



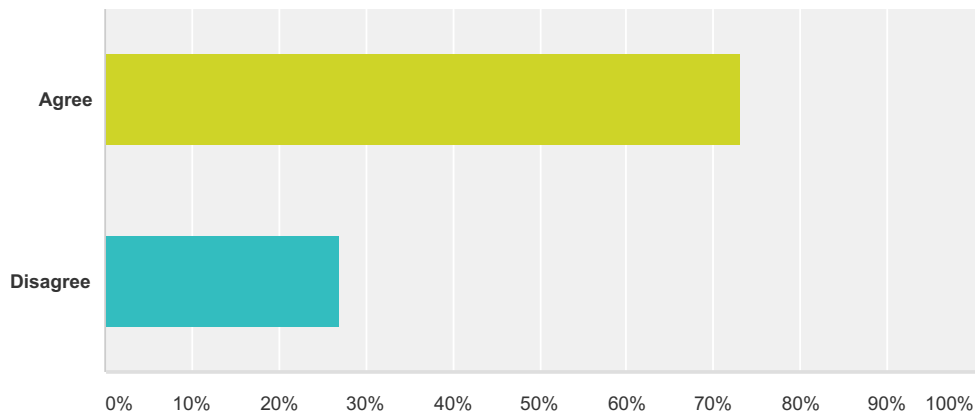
# TRAMPOLINE & DMT LEAGUE SURVEY

Results, response and review

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**Q1 Changes to the new code of points mean the way we judge a performer is going to change. The time taken to implement these changes is not yet known. The first two questions are about which FIG changes, if any, you would be in favour of trying to implement this year. (Full code of points can be viewed here)FIG A performers will need to \* four skills in their set routine to count towards their difficulty.**

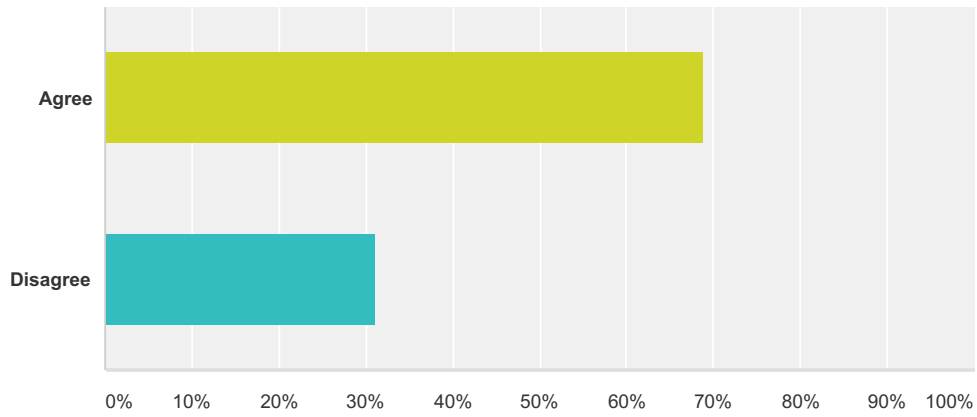
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Agree	73.04%	84
Disagree	26.96%	31
<b>Total</b>		<b>115</b>

## Q2 Competitors will have a horizontal judge (travel judge) score incorporated in the total

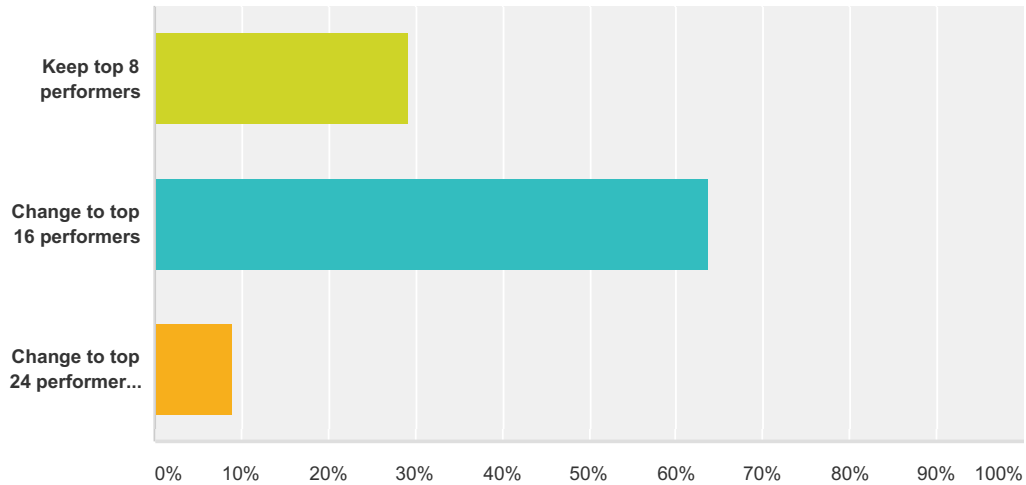
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Agree	68.84%	95
Disagree	31.16%	43
<b>Total</b>		<b>138</b>

**Q3 This question is about Super League. Currently only 8 Super League performers qualify to League Finals. What would you like to see happen moving forward?**

