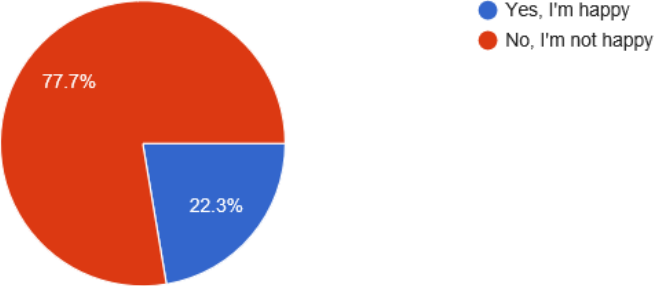


# General Responses

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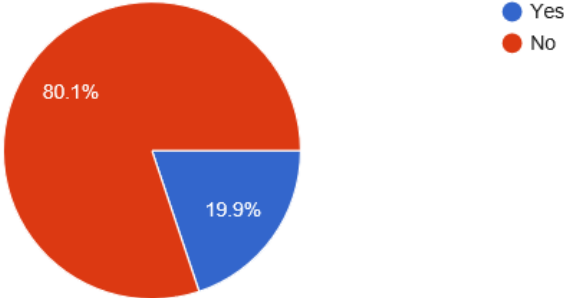
# General survey questions

Are you happy with the benchmark handicapping system? (282 responses)



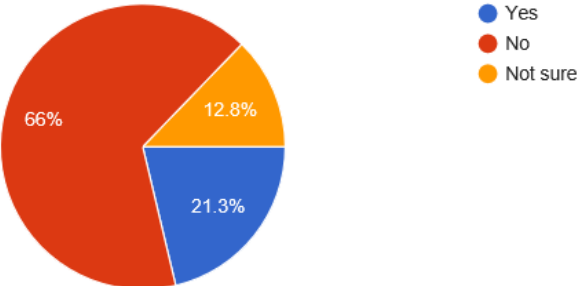
Does the benchmark system make it easier for horses to go through the grades? (282 responses)

(282 responses)



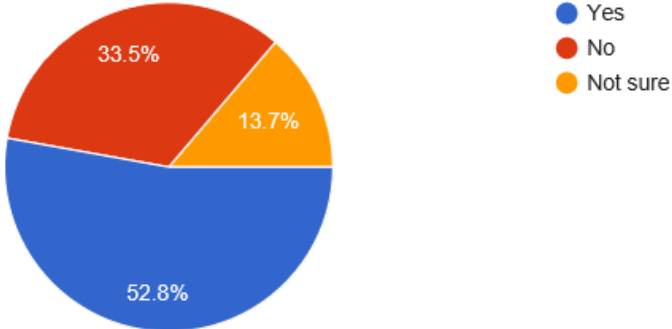
Does the benchmarking system improve opportunities for horses to compete in suitable races? (282 responses)

(282 responses)



Do you think the Benchmark system disadvantages lower benchmark horses? (284 responses)

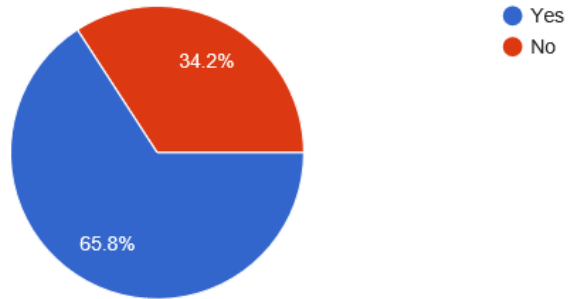
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# General survey questions

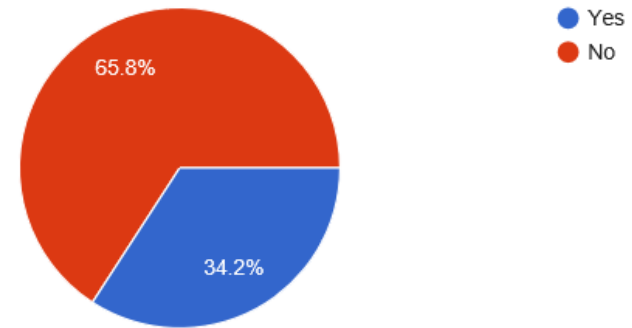
Do you think the Benchmarking system is a factor in lower field sizes in Metro?

