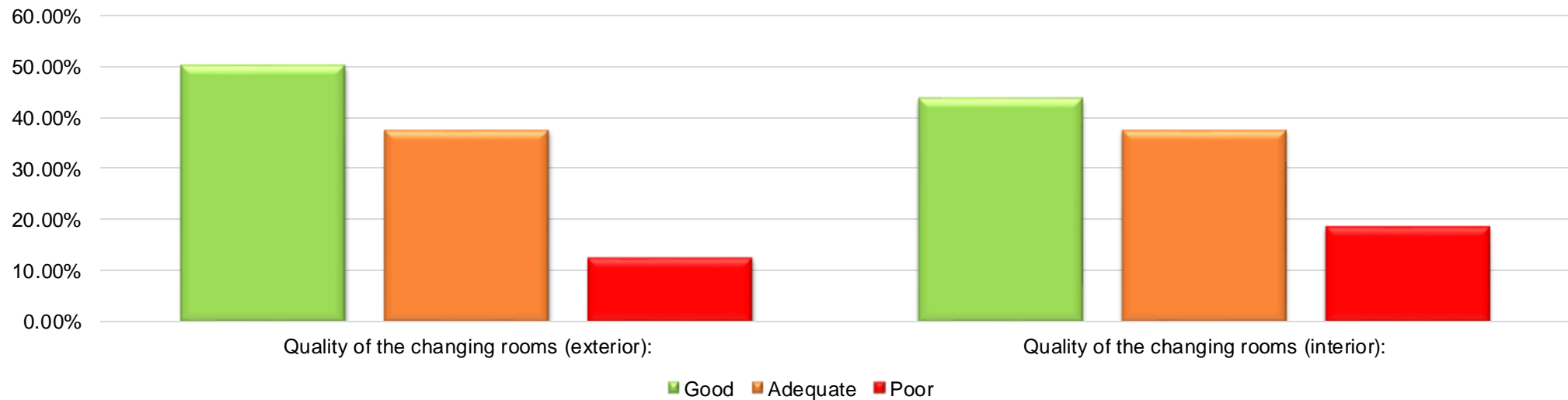


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If yes, how many changing rooms are available?

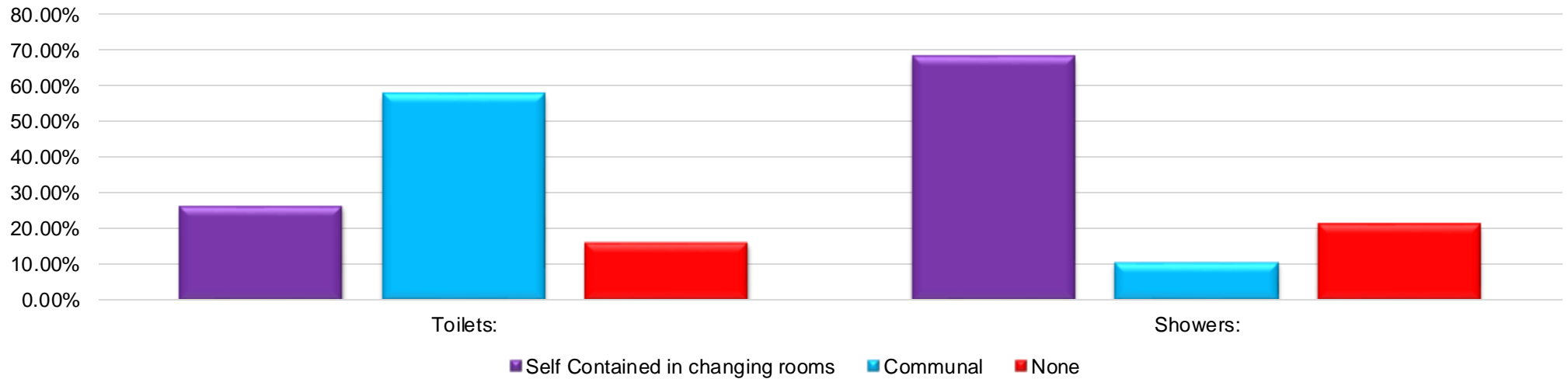


Changing room quality:

