



ITTF  
PARKINSON'S  
WORLD TABLE TENNIS  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Berlin, 9-11 September.

# PWTTTC SURVEY

R E S U L T S & C O N C L U S I O N S





## PWTTTC:

- Dates: **September 9-11, 2021**
- Place: **Berlin (GER)**
- Schedule: **3 days of competition**
- Countries: **24 countries participated**
- Players: **136 participating players**

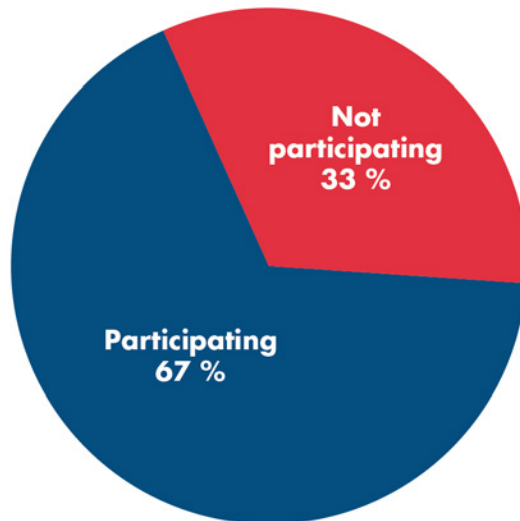
### Survey:

Recipients were given a period of 15 days to respond.

16 out of the 24 countries that participated in the event have responded to the survey.

## 1. PARTICIPATION in the survey

Countries Participating

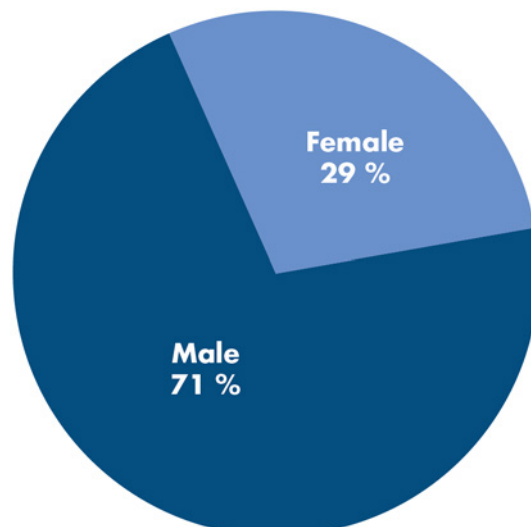


### CONCLUSION:

Based on the entries we have received for the last two editions of the ITTF PWTTTC, we expect to have many more entries in the next editions and also more countries participating.

## 2. SEX

Players (from the PWTTTC players list)



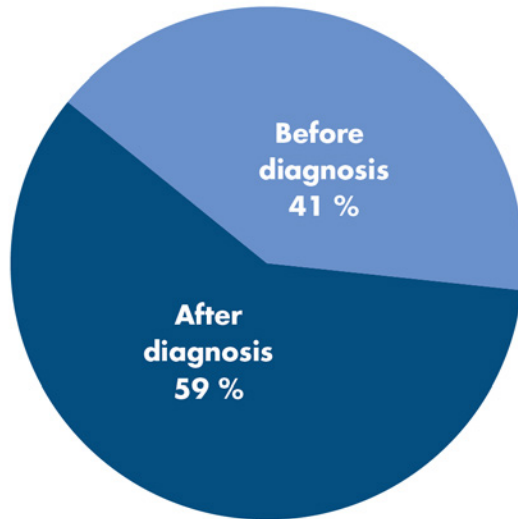
### CONCLUSION:

There is an imbalance of male/female players. Finding ways to reduce it is necessary.