(284 responses)



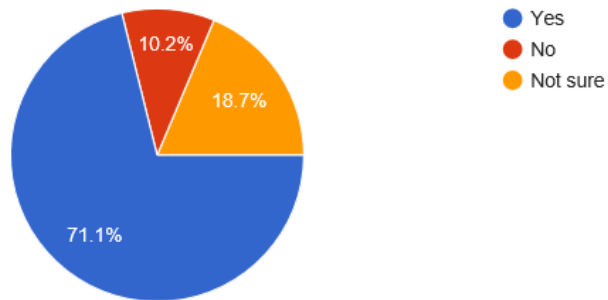
A goal of the Benchmark system was to prolong the career of a horse, is this goal being met?

(284 responses)



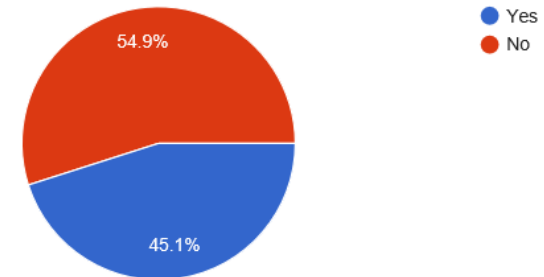
Do you think the NSW benchmark system may see more horses going to Victoria or Queensland if the horse is uncompetitive in NSW ?

(284 responses)



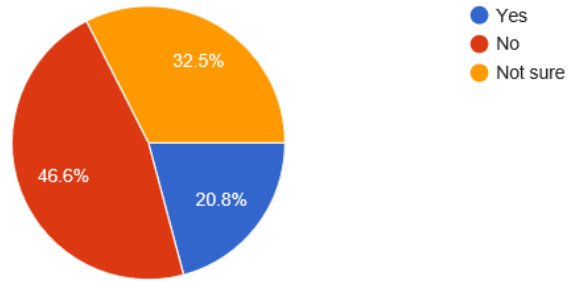
Should a horse than has not run in 12 months automatically be given a reduction of 6 points ?

(284 responses)

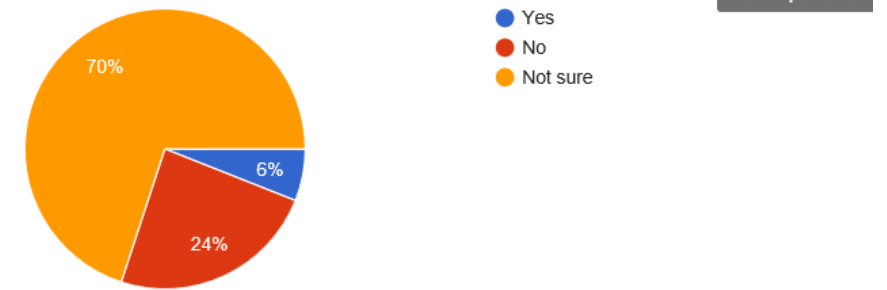


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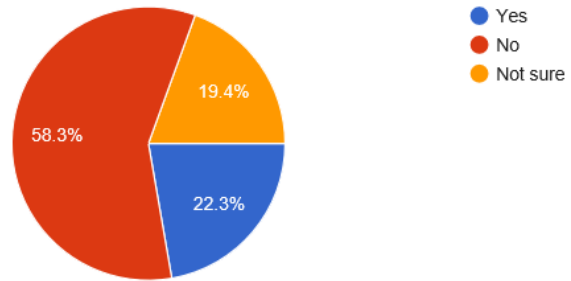
Does the benchmarking system improve field sizes ? (283 responses)