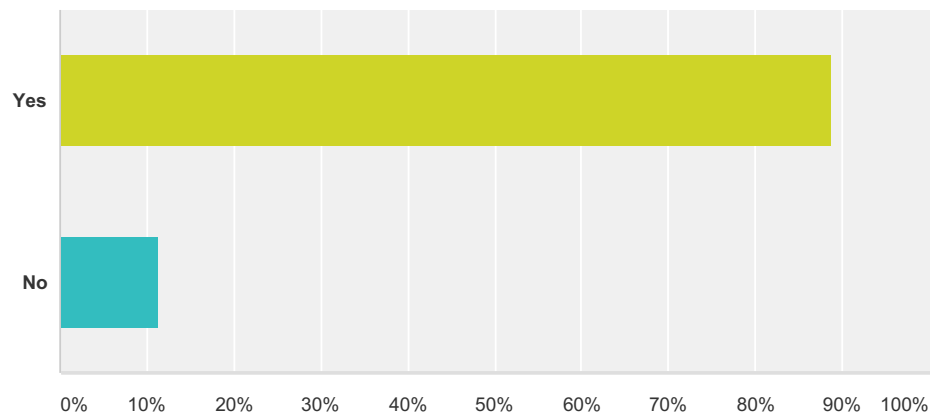
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Keep top 8 performers	28.1%	43
Change to top 16 performers	63.4%	97
Change to top 24 performers - In line with the other groups	8.5%	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>153</b>

**Q4 The next two questions are about Disabilities Trampolining. Would coaches and performers want to have a fixed time and day at all league qualifying events?**

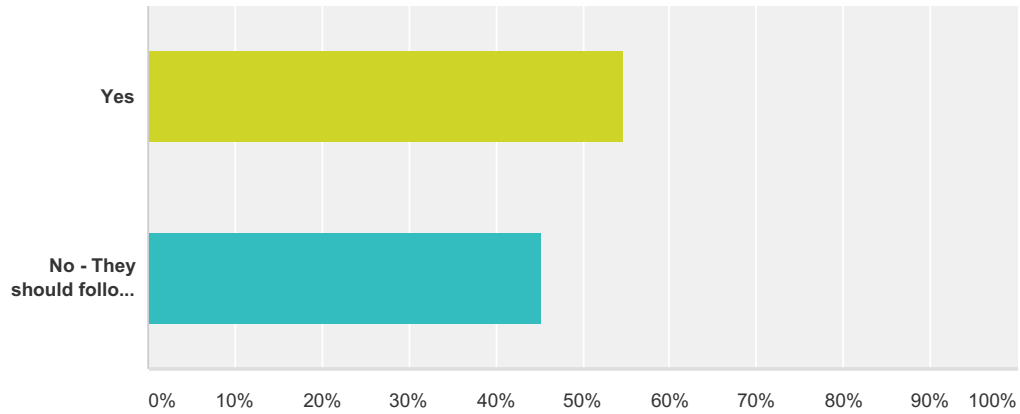
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	88.73%	63
No	11.27%	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>71</b>

**Q5 Should all three rounds of disabilities trampolining at league finals be on the same day?**

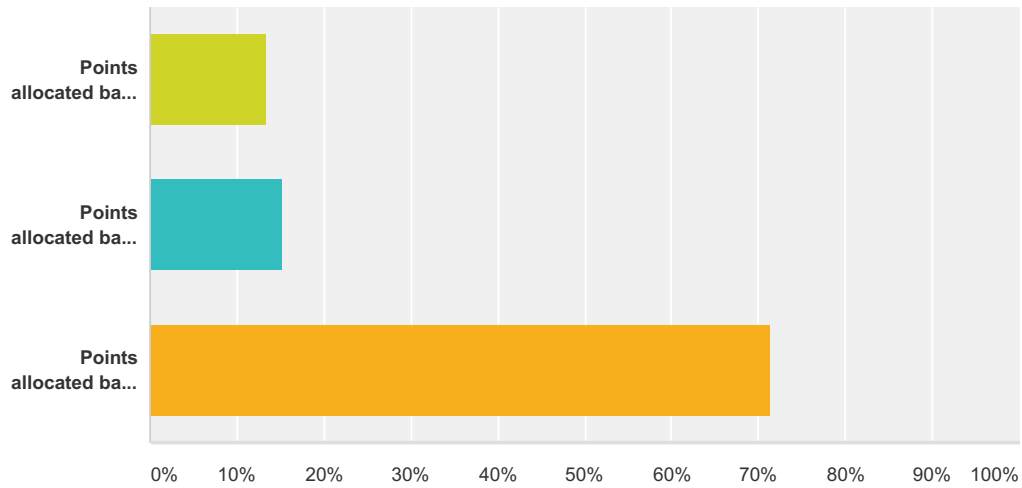
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	54.74%	52
No - They should follow the same format as the other groups	45.26%	43
<b>Total</b>		<b>95</b>

