



Level 3 Grading
Survey 2019 - Results Snapshot
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Who we are: GOTBA Vic is a volunteer association that represents greyhound owners, trainers, breeders and other participants in all areas of the sport in Victoria.

Level 3 Grading Survey 2019 - Results Snapshot - who responded and what did we ask?

- ▶ Almost 100 survey responses online by Victorian greyhound racing participants
- ▶ Questions -
 - ▶ Participation in Level 3 racing in Victoria before and after full Aged Prize Money (APM) grading
 - ▶ Impact on ability to find a start at the right level for your greyhound
 - ▶ Level of support for use of APM as a grading tool
 - ▶ Other grading options



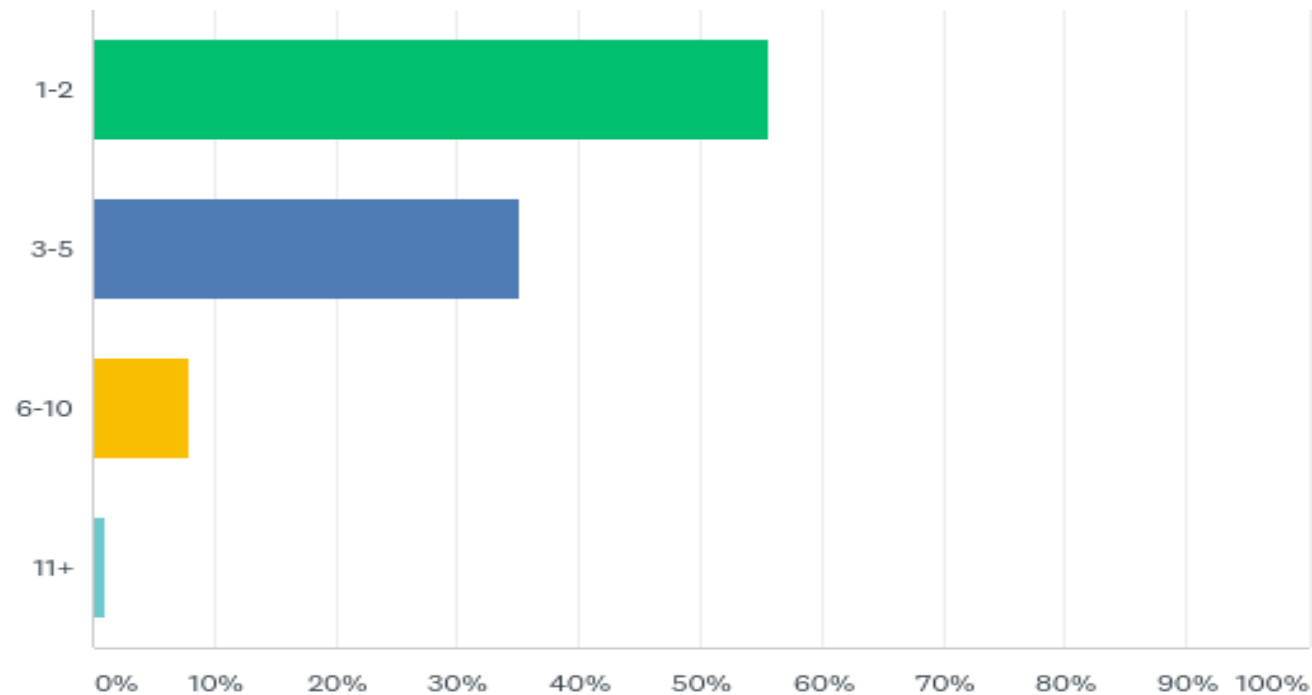
▶ What the survey results say: a summary

- ▶ Exclusive APM Level 3 grading is not supported - 63% of respondents rate it poor or very poor.
- ▶ Before full APM 65% of respondents said their Level 3 greyhounds averaged 3 or more starts per month.
- ▶ After full APM, 70% of respondents said their Level 3 greyhounds averaged 2 or less starts per month.
- ▶ Nearly 60% of participants have retired or moved on dogs since full Level 3 APM. 70% of respondents say that since full APM Level 3 grading, their Lvl 3 greyhounds have not had the opportunity to race at a level that gives them a fair chance of earning prize money.
- ▶ Participants support the reintroduction of grading at Level 3 based on holding Ranking meetings and Tier 3 meetings and including options for ranking races to be programmed within other meetings.

▶ What these results mean

- ▶ Viable level 3 racing requires near weekly opportunities to race. The current system puts more strain on participants and leads to more racing retirements than should be necessary.
- ▶ Strong consideration needs to be given to re-introduction of previous Level 3 grading systems, alone or in combination.

