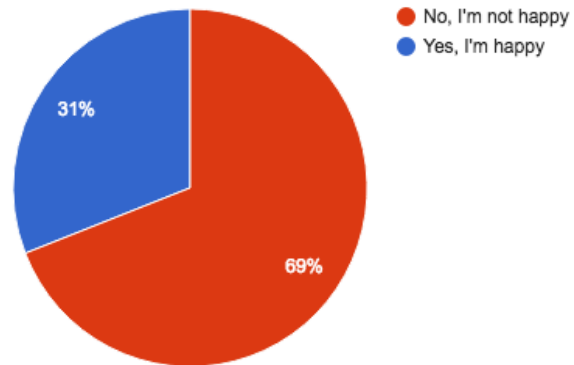


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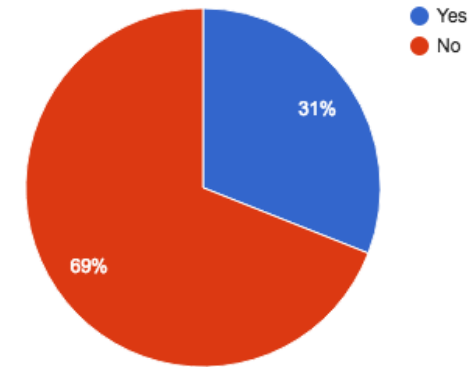
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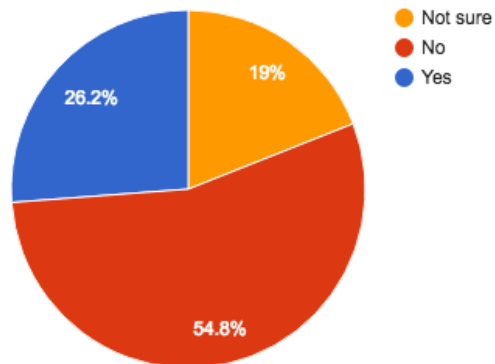
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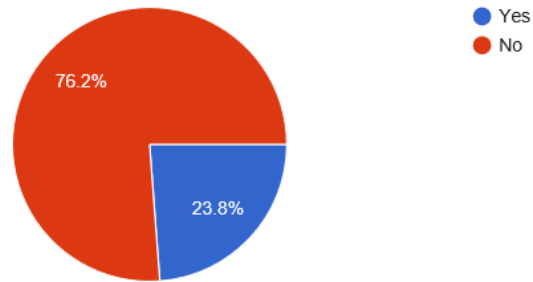
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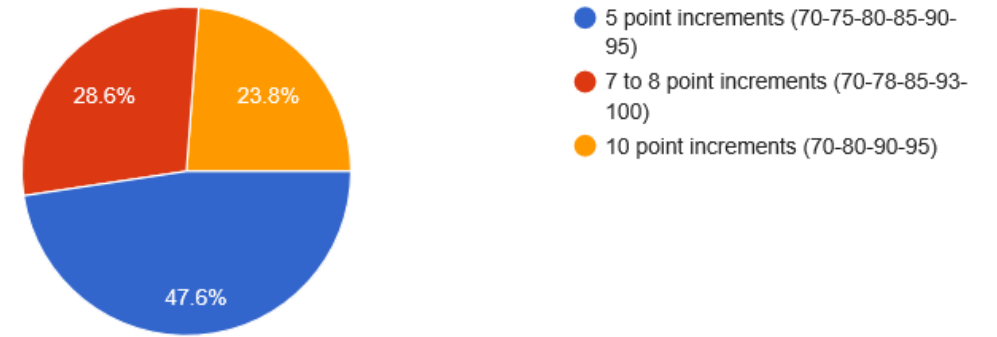
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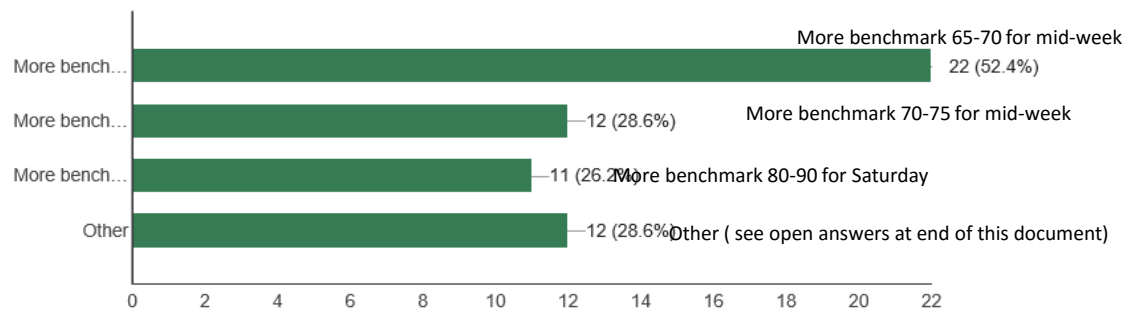
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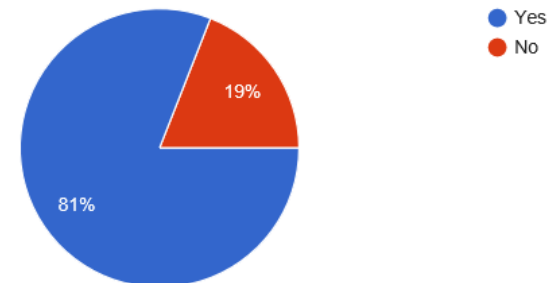


