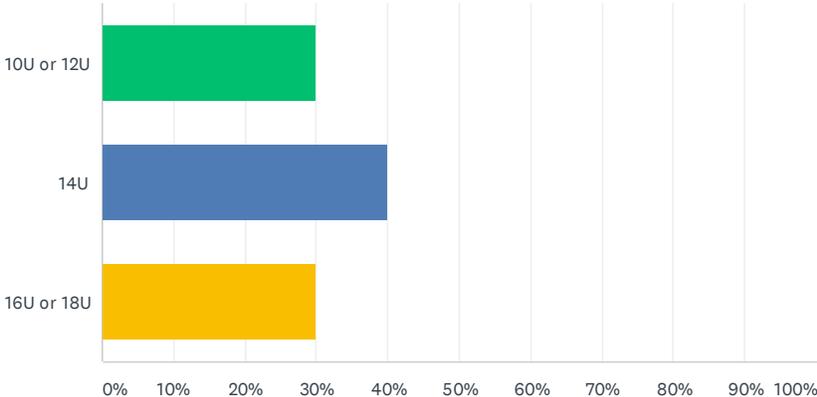


Q1 What age group does your child play for?

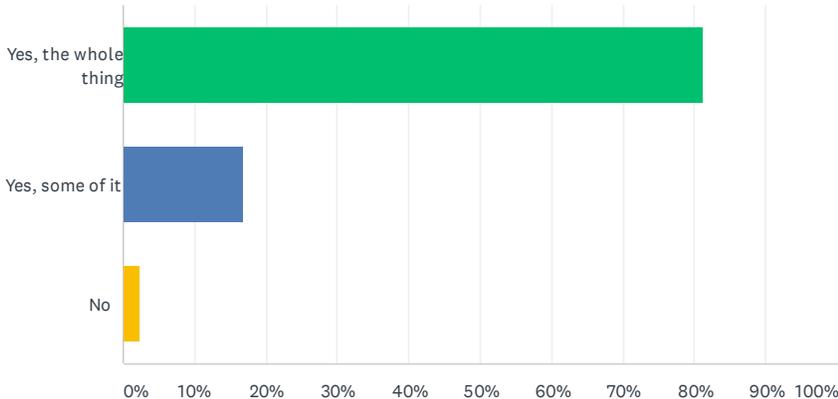
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
10U or 12U	30.00%	27
14U	40.00%	36
16U or 18U	30.00%	27
TOTAL		90

Q2 Have you read the Firebirds Return to Play Policy?

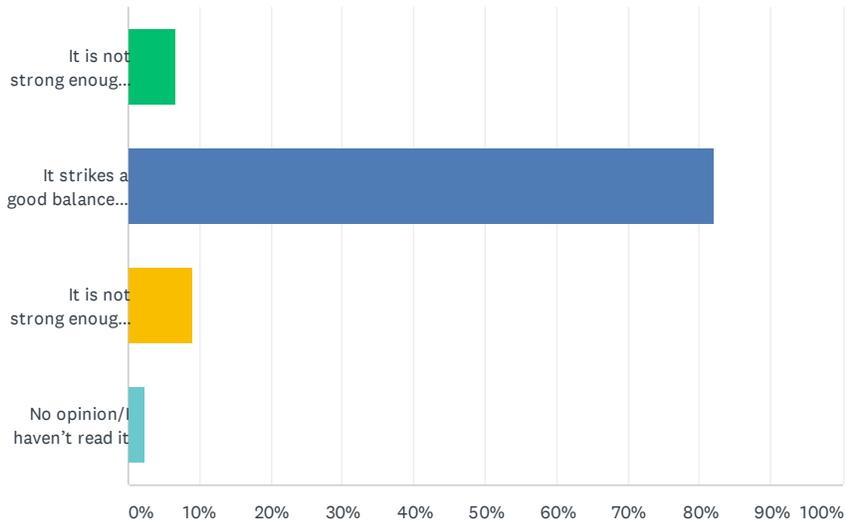
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, the whole thing	81.11%	73
Yes, some of it	16.67%	15
No	2.22%	2
TOTAL		90

Q3 How well do you think the Firebirds Return to Play Policy allows for a return to softball while maintaining safety and health?