Kennel size - Level 3 greyhounds for respondents

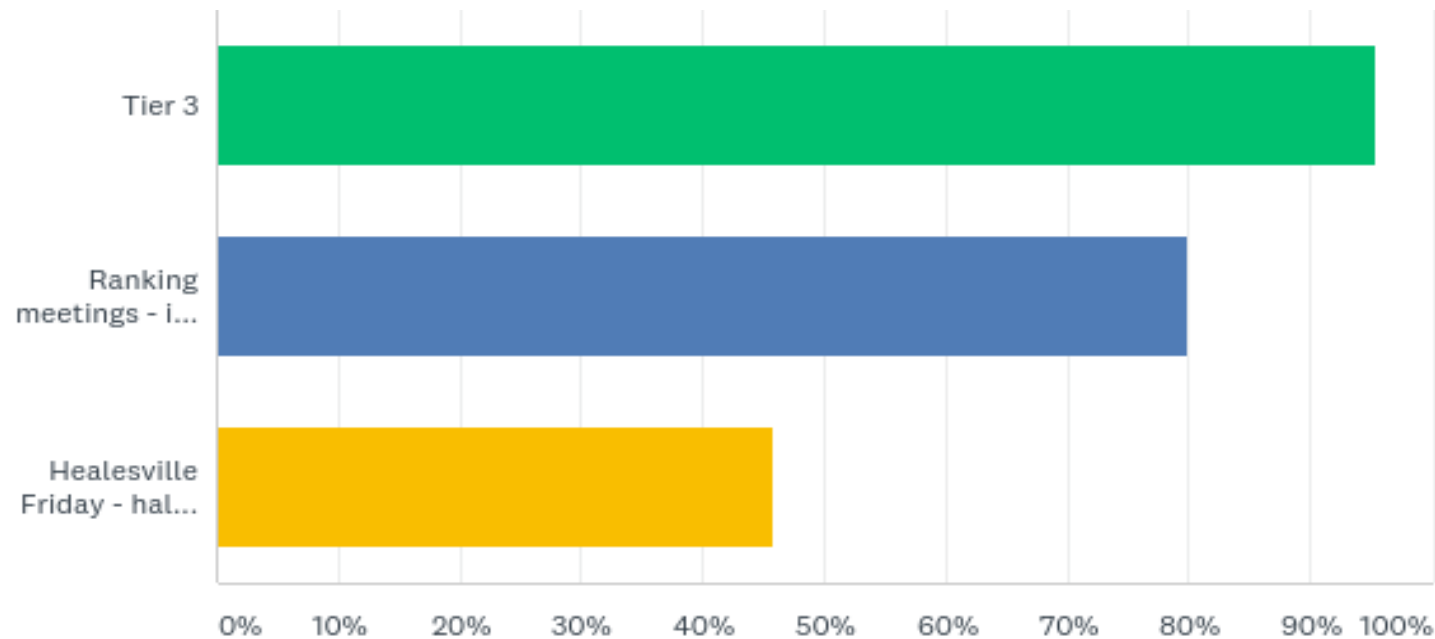


55% of respondents had 1-2 Level 3 dogs in their kennels, 35% 3-5; 9% had 6 or more.