### Q6 The next questions are about DMT How would you prefer points to be allocated?

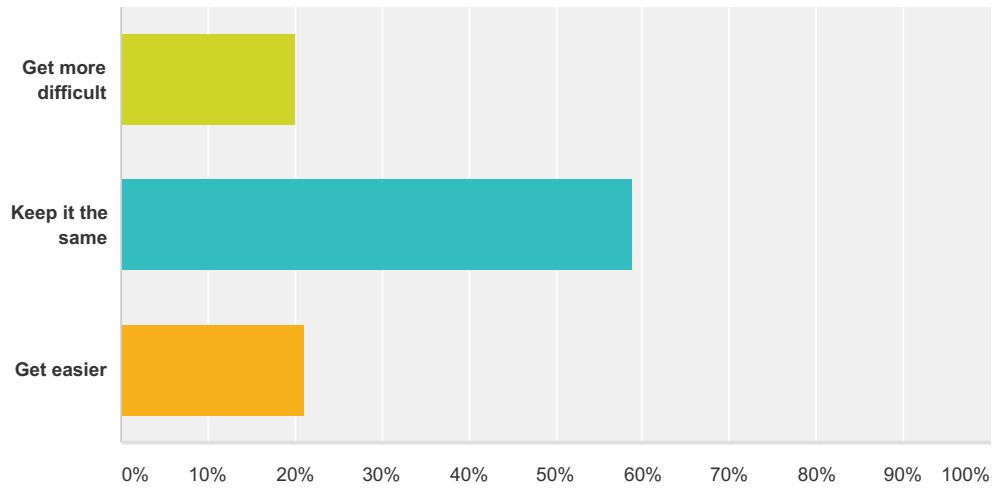
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Answer Choices	Responses
Points allocated based on a performer's place only	13.33% 14
Points allocated based on a performer's place providing they have completed both preliminary passes	15.24% 16
Points allocated based on a performer's place providing they have completed both preliminary passes and met the minimum level criteria	71.43% 75
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>

### Q7 How would you like to see the criteria change at League 3 DMT?

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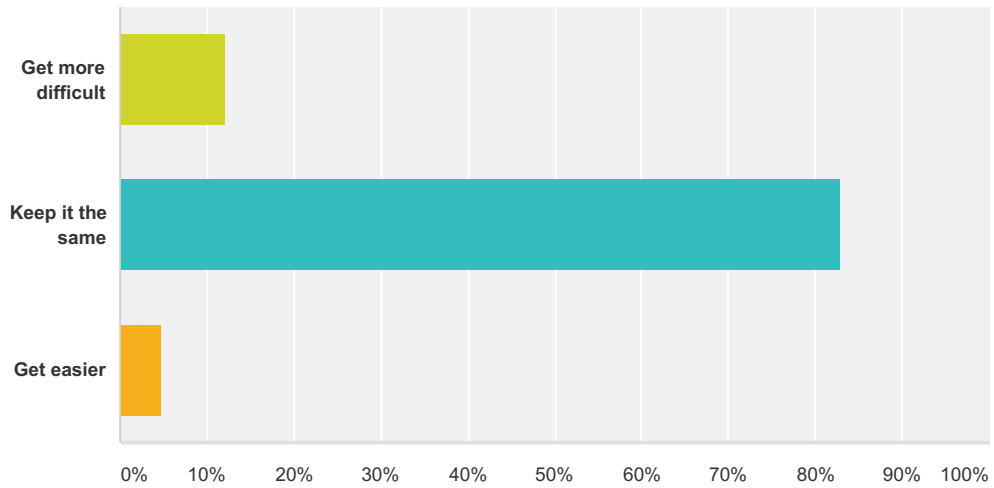


Answer Choices	Responses	
Get more difficult	20.00%	17
Keep it the same	58.82%	50
Get easier	21.18%	18
<b>Total</b>		<b>85</b>



### Q8 How would you like to see the criteria change at League 2 DMT?

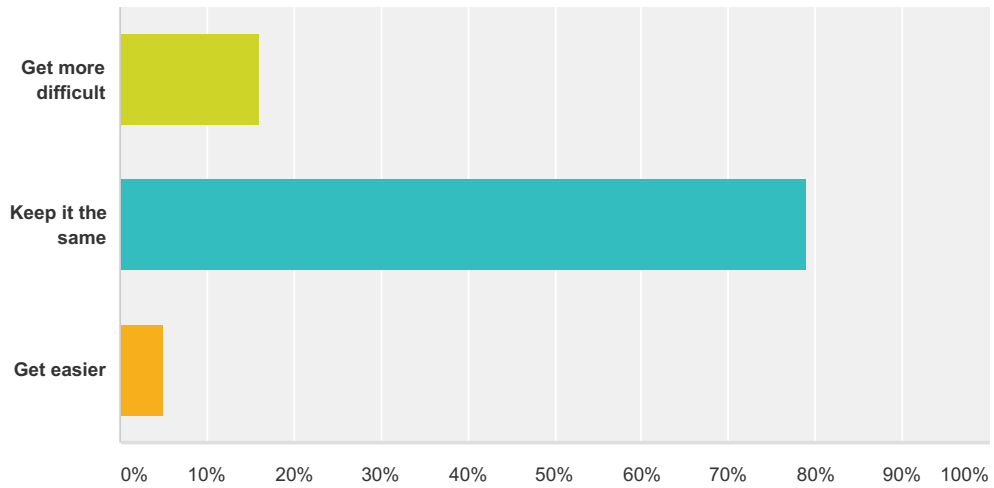
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Get more difficult	12.20%	10
Keep it the same	82.93%	68
Get easier	4.88%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>82</b>

