

# Northern Alberta Interlock



# NAI Survey

This survey was e-mailed and posted on the NAI, 1660, SPHL, NCMHA websites for all members to have input

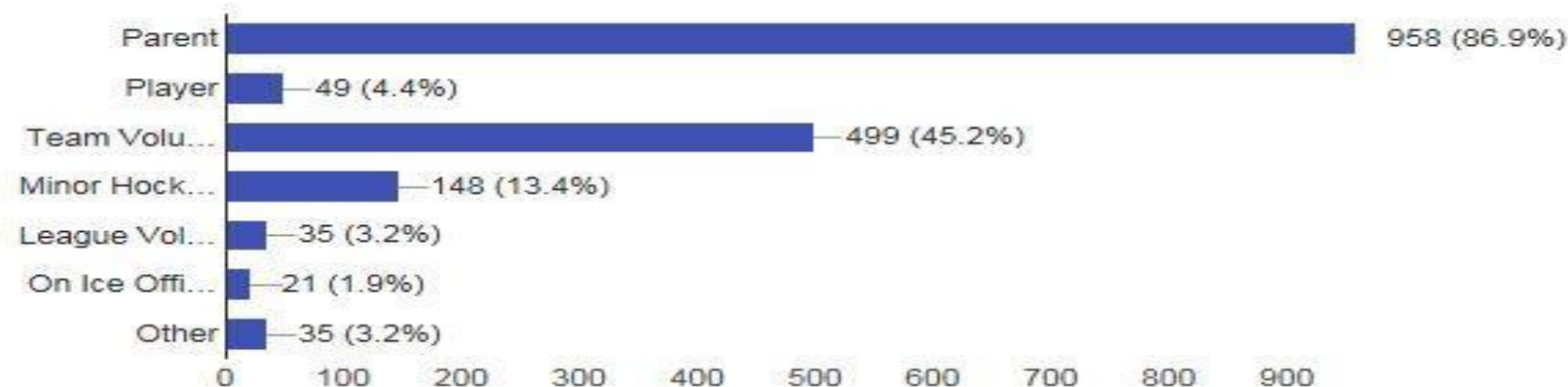
# 2016/2017 Northern Alberta Interlock Participant Survey (Survey A)

1120 responses

[Publish analytics](#)

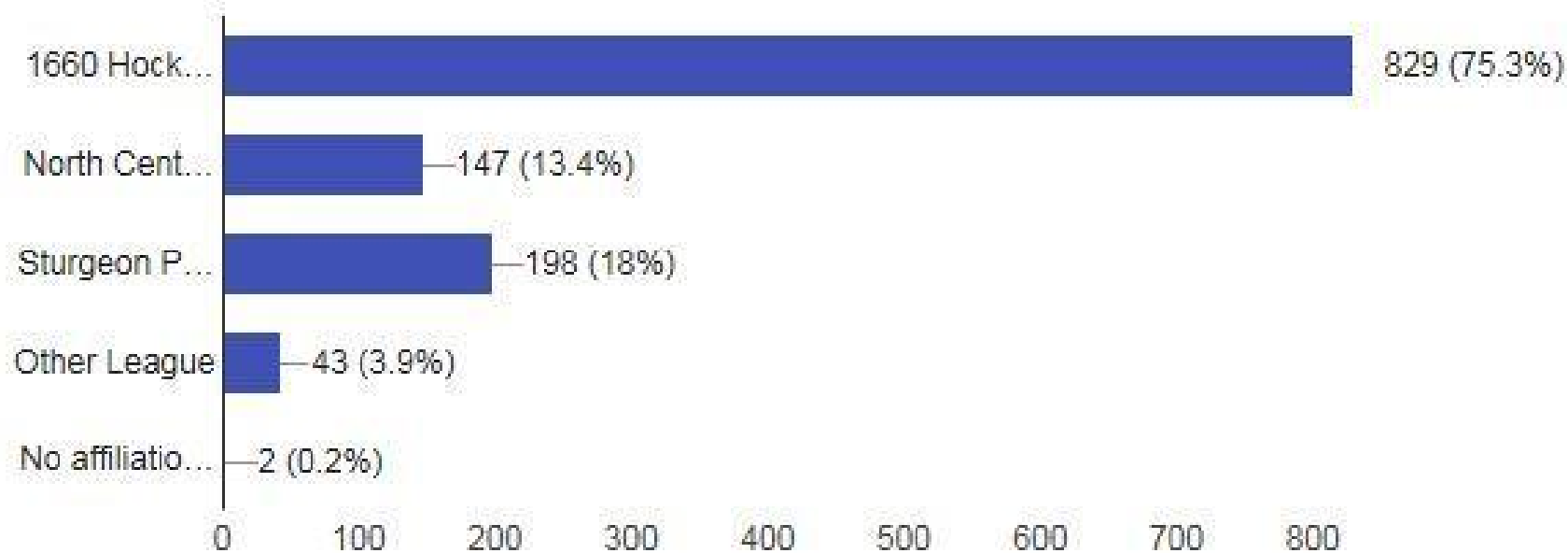
## What is your involvement with NAI? (Check all that apply)