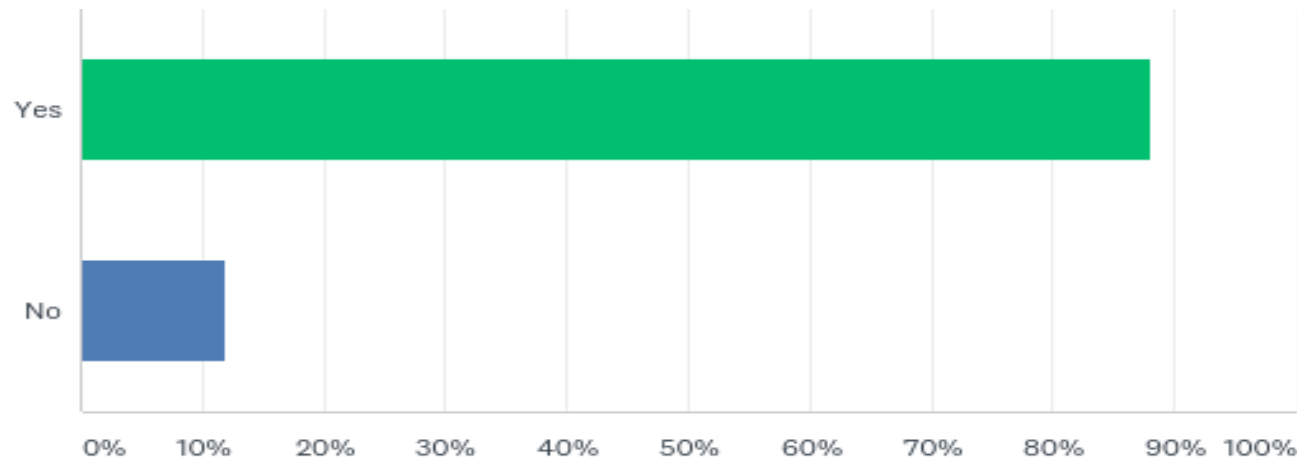
BEFORE APM

Level 3 meetings before APM - participation



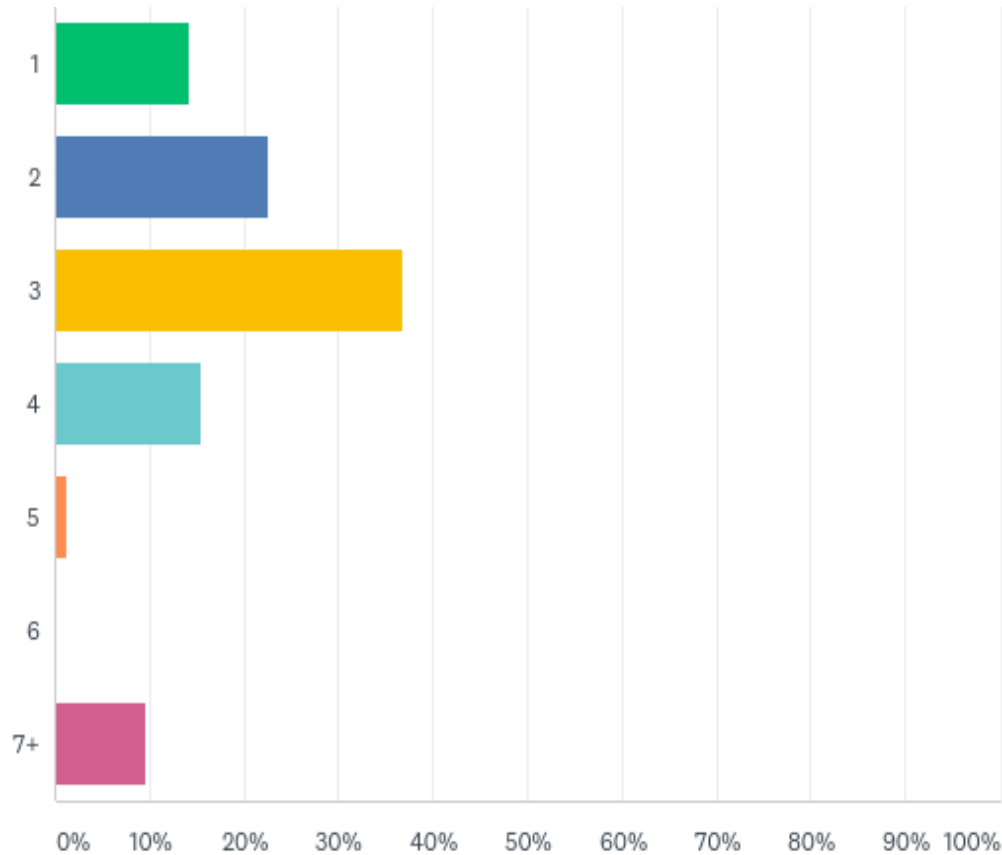
Of those who raced in Level 3 before APM, 95% raced in Tier 3, 80% in ranking meetings and 46% in Healesville half-stake meetings

Before APM, did your greyhounds have the opportunity to race at a level with a fair chance of earning prize money or winning?



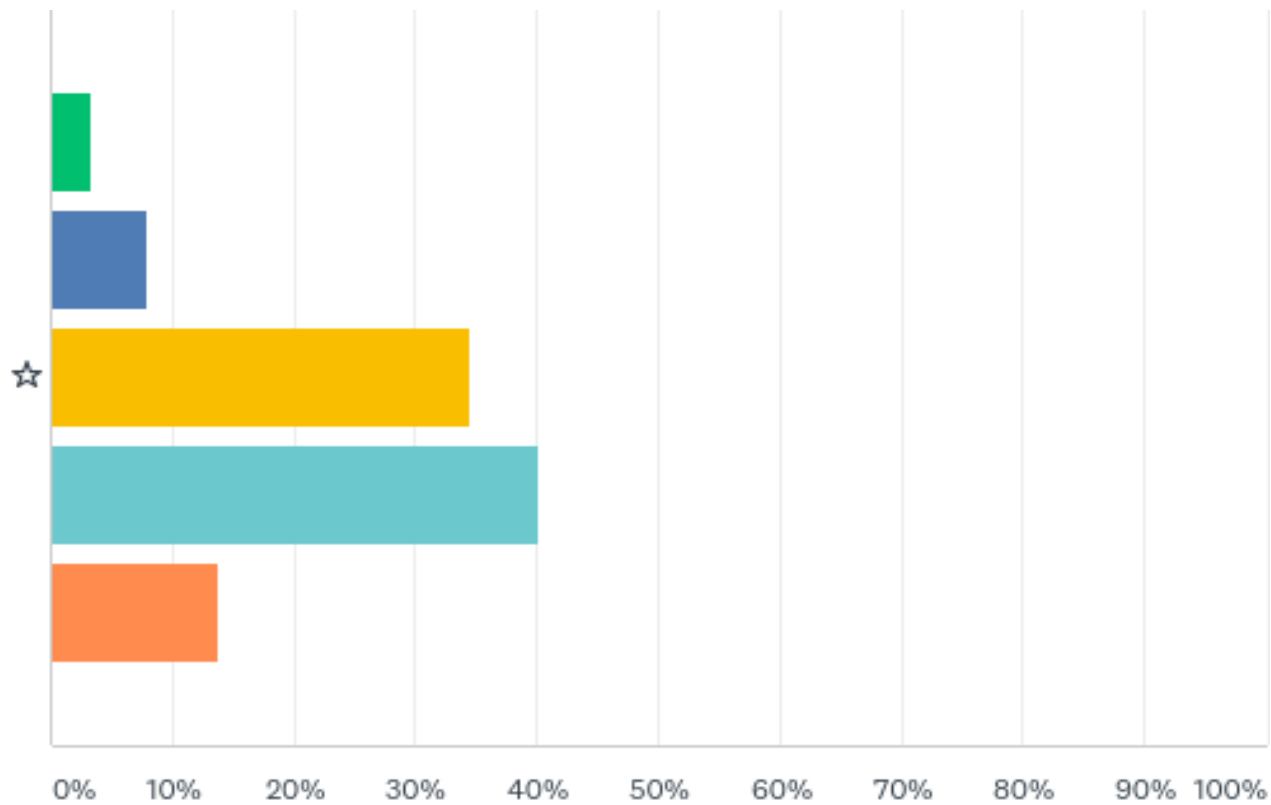
- ▶ Before APM, 88% said they believed their greyhounds had the opportunity to race at a level that gives them a fair chance of earning prize money or winning