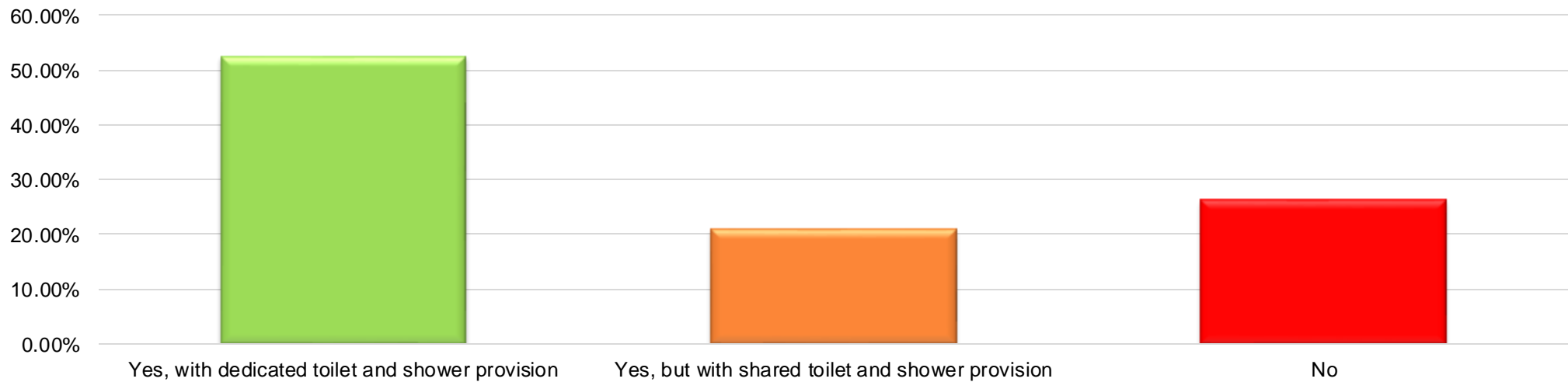


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Showers / dedicated players' toilet provision:

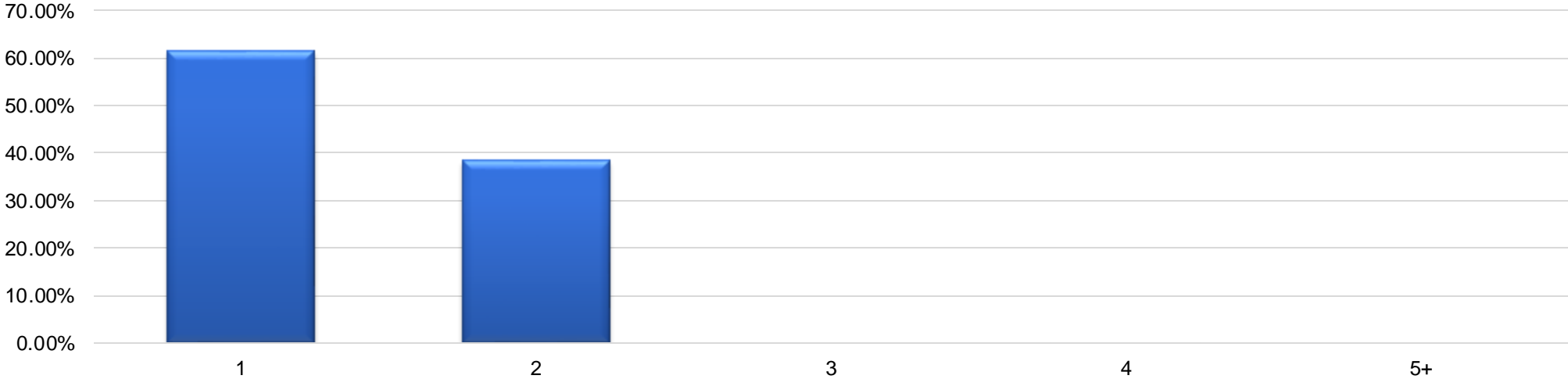


Is officials' changing available?