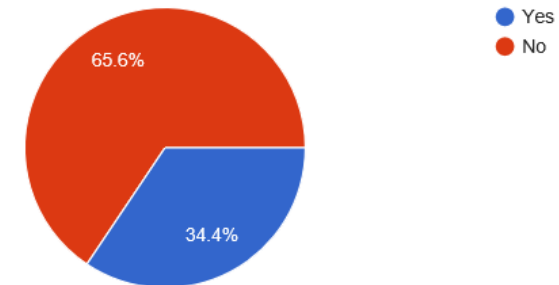
Does the benchmark system improve betting turnover ? (283 responses)



Does the benchmark handicap system result in more competitive racing ? (283 responses)

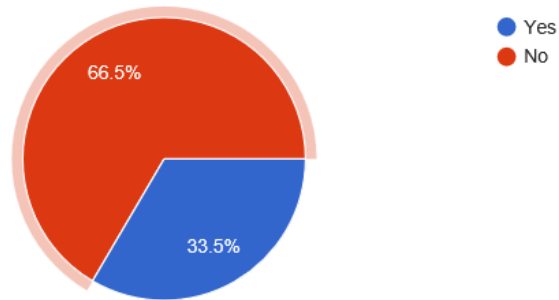


Does the benchmark programming and handicapping system result in a fair allocation of prize money? (282 responses)



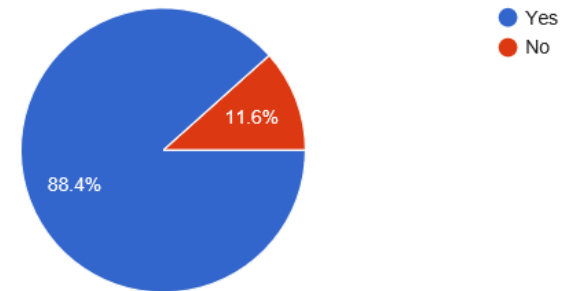
# General survey questions

Do owners of your horses understand the benchmark system? (284 responses)



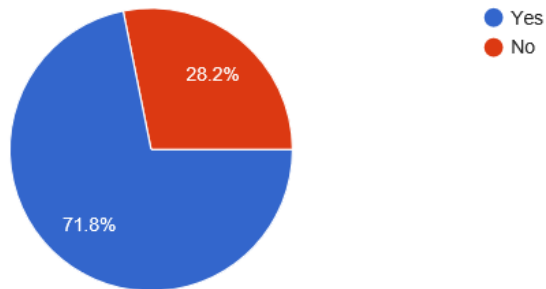
Should there be more explanation information on the Handicapping system available for trainers and owners ?

(284 responses)



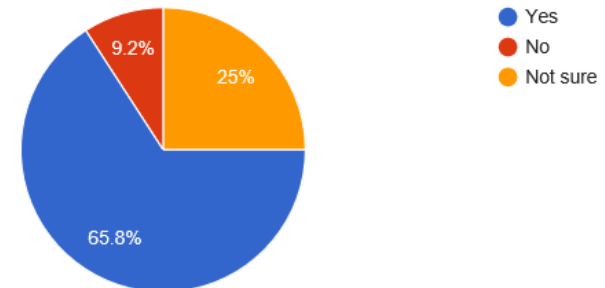
Do you think that any unhappiness with the benchmark system may lead to less horse owners?

(284 responses)



Should there be formal Appeal Tribunal available to review complaints and should results be published ?

(284 responses)

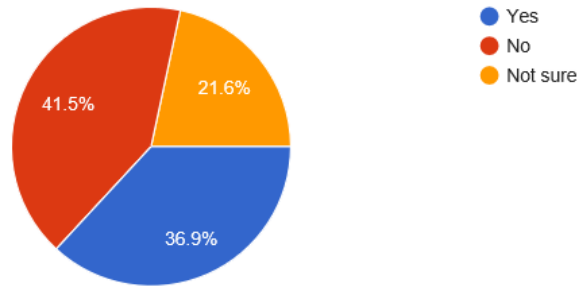


# General survey questions

Does the benchmark handicapping system favour fillies/mares over colts/geldings ?