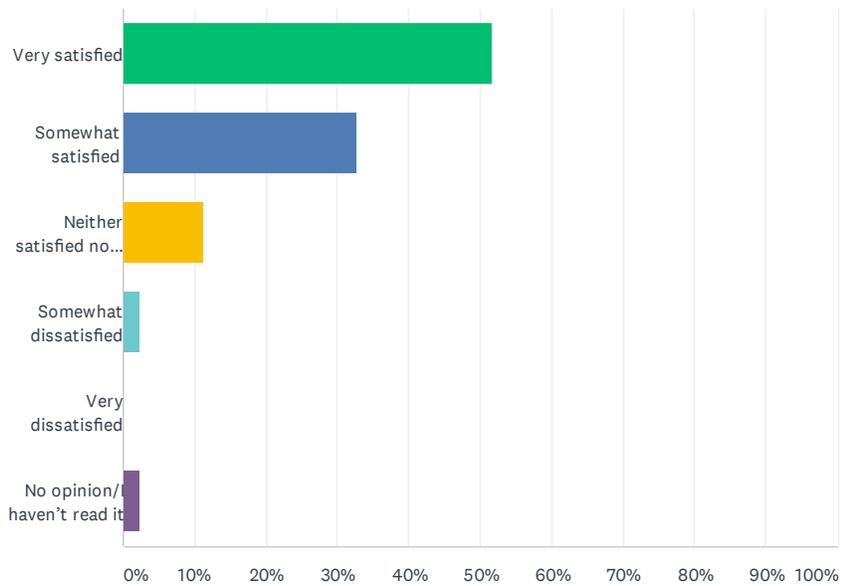
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
It is not strong enough on emphasizing safety and emphasizes returning to play too much	6.74%	6
It strikes a good balance between safety and softball	82.02%	73
It is not strong enough on emphasizing returning to play and emphasizes safety too much	8.99%	8
No opinion/I haven't read it	2.25%	2
TOTAL		89

Q4 How satisfied are you that the Firebirds Return to Play Policy draws upon the guidance of public health experts and best practices?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	51.69%	46
Somewhat satisfied	32.58%	29
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	11.24%	10
Somewhat dissatisfied	2.25%	2
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
No opinion/I haven't read it	2.25%	2
TOTAL		89

Q5 Please share any specific feedback you have on the policy, or changes you would like to see in the policy.

Answered: 62 Skipped: 28

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If there are concerns about coaches, or other families, what is the procedure?	6/13/2020 8:31 AM
2	ready to get back on the field!	6/12/2020 4:12 PM
3	Not sure really. Seems difficult to keep kids following the guidelines.	6/12/2020 2:12 PM
4	I think it is too difficult to be very safe and it makes things kind of tough. I definitely want my girl out there, but I also feel uncomfortable watching it.	6/12/2020 2:06 PM
5	From the first practice we had it feels like we are striking a good balance between safety and softball.	6/12/2020 10:44 AM
6	N/a	6/12/2020 10:05 AM
7	Nothing	6/12/2020 6:49 AM
8	N/A	6/11/2020 10:16 PM
9	N/A	6/11/2020 8:17 PM
10	N/A	6/11/2020 2:29 PM
11	N/A	6/11/2020 2:06 PM
12	Returning too quickly as there isn't enough data to determine how safe it is now that social restrictions are lifting. Softball is being treated as an essential activity rather than a recreational activity. Furthermore, recreational activities should have a lower tolerance for risk compared to essential activities.	6/11/2020 1:20 PM
13	None at this time	6/11/2020 1:10 PM
14	I have none at this time.	6/11/2020 12:48 PM
15	A more structured check-in and processing of players, coaches and others prior to practices or events. The way Coach Palazzo does it should be the standard.	6/11/2020 12:48 PM
16	None.	6/11/2020 11:16 AM
17	Evaluation sheet each practice seems excessive. Why don't you rely on the waiver if the language includes language that player and parent agree to immediately notify coach if any of the listed symptoms change from no to yes.	6/11/2020 9:21 AM
18	I truly appreciate all the thought and work that went into this policy. It makes me a lot more comfortable knowing there are plan in place to keep everyone safe. Thanks for putting it together!	6/11/2020 9:12 AM
19	Na	6/11/2020 8:51 AM
20	None	6/11/2020 6:23 AM
21	Players and coaches should consider wearing batting gloves while in the field to help keep cross contamination from hands on the balls.	6/10/2020 8:33 PM
22	No feedback. It seems like it makes sense.	6/10/2020 6:38 PM
23	DISCLAIMER: I AM NOT A LAWYER BUT I STILL HAVE AN OPINION - I think Firebirds policy should be for players/spectators to comply with the requirements of the state(s) where we play practice/play. I'm not a lawyer but the guidelines look difficult to enforce completely and unnecessarily expose the Firebirds organization to legal action when they inevitably aren't followed completely. I think a simple statement requiring all players/families to comply with state statutes/orders shifts burdens/risks from the Firebirds. Comment on #6 below--my child has practiced with a different team--she's dual rostered.	6/10/2020 4:19 PM
24	It is important to get the kids back involved with their friends and teammates.	6/10/2020 4:11 PM
25	Softball is an outdoor sport, with limited contact. Let these girls play ball	6/10/2020 1:32 PM
26	I think there should be some allowance for teams being able to travel to tournaments if everyone is in agreement.	6/10/2020 11:39 AM
27	None	6/10/2020 10:53 AM
28	I think there's too much contact in softball to make it safe for the girls to play.	6/10/2020 10:21 AM
29	N/a	6/10/2020 9:53 AM
30	Play ball!	6/10/2020 9:29 AM
31	None	6/10/2020 9:18 AM
32	n/a	6/10/2020 6:37 AM
33	Recovery policy should include a 2 or 3 consecutive resolution of fever.	6/10/2020 12:17 AM
34	On page 25 of the Phase 2 document (https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Virginia-	6/9/2020 11:11 PM