### 3. TAKING UP TABLE TENNIS

Started to play  
(based on data of classification)

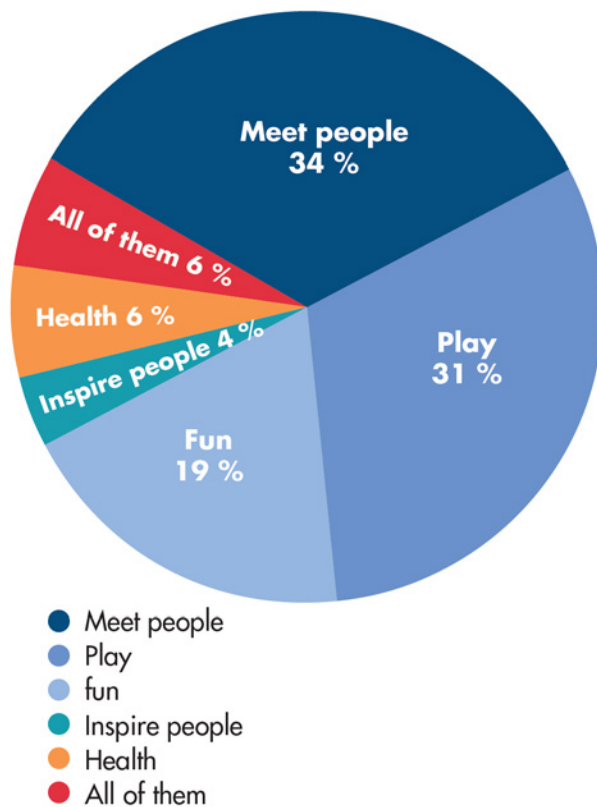


**CONCLUSION:**

Table tennis is a good activity to improve the health and the affected on body parts. It becomes more and more known that Table Tennis is good for people with Parkinson's.

### 4. MOTIVATION TO ATTEND

Reasons to attend the PWTTTC

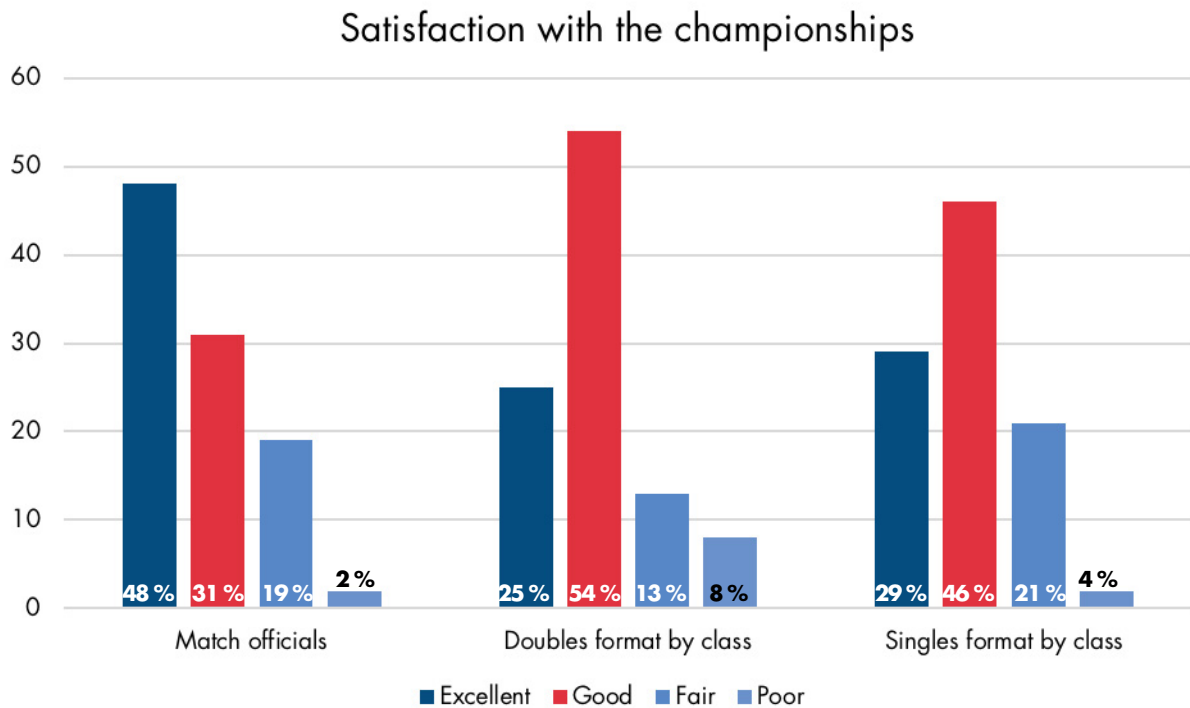


**CONCLUSION:**

Very few players are attending to win. So the data shows that this event is bringing people for the psycho-physical-social benefits that it generates.