(1103 responses)



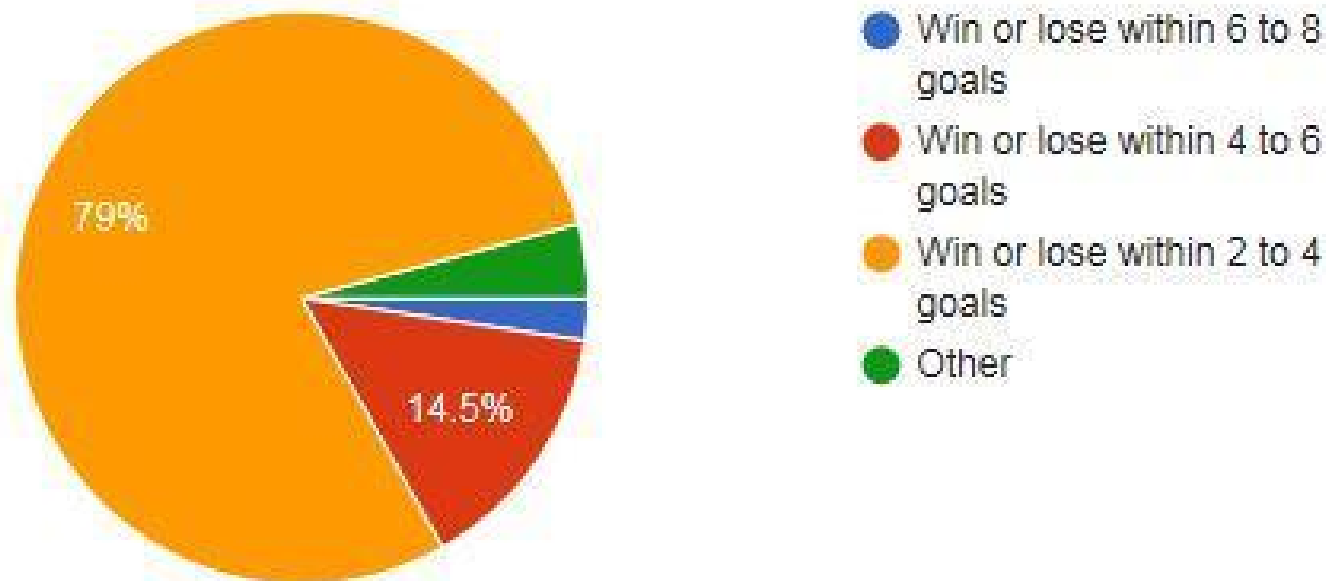
# Which league(s) do you participate or are affiliated with? (check all that apply)

(1101 responses)



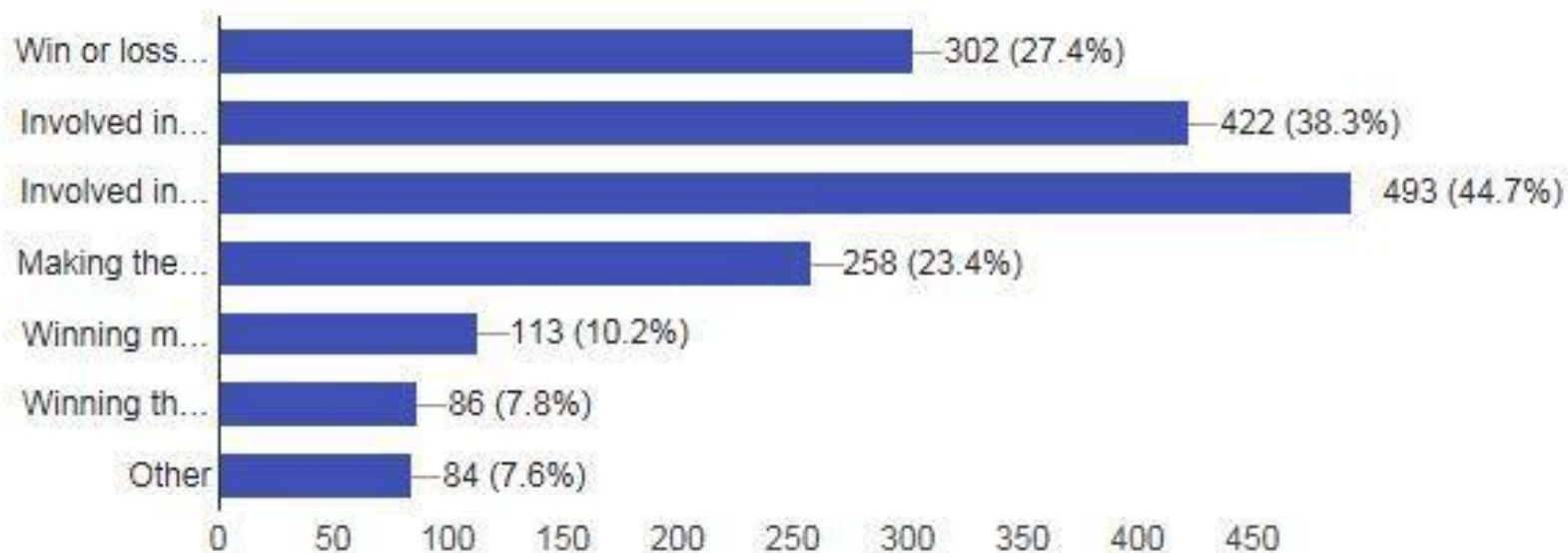
# What would you define as a competitive game in the NAI?

