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Research to improve our state of readiness for FISU, FASU and CUCSA.

Introduction

As per Head of Sport Forum and the Council meeting this research investigated the reintroduction of the USSA Provincial tournaments. One of the goals is to where possible and align them to international preparation thereby increasing and or improving our state of readiness for a FISU, FASU and CUCSA. A total of 23 sporting codes participated in this research namely Rowing, Yacht/Sailing, Gymnastics, Softball, Squash, Basketball, Aquatics, Water Polo, Surfing, Fencing, Judo, Netball, Football, Golf, Rugby, Boxing, Athletics, Hockey, Table Tennis, and Tennis. The following research question were of interest to the committee.

- Does your code have Provincial games?
- If yes please indicate when they take place (Timelines).
- How long have they been taking place?
- If no, please describe the challenges. Are there any plans to have these games?
- If not really, please elaborate.
- Do you have any source of funding for these games?

- If yes, please provide details of the funding.
- What are the pros and cons of these games?
- Please add more information that is not covered by the questions above.
- Please upload any documents that you think might have that will be useful to us.

Results

The sporting codes responded positively and the pie chart below shows a brief overview of the immediate information the committee was interested in. Responses to the other questions can be found in spreadsheet attached.

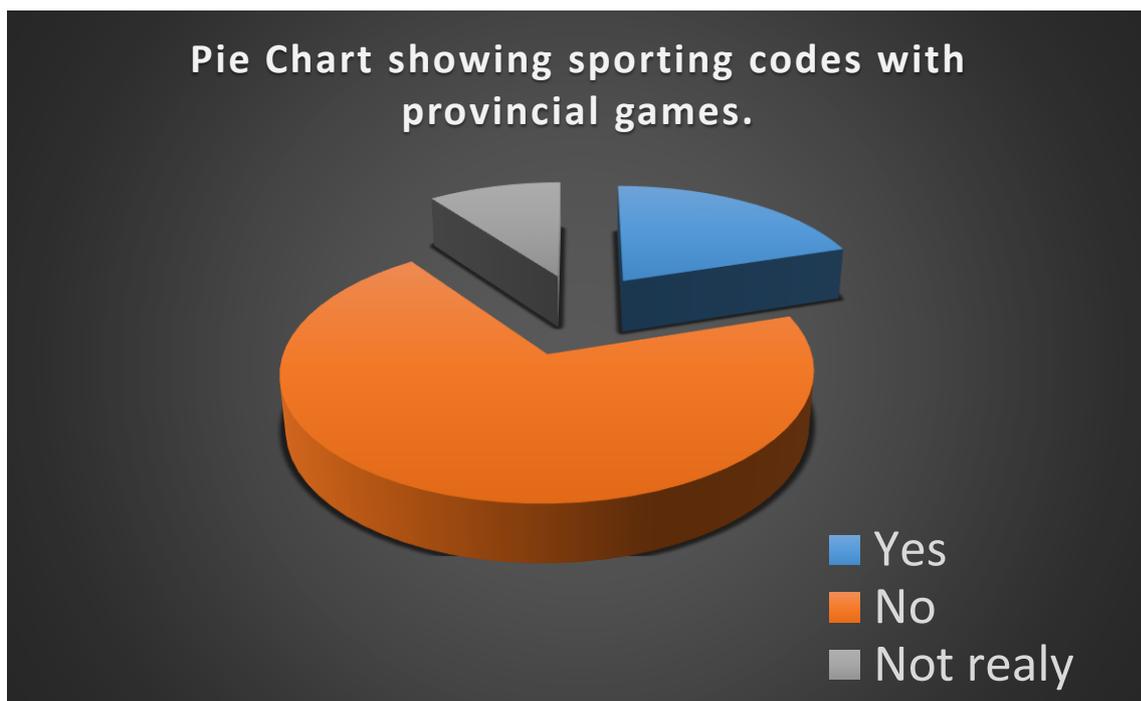


Figure 1: The proportion of sporting codes with provincial games.

From Figure 1 the data shows that only 20% of the sporting codes have provincial games, 10% have something similar to provincial games (this includes but not limited to intervarsity games) and we see that 70% of the sporting codes do not have provincial games.

The committee was also interested in the correlation between the lacks of provincial games and funding. Figure 2 below shows the proportion of sporting codes with funding.