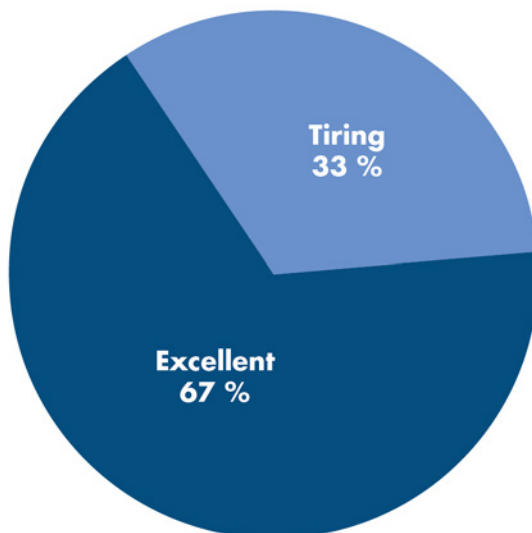


## 5. SATISFACTION WITH THE CHAMPIONSHIPS



## 6. ROUND ROBIN FORMAT (GROUPS)

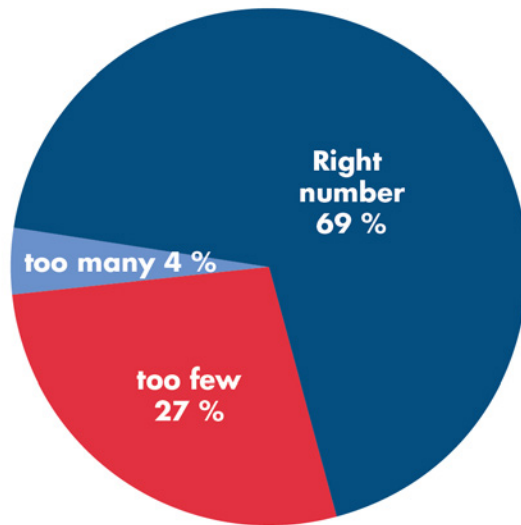
Round Robin format, first stage doubles





## 7. AMOUNT OF MATCHES

Amount of matches played

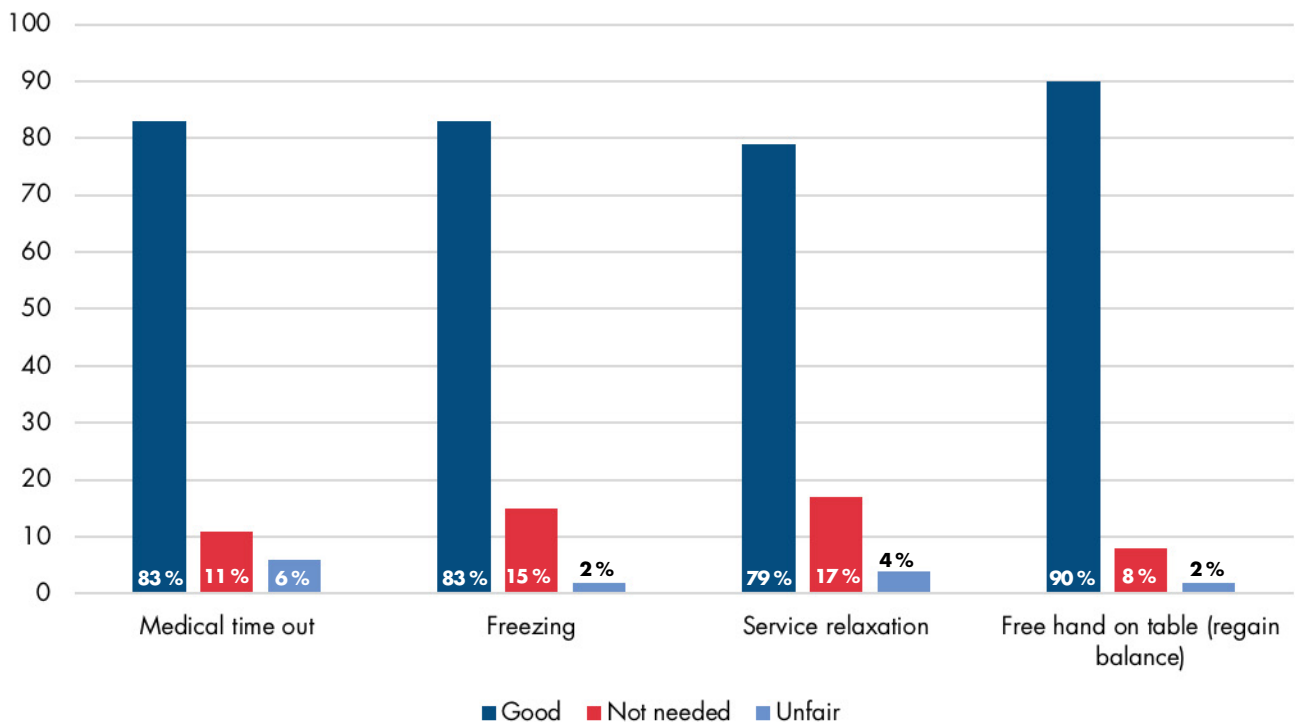


### CONCLUSION (5-6-7):

Participants are very satisfied