(1100 responses)



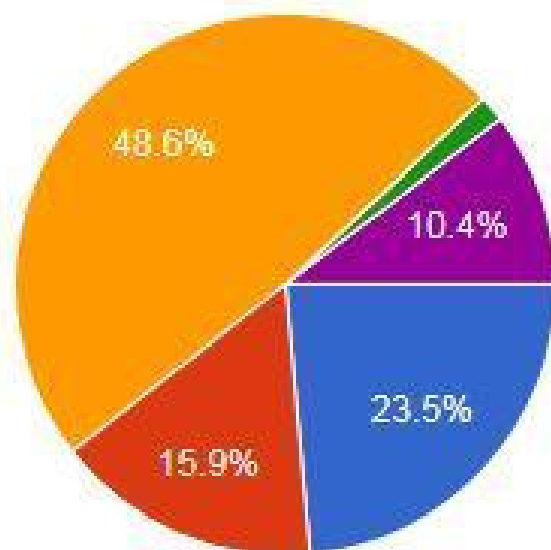
## What would you define as a successful season in the NAI? (Check all that apply)

(1103 responses)



# What methods of tiering would you consider the BEST OPTION to provide the opportunity for competitive games during the regular and interleague season?

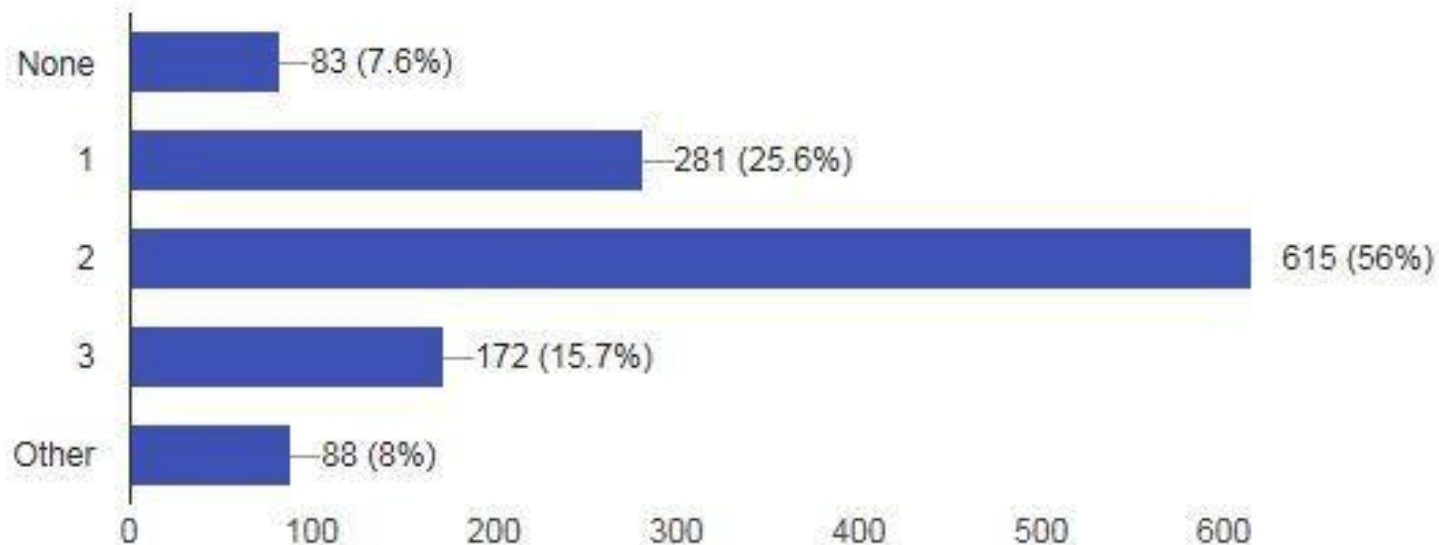
(1083 responses)



- A home league tiering round, followed by a NAI tiering round.
- Home league tiering round only (same as 2016/2017 season)
- A combined tiering round including a mix of games with interleague play
- A Tiering round is not necessary.
- Other

How many tournaments do you think a team should enter during the NAI and Home League regular season? (Check all that apply)