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If yes, how many rooms?



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Please use the space below to make additional comments relating to football facilities used by your club – (You may also use this space to make any other comments you think are relevant)

We have run a successful club for many years in west hill but have insufficient space to rein and play. We have poorly drained grass pitches that as far as I'm aware have been reseeded once in the last 10 years. We have to play on a slopey pitch which is often cancelled with no toilets parking or change facilities. This is embarrassing for boys girls and parents. We are grateful to the school to allow us to play but we have no useful facilities. We use Astro training in the winter but can only access 1 men's 11 a side Astro for 2 hours and have to divide it's use between 10 teams! Please help us

Our first team are in SWPL Prem East. The requirement for changing rooms and for officials mean we can only host one game and not hold a 1st and 2nd game at the same time. Our changing areas are not fit for purpose.

We have very good facilities at our Boshill Cross Ground but of course there is always potential for improvement. Although we have no specific plans at the moment, we are always considering ways that we might do that.

No Toilets, No Parking, Poor Accessibility (requires 400m walk down muddy lane), Dangerous access (Nearest parking requires children to cross busy A30), Poor/No accessibility for ambulances, No accessibility for disabled parents/carers, No shelter against weather, No social facilities (ability to serve hot drinks, etc)

Help and Improvements need to be made to all grass pitches and more artificial pitches are needed with flood lights with a fair price to rent, they are very expensive to hire for 2 hours

We have funded everything for our pitch, got a porta cabin and fitted it out either kitchen and changing rooms, pay for a portable loo and a container to keep equipment safe

Referee changing room needs a revamp so they have their own w/c they have their own shower. We hope through funding to achieve this very soon.

We have the desire to become a community club for all age groups but not the finance or facilities, though we are in discussions to try and overcome this. We just need more help.

We have three separate venue that we use so means a lot of travelling around the are for home games

I have completed the above in relation to our own home ground at Manstone Lane as it doesn't allow for input about other pitch we use at Sidford (which is less well maintained and has poorer facilities including often cold showers)

as we hire several different facility's it's difficult to answer the question above. The adults and U15/16/18 use the Royal Marines camp and their facilities are excellent, however at a cost! there are no! changing/club house facility's for any of the youth teams.

We are currently in negotiations with local parish council for permission to get a clubhouse at pitch which would benefit not only the club but the whole community in the village as the school do use the pitch for after school activities and also the village people will have a base for general meetings etc. We also hope to improve showers and pitch when we can get back to doing some fund raisers which we haven't been able to do due to the covid situation.

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Lack of volunteers to keep on top of pitch maintenance

We are fortunate to have a nice facility but lack a winter training 3G pitch and another grass pitch.

How has your club been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic? e.g. emergency funding, deterioration of surfaces and facilities, increased membership, reduction in number of teams etc.

We played less football but the club has maintained its membership well and it's enthusiasm despite all our COVID protocols

We have been ok. Our pitch needs maintenance and we are trying, having used the Pitch Improvement Grant to spike and weed both pitches.

Only effected by player unavailability due to covid. FA financial assistance has also helped

Covid-19 cut short the 2019/20 season and caused the Club significant problems in preparations for the 2020/21 season. That winter, due to Covid, we missed many games and were so far behind in our fixtures that we were unable to restart in March 2021 after the lockdown. Covid again gave us problems in our preparations for the 2021/22 season leaving us with a small squad of players.

