

### 1. Compare players in survey to players in SportyHQ

Across 90 teams from 12 clubs this season, there are 872 players associated with 1 or more league teams. However, 5% (46 players) of the 872 players did not play any league matches this year. Of the 826 remaining players, which are labelled “Active Players in SportyHQ” in the table below, 40%-50% by gender have responded to the survey. It is noted that that 1 female and 1 male respondent acknowledged that they did not play this season, however this would not significantly impact the results in this table.

Gender	# of Players in Survey	# of Active Players in SportyHQ	% of Players
Female	119	234	51%
Male	240	592	41%
<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>43%</b>

### 2. Overall, how satisfied are you with how VSL is organized

Both genders follow the overall average with marginal differences of less than 5%.

#### Comments:

- 16 people experienced scheduling issues (e.g. start too early, start too late, too many teams playing at the same club in a night, scheduled on a statutory holiday)
- 11 people complimented league organization stating they are very satisfied
- 10 people felt there were too few teams per division
- 8 people felt the season was too short
- 7 people experienced SportyHQ issues
- Rest of comments are one-offs such as too many juniors, games too short, spare rule issues, hosting issues, teams are too large, inconsistent skill levels within a team and division

### 3. AGM, Captains' Social, Wrap Party, Referee Clinics

#### a) AGM

Both genders follow the overall average except more women have gone to the AGM (i.e. almost 18% rather than the overall average of 9.27%).

#### Comments:

- 70 people said the AGM conflicted with their schedule
- 25 people did not know about the AGM or when it is held
- 15 people said they were not interested in the AGM
- 7 people said the AGM location is inconvenient
- 11 people do not have issues with league or have nothing to contribute
- Rest of comments are one-offs such as their team had a rep at the AGM and they cannot vote

**b) Captains' Social**

Both genders follow the overall average with marginal differences of less than 5%.

**Comments:**

- 61 people said they are not a captain
- 46 people said the Captains' Social conflicted with their schedule
- 12 people did not know about the Captain's Social
- 9 people were not interested in the Captains' Social
- 8 people were complimentary about the education
- Rest of the comments stated they do not need the education or the location was inconvenient

**c) Wrap Party**

Both genders follow the overall average with marginal differences of less than 5%.

**Comments:**

- 59 people said the Wrap Party conflicted with their schedule
- 26 people were not interested
- 25 people did not know when the Wrap Party is
- 18 people were complimentary of the Wrap Party
- 7 people said the location is inconvenient
- 1 person mentioned that more food is needed

**d) Referee Clinic**

Both genders follow the overall average with marginal differences of less than 5%. Preferred method of improving their referring skills was fairly equal across the 4 answer options.

**Comments:**

- 45 people did not know about the referee clinics
- 28 people attended the clinic in the past
- 24 people said the clinic conflicted with their schedule
- 23 people indicated they should go to the clinic in future
- 13 people said they are not interested
- 11 people were complimentary about the education
- 1 person said the convenient is inconvenient

#### 4. Participation in League

.Gender	.For the social aspect	.For fun & recreation	.To keep fit	.For competitive matches	.To play against a variety of players	.For the team camaraderie	.To improve my game	
Female	93	105	100	84	98	93	96	
Male	177	175	158	187	191	182	152	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>248</b>	
								Headcount
Female	78%	88%	84%	71%	82%	78%	81%	119
Male	74%	73%	66%	78%	80%	76%	63%	240
								359

Both genders generally follow the overall averages (range from 73% to 81) except women surveyed higher on fun & recreation, keeping fit, variety of play, and improving their game while men surveyed less on keeping fit and improving their game.

#### Comments:

- 16 people provided comments reiterating their selection

#### 5. Aspects of League

Both genders follow the overall average with marginal differences of less than 5%.