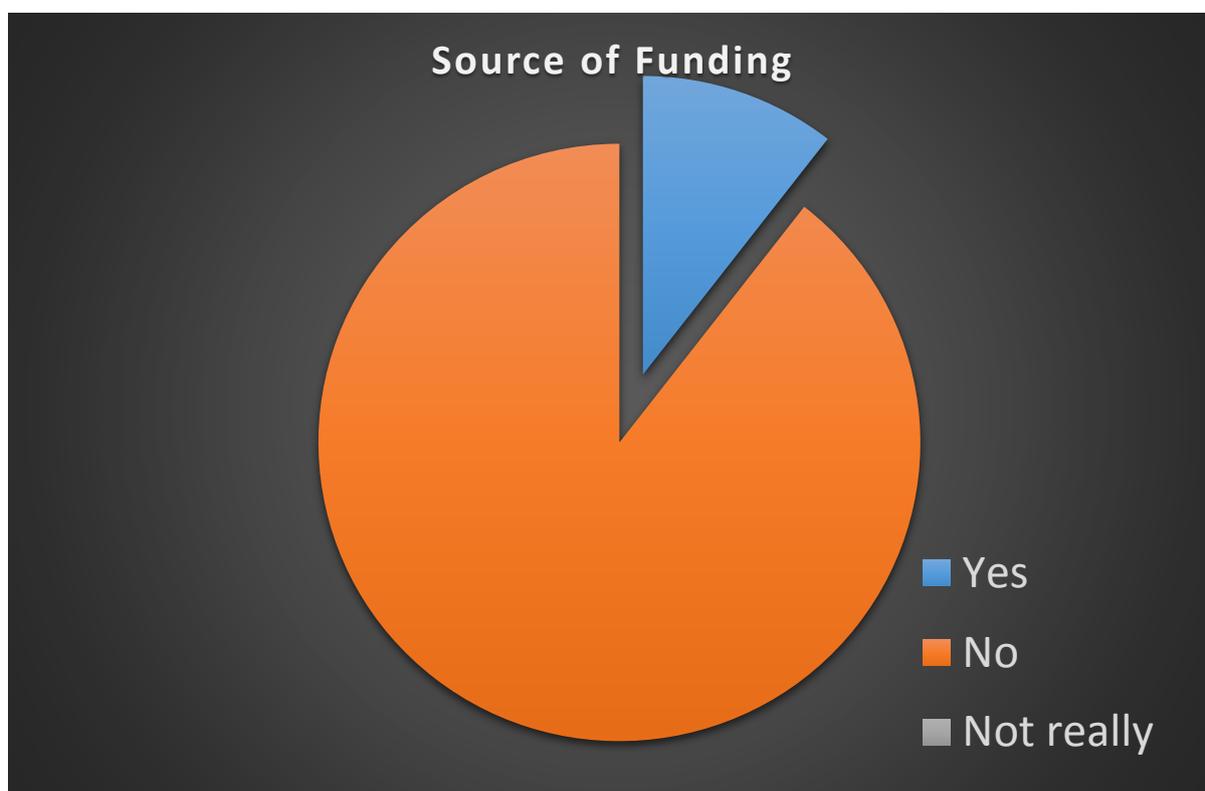


Figure 2: The proportion of sporting codes with funding.

Figure 2 projects the proportion of sporting codes with funding, it can be seen that only 11% of the sporting codes have some source of funding for their provincial games and the 89% have no source of funding. The correlation is evident and will be discussed in detail in the discussion and conclusion section.

Discussion and conclusion.

The responses reported here and from the spreadsheet we see that most of the sporting codes do not have funding for their provincial games. This, as figure 2 supports, is due but not limited to funding. The other factors that have negatively affected provincial games are getting institution in

that province to participate in that sporting code for example some provinces have only one university that takes part in rowing. As well as a packed regatta calendar during the rowing season. So challenges of timelines and active intuitions were other factors that affected these games.

Recommendations

- NEC to deliberate on funding for provincial games.
- Having a calendar for provincial games designed by the USSA hosting and bidding committee for all provincial games for all sporting codes.
- Working with sporting codes in designing this calendar
- Inspire Institutions to participate in all the sporting codes that need provincial games.

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