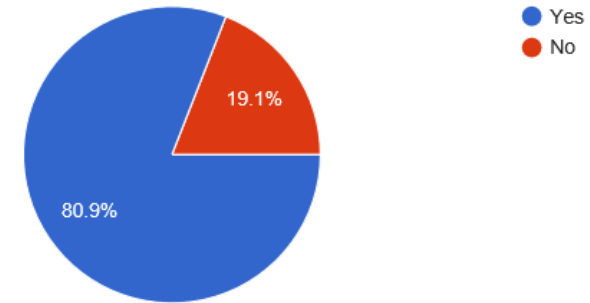
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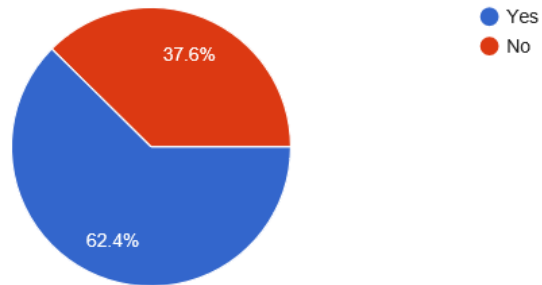
Does the benchmark system hinder the progress of a winning horse and place getters in future races ?

(283 responses)



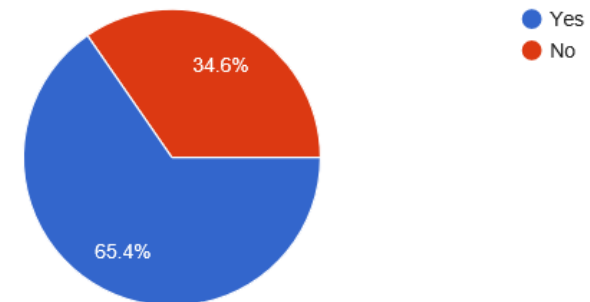
Do you believe that the discretionary assessment allowed to the handicapper should be wider ?

(282 responses)



Is the usual 4 point benchmark penalty for winning a Metro race fair ?

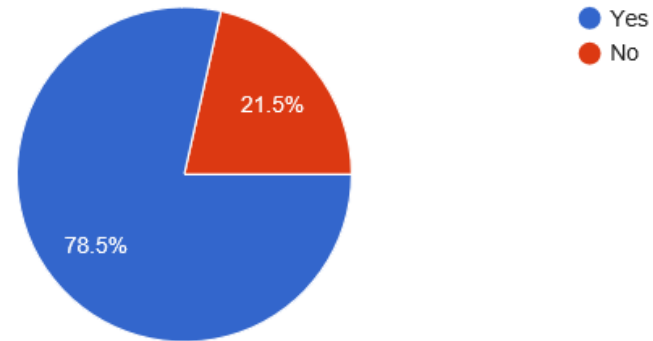
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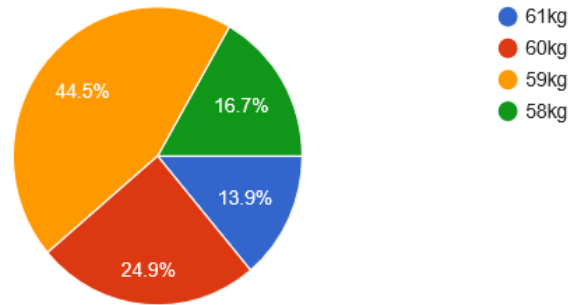
Does the benchmark system influence your decision on whether to keep a horse racing ?