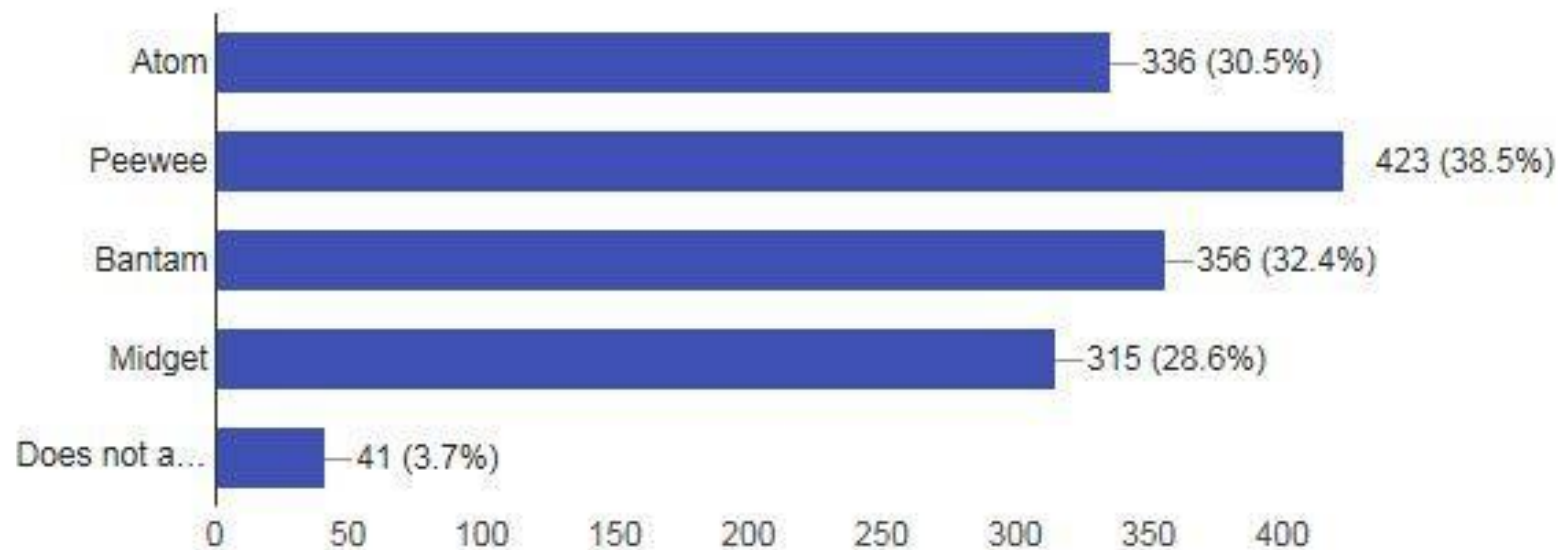
(1098 responses)





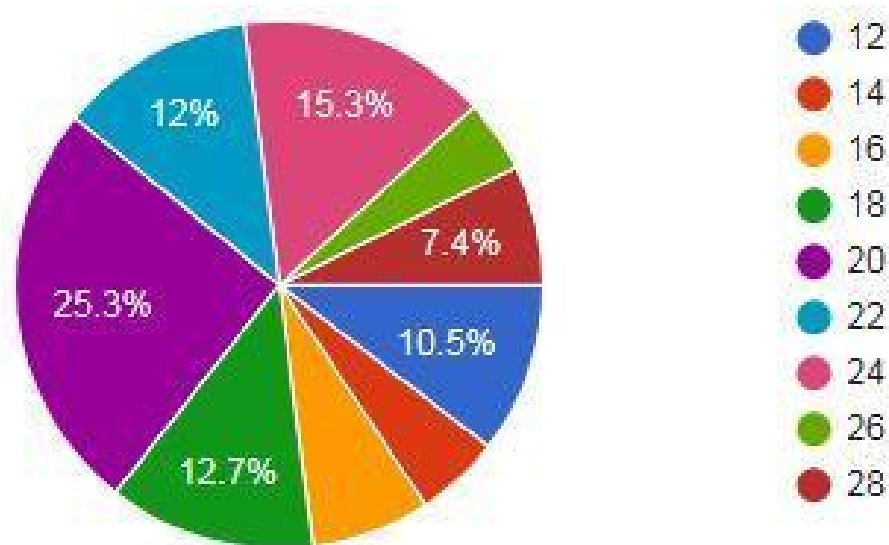
# What division will you be involved with next year? (check all that apply)

(1100 responses)

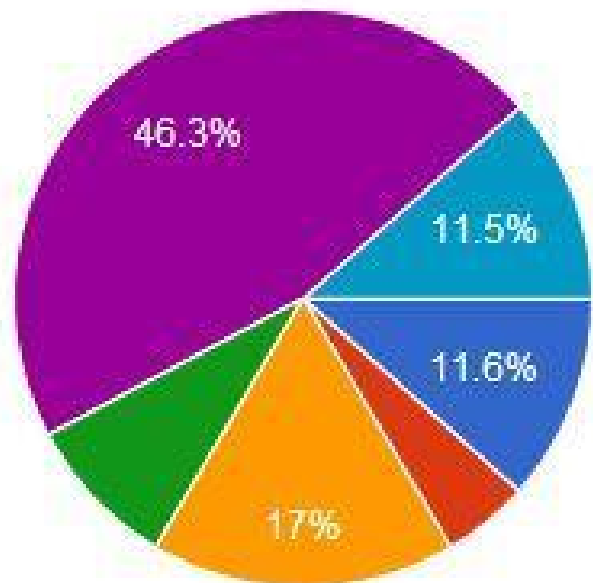


How many games would you like to see played in total between the NAI and home league schedules, AFTER any tiering rounds?