### Q9 How would you like to see the criteria change at League 1 DMT?

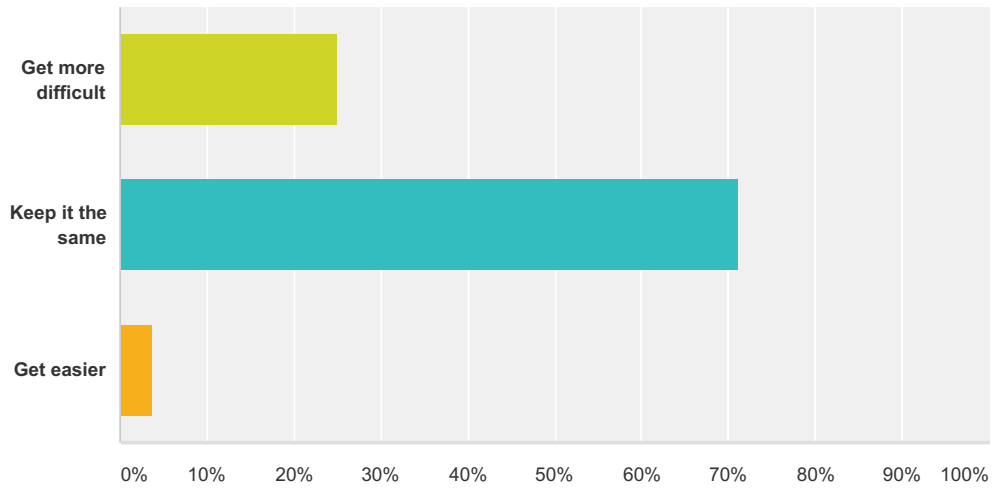
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Get more difficult	16.05%	13
Keep it the same	79.01%	64
Get easier	4.94%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>81</b>

### Q10 How would you like to see the criteria change at Super League DMT?

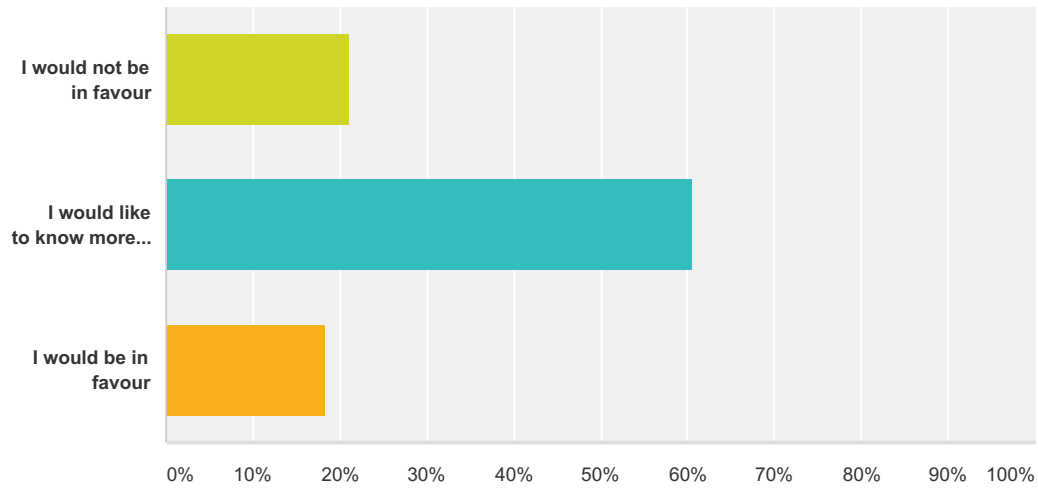
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Get more difficult	25.00%	20
Keep it the same	71.25%	57
Get easier	3.75%	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>

### Q11 There is a proposal to introduce a DMT Knockout competition at League Finals.

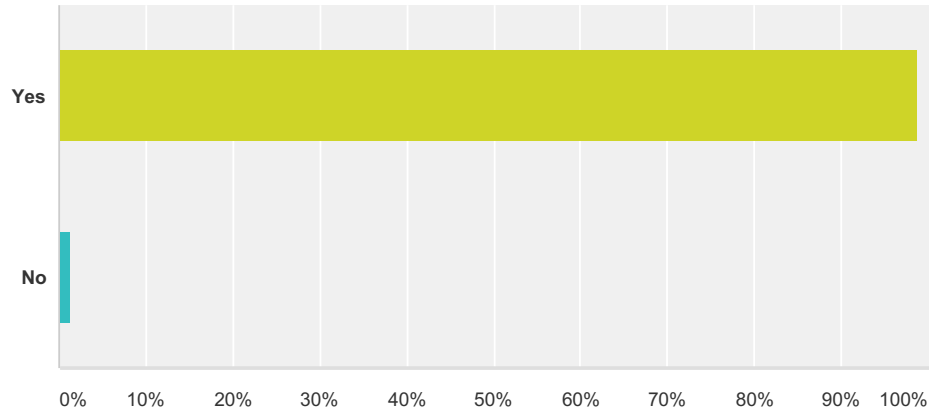
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Answer Choices	Responses	
I would not be in favour	21.15%	22
I would like to know more before committing either way	60.58%	63
I would be in favour	18.27%	19
<b>Total</b>		<b>104</b>

### Q12 Do you feel the league is still required?

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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	98.66% 147
No	1.34% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>

## **A COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE AND REVIEW OF ALL QUESTIONS ASKED AND POINTS RAISED BY LEAGUE USERS IN 2016**

Thank you to everyone for submitting questions and raising issues regarding the League series in 2016 and improvements for 2017.

