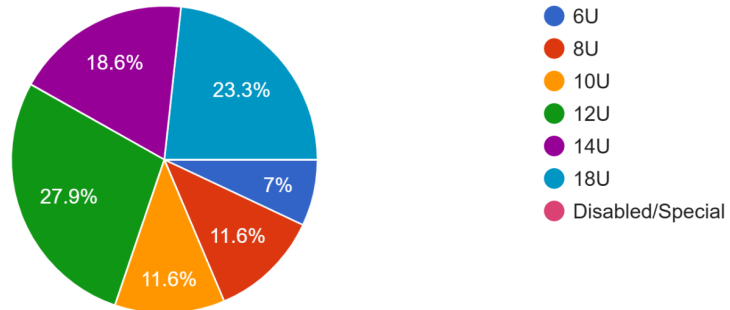


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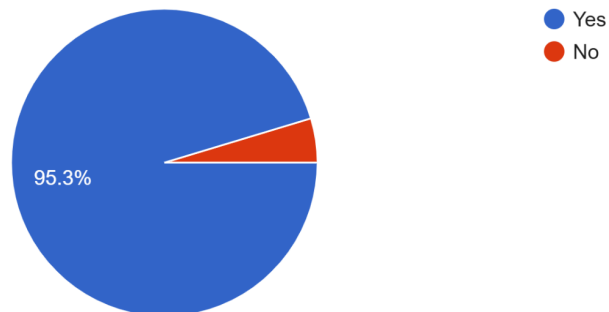
Player Division

43 responses



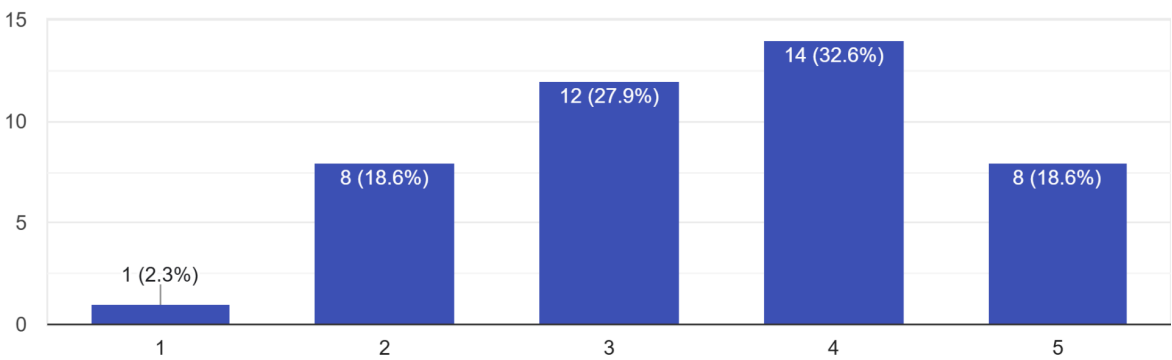
In general, my player enjoyed this season.