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Forward-Phase-Two-Guidelines.pdf) they are mandating 10 feet separation (not 6 feet as in the policy) for sports activities. How can this even be enforced on the softball field?

35	none at this point	6/9/2020 11:01 PM
36	None	6/9/2020 9:19 PM
37	None needed.	6/9/2020 8:09 PM
38	N/A	6/9/2020 8:01 PM
39	Lineups should be entered online or by spoken word and recorded by officials/umpires without exchanging any physical documents with coaches or players.I imagine this can be accomplished, but it seems quite excessive and more complicated than necessary. Coaches should wear face coverings at all times.Perhaps while being a base coach since they would be close to the other players, but at all times seems excessive. Athletes should wear face coverings at all times while not actively participating in the field of play.Consideration of the weather/humidity should be made as masks seem excessive.	6/9/2020 7:02 PM
40	None	6/9/2020 6:48 PM
41	I don't understand why masked are necessary when outdoors and if social distancing	6/9/2020 5:56 PM
42	It seems quite comprehensive. Thank you for the time and thought of researching and composing this policy.	6/9/2020 5:46 PM
43	The guidance contained recommended and mandatory no accountability to following (or not following) the "rules".	6/9/2020 5:43 PM
44	Let's play!!!!	6/9/2020 5:37 PM
45	Clarification on what players under 18, who may drive themselves to practice without that form about symptoms, should do. Drive home and return with signed form? Are coaches supposed to handle paper forms turn in? Can it be handled electronically via email before each practice or via web site/Shutterfly survey opened each day of practice? Will Firebirds provide the approved cleaning products or will parents have to donate (not a cost issue just to make sure approved products used).	6/9/2020 5:26 PM
46	None	6/9/2020 5:18 PM
47	There's a part in the umpires section that states umpires must not exchange equipment from players. I would assume this to mean that umpires should not be holding each teams balls in their pouch for the catcher/pitcher to use when a ball goes foul. Do coaches hold on to balls, as well as, sanitize them when a foul ball is brought back to the playing field or dugout? What type of coordination does the organization have with tournament directors-are the other teams holding their players and families accountable in the way that ours are? Do Firebirds teams play under the assumption that other teams may not be forthcoming in their assessments or take the same precautions? Thank you.	6/9/2020 4:54 PM
48	No feedback	6/9/2020 4:44 PM
49	None	6/9/2020 4:02 PM
50	Optional face masks language should be stronger.	6/9/2020 3:55 PM
51	No feedback	6/9/2020 3:29 PM
52	Seeds, spitting and probably gum should be mandatory ban. There needs to be clear enforcement of potential consequences for individuals or teams not following health guidelines.	6/9/2020 3:12 PM
53	Concerned about practacility of maintaining distance at games -- baserunning, mound meetings, batter/catcher, benches, etc. Also concerned about coaches and players choosing not to follow the rules at practices.	6/9/2020 3:06 PM
54	n/a	6/9/2020 1:45 PM
55	seems like we are a week or two behind some other well respected organizations. some form of semi-organized small group practices could have been implemented.	6/9/2020 1:30 PM
56	N/A	6/9/2020 1:29 PM
57	I think it is appropriate given what we all know at this moment. I like the conservative approach to safety but offers a solution for playing.	6/9/2020 1:00 PM
58	There are elements of the policy that seem to not be part of any other sports organization's Covid 19 response, nor are they state or national requirements. (For example, same recovery phases to play in tournaments.) Where did these ideas come from? Who wrote the policy and does he/she have a background in public health AND an understanding of softball logistics? It reads like it was written by a lawyer with CYA concerns rather than someone who wanted to ensure health, safety and fun while actually returning to play.	6/9/2020 12:57 PM
59	I'm not worried, and am ready to get back to playing.	6/9/2020 12:36 PM
60	No masks. This is not safe for players or coaches exerting energy in the heat. Allow the girls to be in the dugout together unless the tournament prohibits it.	6/9/2020 12:24 PM
61	I have concerns about asthmatic kids wearing masks at all and hope these kiddos can stay safe	6/9/2020 12:14 PM

