

SAMA Survey on 2019 Winter Program

The next Winter Program will take place from May – September 2019 (normally on Saturday afternoons). Before locking in the program, the Committee sought the views of all SAMA members on some proposed alternative options*, and also whether there was support for holding a Winter Track & Field competition.

We also ascertained preferences concerning two other aspects of the winter program ie. handicap vs scratch races, and competition venues.

* Proposed alternative options

On two Saturdays (18th May & 10th August) there will be no separate SAMA competition. Instead members may elect to participate in a parkrun of their choice, or take part in one of the alternative events shown below:

- Runners will be encouraged to join a SAMA team for the ASA /RUNNING SA RELAYS at a city location.
- Walkers will be encouraged to take part in joint competitions with SA RACE WALKERS CLUB at Peacock Road.

A survey was conducted using Survey Monkey, which resulted in an overall 25% response rate. The results are shown below.

Conclusions

It was considered by the Committee that the responses to Question 2 demonstrated sufficient support for a Winter Track & Field competition to be held at SA Athletics Stadium from 12.30pm to 3.30pm on Sunday 25th August 2019. This will be instead of the normal Saturday competition that weekend.

The majority of walkers who responded were interested in taking part in the joint competitions with SA Race Walkers Club during the 2019 winter season. Therefore it was decided to pursue this option.

Although the responses by non-walkers did not show a clear majority interest in joining a SAMA Team in the ASA/Running SA Relay events during the 2019 winter season, it was considered that there were sufficient positive responses by runners to warrant providing this as an alternative option instead of normal SAMA competition on the two Saturdays.

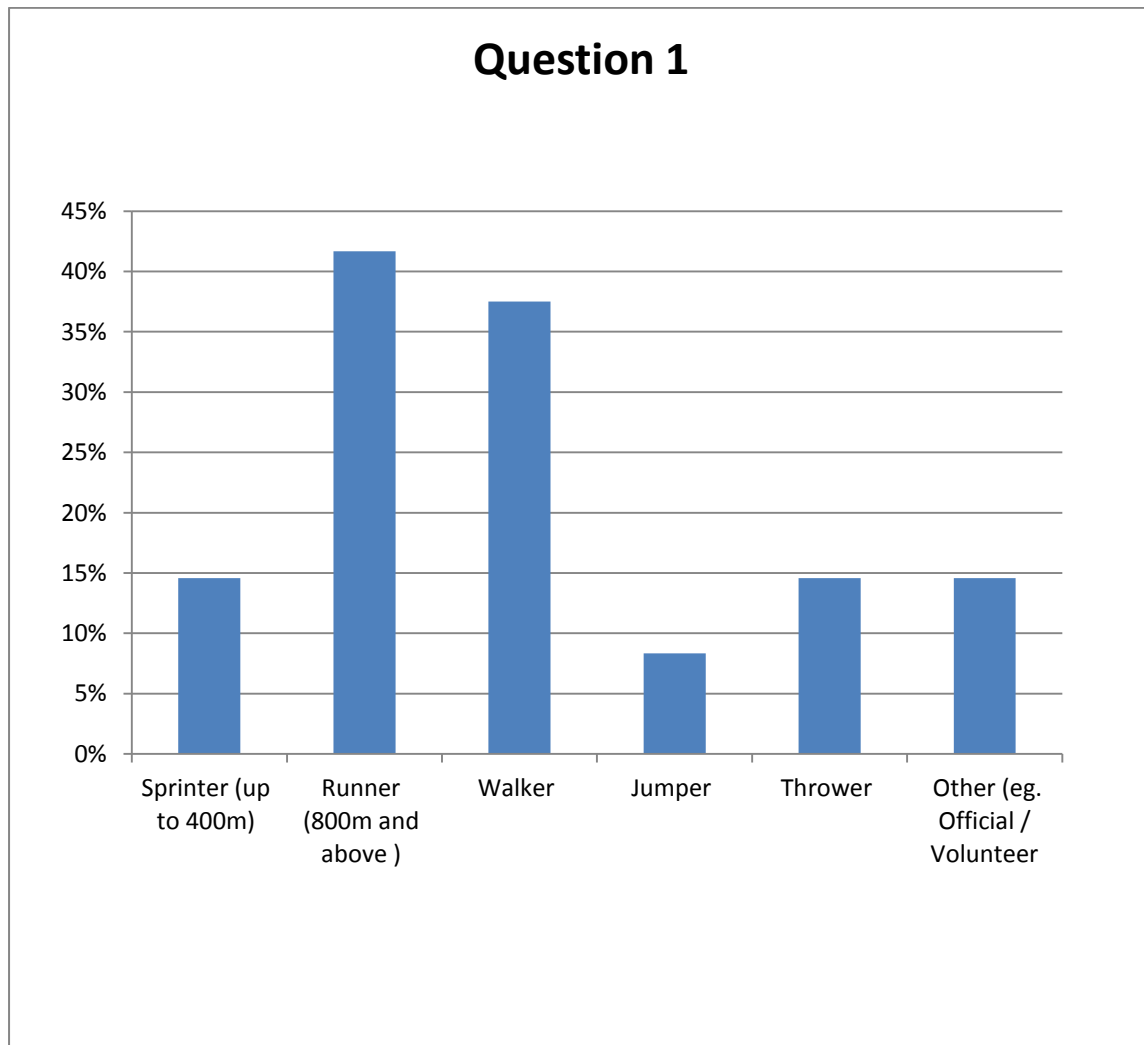
There was a preference for having a balance between scratch and handicap competitions during non-championships weeks.