Opportunity - average number of monthly starts per greyhound in kennel - before APM



- ▶ 1 start: 14%
- ▶ 2 starts: 23%
- ▶ 3 starts: 37%
- ▶ 4 starts: 15%
- ▶ 5 starts: 1%
- ▶ 7 starts: 10%

How would you rate the Level 3 Grading system - opportunity to race at the right level - before the introduction of APM?



More than 50% of respondents answered GOOD or VERY GOOD.

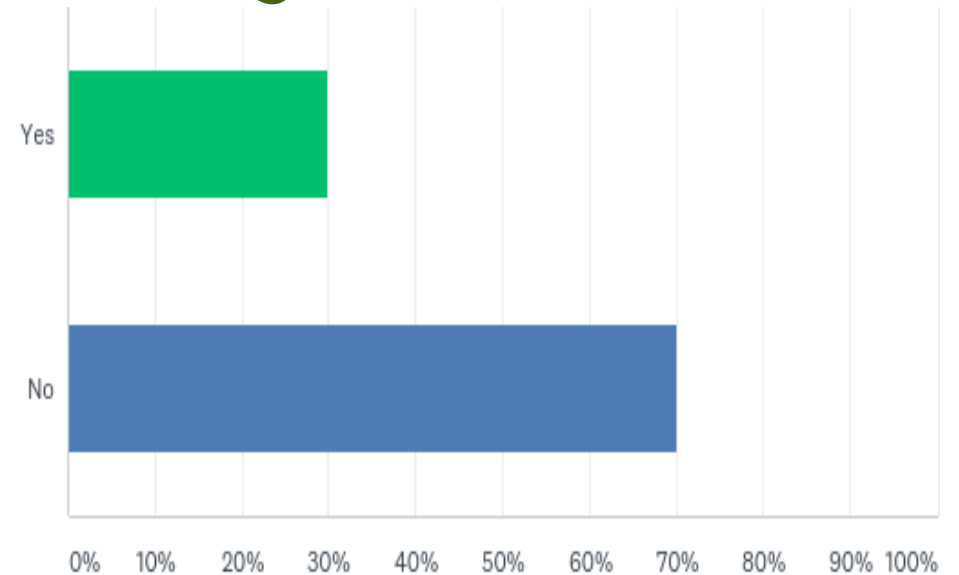
Only 11% answered POOR or VERY POOR.

Very poor Poor Average Good Very good



AFTER APM

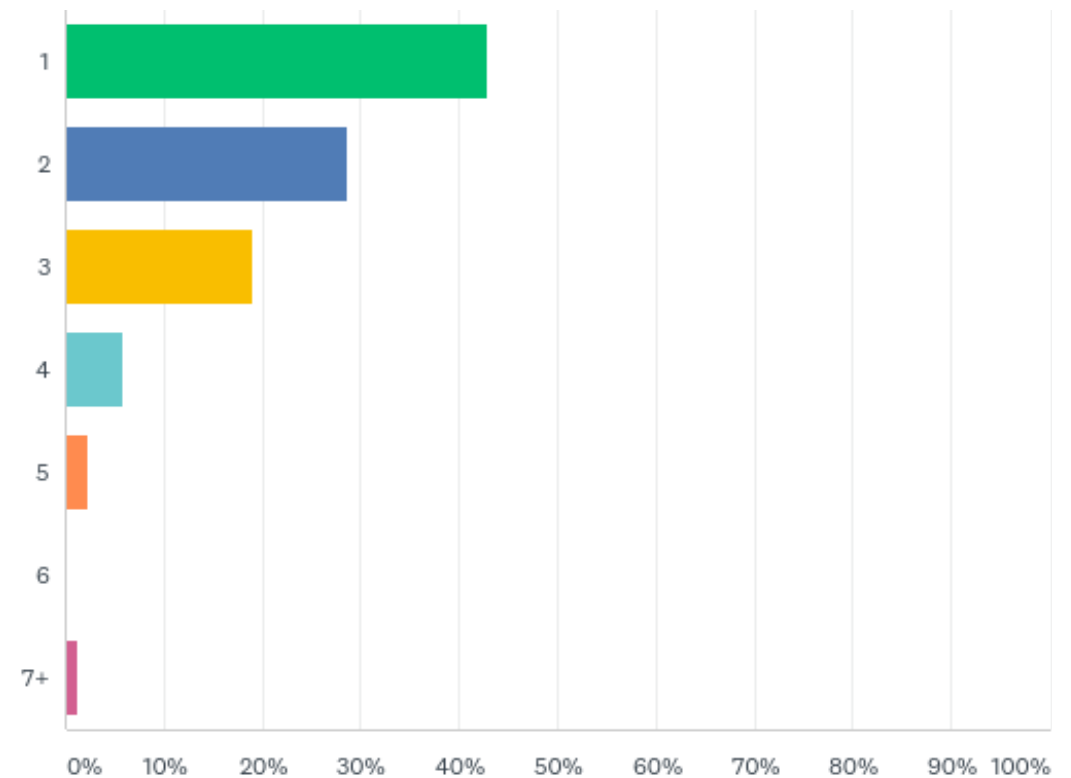
After APM, do your greyhounds have the opportunity to race at a level with a fair chance of earning prize money or winning?