(284 responses)

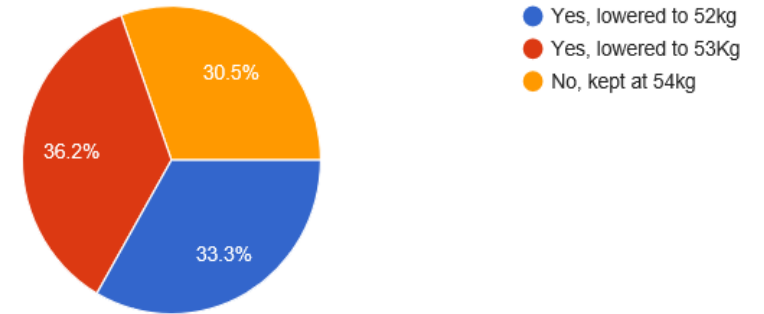


# General survey questions: weights

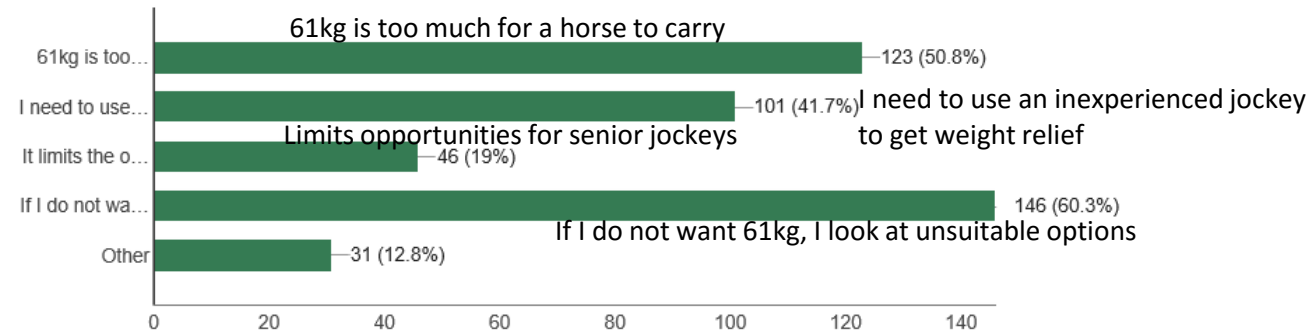
What is your favoured top weight (281 responses)



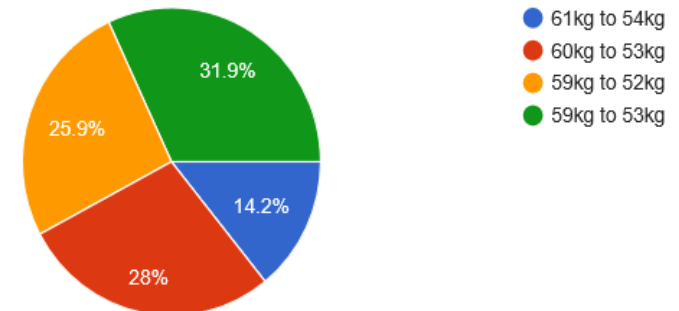
Should the minimum benchmark of 54kg be lowered? (282 responses)



You selected less than 61kg because: (242 responses)



What is your preferred spread of weights: (282 responses)

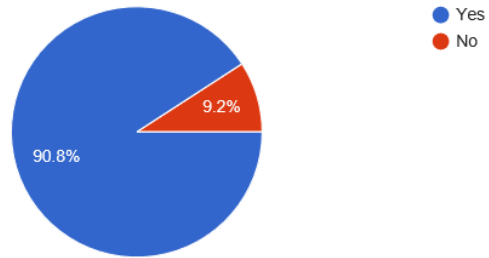




# General survey questions: Programming

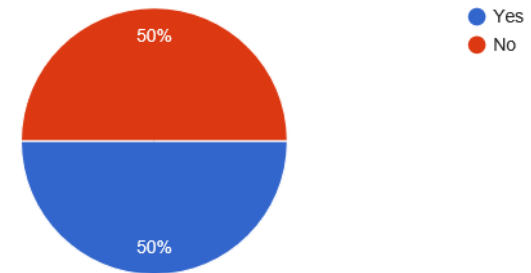
Should the classifications of No Metro Wins (NMW), One Metro Win (1MW) and No Metro Wins in last 12 months (NMW-LY) be re-introduced for 3 & 4yo and up races?