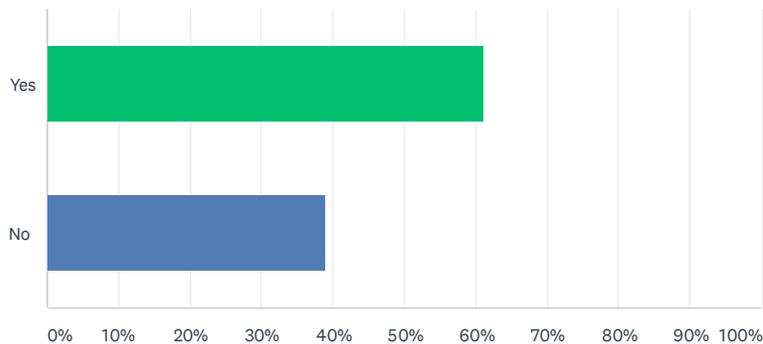
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with social distancing and hand cleaning protocols alone.

62	N/A	6/9/2020 12:10 PM
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Q6 Has your child participated in any practices with your team in the past week?

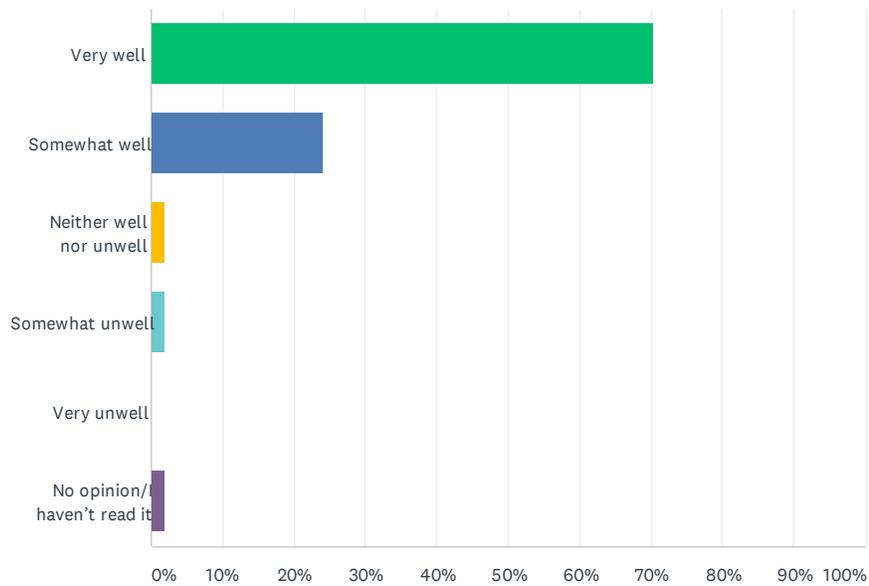
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.18%	52
No	38.82%	33
TOTAL		85

Q7 How well has your team adhered to the Firebirds Return to Play Policy?

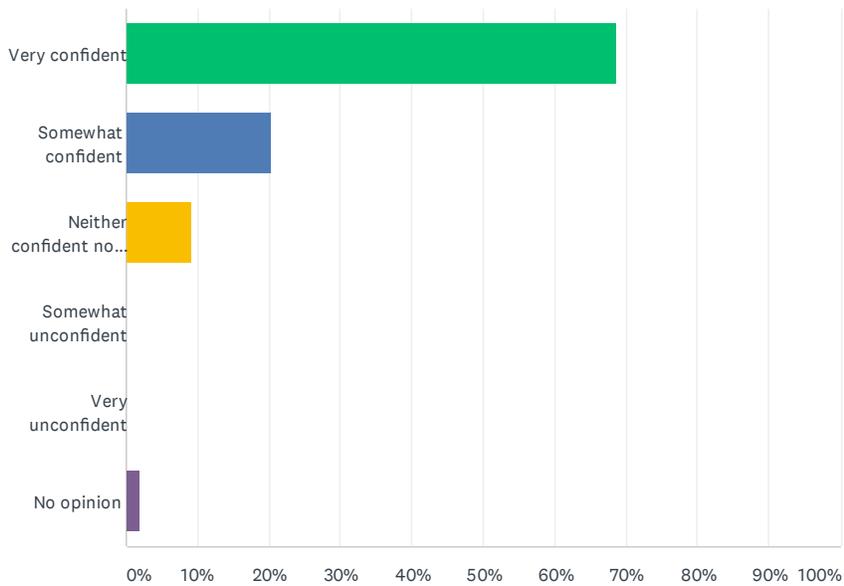
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very well	70.37%	38
Somewhat well	24.07%	13
Neither well nor unwell	1.85%	1
Somewhat unwell	1.85%	1
Very unwell	0.00%	0
No opinion/I haven't read it	1.85%	1
TOTAL		54