(1033 responses)



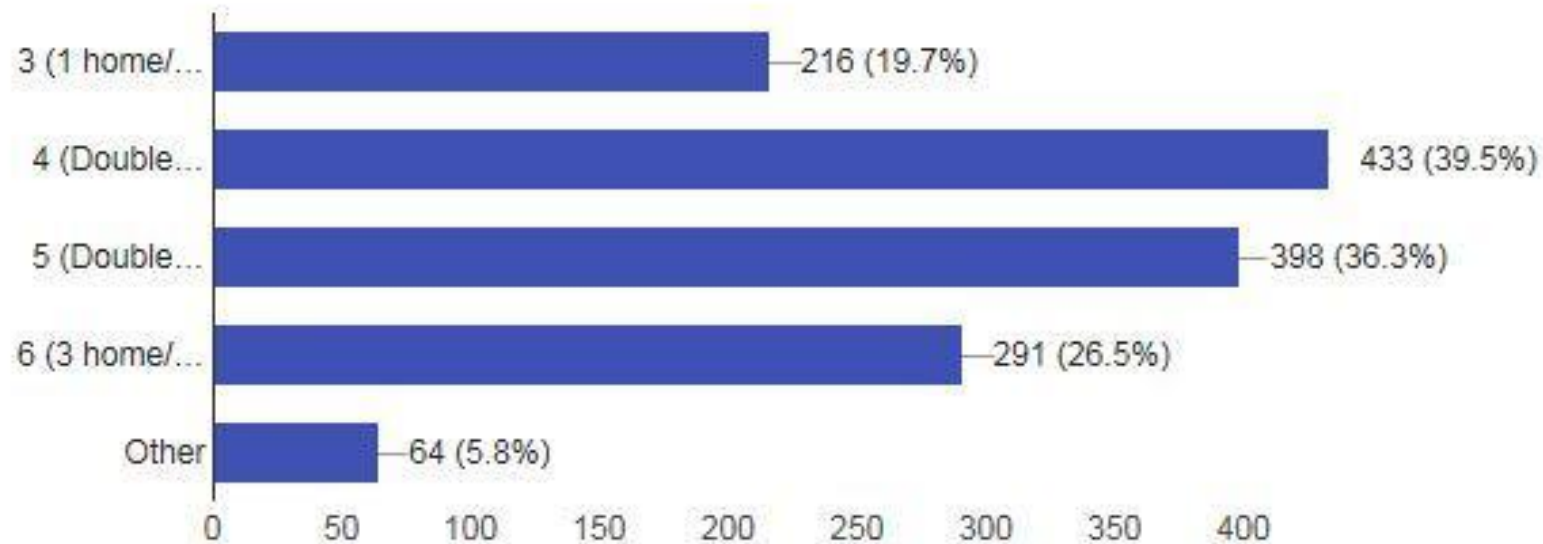
## Would you like to see the playing season: (1086 responses)



- Start earlier, end earlier
- Start later, end later
- Longer by adding a weekend at the start
- Longer by adding a weekend at the end
- Stay as it is
- Other

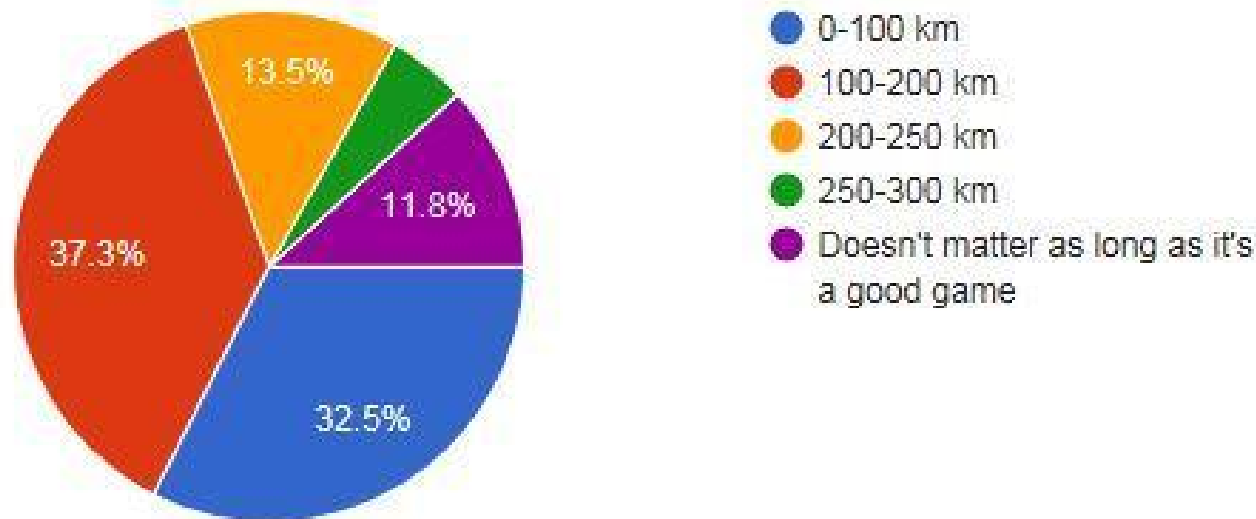
How many times in the regular season would you consider to be too many times playing the same team? (Check all that apply)