Some of the points raised have been covered in the recent survey. Others we will be looking at for the future. Without your input we cannot improve provision and we wish to provide the best service possible so keep your suggestions coming.

Many of the questions asked are funding dependent and the League has no reserves, we are a voluntary group of people running the League for no payment and any profit goes to replace and maintain essential equipment. To implement some of your great suggestions we need to attract League Participation.

We will continue to run the League as closely as possible to the wishes of the UK clubs.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS**

#### **1. Keep up the good work**

ANSWER – Thank you

#### **2. Too many competitors warming up at same time with too long a period between warm up and compete. Shorten event days. One lot of set and vol only as final. No second day zero final.**

ANSWER - The warm up times will definitely be addressed for 2017. We can look at variations to the timetable but will continue with zero finals as per FIG rules.

#### **3 Keep doing Olympic venues for finals, it's unique to the League. Even if it means returning to previous years venues.**

ANSWER – We intend to but will also look at appropriate venues in other parts of the UK.

#### **4 It would be nice to find out earlier whether people are through to the finals to help with finding somewhere to stay.**

ANSWER – Most people know after the third qualifier however there is no way of knowing the last qualifiers until after the last qualification event of the season. This year you will have a two month gap after the last qualifying event which gives everyone more time.

#### **5. Too many events - lower the number of qualifiers.**

ANSWER – This will be considered for 2018 but is cost dependent, lowering the number proportionately will raise the cost of entry and we wanted to keep the events affordable.

**6 Let girls compete with shorts on and also further split the synchro groups into ability as well as age, so that league 2 competitors are split from league 1 and super league competitors.**

ANSWER – Clothing is determined by FIG rulings. If numbers increase in synchro we can look at splitting ability levels.

**7 Some competitors can still acquire medal positions and not get any points even if they don't complete all elements of the routine. I feel as though if you manage to score well even if you make a mistake that it shows determination and commitment to not give up on a routine and should be rewarded and not punished. Most competitors enjoy receiving medals however in league the goal for the majority is to gain points for the final.**

ANSWER – The points are determined according to completing the routines, this was changed in 2016 as a result of the 2015 survey results. Hence coaches, judges and competitors who returned the survey requested this ruling by a large majority. It can be revisited in the 2017 survey.

**8 Not always starting the younger children first on Saturdays, vary it.**

ANSWER – In theory we do change the order however most of the large groups requiring a panel all day e.g. 6 flights of League 3 competitors are the younger children and so we have to put them on first to ensure they complete by the end of the day.

**9 The format works well as it is. There will be difficulty implementing the new code this year as the revalidation will not occur in time for the start of the league dates. Perhaps for finals only.**

ANSWER – We intend doing the new rules at the first qualifier but if sufficient judges have not yet revalidated we may need to put it on hold.

**10 When booking league events, including finals, please choose a venue that has a car park. It is not good to have to trek 15 minutes from the nearest car park or station in the freezing cold, with wind, rain and like some years snow to contend with.**

ANSWER – We will continue to use high spec venues and the downside is that they don't all have car parks. We can't unfortunately always make this happen but will look at all possible venues around the country each year.

**11 We thoroughly enjoyed our first year. Many thanks and may it be the first of many.**

ANSWER – Thank you.

## **12 Earlier start and finishes on the Sunday**

ANSWER – This is possible but dependent on the venue rules, some won't allow us to start early on a Sunday.

## **13 Publicise the days and am pm for events including finals in advance to enable need for accommodation and travel to be booked**

ANSWER – Apologies, we are unable to do this in advance of the entries being submitted as we don't know until they are what the group sizes are, and hence the best way to facilitate the timetable and cross competing for those doing two or more disciplines.

## **14 With reference to the League Final: Not to have so many rounds of competitors warming up at the same time. Queues are so long that is of little use and those competing in the last round for this warm up have to wait too long. Doubt it saves time.**

ANSWER – Agreed, this will be changed in 2017

## **15 Would like to see more enter DMT as some groups only have 1 or 2 entries. So make easier so more can enter. For the finals if a group goes straight through to the finals on the Sunday what's the point of them going through the motions on the Saturday? Only have the Saturday if the numbers need to be culled for the Sunday. Still need League so thank you for all your work.**

ANSWER – Thank you. We would like to encourage more into DMT but do need a minimum standard too. The purpose of the preliminaries is to rank the order for the finals and to earn the right to compete in the final. We use FIG rules which stipulate preliminary and final rounds.