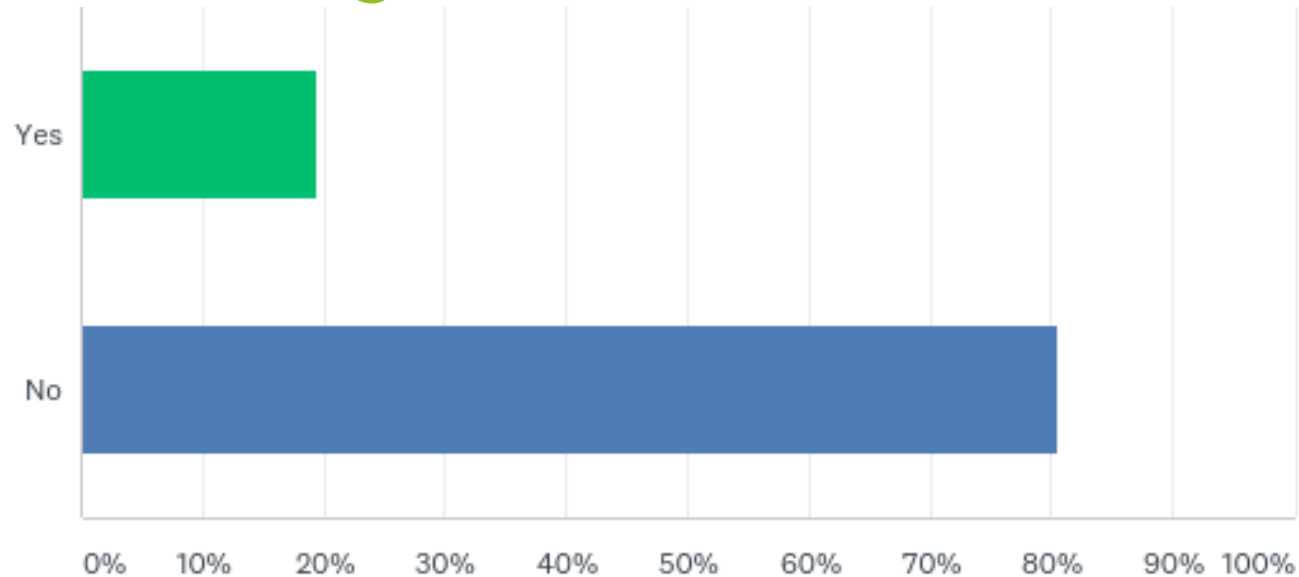
► **SUMMARY:** After APM, only 30% (down from 88%) said they believed their Lvl 3 greyhounds had the opportunity to race at a level that gives them a fair chance of earning prize money or winning.

Opportunity - average number of monthly Lvl 3 starts per greyhound in kennel - after APM

- ▶ 1 start: 43% (up from 14%)
- ▶ 2 starts: 29% (up from 23%)
- ▶ 3 starts: 19% (down from 37%)
- ▶ 4 starts: 6% (down from 15%)
- ▶ 5 starts: 2% (up from 1%)
- ▶ 7 starts: 1% (down from 10%)
- ▶ Summary: Clear that for participants surveyed APM has resulted in less starts per month for Level 3 greyhounds.