(1097 responses)



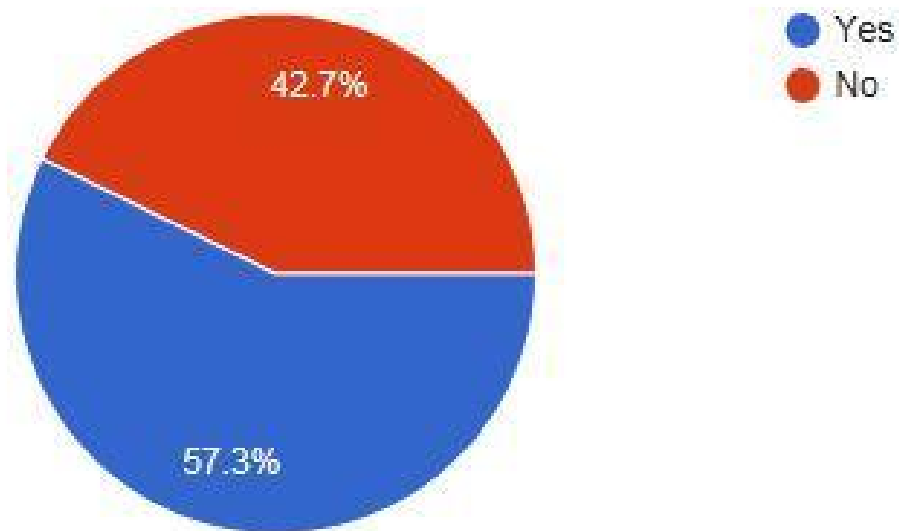
## How far would you drive for a competitive game? (Assuming competitive means 5 goal differential or less in the game)

(1103 responses)



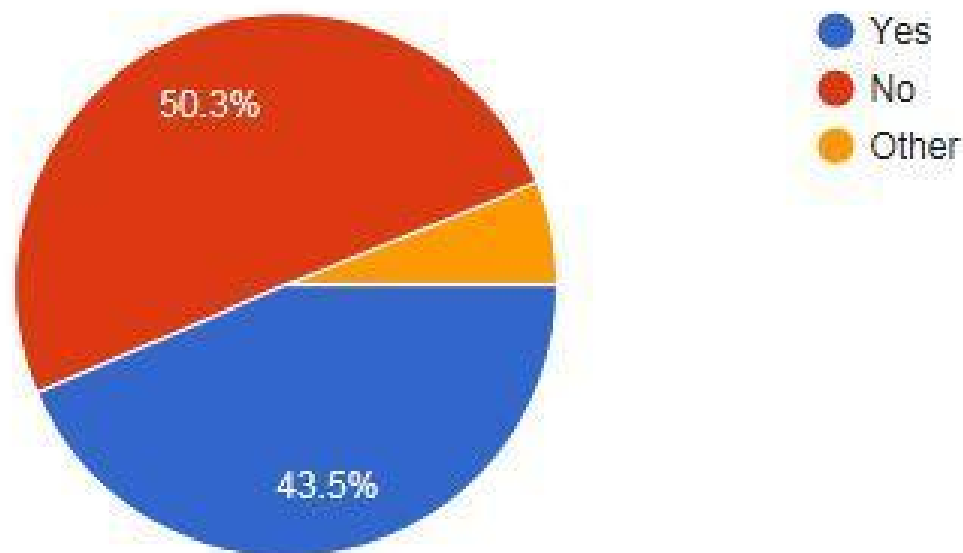
Would you be willing to play 2 games in one day against the same team in the same location with a break in between to reduce the travel in the tier?

(1098 responses)



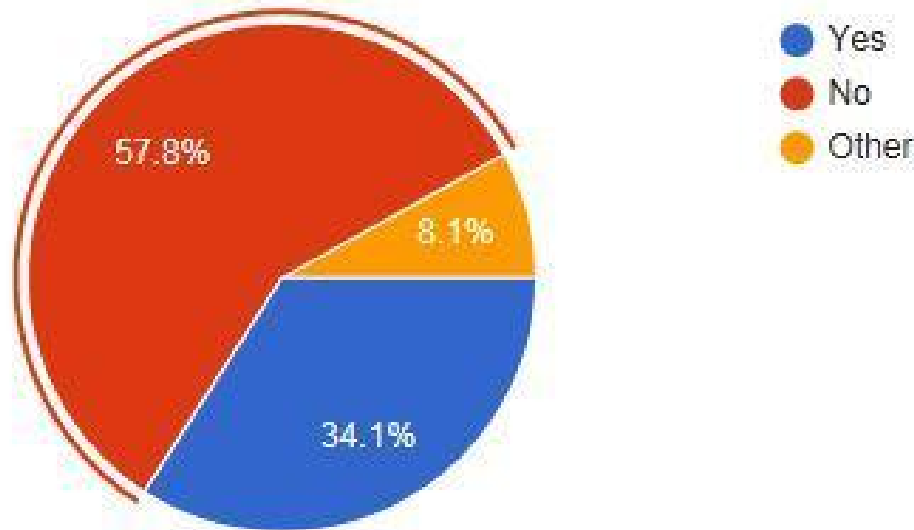
Would you be willing to play 2 games in one day against different teams if the travel was reasonable?