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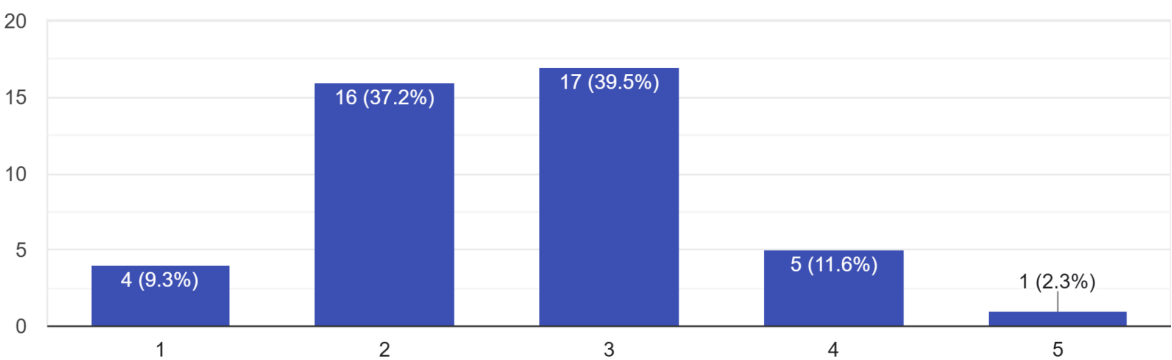
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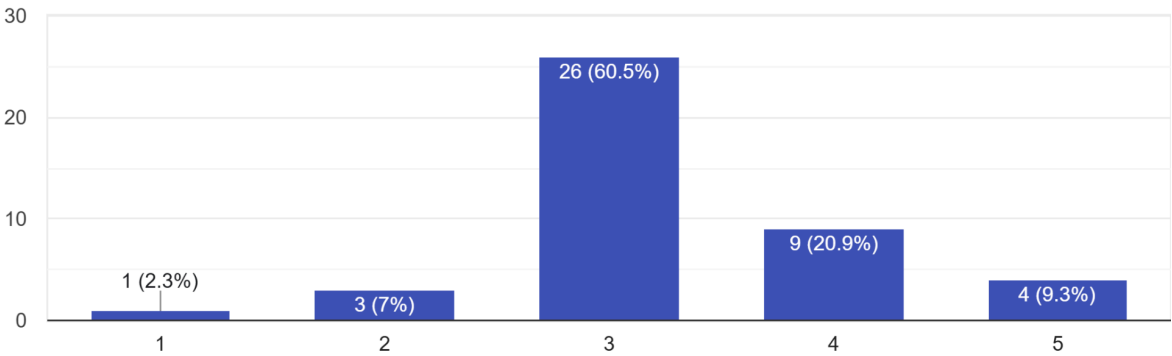
Satisfaction with the number of games

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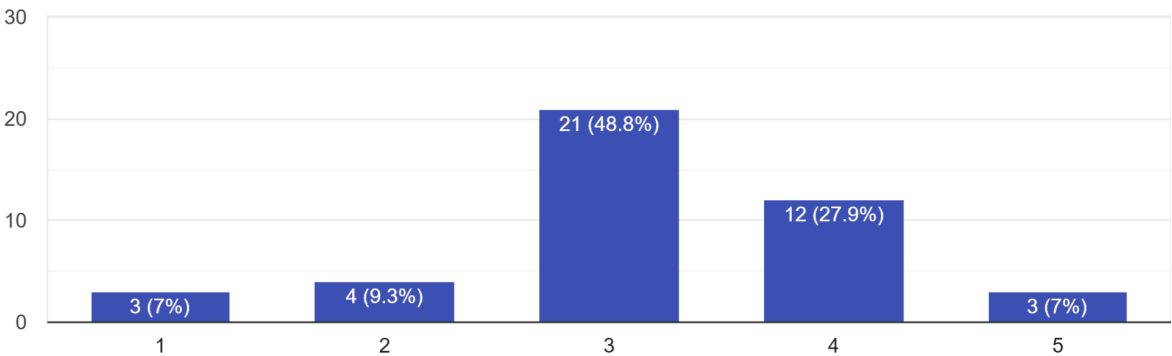
Satisfaction with the amount of travel this season

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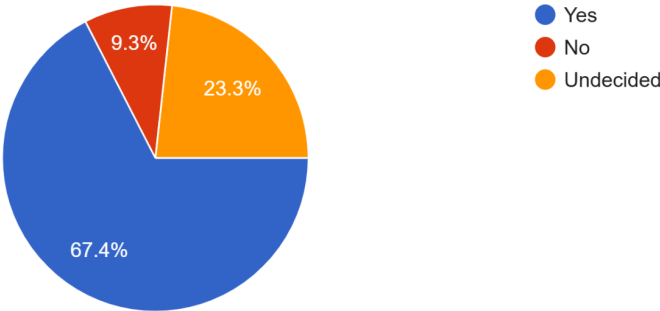
Current satisfaction with the level of competitiveness of teams within the state