#### Comments:

- 11 people said the season is too short
- 9 people mentioned hosting issues
- 9 people said the skill levels are inconsistent within teams and divisions
- 7 people do not like hosting
- 6 people mentioned scheduling issues (e.g. start too early, start too late)
- 5 people said there are too few teams per division
- Rest of the comments are one-offs such as sportsmanship issues, spare rule issues, refereeing needs improvement, matches are too short because of PAR-11, limit the number of juniors, consistent competitive matches due to new Women's Div 1 format

## 6. Regular Season preference

Row Labels	Have the season run longer than 20 weeks for all divisions	Play during Spring Break	Play matches on holidays	Start the season earlier	Start the season later	(blank)	Grand Total
<b>⊕ No preference</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>⊕ October to February</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>☐ October to March</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>107</b>
Open Division 1	3	2		5	2	5	17
Open Division 2	8			4	1	2	15
Open Division 3	8			3	1	1	13
Open Division 4	2	1		5	1		9
Open Division 5	7	1	1	2	2	1	14
Open Division 6	2				2	2	6
Open Division 7	3		1	1	1	3	9
Women's Division 1	2						2
Women's Division 2	1			1			2
Women's Division 3	2	2			1	1	6
Women's Division 4	3	4					7
Women's Division 5						2	2
Women's Division 6	4			1			5
<b>⊕ September to February</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>21</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>☐ September to March</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>128</b>
Open Division 1	5	1		4			10
Open Division 2	3	1		5			9
Open Division 3	9			6	1		16
Open Division 4	5			3		1	9
Open Division 5	9		1	2			12
Open Division 6	6					1	7
Open Division 7	5			5	1	3	14
Women's Division 1	8						8
Women's Division 2	8	2	1	4			15
Women's Division 3	5	1		1			7
Women's Division 4	2	1					3
Women's Division 5	8	1		2		1	12
Women's Division 6	5				1		6
<b>⊕ (blank)</b>						<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>359</b>

An interesting integration of data regarding the regular season and extensions is that with the most favoured options (September-March and October-March), extending the season by more than 20 weeks was consistently favoured across all the divisions.

## 7. How would you add more games

Both genders follow the overall average with marginal differences of less than 5%.

## 8. Christmas break stop

Both genders follow the overall average with marginal differences of less than 5% except women had 10% less than the average on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week.

### 9. Post-New Year's start

Both genders follow the overall average with marginal differences of less than 5%.

### 10. Holidays VSL should not schedule games on

Both genders follow the overall average with marginal differences of less than 5%.

### 11. Social Hosting

#### Social Hosting by Division

.Division	No		Yes		Skipped		Total # of Players	Total % of Players
	# of Players	% of Players	# of Players	% of Players	# of Players	% of Players		
Open Division 1	8	27.59%	21	72.41%	2	0.00%	31	100.00%
Open Division 2	8	20.00%	32	80.00%	1	0.00%	41	100.00%
Open Division 3	7	17.50%	33	82.50%	1	0.00%	41	100.00%
Open Division 4	2	7.41%	25	92.59%	2	0.00%	29	100.00%
Open Division 5		0.00%	37	100.00%	1	0.00%	38	100.00%
Open Division 6	9	29.03%	22	70.97%	3	0.00%	34	100.00%
Open Division 7	4	11.76%	30	88.24%	2	0.00%	36	100.00%
Women's Division 1	11	78.57%	3	21.43%		0.00%	14	100.00%
Women's Division 2	1	5.56%	17	94.44%		0.00%	18	100.00%
Women's Division 3	4	25.00%	12	75.00%		0.00%	16	100.00%
Women's Division 4	2	11.11%	16	88.89%		0.00%	18	100.00%
Women's Division 5	2	8.70%	21	91.30%		0.00%	23	100.00%
Women's Division 6	2	10.00%	18	90.00%		0.00%	20	100.00%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>17.29%</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>82.71%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Consistent with the 2013 survey results, the majority of players in each division favour social hosting except for Women's Division 1. The most common reason why Women's Division 1 players are not in favour of social hosting is because it is too expensive.