(1101 responses)



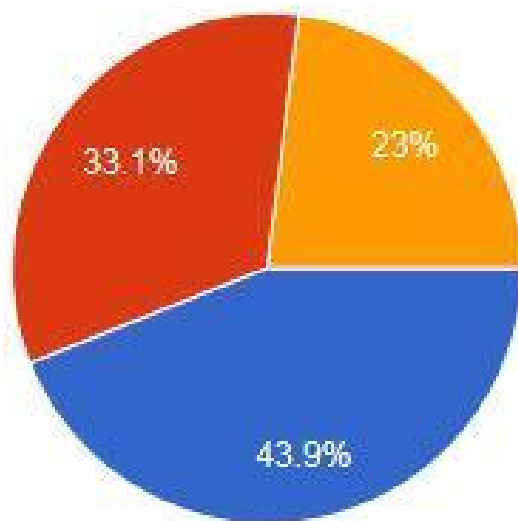
Would you be willing to give up competitiveness to play closer games? (Closer being regularly less than 125 km's to 150 km's one way)

(1100 responses)





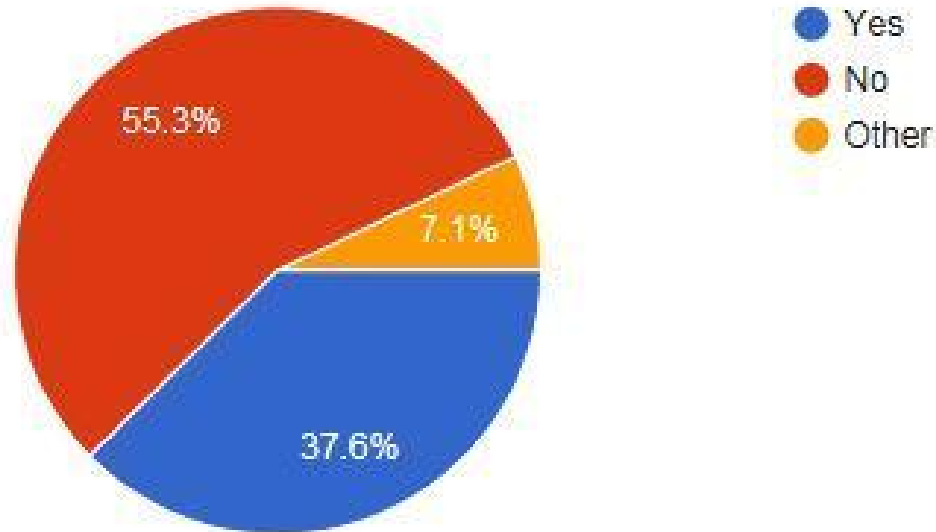
## What is more important to you? (1050 responses)



- A league championship banner
- A provincial championship banner
- Other

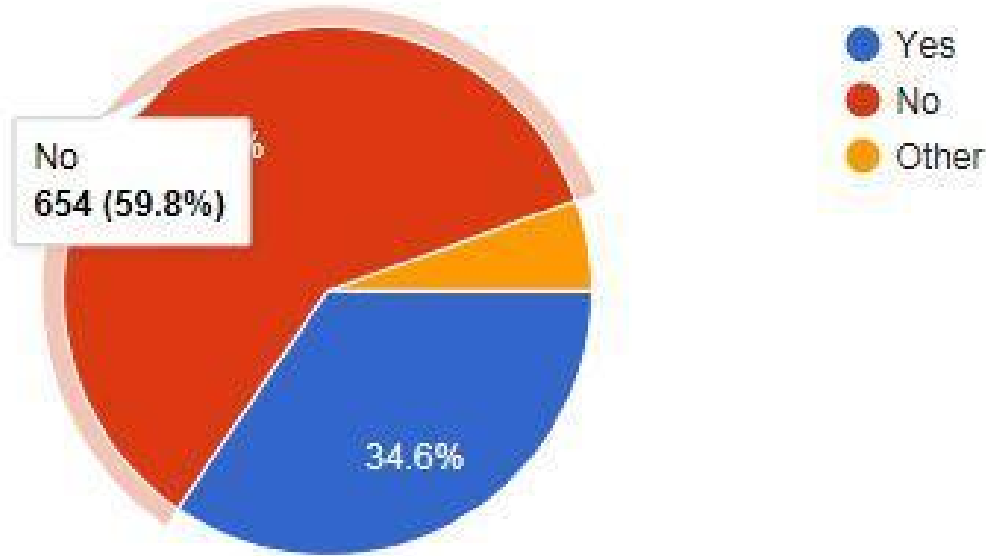
# Do you agree with removing body checking in certain lower tiers in bantam?