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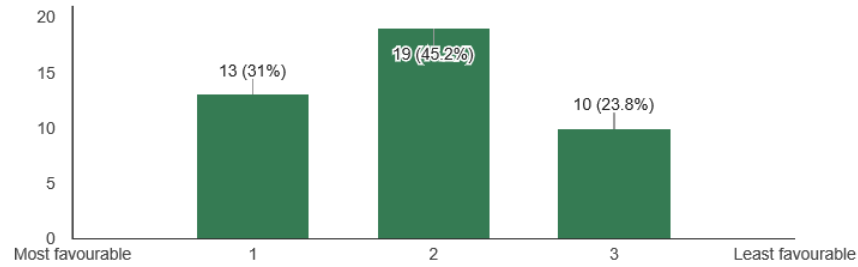
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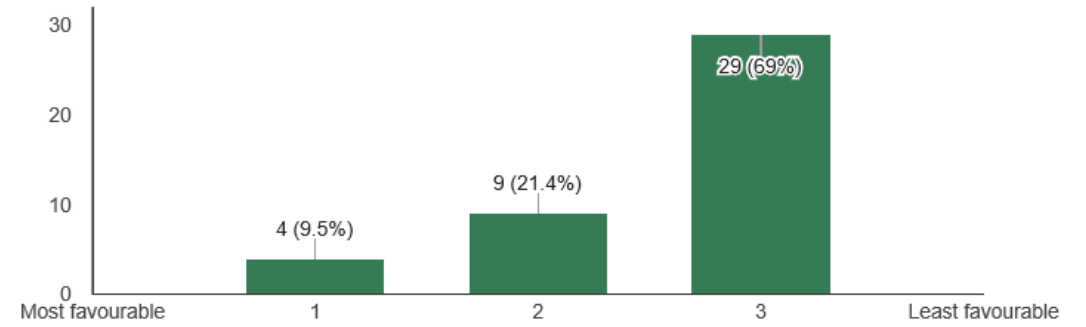
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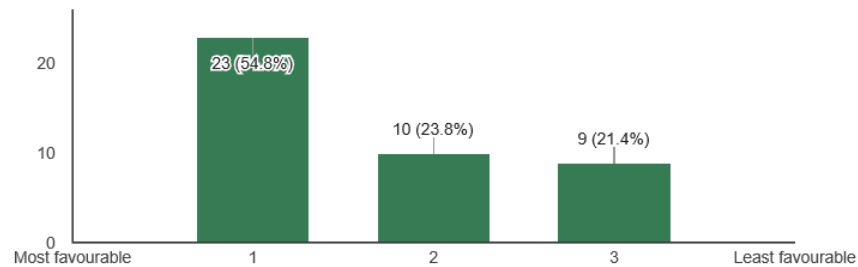
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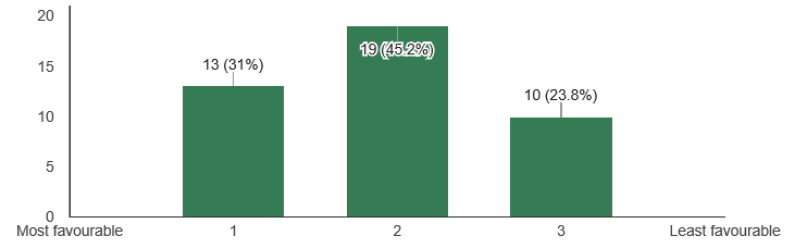
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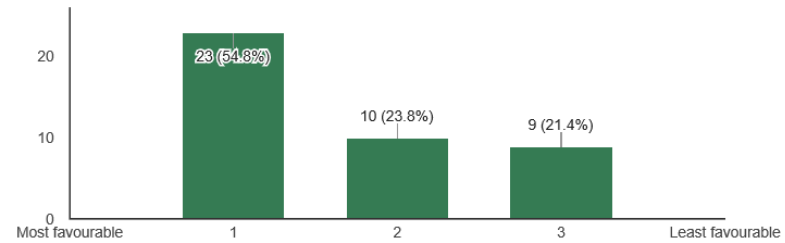
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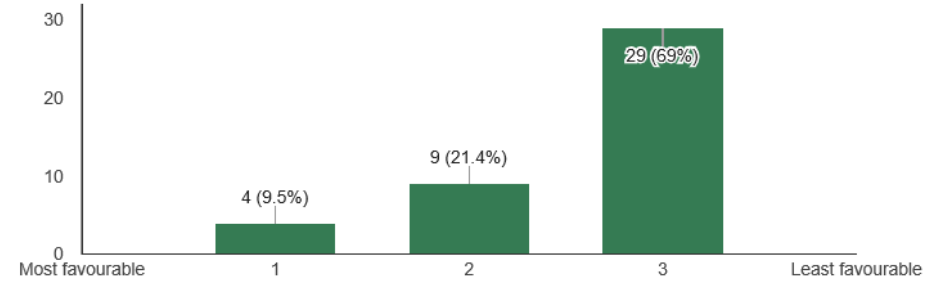
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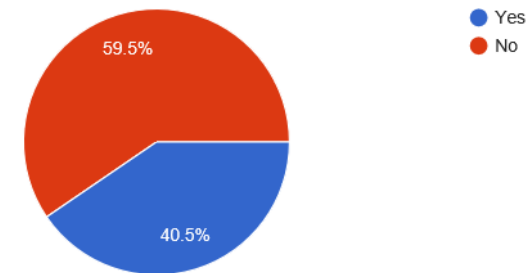