with the structures and the number of matches played.

## 8. NEW RULES

Satisfaction with the new rules applied



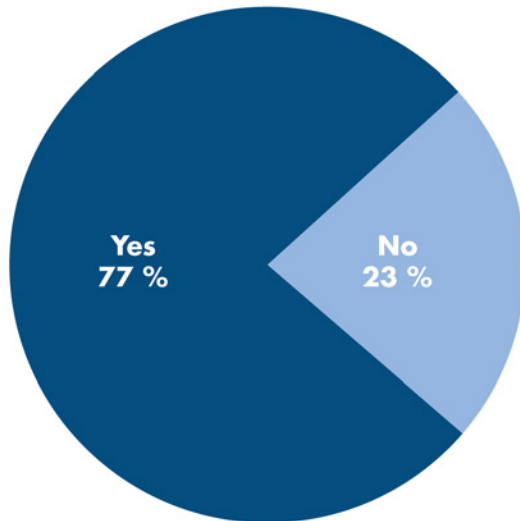
### CONCLUSION:

New rules are accepted and shall be used for the next editions.



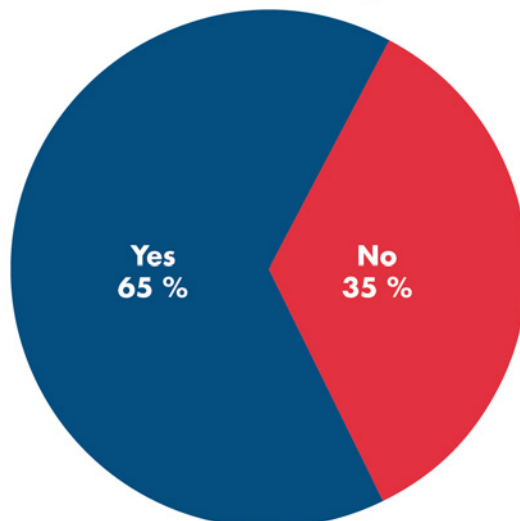
## 9. AWARENESS OF CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