Q8 How confident are you that your team's practices have been safe and minimized the risk of infection to players, coaches, and parents?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 36



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very confident	68.52%	37
Somewhat confident	20.37%	11
Neither confident nor unconfident	9.26%	5
Somewhat unconfident	0.00%	0
Very unconfident	0.00%	0
No opinion	1.85%	1
TOTAL		54

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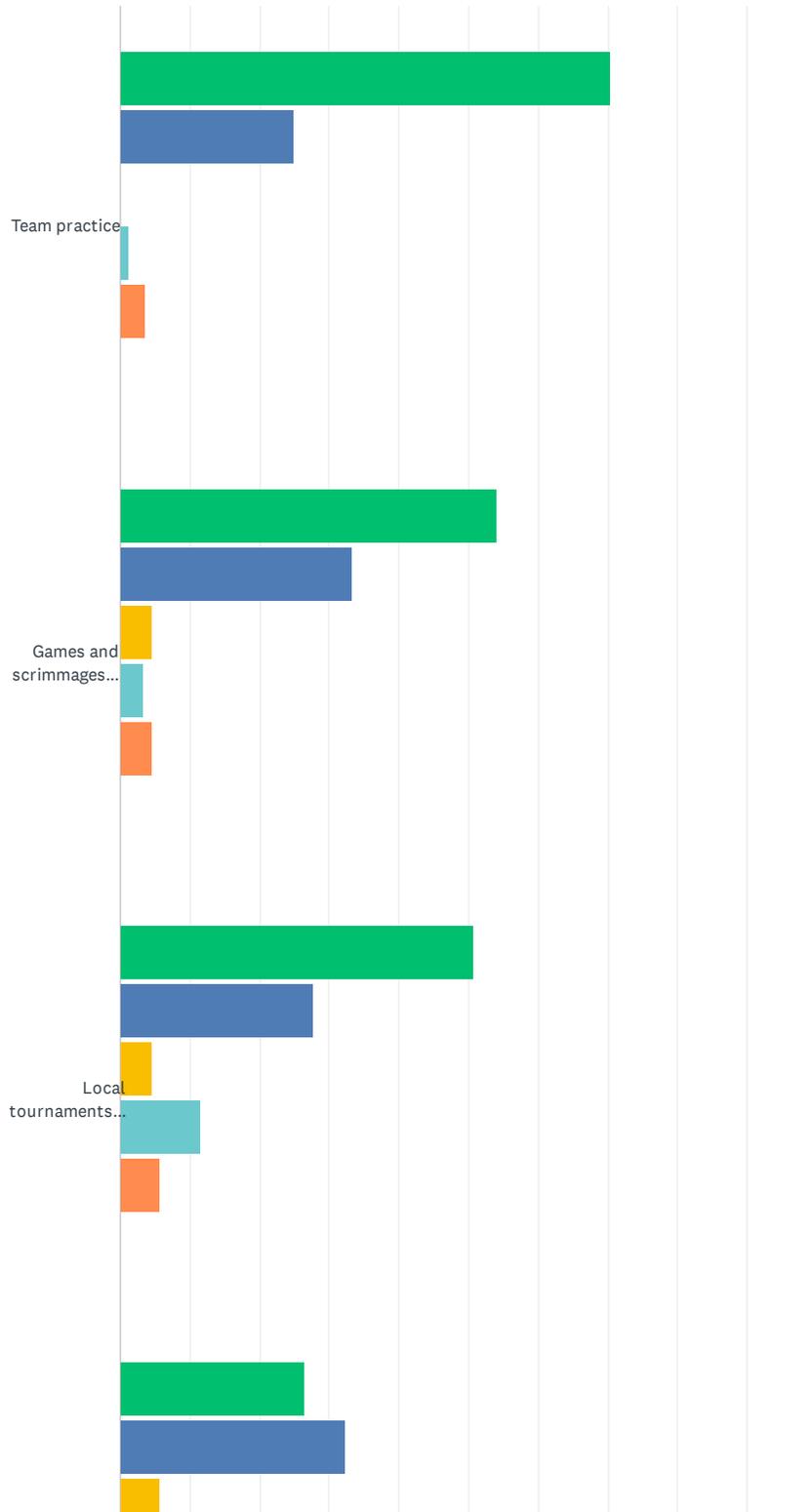
Q9 Please share any feedback or comments you have on your team's practices.