## **16 Do not allow competitors who have not completed the first two routines to take part in the Final at a particular event, if numbers are low. This is especially the case if the competitor has not been able to perform the compulsory move(s).**

## **17 Competitors should not be allowed into the third round final if they have not completed first two routines**

ANSWERS – In the League Series the qualification events are about gaining points and the final is about winning the medals. We adhere to FIG rules and these do not stipulate that routines need to be completed in order to compete in a final.

## **18 TRI - Timed warm ups are for general warm ups and then a start time is given for one touch. No time taken off general warm up especially for large groups.**

ANSWER – We do this in the League. The published general warm up time is adhered to unless the whole group agree they are ready before time. The one touch is scheduled in the 'compete' time. No one should lose general warm up for the one touch.



**19 Yes, a category for U12 DMT FIG girls instead of U14. This was a disadvantage to my 10yr old daughter last year.**

ANSWER – We can look at numbers but participation and good competition numbers are very important too. We are trying to make viable competition groups and sometimes the younger ones in the age group may seem disappointed but perhaps should reframe the event as an event for gaining essential competition experience and League points.

**20 More groups for synchro as not fair with super league and league 1 performers competing against league 2 performers.**

ANSWER – We will look at this.

**21 I don't think finals are needed at each event as it's only points that count for the main finals from set & vol. This would put a greater emphasis on the actual final and would also give more recognition to those who place in the set/vol. It would also cut down a lot of time at the events.**

ANSWER – This is a good idea but competitors need essential experience of competing a final round. The qualifying rounds are to gain points and the final round is to determine the medal winners. We also run to FIG rules which include a final and we pride ourselves on replicating essential competition experience should League competitors take part in international events that will have preliminary events and finals.

**22 Revert to 3 round scores for groups of 9 or less at Finals, it's not fair for someone to fall over twice and then win a final.**

ANSWER – The League is the only competition in GB we believe to run to FIG rules. Although we can agree with this sentiment we also want a clear set of rules with no changes and ambiguity.

**23 There were two boys clearly jumping out of grade (L3 17/18) at the finals (one did a 10+ tariff in the prelims). If competitors can't compete at their correct level during the season, we should either make an exception to allow them a pass to their correct finals Group, or they should not be allowed to compete in the lower group.**

ANSWER – We rely on coaches and competitors to be honest and enter the relevant group. By tariff capping the League 3 in 2016 we did address this issue last year. We would not want to police this and put more rules in, so would ask coaches and clubs to talk with those concerned and help them to see the correct competition group for the competitor.

**24 Keep being brilliant! It is important that we try to stay in line with FIG, which is then fairer to competitors who are developing.**

ANSWER – Thank you.

**25 Move synchro from the end of day on a Sunday. Have north, south, north, south order of comps. Don't have 2 comps in a month.**

ANSWER – The Sunday is hard to timetable but we could alternate the synchro to first on at every other event. We don't want two events in a month and we work hard to book North, South or vice versa each time. However we can't book our dates until other organisations have confirmed their event dates. This makes it hard for us to secure venues and dates too far in advance and often we can't get what we want.

**26 If you are doing league 1 criteria move up from league 2 or league 3 to 2 should be made more common place. Too many people in league 2 are doing league routines which isn't very fair.**

ANSWER – Agreed but the onus is on the coach, club and competitor to enter the correct group. If this is seen as a violation of the ability bandings, peer group and coach pressure to be more honest over entries may be the way forward. We do not want to impose more competition rules unless absolutely necessary.

**27 The zero points for incomplete routines for little ones seems really harsh**

As the League structure is an ability based system the same rules apply for all ages and entry should be determined by the ability level.

**28 We would very much like to keep finals in the Olympic park! Don't mind returning to Velodrome, loved it there and all gymnasts seem to love the experience of competing in the park.**

ANSWER – Thank you. We are looking at all appropriate venues including Olympic venues.

**29 The league provides a great opportunity for competitors to enjoy an excellent event with great atmosphere and alike. Other pathways currently offered do not necessarily provide this. It would be a real shame if the league were not to exist. Moving forward, I would like to see more, larger screens, showing not only overall scores, but a breakdown of scores, maybe including the ToF feedback received from the software. Keep up the excellent job guys. Thank you.**

ANSWER – Agreed and thank you. We would love to improve the screens but we require major funding to undertake this project.

**30 In relation to the trampolining rules it is unfair to penalise a competitor who does not complete 10 moves and therefore scores zero points. When other competitors who can score points, just for completing the routine, but have scores at least 18 points below a competitor whose last move didn't count. A competitor is penalised by the scores given for their routine without having to be zeroed in relation to their points for the finals. The ultimate goal is to get points for the finals and these**

**competitions are not cheap to enter and in locations that cost a lot of money to get to. Therefore this system has to be reviewed as no competitor should be penalised through marking, come 1st in the competition and then still not get points even though another competitor is placed 20th and gets more points. It is totally unfair and not acceptable**

ANSWER – We did review this last year and a large majority of replies to the 2015 survey for 2016 said that they wanted this rule implemented. As we are guided by the coaches, competitors and judges regarding League rules, this rule stands for 2017. It may be reviewed again next year.