Awareness of classification criteria



## 10. FAIRNESS OF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Fairness of classification system

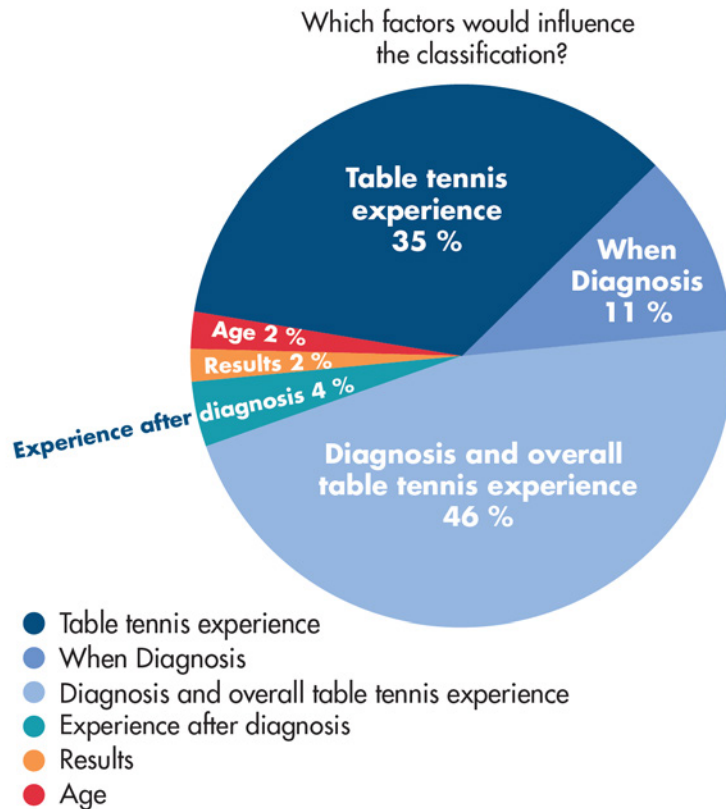


### CONCLUSION (9-10):

Every participant should know the classification criteria. The classification criteria should be published and transparent. The players should have enough time for voicing objections. In order to ensure a consistent and transparent method, the classification system should be managed by the ITTF staff.



## 11. FACTORS FOR FUTURE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



## 12. RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

- Having more time for objections/changes.
- Adjusting the wording in the questionnaire (clarify).
- Differentiate between experience with ping pong or table tennis (TT).
- How many days of training per week.
- Factor in participation in competitions.
- Factor in playing in a club.
- Take physical (dis)abilities into consideration.
- Age factor.

### CONCLUSION:

From now on, the entry system will be online and with a deadline of registration of one month before the competition; this will allow to reinforce the competition format and the schedule.

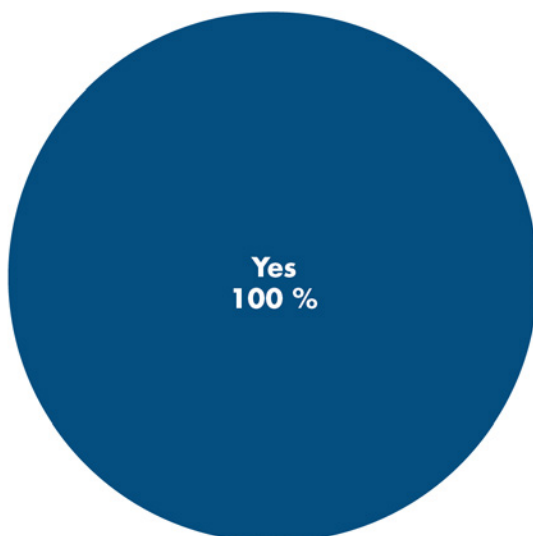


## 13. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Provide more comfortable seating facilities.
- Make and publish a list of the winners in each class.
- Soup is a dish difficult to eat for people with Parkinson's.
- Offer vegan options in the meals.
- Have a second stage in the competition for more balance, also for groups.
- Put more players in each group.
- 1<sup>st</sup> group stage: matches to the best of 3.
- Tournament should be spread out over more days (it should be considered that this might increase expenses for participants and organisers).
- Each day of playing shorter.
- Not leaving hazards without warning signs.
- Publish information related to draws earlier.
- Have info boards with draws.
- The consolation round was well received and will continue to be played.
- More relaxed friendly competition for players.
- Participation certificate for all.
- Finals recorded on the big screen.
- Shorten opening and closing ceremony.