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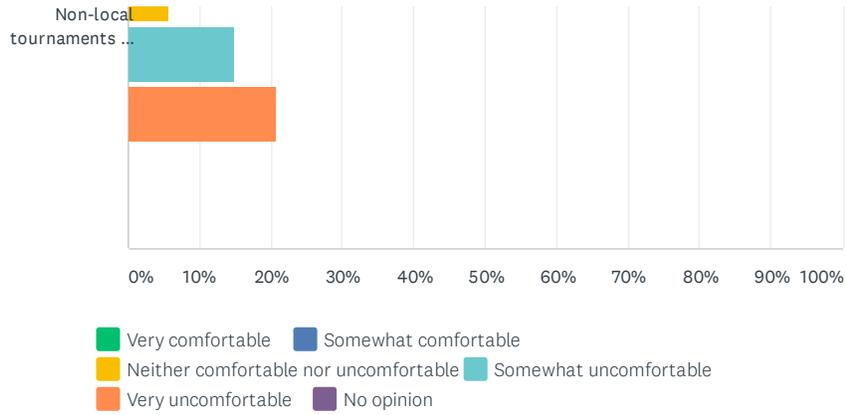
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I'm pleased with practice safety.	6/13/2020 8:32 AM
2	I have not noticed many masks at the practices, particularly when in a group and speaking at the end or at the beginning.	6/12/2020 2:12 PM
3	I feel like it is difficult to maintain distancing appropriately when everyone has different opinions on it and kids are not going to be crazy about it. Just a little unsettling.	6/12/2020 2:07 PM
4	I felt like safety was a priority at the practice.	6/12/2020 10:45 AM
5	Continue to reinforce social distancing while on the field	6/12/2020 10:06 AM
6	N/A	6/11/2020 10:16 PM
7	Coach Palazzo has done a fine job making sure the rules are adhered to	6/11/2020 1:46 PM
8	There seems to be too much pressure to get the kids out on the field even before MLB has gotten adults on the field. I believe the MLB conflicts probably express everyone's anxieties about returning to play.	6/11/2020 1:23 PM
9	Let's play ball!	6/11/2020 12:49 PM
10	Coach Palazzo has done an outstanding job of adding an additional layer of screening, and has organized practice with a minimal notice of a difference to the players.	6/11/2020 12:49 PM
11	none.	6/11/2020 11:16 AM
12	I'm comfortable with the format of the practices. Once we enter Phase 2, I'd want to be sure that any 'close proximity' spaces, i.e. the dugout, are 'mask zones'- I think that will be the biggest challenge for the girls, coaches, and to enforce. If the organization decides that masks aren't necessary anymore, I would just want guidance on what the dugouts should look like when the girls are off the field.	6/11/2020 9:14 AM
13	Na	6/11/2020 8:51 AM
14	So glad to be back and coach has been very adamant about PPE and distancing.	6/11/2020 6:24 AM
15	Our coach is very responsible respectful and aware. I trust in our coaches decision making to keep players safe.	6/10/2020 6:39 PM
16	There have been no Firebirds practices	6/10/2020 4:19 PM
17	Our coach has gone so far out of the way to adhere to state and firebird policy. Without question, I feel has has jumped thru every hoop required and has provided a more than safe environment for return to softball. It seems the Firebirds have gone too far with their policy and the organization should be following the State rules and those of the tournament locations. Adding another level of bureaucracy is overkill. As parents, if we feel a situation would be harmful for our child, we can keep them out; but for the Firebirds to dictate over the top, excessive rules seems ridiculous.	6/10/2020 1:39 PM
18	None	6/9/2020 9:19 PM
19	Our coaches are understanding and I think they've done what they can.	6/9/2020 4:57 PM
20	none	6/9/2020 4:02 PM
21	Girls will be girls...not all are social distancing.	6/9/2020 3:56 PM
22	no feedback on our practice but it appears other coaches may not be following the guidelines	6/9/2020 3:30 PM
23	I have stayed away from the practice field to keep number of people reduced; but I can see that the coaches are generally not wearing masks, and some of the drills are not possible to maintain full social distancing	6/9/2020 3:07 PM
24	N/A	6/9/2020 1:29 PM
25	We have not had any yet	6/9/2020 1:00 PM
26	Practices have been well managed and the girls/parents/coaches have all been respectful of social distancing.	6/9/2020 12:58 PM
27	I feel like our daughter is participating safely	6/9/2020 12:15 PM
28	N/A	6/9/2020 12:11 PM

Q10 We expect that Northern Virginia will be transitioning to Phase 2 within the next week, and that the state's Phase 2 guidance will be clarified to clearly allow for softball and baseball game play. Once we are in Phase 2, how comfortable would you be with each of the following, assuming each incorporates safety precautions?