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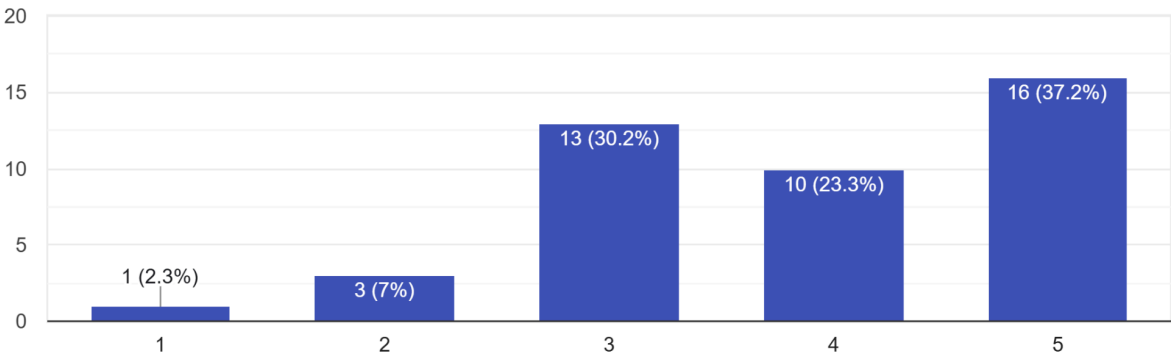
Does your player enjoy Super Weekends (3–4 games over 2 days)?

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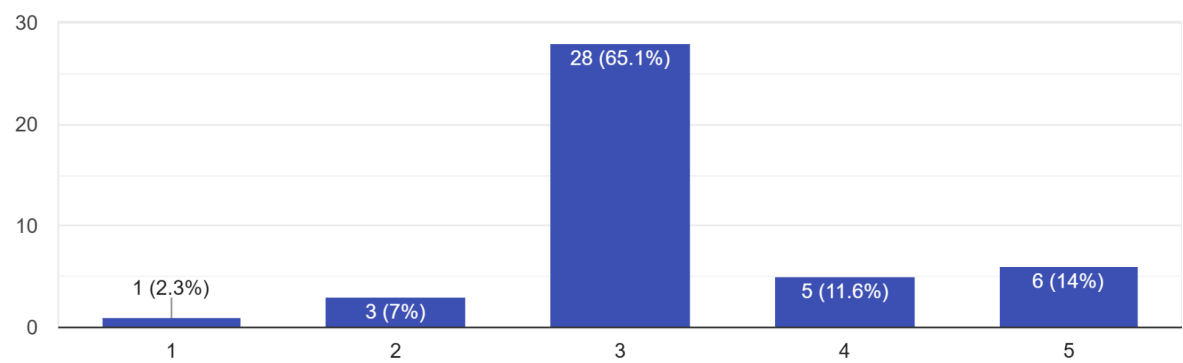
Satisfaction with skill development

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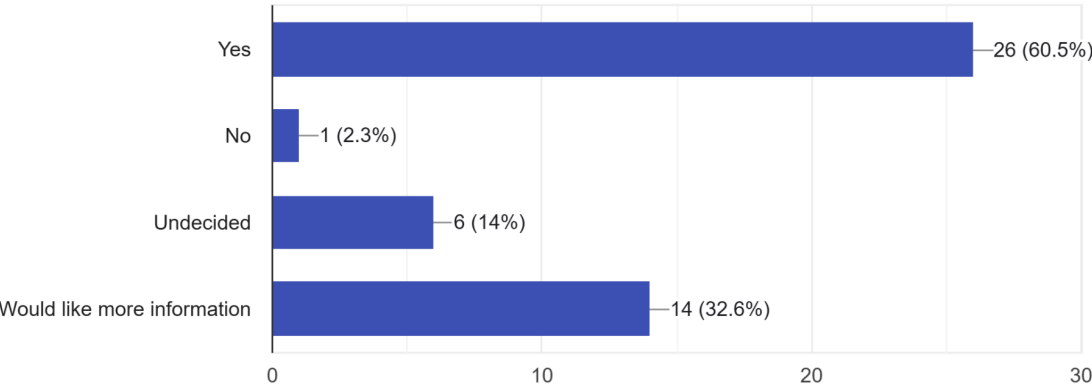
Satisfaction with the number of practices