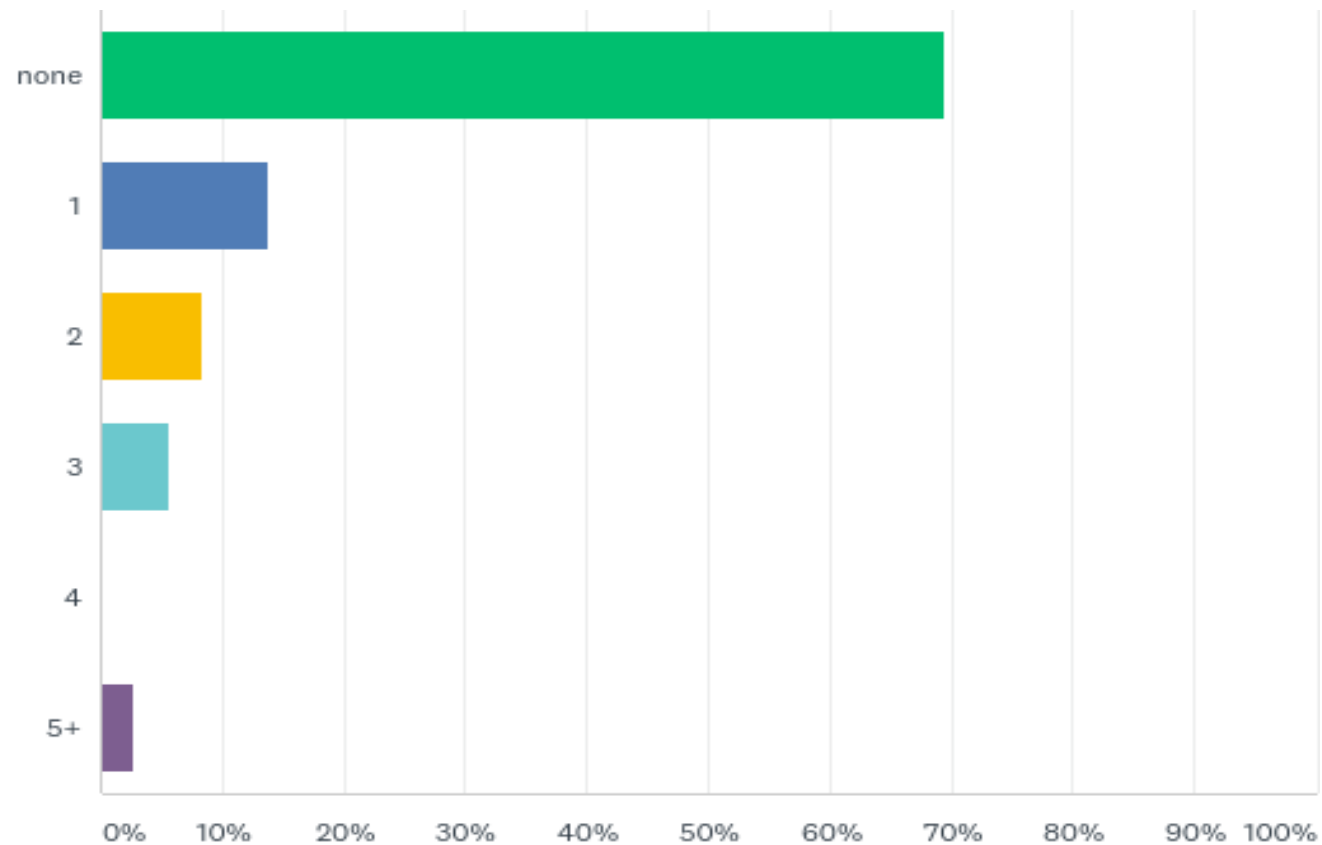


Since the introduction of APM, do you have greyhounds in your kennel who are more likely to be successfully nominated for Level 3 racing?

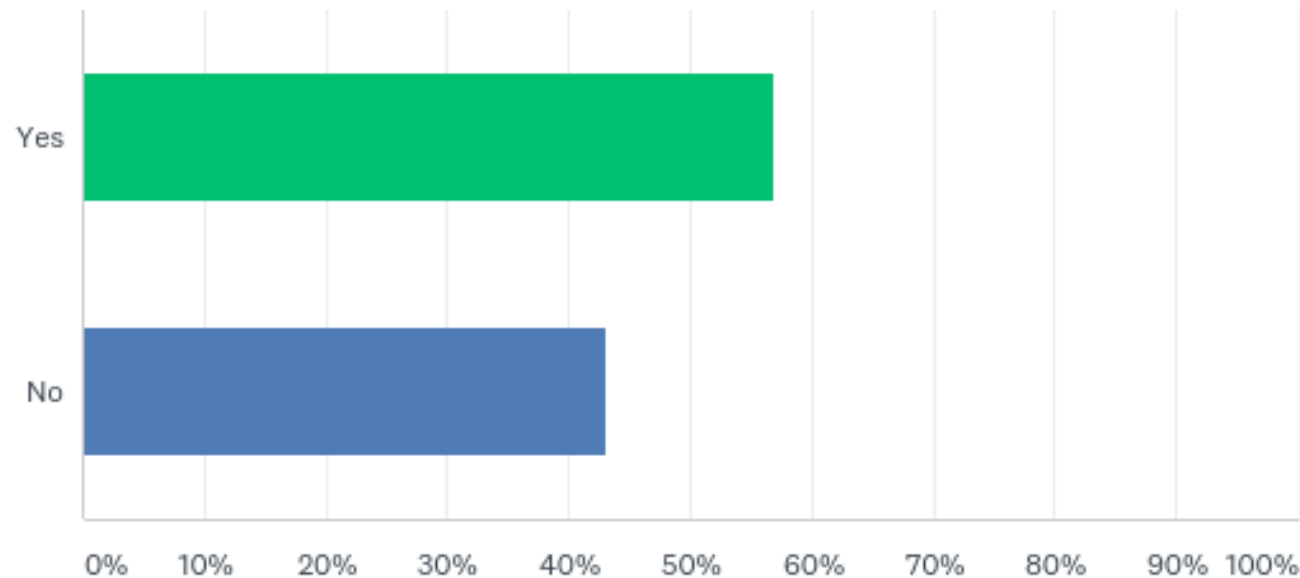


20% of respondents say that they DO have greyhounds in their kennel who, post APM, are MORE LIKELY to be successfully nominated

How many greyhounds in your kennel have succeeded in gaining more starts since the introduction of APM?