**31 I found finals weekend a bit too long. I don't have a good idea to solve that as I feel the % qualifying in the big groups was right and agree with min numbers on small gps. If venue permitted, an extra panel would help or separate warm up gym so that warm ups on comp beds limited. Definitely needed an extra mini as warm up time wasn't enough for 2 panels of judges but days were filled. Love what the league are doing especially in terms of offering competitions for teens and older people.**

ANSWER – Agreed. We hope to put in a 5th panel in the 2017 finals.

**32 It would be helpful to get the Competition Information out earlier so hotels can be booked.**

ANSWER – Agreed. The turnaround for 2017 is one month so you should have two weeks' notice of exact times. The events for each day are still fixed according to the 2016 schedule (except DT which will take place on the Sunday morning of each event in 2017).

**33 Having an event that is easier for Scottish clubs to attend**

ANSWER – We would love to have events in Scotland but up till now we have had transportation/financial restrictions. We do attempt to put two northern events on each year so the Scottish clubs can attend and would love to see more Scottish involvement. Should the restrictions be resolved then we would come back to Scotland.

**34 Much better this year not having semi finals - thank you!**

ANSWER – Thank you. The semi finals were removed as a result of the 2015 survey results.

**35 Please provide large floor warm up areas at all events. These can be in different halls or rooms and are very much needed**

ANSWER – We do try however this is venue dependent. Wherever possible we create space. We will address this more closely in 2017.

**36 The League has been brilliant again this year, and the Velodrome was an amazing Finals venue! Well done! However there needs to be some changes made to the structure of League Finals, especially in DMT. The Finals are supposed to provide**

**everyone with their moment to shine, but having DMT compete during Trampoline Phase warm-ups really ruined that especially when there were many times when both panels weren't used meaning there was lots of wasted time!**

ANSWER – This was due to gymnasts cross competing. The DMT timetable is set around the TRI timetable as they have less numbers. We avoid cross competing for those doing DMT, TRI and TRS so sometimes equipment will be unused to facilitate this.

**36 Continued - The 'Phase' warm-ups weren't very well received by our gymnasts, and the spectators didn't find it helpful at all!**

ANSWER – We are looking at this for 2017. We were so time restricted that we had to utilise the TRI general warm up time for DMT. We acknowledge it wasn't the best way to show case DMT and are looking for resolutions.

**36 Continued - Equally, the Finals event needs to be finished significantly earlier. Travelling by train from the North makes it very difficult to get our members to and from London and we only just made the train home on the Sunday night. If the timetable is this late again, we won't be able to stay as our parents will not agree to gymnasts missing more time off school. I know that reducing the number of gymnasts causes problems for covering costs, so maybe 5 (or 10) panels would be an option? DMT wasn't too bad and could easily have been distributed better to shorten the day.**

ANSWER – We understand this problem and we are looking to shorten the Sunday this year but will be ever mindful of avoiding cross competing.

**36 Continued - I brought this up last year, but while I appreciate the 'lunch break' for Coaches, Coaches are used to being busy and the Coaches I speak to actually finds that this break stresses people out more as now they're trying to entertain their gymnasts when there's nothing going on. Equally, the spectators lose interest and it ruins the flow of the competition.**

ANSWER – We can remove the break for the qualifying events but need it on the Sunday of the finals for the 'Fly Through' and first medal ceremonies.

**36 Continued - Finally, the dates for all events need to be released much earlier in advance - most clubs will have already planned their entire season by now, but we're still waiting for confirmation of dates for League. This is especially important for the Final - we had a competitor who entered the League event at the start of the year, but when the date was announced couldn't attend Finals. Otherwise another great year, and really good to see the League continuing to grow!**

ANSWER – We are not able to book venues and dates until the other organisations have confirmed their dates. We would love to publish earlier and are looking for ways to improve this.

**37 If the Super League stays at 8, maybe make the top 8 qualifiers the highest 8 prelim scores of the season as opposed to points. As I feel some league finals super league qualifiers only qualified because they went to the two quiet competitions and got big points.**

ANSWER – Using scores to rank has been proven to be a less reliable way of ranking competitors over a series than a points system. Scores can significantly vary between events for very similar performances according to many factors. We can only advise that if in doubt regarding qualification for Super League that you attend the events with lower numbers even if sitting with good points. In 2017 we will be having 16 Super League finalists so access for better ones to the Super League Finals will be more accessible.

**38 An easier venue for the finals with regards to cost of hotels and parking etc. The Olympic Park is great but very costly. Enough warm up time for super league events is always appreciated too especially at the finals. Focusing on venues for ease of parking and also seating would also be appreciated by parents too!**

ANSWER – We are happy to look at other venues but currently the Olympic venues are the most cost effective. We believe we gave enough warm up for Super League competitors but are happy to look at this again for 2017.

**39 For finals a method to display slow motion replays to the crowd and better use the large displays available.**

ANSWER – Agreed, we would love this facility but all such improvements in provision are very costly and IT dependent and we currently don't have the funding for this

**40 More control over better competitors competing in League 3 when they are capable of League 2**

ANSWER – This is a common observation that competitors are not entering at their relevant level. We do not want to police this but would urge coaches to enter their competitors appropriately to make it fair for all.