## 14. RECOMMENDATION FOR OTHERS TO ATTEND THE PWTTTC

Recommendation for others to attend



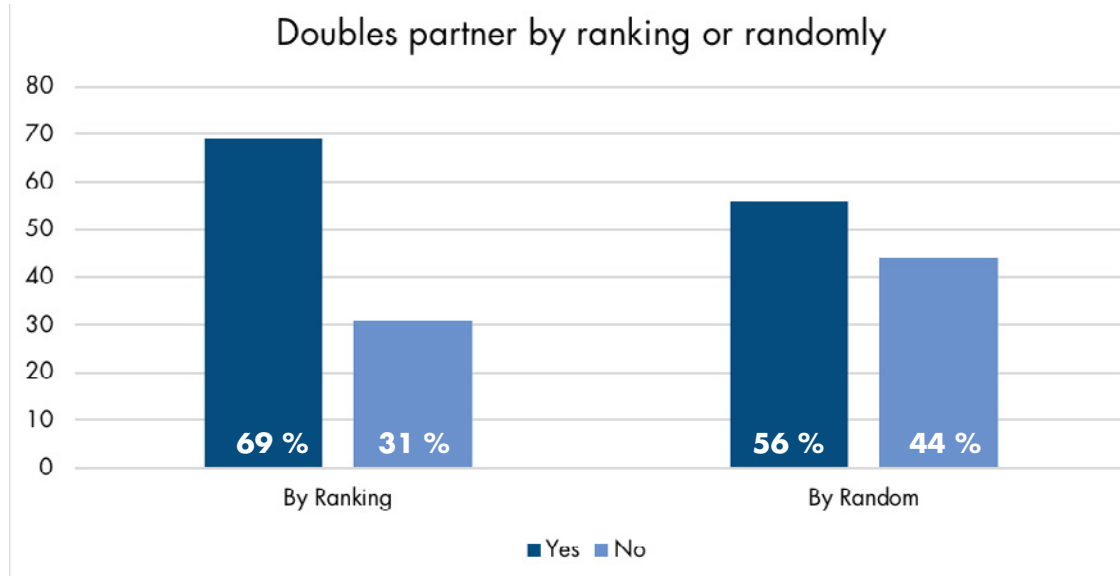
### CONCLUSION:

Everyone attending enjoyed it a lot or at least thinks that it's an experience that others should get to enjoy.





## 15. DOUBLES, PARTNER CHOSEN BY RANKING or RANDOMLY

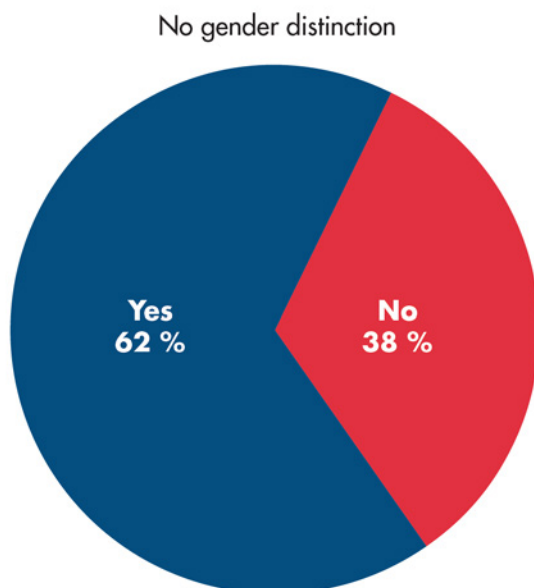


### CONCLUSION:

There are more players that prefer the selection of doubles partners by ranking. This could be an option for those who couldn't find a doubles partner.

## 16. WOMEN AND MEN TOGETHER

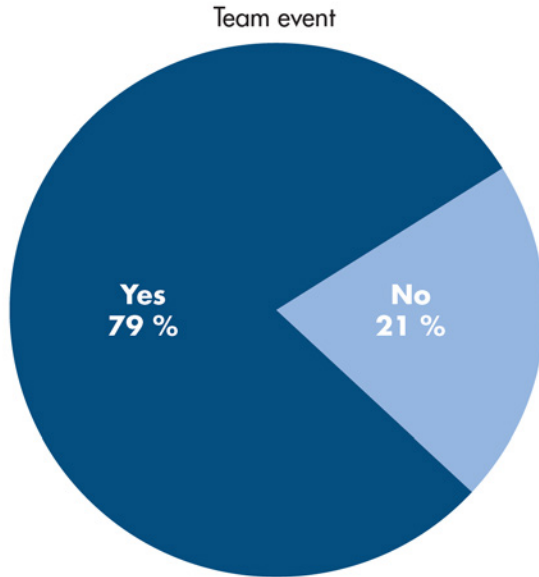
Could you imagine playing one of the events with women and men together? (not mixed doubles, all together without gender distinction)