### Social Hosting by Gender and Age

Row Labels	No		Yes		Skipped		Total # of Players	Total % of Players
	# of Players	% of Players	# of Players	% of Players	# of Players	% of Players		
<b>Female</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21.01%</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>78.99%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>		<b>119</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
16 to 18	1	50.00%	1	50.00%	0.00%		2	100.00%
19 to 24		0.00%	1	100.00%	0.00%		1	100.00%
25 to 34	6	24.00%	19	76.00%	0.00%		25	100.00%
35 to 44	4	19.05%	17	80.95%	0.00%		21	100.00%
45 to 54	9	27.27%	24	72.73%	0.00%		33	100.00%
55 to 64	5	13.89%	31	86.11%	0.00%		36	100.00%
65 or older		0.00%	1	100.00%	0.00%		1	100.00%
<b>Male</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14.58%</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>80.42%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5.00%</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
15 or under		0.00%	2	100.00%	0.00%		2	100.00%
16 to 18	1	50.00%	1	50.00%	0.00%		2	100.00%
19 to 24	1	33.33%	2	66.67%	0.00%		3	100.00%
25 to 34	12	22.64%	39	73.58%	2	3.77%	53	100.00%
35 to 44	7	11.67%	48	80.00%	5	8.33%	60	100.00%
45 to 54	4	7.14%	49	87.50%	3	5.36%	56	100.00%
55 to 64	9	18.00%	39	78.00%	2	4.00%	50	100.00%
65 or older	1	7.14%	13	92.86%		0.00%	14	100.00%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>16.71%</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>79.94%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3.34%</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The overall average of survey respondents had 82.71% choose Yes and 17.29% choose No to social hosting. For the higher volume age categories, both men and women in the 25-34 age group seem less in favour of social hosting as well as women in the 45-54 age group.

Some of the comments for hosting and no hosting did not seem to align with the chosen answers. Additionally, some of the respondents for hosting are aware of the increasing difficulties and frustrations with hosting.

#### Comments – For Hosting:

- 16 people said they like hosting for all the reasons provided
- 14 people mentioned it is getting expensive
- 14 people said to restricting what is required of the host (e.g. 1 meal + 1 drink)
- 9 people said that quality and cost varies from club to club
- 6 people support the idea of letting the individual decide whether to stay and pay
- 6 people said to eliminate juniors from league because it is an adult social
- Rest of comments are one-offs about less money management, individual would not want to pay for his/her meal each time, eliminate hosting, family commitments make staying late difficult, unfair to pay for others' drinking habits, players just get food to go, and hosting can start very late

#### Comments – No Hosting:

- 20 people really enjoy hosting
- 16 people do not like hosting for all reasons listed
- 14 people said it is too expensive
- 10 people that quality and cost varies from club to club

- 10 people said to scale back hosting but not eliminate it and allow fairness for students
- 8 people said the night is too long
- 7 people said some hosting starts too late
- 4 people like giving the individual a choice to stay
- Rest of comments are from 1 to 2 people each such as just want to play only, open to shared hosting, social hosting is not consistently good, and diet restrictions

## 12. Communication from VSL

Both genders follow the overall average with marginal differences of less than 5%.

## 13. Participants declining in VSL

### Comments:

- 22 people commented that social hosting is too expensive and should be modified
- 10 people said to limit or exclude juniors
- 8 people commented about scheduling issues (e.g. start too early, start too late)
- 6 people said the skill levels are inconsistent within the teams and divisions
- 5 people said that the PAR-11 scoring causes the matches to be too short
- 5 people said there should be smaller teams
- 4 people would like more teams and fewer divisions
- 3 people said the season is too short
- 3 people had issues with spares playing in lower divisions
- 3 people would like more flexibility in using spares
- 2 people liked the Women's Div 1 format
- Rest of comments are one-offs such as aging, sports becoming less popular, free events for new members, a downtown league would be good, league promotion could be improved, less squash facilities, competitive matches, less teams per division

\*\* An interesting suggestion came through from a respondent to address too few teams per division. There could be more teams and fewer divisions. League could be divided into three semesters and at the end of each, the division could be adjusted. The Vancouver Ultimate League has used this model quite successfully.

## 14. Favourite part of league

About 40% of respondents provided comments to this question and reiterated their selections on why they participate in league (an earlier question in the survey).