(284 responses)



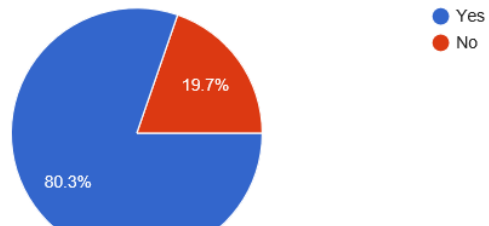
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(284 responses)



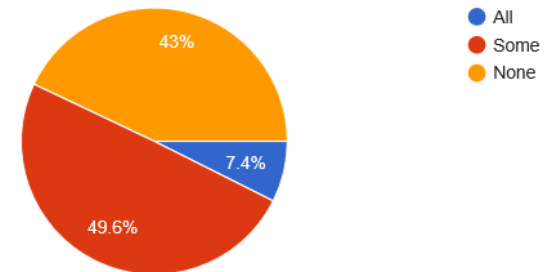
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(284 responses)



Should open races be replaced by benchmark races in country areas?

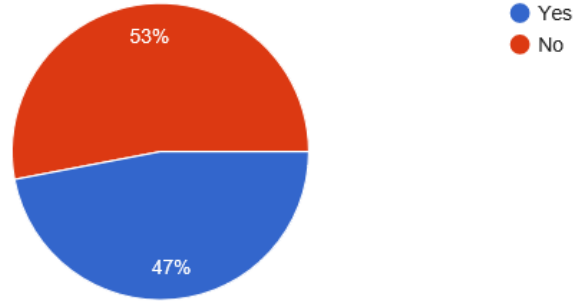
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# General survey questions: Programming

Should there be a maximum penalty (e.g. 6 points) applied to the winner of any standard, non-feature race ?

(283 responses)

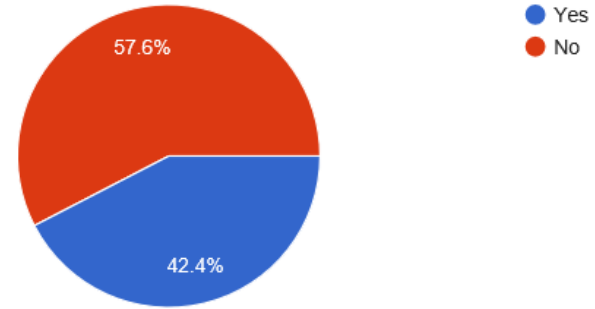


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Does the benchmark handicapping system reduce ratings of horses that do not perform quick enough ?

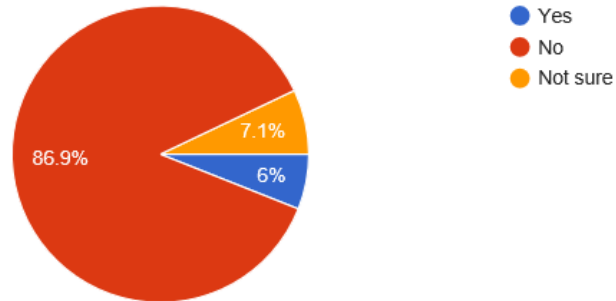
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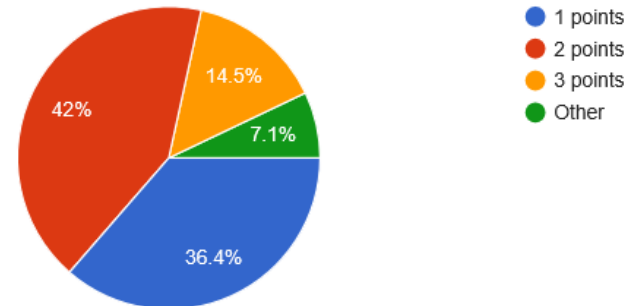
Should a horse that wins a Country race be given the same benchmark penalty as a Provincial or Metro winner ?