**41 Family ticket price for finals**

ANSWER – We are looking at this for 2017

**42 The competition is too big and too easy to qualify to finals in certain groups removing the achievement of qualifying for others. The league finals is too big and the dmt events were badly timetabled. It was not safe to give the amount of warm up time for groups that big. For example the league one over 19's had ten minutes to warm up with incredibly difficult passes it's a surprise there were no serious injuries.**

ANSWER – Agreed that some groups have an easy ride in qualifying due to low numbers. We would

like to encourage more into these groups in order to make a tougher competition. We do not believe it is right to lower qualification numbers unless it is equal across the board. However this is a question for the 2017 survey. The standard DMT competition provision is ten minutes for groups up to 12 competitors. At the League Finals I believe there were 6 in the 19+ group and they were given 10 minutes which would appear to be adequate provision. We will monitor warm up time this season.

### **43 League finals to be moved around the country to ensure a fair balance and affordability.**

ANSWER – We agree that this is the ultimate wish of the League. What we are looking for is a unique experience for our competitors at an affordable venue price. So far the modern Olympic venues have been way more cost effective than others as they have integral IT systems and negotiable prices. But we are open to suggestion and always looking for venues.

### **44 L3 getting easier for the younger age groups**

ANSWER – The League system is ability based so each ability level, irrespective of age has the same rules, so a 15 year old entering League 3 who has come very late to trampolining will have the same rules as a 10 year old who may have had much more time in the sport. We have no plans to change the League as an ability based competition system. The system is based on LTAD evidence that competition based on developmental levels is more ethical for the gymnasts so if younger children are not at a developmental level to enter the League we would prefer that they enter when ready rather than lower the League 3 ability level unless this is across all age groups.

### **45 Move the final away from London please as travel and accommodation is very expensive. Somewhere in the midlands e.g. Birmingham would be fair geographically.**

ANSWER – Please see previous answers to this request. Number 43

### **46 Decent venues, slicker timetables, no flights on Saturday of finals as it was a hideously long day for all involved with times that nothing was going on on some equipment. Move finals out of London - circulate a bit around the country - cost is prohibitive for some. Be more open with accounts etc as it feels a little closed door.**

ANSWER – We try with the venues but there are many restrictions to booking. We believe the Velodrome was a spectacular venue for all concerned. We are the only competition system in GB able to accommodate 850 competitors in a weekend so we believe our timetables to be pretty good. The reason for the DMT being unused for certain times of each event day is to accommodate those competing in TRI and/or TRS and DMT. We have to facilitate these competitors hence the DMT has certain times when it's not in use when DMT competitors are competing in their trampoline flights. We would like to move the finals to other parts of the county – see answer to number 43. We are planning to publish our accounts and if you or anyone approaches us you will be able to access them. We are all volunteers running the League. In order to keep the entry prices affordable for all we have all provided a professional service for you for no payment. This includes the teams on the floor at the events, announcers, sports rehabilitators, the IT team running the event etc and everything done behind the scenes before and after the events is voluntary too.



**47 Raising the standards may make a better competition; reduce the overall time of each flight/group/competition and make it easier to organise and fill all of the Judging panels**

ANSWER – We asked if League users wanted standards changed in the 2016 survey and the majority said they wanted to keep them as they are.

**48 Establish an estimated set time/day for each age group. Liaise with clubs who need travel via airplane to events (e.g. From N.Ireland) to devise a timetable for officials that allows the competition to run smoothly and clubs to make flights**

ANSWER – The groups are set for each day as written in the handbook however we can't set the actual flight times until we have numbers in. If coaches know they and competitors are travelling to the event by plane or on a booked train, they may contact us four weeks before the event (at the time of entry) and we will facilitate the required finish time in the timetabling providing the return time is booked for late pm or evening.

**48 continued - League finals needs to be in a bigger venue that will support facilities for warm up/training halls, the timetable was too busy and resulted in a day that was too long. The timetable for League finals with gymnasts warming up and competing up to 2 hours later meant that we didn't see the best performances in competition. Perhaps capping the numbers in each group to 16 would also help reduce the numbers last year**

ANSWER – We booked much the largest venue we could for League Finals. There was plenty of warm up area at each end of the arena often not used. The timetable is based on 24 max qualifying per group. This won't change for 2017 but we can consider numbers again for 2018. Yes, we agree the long warm up at League Finals will change for the 2017 Finals. Currently capping to 16 would need us to up the entry fee by 33% to cover costs this would be plus the increases we need to impose for 2017. We have to balance cost with the efficacy in running the event and the appearance of the event to try to satisfy all.

**49 Wrist bands for the League final should be sent to the clubs prior to the event so that there is not unnecessary stress for competitors, parents, coaches and organisers on the day.**

ANSWER – Currently we wouldn't consider this as it would add extra cost and administrative time.

**50 Keep up the good work you are all doing a brilliant job :)**

ANSWER – Thank you

**51 I would like to see synchro divided into the levels Do we need super league and league 1 as same competitors in both**

ANSWER – We did have at TRS Super League but only very few entered. If numbers in TRS increase we are happy to sub divide either age groups or levels. We will monitor for 2017 and address for 2018.