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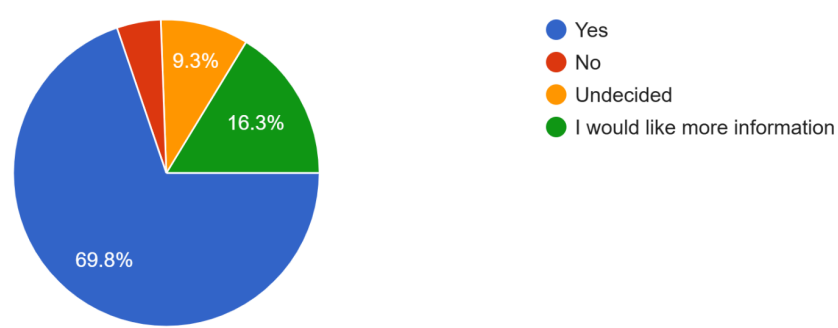


Would you support the creation of A and B teams at certain levels next season

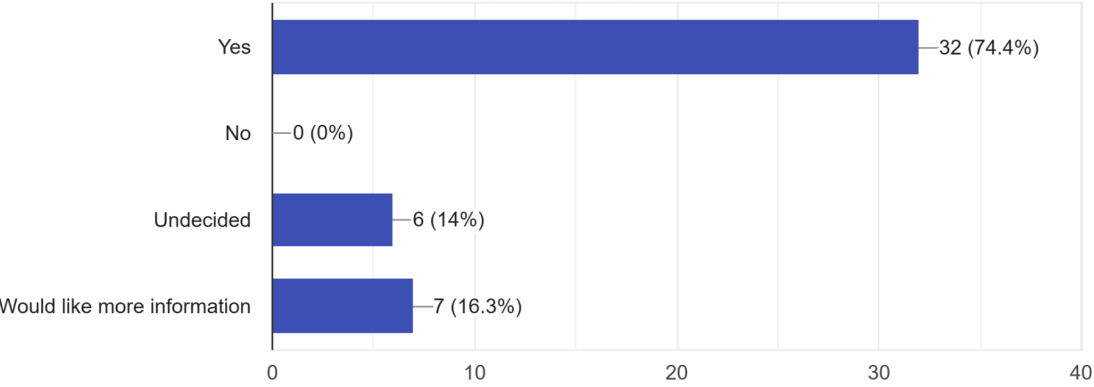
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If your player did not make the A team, would they still continue to play with LAHA on a B team?
43 responses

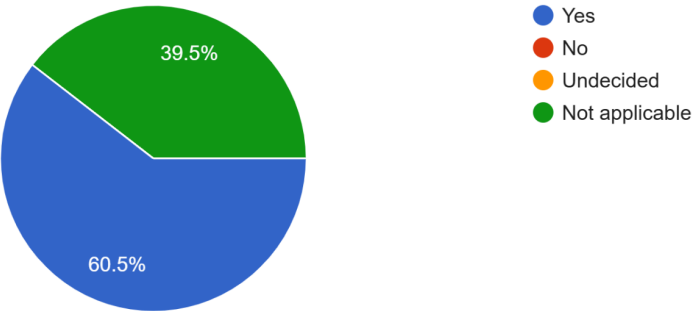


Do you support the creation of "Select Only" teams at 14U and above? These teams would play additional games and/or tournaments.
43 responses



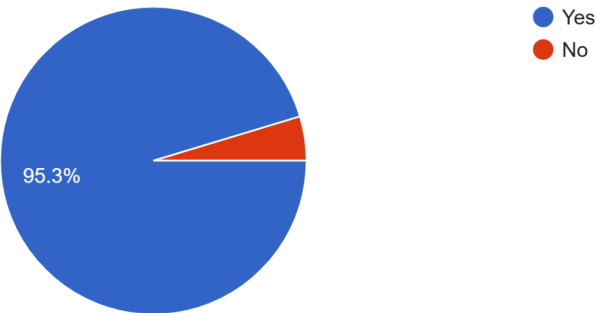
For 14U and 18U: Is your player comfortable playing full contact/checking games vs. competitive contact games?