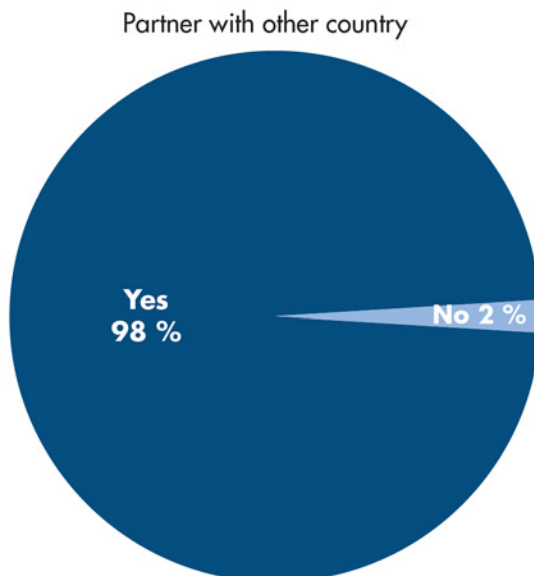
## 17. TEAM EVENT

Would you like to have a team event if there were enough players from your country?



## 18. MIXED TEAMS IF LACK OF PLAYERS FROM OWN COUNTRY

If there are not enough players from your country, would you be interested to partner with someone from another country?



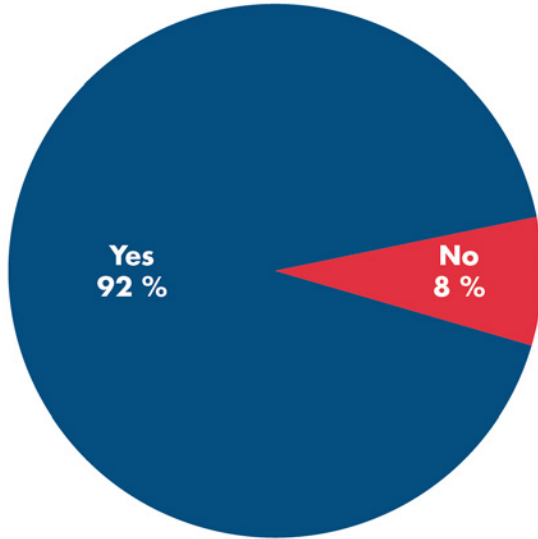
### CONCLUSION (17-18):

Many players are open to playing a team competition and to do mixed teams if there are not enough players from their own countries. Depending on schedule and costs, it is worth considering to include this in a team's event.



## 19. PERMANENTLY INTEGRATING CONSOLATION EVENT

Consolation events permanently?

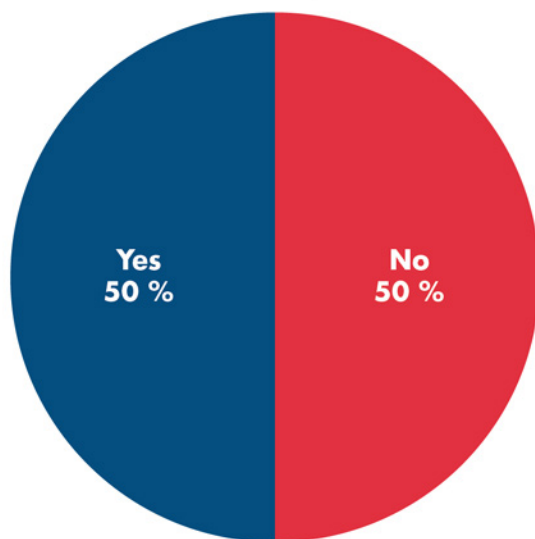


### CONCLUSION:

A significant number of players think that consolation should be included, so the consolation event is one of the events that will be played in next editions.