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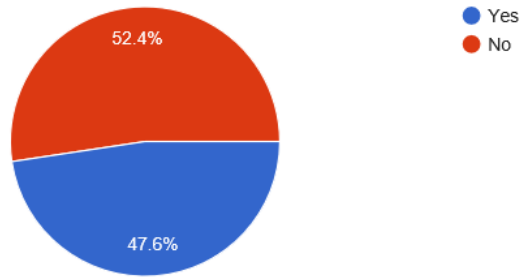
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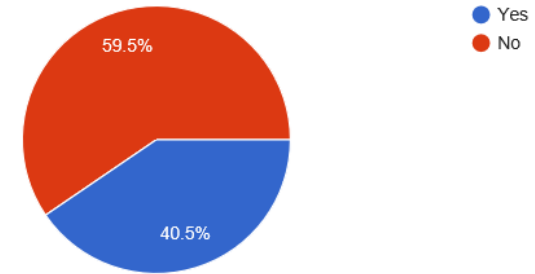
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(42 responses)



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Metro only trainer questions: 2YO programming options

What 2YO programming options do you need between October and June?

(25 responses)

more 1000/1100m races	More country race
just more 2yo races	split sexes
More 2yr races midweek in the spring and new year	there are few options for 2yo that have won a maiden that aren't up to listed level
Cols/Gelding division and a Fillies division	greater opportunity, greater distance range
Need more options.	More colts races but more altogether
I don't race many 2yo but have trouble finding a race after they have won a maiden seem programming is geared towards the city to bolster fields	More options for non group horses during carnival times, ie mid week
provincial and country maiden 2yo ,metro nmw ,1mw,open	at least 1 a week
Gender maiden 1/2 metro/prov races	More races over 1600m
More options and more races.	More length in the races
2yo races everywhere not just metro - there should be provincial and country options.	more provincial and country races available
Suitable Races against there own sex when they get above 1400 combine them	Bring back No Metro Wins Races to allow transition to city racing
to allow the 2yos who possibly wont win a metro race have suitable options to be able to win which there are not enough of these types of races during this period.	
It is mainly between April through to June when more options are needed	
The continual option of 5F is bizarre race planning at this time of year. Early 2 yr olds tend to be bred to be fast and run a short trip, therefore have plenty of 5F races early in the season, then as the season progresses so the maidens need to lengthen in trip! We're in May and there are more provisional 5F-5.5F MDNS than not	

Metro only trainer questions: can you suggest ideas that would improve Metro field sizes ?