Coming on top of the pandemic, long-term injuries and serious illnesses then depleted the squad further, such that we were unable to guarantee being able to field a team every week. In such circumstances it would have been unfair on the DEFL and other clubs/teams if we tried to carry on, and our committee decided reluctantly there was no viable option but to withdraw the team from the League for the remainder of the current season.

In 2023 the Club will be 100-years old, and we fully intend to celebrate that fact and do justice to the facilities we have at our Boshill Cross Ground. We are therefore working to overcome the difficulties and re-join the League again for next season.

Loss of income due to unable to host fundraising tournaments

Covid impacted financially due to loss of income for 18 months whilst still having expenses to meet (£8214.59 loss).

Deterioration to the pitch and club house.

Deterioration in pitch, games cancelled.

Covid did affect us but emergency funding kept us going. Pitch actually improved due to lack of usage. player numbers remain the same as does spectator numbers.

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While day to day management has been made difficult we continued to fulfill all fixtures and have increased the number of teams.

Increased membership and reduction in companies looking to be sponsors

We have been affected to no greater extent than other teams although we did have many matches cancelled and had to close our bar during lockdown.

Not having our own facility's has meant that a lot of matches and training had to be cancelled due to school/colleges closing. We are in danger of folding as a club if we can't find somewhere in our village to put a facility.

Loss of revenue

Slight reduction in numbers and a decrease in available funds through less social and fund raising events.

The major problem is as a village club we depend on fundraising events to keep afloat and the last couple years we haven't been able to do them, and as a result the money hasn't been coming into club for better preparation of playing surface and general improvements

Funding has been a huge issue. Cost of pitch rental and referee fee has put the price each week of sometimes over £100 per game. Pitch rental is extortionate for the quality of the facilities but there is NO other option in Exmouth.

Lack of volunteers to keep on top of pitch maintenance

We had to sought emergency funding

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ALL SPORTS FACILITIES

If you have any other comments in relation to wider sports provision, please provide them in the box below:

We are the **only competitive sports club in our village**. Our primary school has no sports team or PE (or the very minimal). We provide the PE for the village children. There is **no accessible field for the children to even play informally on let alone any decent pitches** for the west hill team. With our membership we provide organised FA Charter Standard safeguarded football for around 200 children and if you include parents almost 599 people benefit from the wasps. **We have no facilities whatsoever; we have not one toilet and not enough space to train or play on and have poorly draining grass pitches that are unplayable for a significant proportion of the winter. We can't organise a walking or disabled team because we have no facilities to offer this. please help us**

A facility near the motorway and airport for easy access. A sports village that provides for a wide variety of sports allowing families to undertake different activities in one place rather than parents/guardians having to drop and collect children at different venues and then not having time for their own exercise and interests. For us as a club personally, a facility that provides a good training venue for pool and land training as well as a competition venue. We do not have a competition venue locally and clubs main source of income is by running competitions so it reduces an income stream. **It would be a luxury to train in one main venue, our top squad needs between 16 - 18 hours in the water plus 3 hours of land training a week** so we do not have one central facility that can provide that for one squad and we have 5 junior and development squads as well as a masters group.

We have a football foundation grant for floodlights, another stand and hardstanding and that will be completed by Sept 22. The pitch the next need, with equipment appropriate as the pitches get softer. **Areas now have little grass and showing wear**. We have plans for improving the clubhouse and changing rooms etc but are awaiting a decision by the Council, which is now nearly two years to utilise Section 106 funding. Also I look after Walking Football and they will use the pitch in the Summer, while Cricket use the ground.

There is a **national problem with encouraging youngsters to play cricket**. As there is no longer terrestrial TV coverage of cricket, **school fields have been much reduced by long-term political design** and the alternative attraction of Smart phones and digital games has resulted in a much declined interest in the game of cricket

As a general comment I believe there **is a need to provide more in the way of facilities/funding for sports in East Devon**

The Pitch Surface is **greatly effected by bad weather**, making the grounds unsafe to play and **creating unnecessary maintenance at cost to the club** and costs to hire other pitches within the area or forfeit home games.