All venues used for Winter competition received support from at least one-third of the respondents, although some venues were clearly preferred (Bonython Park, East Terrace, Peacock Road and West Terrace).

The Winter Program has now been finalised after implementing the conclusions arising from the survey.

Survey Results

1. Which of the following categories best describes your involvement in Masters Athletics (select all that apply)?



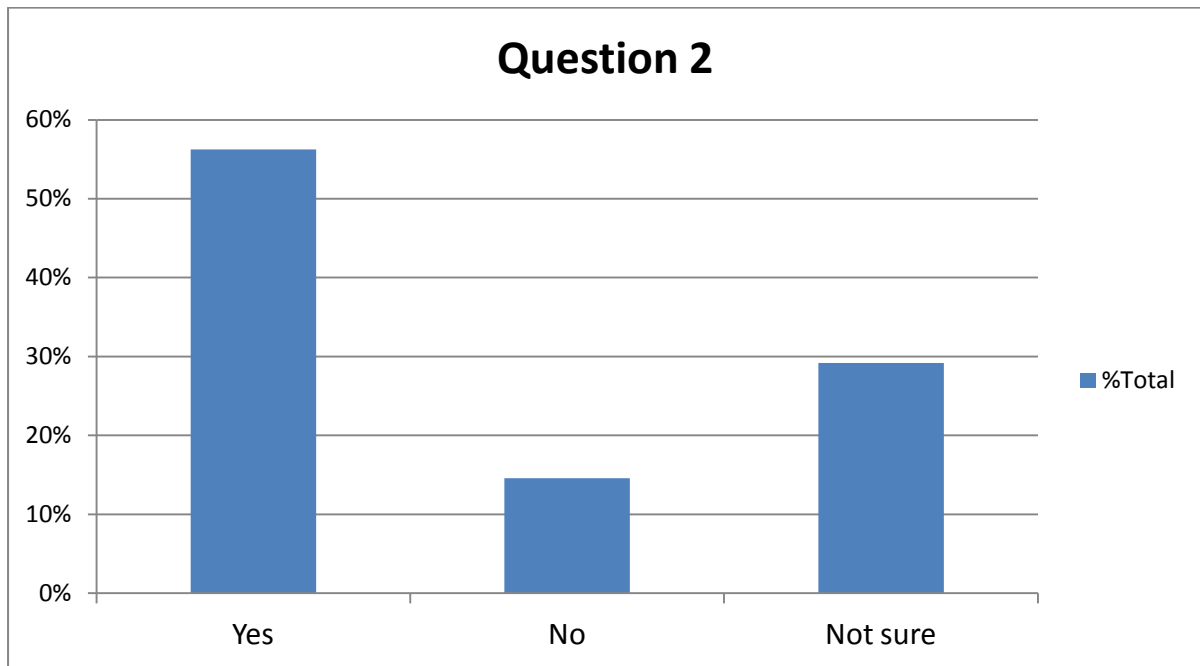
Total number Survey responses = 48

Note that in the graphs for Questions 4 & 5 below, adjustments have been made according to the categories provided by respondents, so that those who were solely Officials/Volunteers were not included, and also the following criteria were applied:

For Question 4, which applies to ASA Relays (running only events), the total responses (n=30) are shown after omitting those persons who indicated that they were a 'Walker' (ie. includes Sprinters, Jumpers & Throwers), and a second subset of results is shown for those who classified themselves as Runners (n=20).

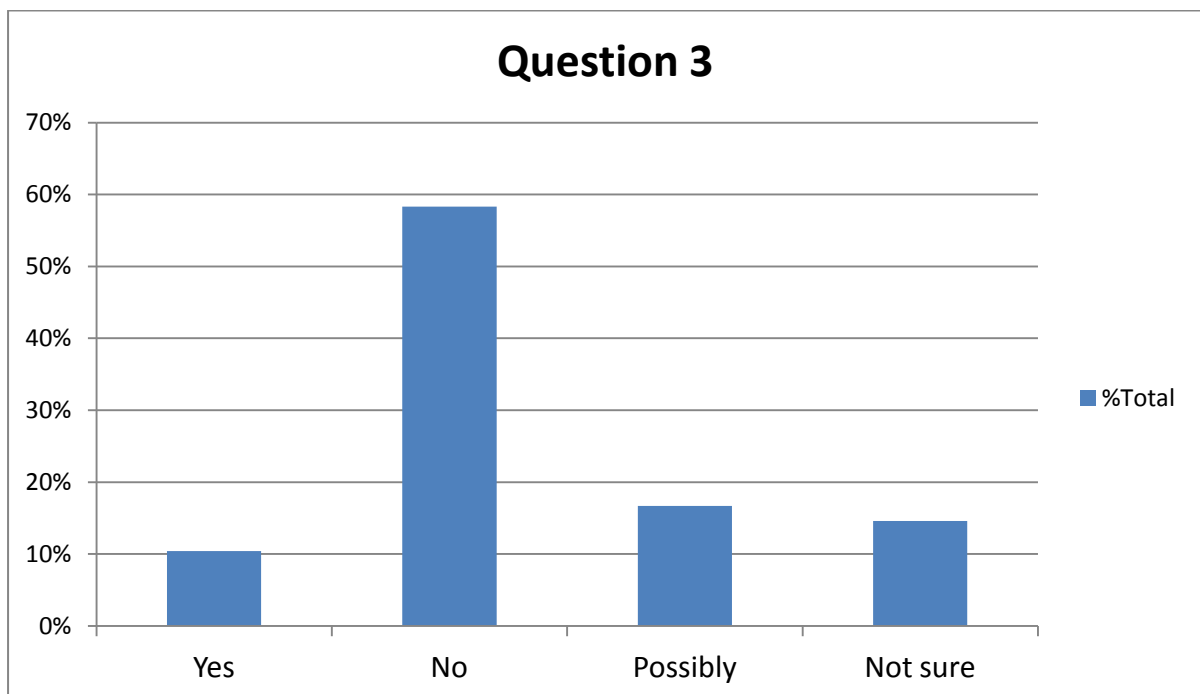
For Question 5, which applies to joint competitions with SARWC (walking only events), the responses are shown only for those persons who indicated that they were a 'Walker' (n=17).

2. Would you be willing to participate in a SAMA Winter Track & Field competition at SA Athletics Stadium from 12.30pm to 3.30pm on Sunday 25th August 2019?