(28 responses)

tough question

Put lower graded races on a Saturday in the off season , good example is the country highway races

as answer of above

All of the above

I don't think the answer is just programming handicapping determines where we place our horses . If a ordinary horse places in a ordinary race at Canterbury he's penalised that makes it hard to either get back to the provincial or country circuit . But it does make a good market to move them on

You need to change more than programming to do this

Majority of horses need to win at least 2 metro before going to higher grade on saturday

lower top weight

more communication on the pool of horses trainers have. More jump out options at the training centre's and make barrier trials cheaper for the owner, put on the right type of races and consistently run them.

Revert to class 1 to 6 system and for horses that have more than 6 races go to rating races

Better continuity of suitable races and reduction in the top weight

More open handicaps

less age restricted races eg 3yo can race with 4yo up & vice versa with a weight penalty to apply to 4yo up if against 3yo.

the old class 3 midweek races. as you said above one metro and no metro. as it stands now if a average maiden wins their first start in town they are then forever condemned as they are smashed in the weights and don't get to come back in the ratings quick enough

No opinion

The rating system needs to allow for horses rated 80+ into bench mark races. Otherwise we end up with horses rated 80 odd in group races, or 80 rated horses not getting into Open handicaps. There needs to BM races of 80-90

fillies and mares races

introduce more welter type races with a capped top weight of 60kg. you need somewhere to run older horses at the back end of there careers that are no longer up to listed level yet get out weighted in a benchmark race

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Stop moving the rail so much

more fillies &mares

Don't penalise the better horse with massive weights

Set weight races based on number of wins

Similar to the old graduation type races

Allowing lower class racing in metro area will give an immediate impact as can be seen from the success of the highway races

Class racing

Less penalties for horses that place so they can still go back to the provincials and be competitive

lower capped benchmark races and less filly and mares only races

fillies and mares races and colts and gelding races

More Open Handicaps

Metro only trainer questions: can you suggest ideas that would improve Metro field sizes?

(26 responses)

Put class races back on
Better programing and DISTANCES VARIED
Under the present benchmark system, no.
Allow more flexibility with the handicapping and then make them use their discretion
With the added bonus of BOBS it makes a lot of sense for people to start in the provincial /Country then come to the city. Bobs prize money in the country with option of doubling up is a big incentive to race there first and some horses never progress to the higher grades of the city until older or even never. Country win with Bobs/Double up \$16,000 ,nearly as much as running 2nd on a Saturday in the metro area. Once country prize money goes up on 1st July it will be worth \$20,000 to a bobs double up horse . Why race in Metro area. Needs to be a bigger gap between Metro/Provincial/Country. Bobs too successful
It is becoming harder for smaller trainers (like small business) to compete with ever growing bigger trainers (like big business) as such creating oligopolies and as such the spread of quality horses is restricted and lower field sizes will continue until this is addressed. As the bigger trainers get bigger they will also encroach on provincial and the country more and more and the same will happen there too. Smaller trainers can not even compete any longer at the sales to try and improve their quality of horses.
Better programming and spread of weights
Put prizemoney up like they have done with Country and Provincial
as above
Better continuity in programming and reduction in minimum top weight to 59
Revert to class 1-6 system

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Less low bm races 67 races are a waste of time I hardly have a horse in work thats rated to get a reasonable weight in that grade
more restricted races (NMW etc.) & more weight for age races (3yo up) - which could be merged too (weight for age races restricted to horses with NMW etc.) Also see answer to next question.
re adjust the weight scale and re vamp the benchmarking/class races and have better suitable options
Reduce the number of meetings. Lower the cost of training.
Make it more viable for country trainers to come Example rebates to travel and more good horses would stay with country trainers and come to Sydney to compete pre
bigger starting bonus
If the tracks were maintained properly then the rail wouldn't be out 9-12M and we could therefore run 18 in a race rather than having races limited at 10 runners
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less trials you can only trial twice
Go back to the old system and spread the weights from 58kg to 52 kg
Class racing
Have a programming system that goes somewhere and allows horses to progress in distance and class
again capped lower benchmark races
more benchmark races 1200m to 1600
More Open Handicaps

What suggestions would you make to improve Summer Metro field sizes ?

(26 responses)

Less meetings

Better programming and varied distances

As above.

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summer series for different ages/sex/distance. Must be NSW trained. Have finals day worth double prize money. Winners qualify for The Championships and final acceptance paid for The Championship

refer to my answer above, if this is not addressed, there is no answer

As above

as above

Better continuity of programming

Better programming of races to allow horses to go through their grades.

less meetings open the races up less restrictive benchmark races

bigger spread of prize money - eg increase prize money so Metropolitan minor placings to say 8th place compare favourably with minor place prize money at the Provincials to say 4th.

the above basically. to encourage people to be able to find the right race for their horse to encourage them to run

Previous answer in context with keeping their city class horses and not loosing to city trainers