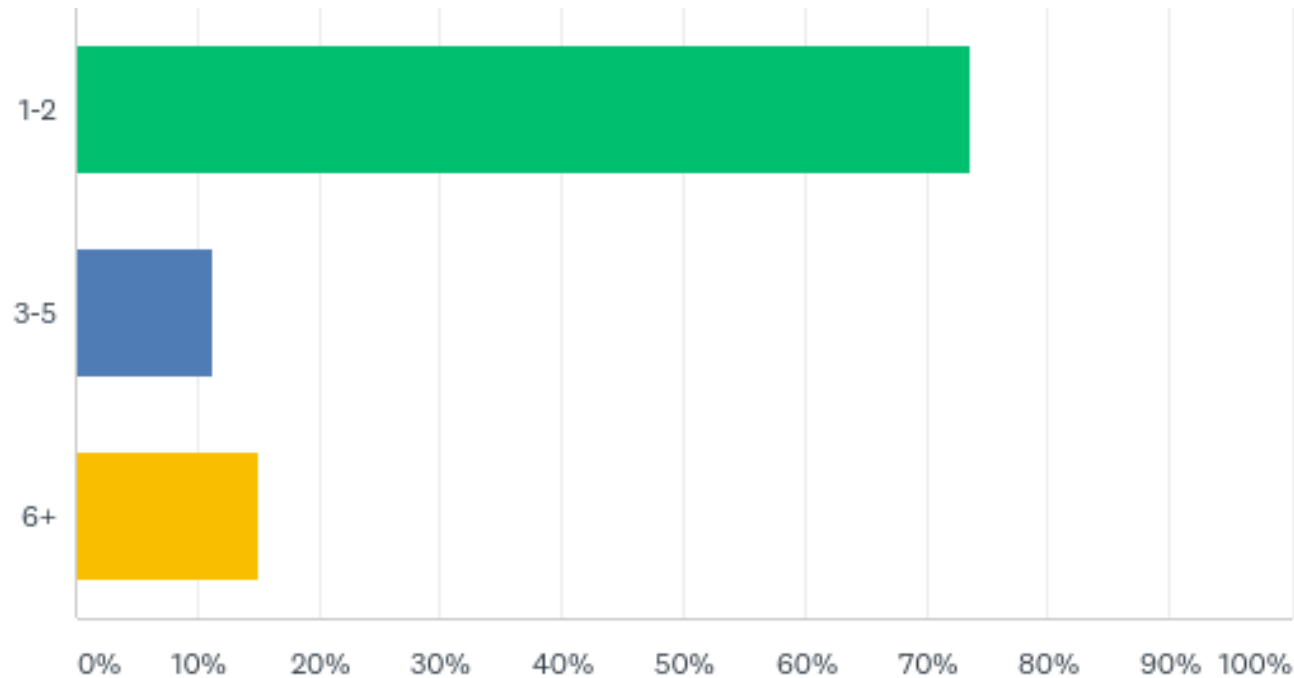


Factor in retiring dogs: have you moved on or retired dogs from your racing kennel, since APM introduction?