(1096 responses)



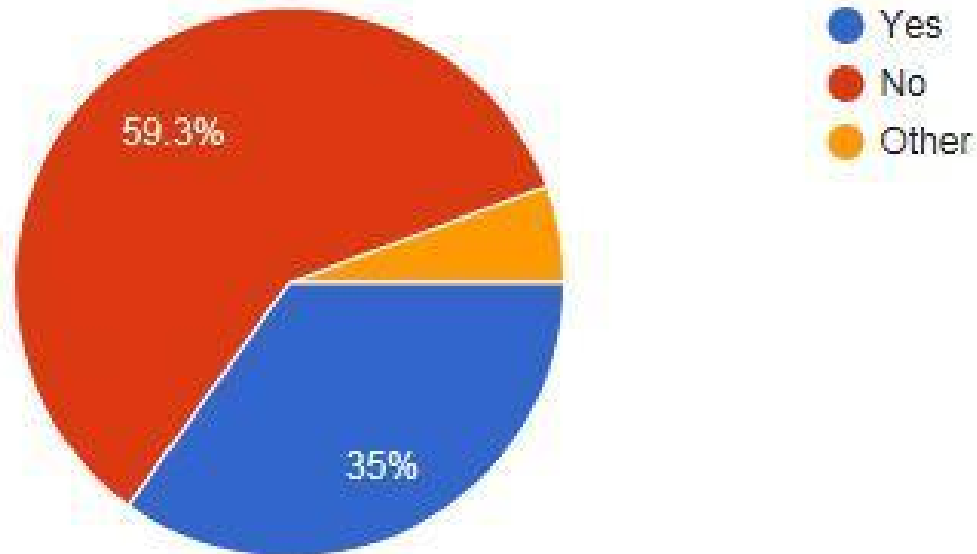
# Do you agree with removing body checking in certain lower tiers in midget?

(1093 responses)



# Would you be interested in forming a non contact tier(s) in bantam or midget?

(1087 responses)



# **Introduction**

NAI composition: NEAHL not in NAI

NCMHA not as it is today

1660 needs your support

NCMHA associations become associate members of 1660 if  
NAI is not accepted

The NAI is the beginning of the Alberta One concept that will be coming from  
Hockey Alberta

## NAI Successes

The NAI right sizes our PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget divisions

We are the leaders that will become aligned to the Alberta One concept

Tier 1 - was viewed as being very successful

Rural MHA viability

Increase competition

Co-operation between MHA's and leagues

# NAI Improvements

As learned from the survey:

## Tiering Process

- re-align tiers between leagues (SPHL 1, 3, 5)
- Interleague pre-season (tiering) games

## Scheduling

- No revamping of schedules after release of full season (NEAHL)
- TBA's will be minimal or non-existent reducing workload for team managers
- Minimal games from January 15 on to allow teams to fit in provincial games, TBA's, and school ( approximately 1 game per week)

# NAI Improvements

## TRAVEL

- 1660 teams will not have to travel to the outskirts of the SPHL (with the exception of Tier 1)
- Creation of the tiers will be based on geography
- SPHL teams will not travel more than their average distance (which is already far greater than any 1660 teams)

## COMMUNICATION

- Learning our lessons from the past year
- Better flow of communications to governors, associations, teams
- Website improvements



# NAI Improvements

## DISCIPLINE

- Streamline consistency by having 1 or 2 people administer all discipline
- All discipline based on Hockey Alberta guidelines, and administered based on the NAI Regulations

# NAI Improvements

## WEBSITE

- All teams and leagues on the NAI website
- Novice from SPHL and 1660 move to the NAI website for simplicity, but not part of Interlock/Interleague
- Continued work with RAMP to clear up issues with game counts, etc. (all leagues moving to one website should help)
- Reduce confusion amongst leagues

# NAI Improvements

## PLAYOFFS

- Regionalization
- Better defined playoff formats
- Fully engaged to have more meaningful playoffs for all teams

# NAI Improvements

## REGULATIONS

- Forfeits and cancellations - a lot of leeway given this season due to the upheaval when the NEAHL dropped out. This will no longer be the case for the 2017/18 season.
- More defined guidelines to follow - upon approval of the continuation of NAI, a proper set of regulations will be drafted and dedicated to the NAI

## Other Members of NAI

- Viking Jasper, Edson, Hinton, Slave Lake, Mayerthorpe,
- Ponoka Athabasca, Wabasca, Whitecourt, Swan Hills,
- Maskwacis Fox Creek, Sangudo
- Alix
- Battle River
- Bashaw Fort McMurray (Midget Tier 1 only)
- Thunderstars
- Hughenden/Hardisty
- 3C's