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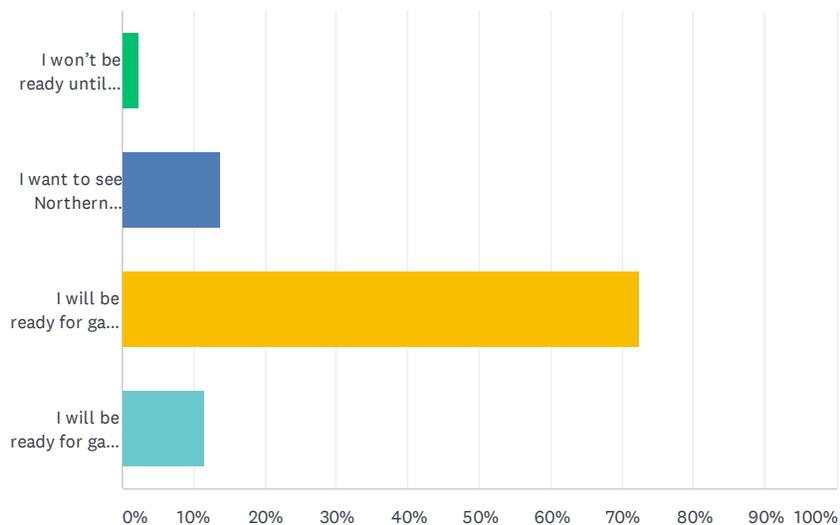
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	VERY COMFORTABLE	SOMEWHAT COMFORTABLE	NEITHER COMFORTABLE NOR UNCOMFORTABLE	SOMEWHAT UNCOMFORTABLE	VERY UNCOMFORTABLE	NO OPINION	TOTAL
Team practice	70.24% 59	25.00% 21	0.00% 0	1.19% 1	3.57% 3	0.00% 0	84
Games and scrimmages against other local teams	54.02% 47	33.33% 29	4.60% 4	3.45% 3	4.60% 4	0.00% 0	87
Local tournaments (e.g., held in Northern Virginia, with mostly local teams)	50.57% 44	27.59% 24	4.60% 4	11.49% 10	5.75% 5	0.00% 0	87
Non-local tournaments in locations that allow for competition (e.g., tournaments that would require an overnight stay and would have other teams from outside of the area)	26.44% 23	32.18% 28	5.75% 5	14.94% 13	20.69% 18	0.00% 0	87

Q11 What best describes your current level of readiness to return to game play? (By readiness, we mean ready to play given the COVID-19 pandemic, not physically ready or “softball-ready.”)

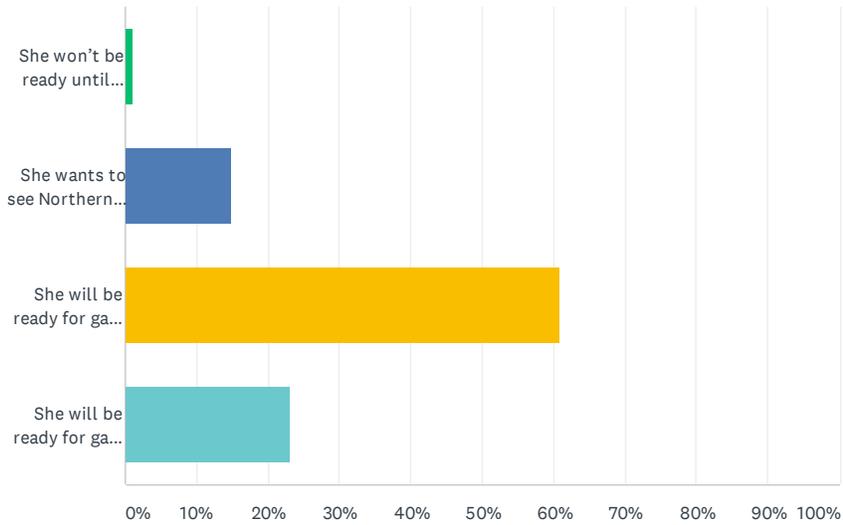
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I won't be ready until there's a vaccine or a cure	2.30%	2
I want to see Northern Virginia move at least to Phase 3 before we return to game play, with safety precautions	13.79%	12
I will be ready for game play in Phase 2, with safety precautions	72.41%	63
I will be ready for game play in Phase 2, even without safety precautions	11.49%	10
TOTAL		87

Q12 What best describes your child’s current level of readiness to return to game play? (By readiness, we mean ready to play given the COVID-19 pandemic, not physically ready or “softball-ready.”)