43 responses



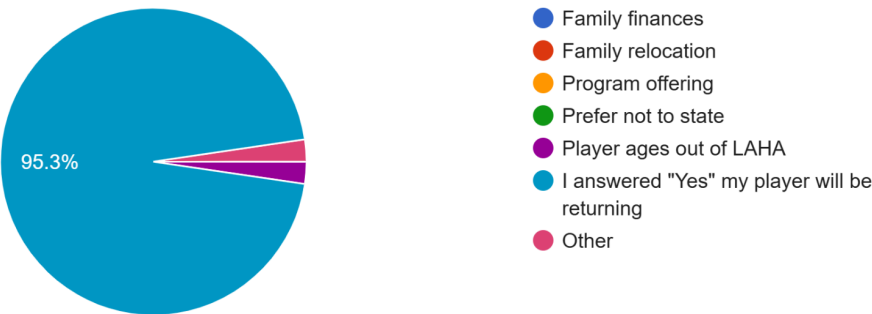
Will your player be returning to LAHA next season?

43 responses



If you answered "no" please tell us why.

43 responses



★ Overall Satisfaction:

- **Mostly Positive:** The majority of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the program.
 - **Common Praise:**
 - **Dedicated Coaching Staff:** Many appreciated the coaches' commitment and positive influence on players.
 - **Player Development:** Notable growth in skills and personal development.
 - **Fun & Enjoyment:** Players had fun, made friends, and enjoyed the season.
 - **First-Year Success:** First-time families had positive experiences and felt welcomed.
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↺ Areas for Improvement:

- **Communication Issues:**
 - Poor communication between coaches and families (especially at 14U and 18U levels).
 - Lack of transparency and clarity around schedules and planning.
- **Team Structure:**
 - Multiple comments about the need to **split teams by skill level** (A/B teams or travel/house distinctions).
 - Concern over mixing brand new skaters with experienced ones, which limits competitive development.
- **Practice & Game Balance:**
 - Desire for more full-ice time, more games, or an additional tournament.
 - Over-scheduling with too many “super weekends” and excessive travel was a major concern.

- **Organizational Issues:**
 - Lack of a team manager in some cases led to disorganization and exclusion of newer families.
 - Mixed feedback about how feedback from parents was received or ignored by the board.
- **Cost & Value:**
 - A few mentioned the program is **too expensive**, especially considering shortened seasons or missed games.

Suggestions & Specific Requests:

- Implement **A/B team structure** at 12U, 14U, and 18U levels.
 - Improve **communication channels** between coaches, board, and families.
 - Reduce travel and reconsider the frequency of super weekends.
 - Provide **more structured practices** and skill-specific drills.
 - Offer more **opportunities for advanced players** to grow and compete.
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Development

Category	Key Themes	Sentiment
Overall Satisfaction	Most families were happy with the program; players had fun and showed growth.	✅ Mostly Positive
Coaching Staff	Coaches praised for dedication, positivity, and impact on player development.	✅ Positive
Player Development	Noted improvements in skills and personal growth; some concern for lack of challenge for advanced players.	✅/⚠️ Mixed

Team Structure	Requests for A/B or travel/house teams to separate skill levels; frustration with mixed abilities.	⚠ Needs Improvement
Practice/Game Structure	Want more full-ice time, better-planned practices, and one more tournament; some practices felt chaotic.	⚠ Mixed
Communication	Weak communication from coaches and board, especially at 14U/18U; unclear planning.	✗ Negative
Program Organization	Lack of team manager created disorganization; some parents felt excluded.	✗ Needs Work
Cost/Value	Program seen as expensive; some dissatisfaction with value (missed games, travel burden).	⚠ Mixed
Travel & Scheduling	Too many super weekends; excessive travel and fatigue; preference for more local games.	✗ Negative
Board Responsiveness	Parents felt feedback was not considered or acted upon.	✗ Negative
First-Year Experience	New families had very positive experiences, especially at 8U and 6U levels.	✅ Positive