The Charity has an opportunity to acquire 10 Acres of farmland for conversion to additional pitches and to allow toilets and clubhouse but requires evidence and acknowledgement from EDDC of the priority and need for additional facilities to enable access to required funding.

East Devon district council need to get out and see the different clubs in our area. Speak to the people that run these clubs and see for yourselves how much hard work is put into trying to give people a place to play sport. I would like to think we could all work together to give more people to opportunity to play more sport.

We look to improve our facilities annually, for spectators and players. **4G training area with flood lights remains a challenge.**

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Sports hall hire prices keep rising and this is hindering the provision and growth of indoor team sports.

Cricket Net provision is very limited and always in high demand from January-April. It would be good if we could have more information about available facilities and any other additional provision you can make available.

There aren't many dedicated gymnastics facilities locally so I think people don't know a lot about them or the cost of running a centre like this.

Over the last 4/5 years there has been a lack of direct support from EDDC and an apparent unwillingness to join in meaningful discussions resulting in a loss of development opportunities. So will someone please come and talk to us!!

There simply is not enough sports pitches and facilities in Sidmouth and east Devon.

General shortage of playing pitches in East Devon

We desperately need a **full sized floodlit artificial surface to use within the town, ideally a 3G surface** that could be used for matches. The lack of a facility has cost the club thousands of pounds over the years and has reduced the amount of football we can provide to the 100+ players we have sign on to play at the club. We would be more than willing to do anything we can to change this fact in the future as it is our number one problem within Sidmouth Town. I am aware that the junior Vikings at Sidmouth feel exactly the same.

Since we were formed in 1895 we have **never had a purpose-built sports facility in our parish** and we are **in great danger of folding as a club** unless we can find facilities for our teams to play the sport they love. We are now in the 21st-century and we are still using a meadow grass field from the National Trust with no changing rooms & no toilet facilities. We have (120 children) playing football in our village as well as 2 adult team. I am struggling to find local playing facilities & I think it is **disgraceful that we have to travel to Exmouth and further afield to 7 different venues to find playing & training facilities.**

Netball facilities are totally inadequate in the whole of the Sid Valley. We set up the club so that disadvantages youngsters could access netball without having to drive all the way to Honiton to train and play. We have secured 5 hours of facility use at St John's but as a private company they could cancel our arrangement or put prices beyond our reach. This would result in the closure of our club. **At present there are many demands (not least from cricket and football) to use the indoor space at St Johns. It is critical to the survival of our club that dry, floodlit courts are developed in Sidmouth as soon as possible.** I cannot express this more strongly.

We share the facilities with the cricket and tennis clubs, this doesn't cause too many issues other than the cross over with the cricket season when both need to use the same changing facilities.

The cricket club is also looking into the possibility of installing an all weather, permanent training net which they are looking into funds or grants for at the moment.

Larger clubs would benefit by having their own winter training facility as there is not enough space at the local school or college. At Axminster FC there is a high demand for youth football but with no where to train

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Please build more pools in Est Devon- a 50 m pool would be fantastic and so many swim clubs to share the facility raising funds! Tiverton, Exeter, Honiton, Crediton, Barnstaple, Wellington, Exmouth, Barnstaple, Torridgeside, Taunton, Dawlish, Weston SM would all use a 50m pool- probably 1500+ swimmers across these clubs

We want to provide **team sport opportunities to women and girls locally**. We **offer reduced fees to those on universal credit**, we provide playing kit and keep fees at a minimum. The **facility is not accessible enough to girls who live in sidmouth** and the ideal would be to have a facility at the school so that as many people as possible would be able to benefit from it

We would like to see a more robust system of lighting along the Madiera walk to facilitate access to our club on winter evenings

Need more pool space in Exeter