(283 responses)



What should be the minimum points reduction for an unplaced horse running in their usual distance range ?

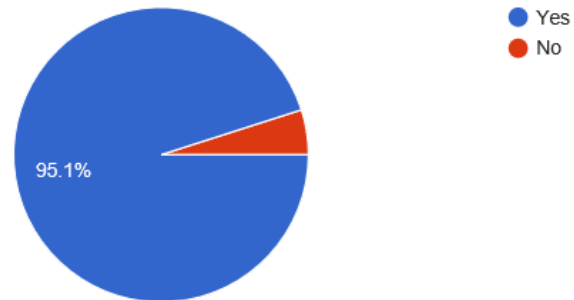
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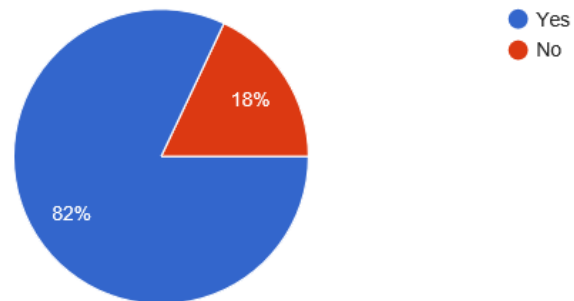
Should there be more flexibility in Programming to match horses in work suitable race options ?

(284 responses)



Should there be a better system in place so Racing NSW can find out information on horses in work and plan programming of suitable races ?

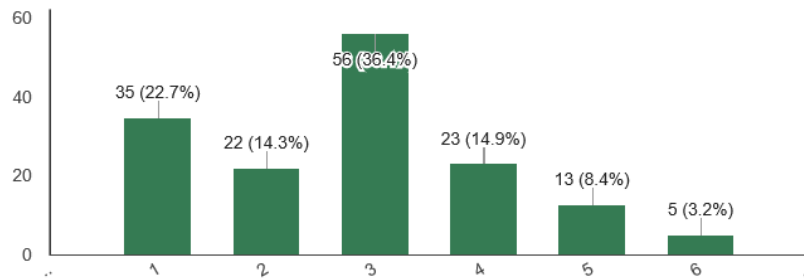
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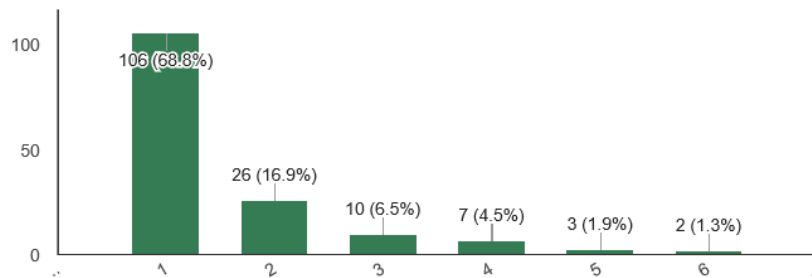
# General survey questions: factors in deciding on a race\*

Please rank the following influences when considering starting a horse in a race

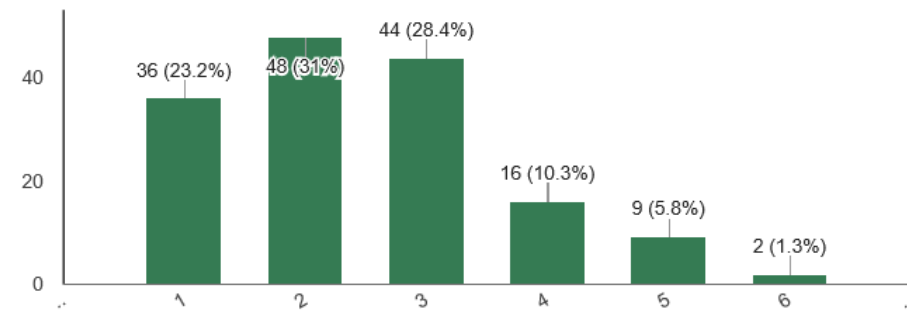
Barrier draw (154 responses)