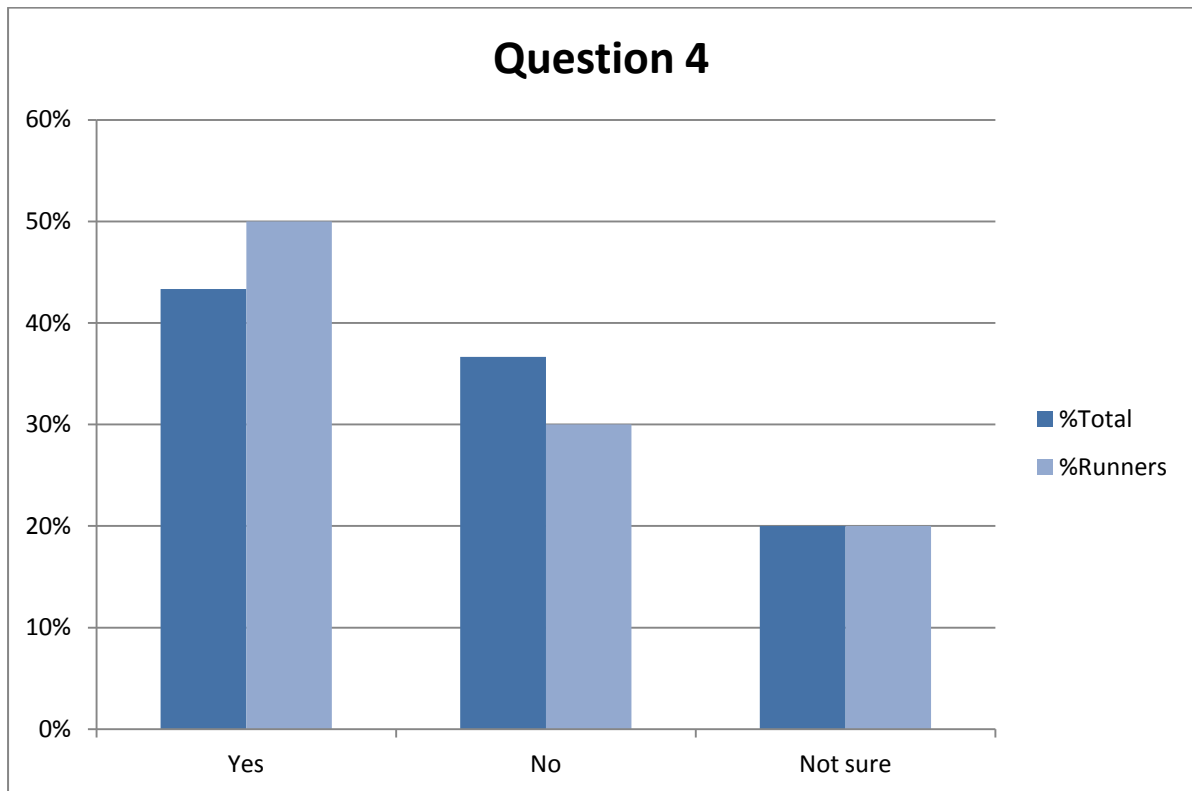
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3. Do you intend competing in the Oceania Masters Athletics Championships (31 August – 7 September) in Mackay?