Skill Development:

Category	Key Feedback & Themes	Sentiment
Overall Satisfaction	Most saw growth in their players; development was generally seen as positive but uneven.	✅/⚠ Mixed
Skating & Power Skating	Strong call for more skating instruction, especially power skating and edge work .	⚠ Needs More Focus
Goalie Development	Multiple responses noted lack of dedicated goalie training during regular practices.	✗ Inadequate
Skill-Based Grouping	Positive feedback on 18U separating by skill level during practice; recommended for other levels too.	✅ Effective Approach
Game & Practice Balance	Suggestions to replace some practices with skill clinics or full-ice sessions to build stamina.	⚠ Needs Rebalancing

Advanced Player Growth	Concern that higher-skilled players are plateauing due to limited challenge and mixed-level instruction.	✗ Underdeveloped
Beginner Progress	Praise for noticeable progress among new skaters, especially at 8U and early 10U levels.	✓ Positive
Structured Practice Planning	Calls for more dedicated skill-specific practices (e.g., skating, shooting, positioning).	⚠ Inconsistent
Coach Effort & Adaptability	General appreciation for coaches working hard despite the challenge of broad skill ranges.	✓ Appreciated Effort
Program Comparisons	Some feel LAHA lags behind more competitive programs (e.g., Portland, Dallas showcase) in skill intensity.	✗ Needs Advancement

Top Suggestions:

- Add **weekly dedicated skating sessions**.
- Provide **separate goalie training** during team practices.
- Use **skill-level-based practice groups** across all divisions.
- Focus more on **shooting, passing, and positional play** as players advance.
- Consider bringing in external coaches or specialists for clinics.

"Are there areas you would like the Board to focus on for the 2025–2026 season?"

Category	Key Themes & Feedback	Sentiment/Need
A/B Team Structure & Select Teams	Strong support for A/B or Select teams , but also many concerns about fairness, coaching distribution, team depth, bench size, and potential player retention.	⚠ Support with concerns

Skill Development	Emphasis on more dedicated skill training , especially skating and goalie development; better skill-level groupings.	⚠ Needs enhancement
Coaching Quality & Support	Mixed reviews—some praise for key coaches, others cited lack of hockey knowledge , inconsistent line changes, and need for more training/support for new coaches.	⚠ Needs improvement
Behavior & Accountability	Concerns about how behavioral issues are handled (players, coaches, parents), with calls for better communication, fairness, and earlier intervention.	! Needs attention
Communication & Transparency	Repeated calls for better communication with families , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – advance agendas for board meetings – follow-ups on concerns – season expectations 	! High priority
Travel, Cost & Scheduling	Requests for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – realistic expectations on travel and cost – improved game count follow-through – earlier tournament planning 	⚠ Needs clarity
Jerseys & Gear	Mixed opinions on yearly jerseys; suggestions for gear swaps and clear jersey policy to reduce stress.	⚠ Minor issue
Affordability & Access	Suggestions to improve scholarships , expand fundraising , and increase outreach to underrepresented communities to grow participation.	✅ Inclusive growth
Program Growth & Recruitment	Multiple requests to recruit more players , showcase the rink , and promote LAHA more actively in the community.	✅ Desired expansion
Game & Ice Time Management	Emphasis on ensuring consistent game counts , full-ice practices for 18U , and age-appropriate practice frequencies (e.g., 8U 2x/week).	⚠ Needs review
Early Season Orientation	Request for pre-season family meetings and better onboarding for parents, players, and coaches.	✅ Helpful suggestion

Tournament Planning

Requests for a **dedicated committee to handle early and strategic tournament selection.**

 Strategic need

Top Priorities Identified:

1. **Implementing A/B or Select teams** with clarity, fairness, and transparency.
2. **Strengthening coach training** and support structures.
3. **Improving communication** with families across all program levels.
4. **Ensuring affordability**, scholarship access, and equitable player development.
5. **Better planning and consistency** in tournaments, schedules, and game counts.