Answered: 87 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
She won't be ready until there's a vaccine or a cure	1.15%	1
She wants to see Northern Virginia move at least to Phase 3 before we return to game play, with safety precautions	14.94%	13
She will be ready for game play in Phase 2, with safety precautions	60.92%	53
She will be ready for game play in Phase 2, even without safety precautions	22.99%	20
TOTAL		87

Q13 Please share any questions, comments, feedback, or additional thoughts you have.

Answered: 31 Skipped: 59

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Traveling long distances for softball makes me very nervous. Especially given how careful we have been for non softball travel.	6/13/2020 8:35 AM
2	Would like to stick to the policies and protocols. We need to stay disciplined about this, especially since not all the families are being as careful about this and not everyone has the same risks in the family.	6/13/2020 12:34 AM
3	I don't know exactly how game play can happen. I would not be comfortable at all at a facility in Sterling with 7 other teams there at the same time.	6/12/2020 2:13 PM
4	I have concerns about safety in the bleachers with parents. The games definitely need to stay pretty local. No overnights.	6/12/2020 10:47 AM
5	Thank you	6/12/2020 10:07 AM
6	N/A	6/11/2020 10:17 PM
7	N/A	6/11/2020 8:18 PM
8	none at this time	6/11/2020 1:47 PM
9	My greatest concern is not what we do (because I'm confident in my team's leadership), but rather what other people are doing (because we don't know their true mentality towards safety).	6/11/2020 12:52 PM
10	I'd just be curious as to how long the truncated season would run.	6/11/2020 12:51 PM
11	none.	6/11/2020 11:17 AM
12	Thanks for the forum!	6/11/2020 9:16 AM
13	Na	6/11/2020 8:52 AM
14	None	6/11/2020 6:25 AM
15	Thanks for reaching out with this survey. It is this proactive involvement that differentiates NVGSA from other leagues.	6/10/2020 6:41 PM
16	Keep the Firebirds policy simple--compliance. Shift responsibility to parents/families and defer to States to do the heavy lifting on virus avoidance mechanics.	6/10/2020 4:22 PM
17	Again, an outside, limited contact sport...be real. Let these girls play. I'm quite certain many of them have or soon will be in places/environments where there will be more than 10 persons gathered; with or without face coverings with the potential to have greater harm than this virus.	6/10/2020 1:44 PM
18	Let's move forward	6/10/2020 9:31 AM
19	None	6/10/2020 9:20 AM
20	Please consider return to play very carefully. While I understand the importance of sports, these are unprecedented times and we need to consider every decision very carefully keeping the players/coaches/parents health as the most important factor.	6/9/2020 11:14 PM
21	None	6/9/2020 9:20 PM
22	See previous comment.	6/9/2020 5:50 PM
23	My daughter says that she feels like she's a mix between wanting to play in phase 2 with precautions and phase 3. She is enjoying team practices right now but wants to wait a few weeks before moving on to scrimmages with local teams. Our family is not going to travel out of state for tournaments at this time or over the next month.	6/9/2020 5:06 PM
24	none	6/9/2020 4:04 PM
25	Facemasks needed.	6/9/2020 3:58 PM
26	no additional feedback	6/9/2020 3:31 PM
27	Field sharing could be a problem during Phase 2	6/9/2020 3:14 PM
28	I think it will be important to find other teams with similar attitudes on this to scrimmage/play since many of the precautions are "recommended" not required. I'd hate to get into a situation where the other team or parents are not taking the precautions seriously.	6/9/2020 1:39 PM
29	N/A	6/9/2020 1:32 PM
30	Our family would be considered "moderate" on this issue. We respect health concerns and regulations, but we want the girls to be able to play. We have another child playing travel baseball and their regulations are also clearly laid out to prioritize safety, but they aren't nearly as over the top as the Firebirds ones. The Firebirds policy feels like it was written by a lawyer concerned about liability. The best policy will respect both health/safety concerns AND the fact that players and coaches want to get out there. This particular policy focuses heavily to the former to the point of hamstringing the latter.	6/9/2020 1:05 PM
31	Let's play ball!	6/9/2020 12:27 PM