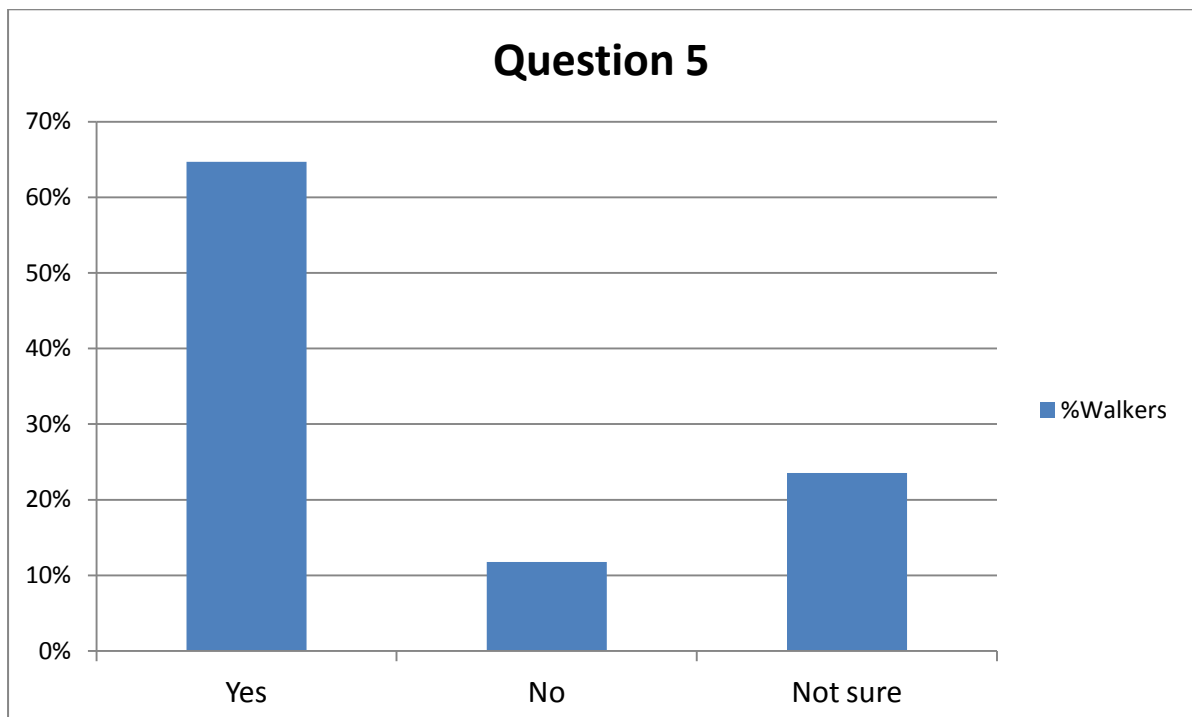
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4. Would you be interested in joining a SAMA Team in any of the ASA/Running SA Relay events during the 2019 winter season?



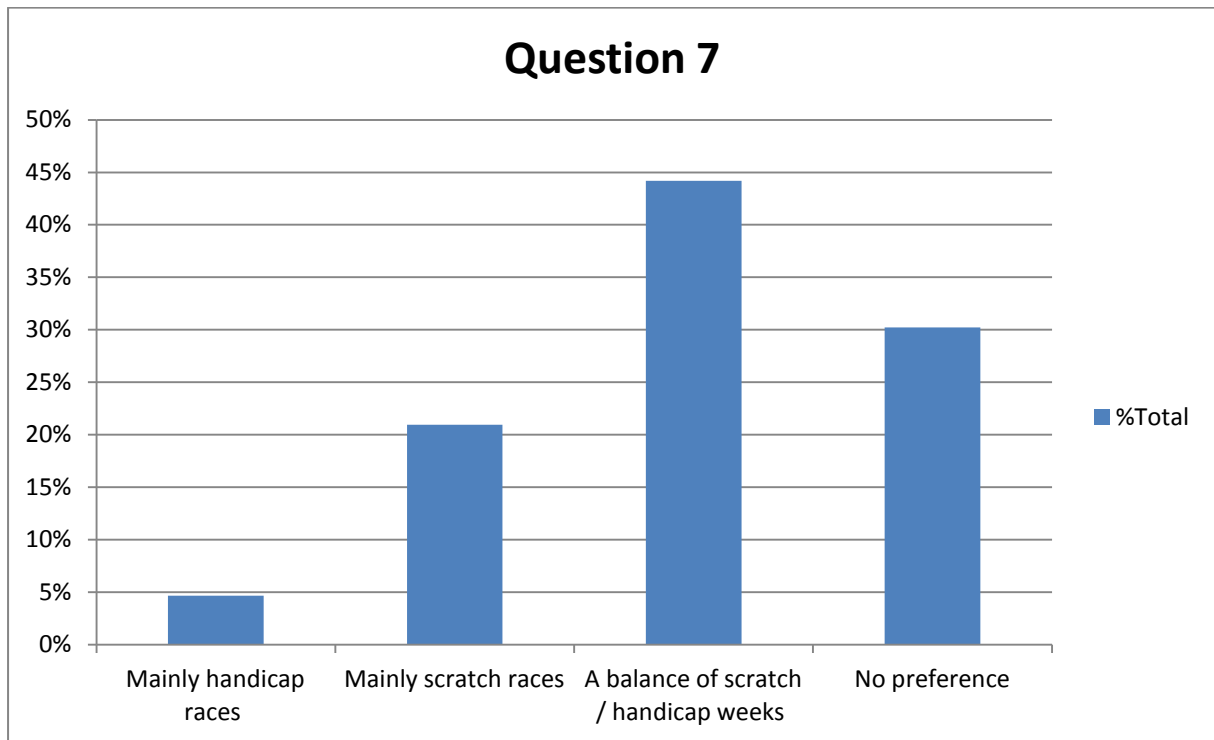
Total responses = 30 (**not including Walkers**); Runners only responses = 20