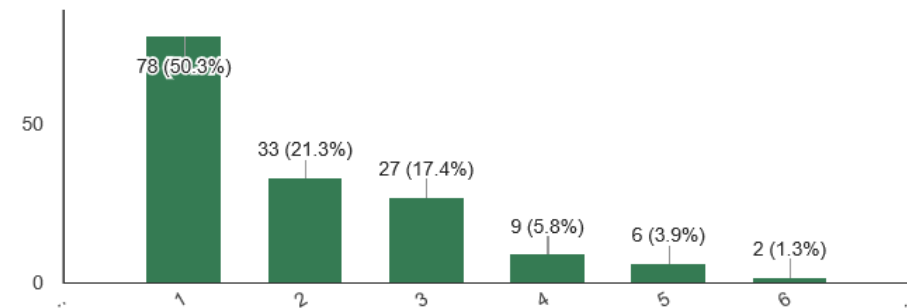
Class & distance of race (154 responses)



Field strength of race (155 responses)



Handicap weight (155 responses)



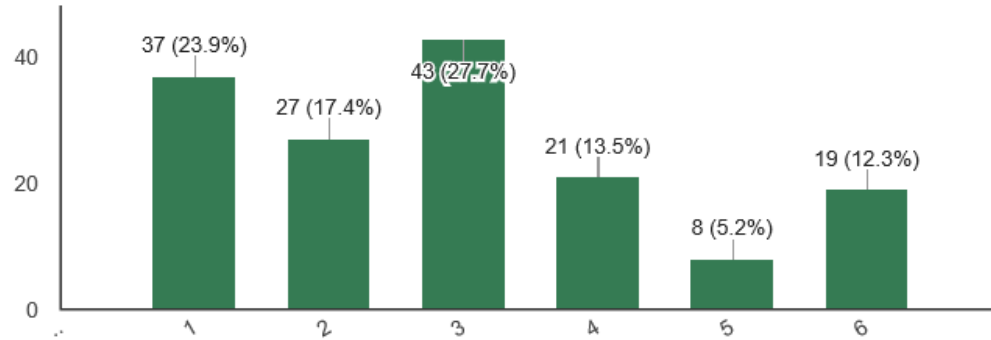
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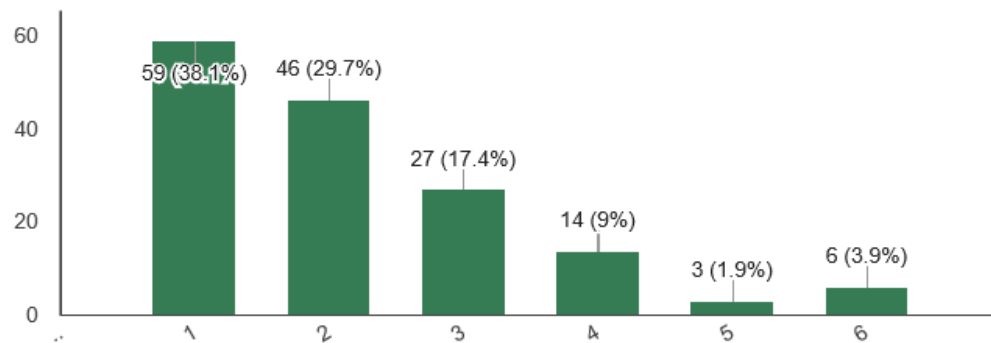
# General survey questions: factors in deciding on a race\*

Prize money of race (155 responses)

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Track condition (155 responses)



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