## 20. BEST OF 3, CONSOLATION EVENT

Consolation events, best of 3

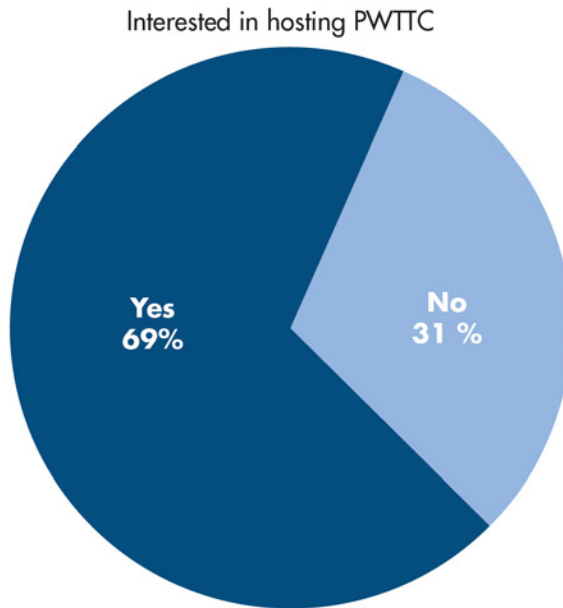


### CONCLUSION:

In some stages, the matches will be to the best of 3 games.



## 21. INTEREST IN HOSTING PWTTTC



## 22. HIGHER REGISTRATION (ALL INCLUDED) VS FEE

Would you prefer to have a higher registration fee including hospitality or having a lower registration fee and managing accommodation yourself?

Higher fee (all included) vs only registration fee





## 23. OTHER COMMENTS

- The importance of the physiotherapy tent and nap zone, making them as a MUST in the next editions.
- There should be breakfast at the hall.
- Sightseeing bus.
- More sanitary facilities.
- Proposal to add this question to the survey: Are you satisfied with your classification level?.

### RESULTS:

We have some of the important facts taken from this survey:

- a.** In the first PWTTTC (USA, 2019), **58** players from **12** countries participated.
- b.** In the second PWTTTC (GER, 2021), **136** players from **24** countries participated (during the pandemic).
- c.** Gender (**71 %** male vs **29 %** female players)
- d.** **59 %** of participants began to play table tennis after having been diagnosed.
- e.** Main motivation to attend the event: social purposes (**90 %**).
- f.** Organisation and structure of the event (Match Officials/Doubles/Singles) very satisfied or satisfied **80 %**.
- g.** Agreement of Round Robin groups in doubles **67 %**
- h.** Agreement of right amount of matches **70 %**
- i.** Agreement to new rules **80-90 %**
- j.** Knowing classification criteria **70 %**
- k.** Fairness of classification system **65 %**
- l.** **431** matches were played in total: **59** ended 3-2; 118 ended 3-1; and 254 ended 3-0 (from the information provided from results system).
- m.** Some suggestions from the participants, related what should be considered more regarding the criteria: differentiate between experience with ping pong or table tennis (TT); how many days of training per week; if official competitions were played; if they played in a club; adjusting the wording in the questionnaire (clarify). To base the criteria on physical abilities; or on the age factor.
- n.** There are a number of suggestions for the improvement and well being of players and organisation, related logistics, administration and technical things.
- o.** Recommend others to attend the ITTF PWTTTC **100 %**
- p.** Selection of the partners of doubles by ranking **69 %**
- q.** Selection of the partners of doubles by random **57 %**
- r.** Imagine yourself playing one of the events with women and men together without gender distinction **62 %**
- s.** Have a team event **79 %**
- t.** Mixed teams if no players from own country **98 %**
- u.** Consolation event is important **92 %**
- v.** Some stages, matches best of 3 **50 %**
- w.** Interested in hosting the ITTF PWTTTC in your country? **69 %**
- x.** Higher registration fee including hospitality vs lower registration fee and managing accommodation yourself? **58 %** ( for higher fee)
- y.** Good that there were physiotherapy tent and nap zone for players. Normally there should be breakfast at the venue also.
- z.** Could be also in the championships, sightseeing bus, more sanitary facilities and proposal to add this question to the next survey: "Are you satisfied with your classification level?"