5. Would you be interested in taking part in the joint competitions with SA Race Walkers Club during the 2019 winter season?



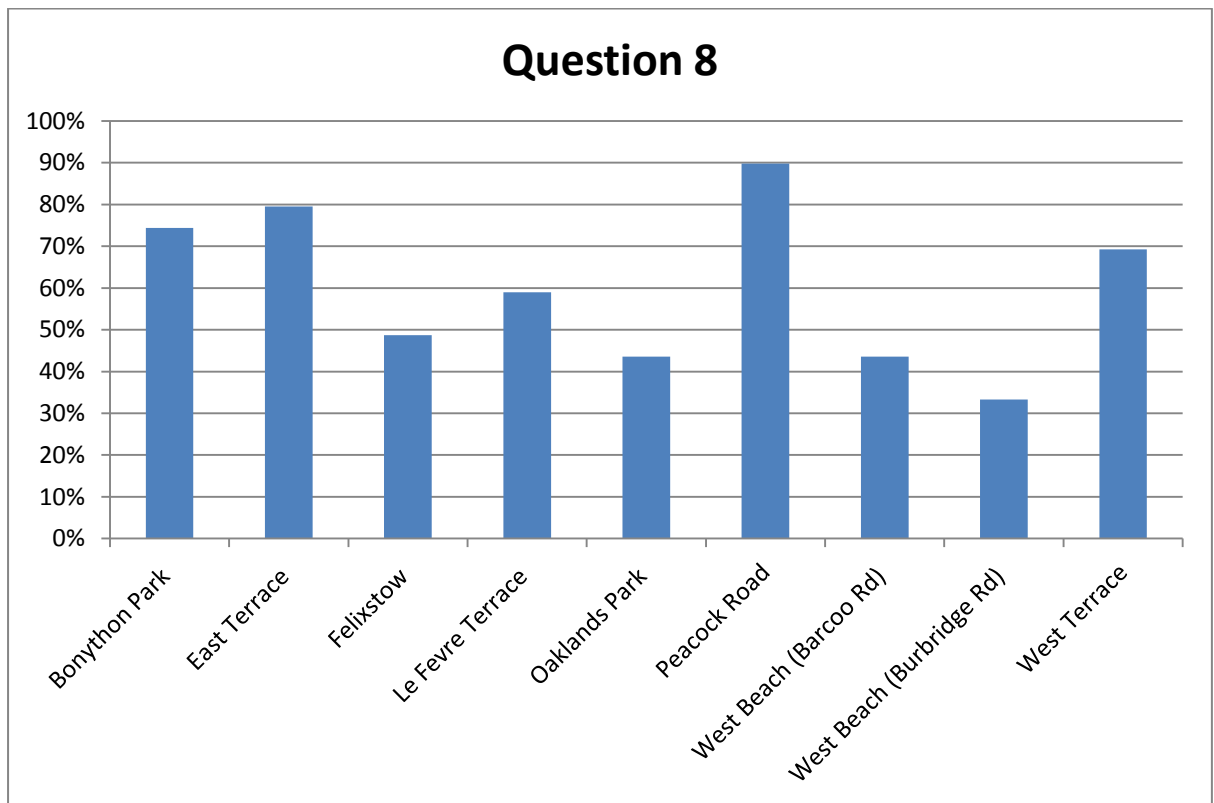
Walkers only responses = 17

7. In the SAMA Winter Program (apart from Championship race weeks that must be scratch) which of the following do you prefer?



Total responses = 43

8. In the SAMA Winter Program (apart from Championship race weeks that must be scratch) which of the following do you prefer?



Total responses = 39