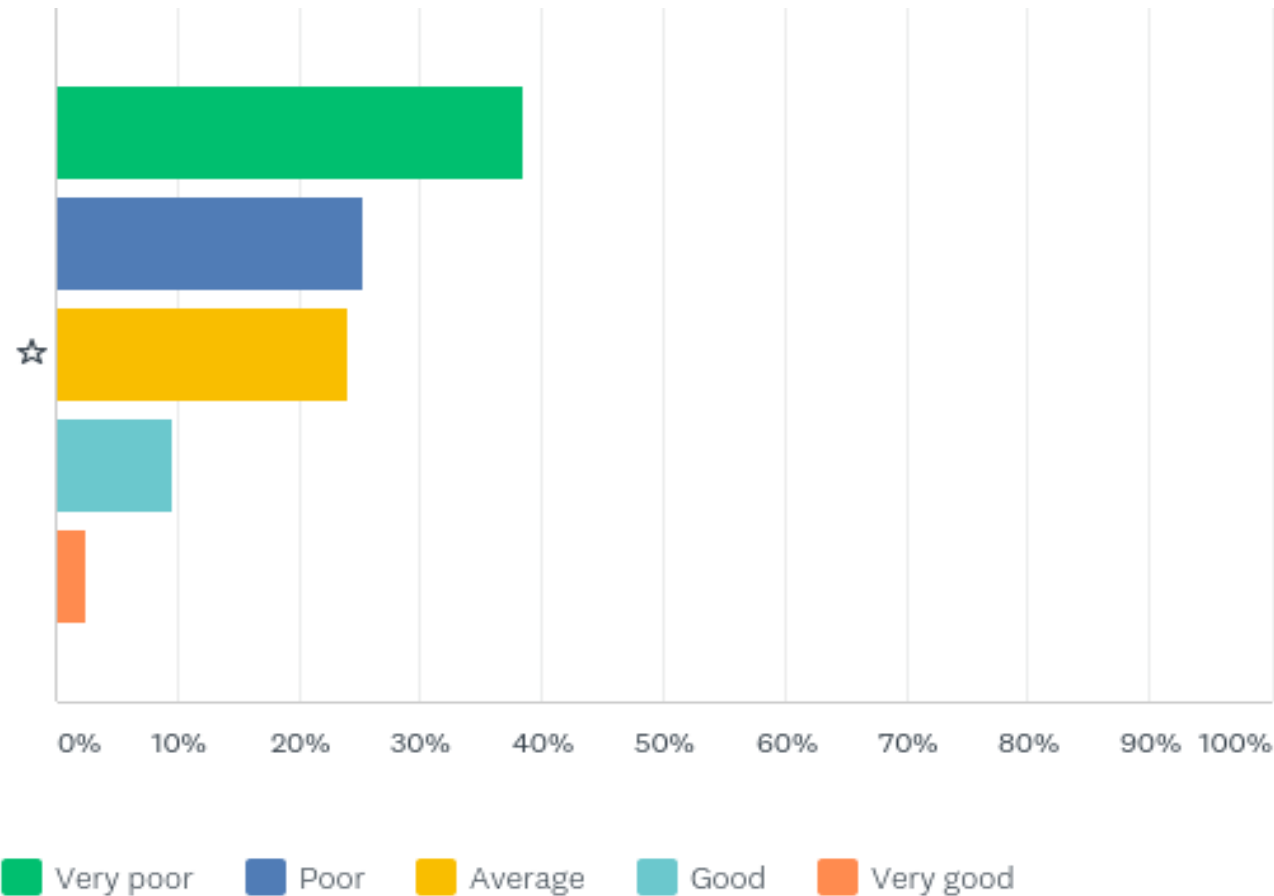


57% have retired or moved dogs from their kennels since introduction of APM.

How many dogs have you retired or moved on and or are considering retiring or moving on since APM introduction?



How would you rate the Level 3 Grading system - opportunity to race at the right level - after the introduction of APM?

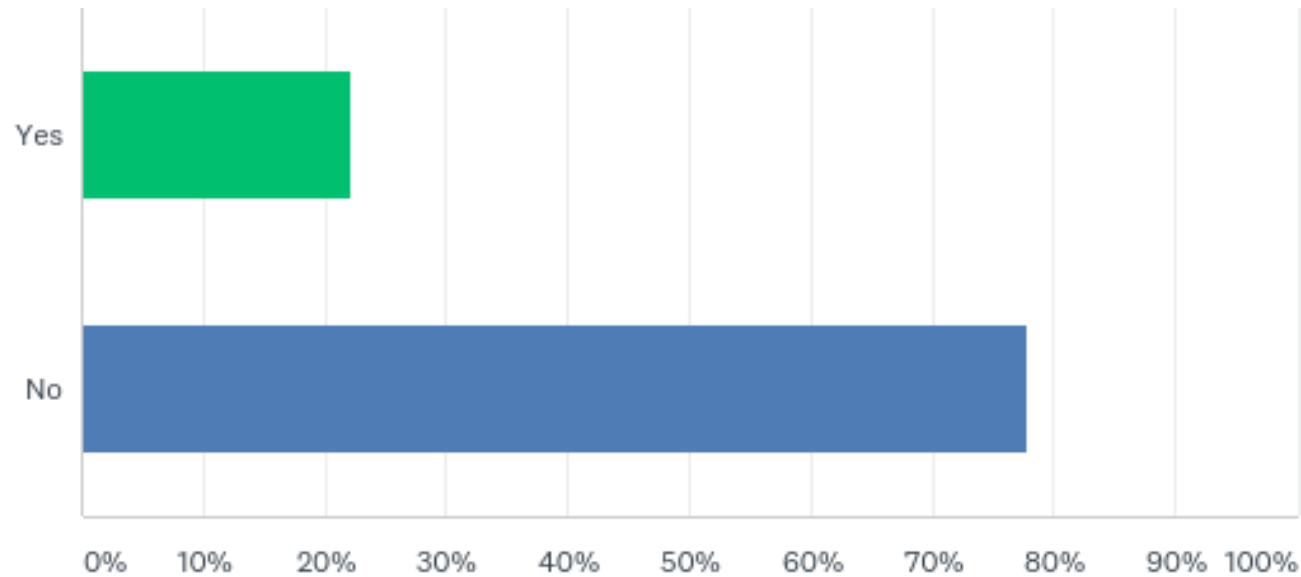


More than 60% rate the current Level 3 grading system as POOR or VERY POOR in terms of giving opportunity to race at the right level.



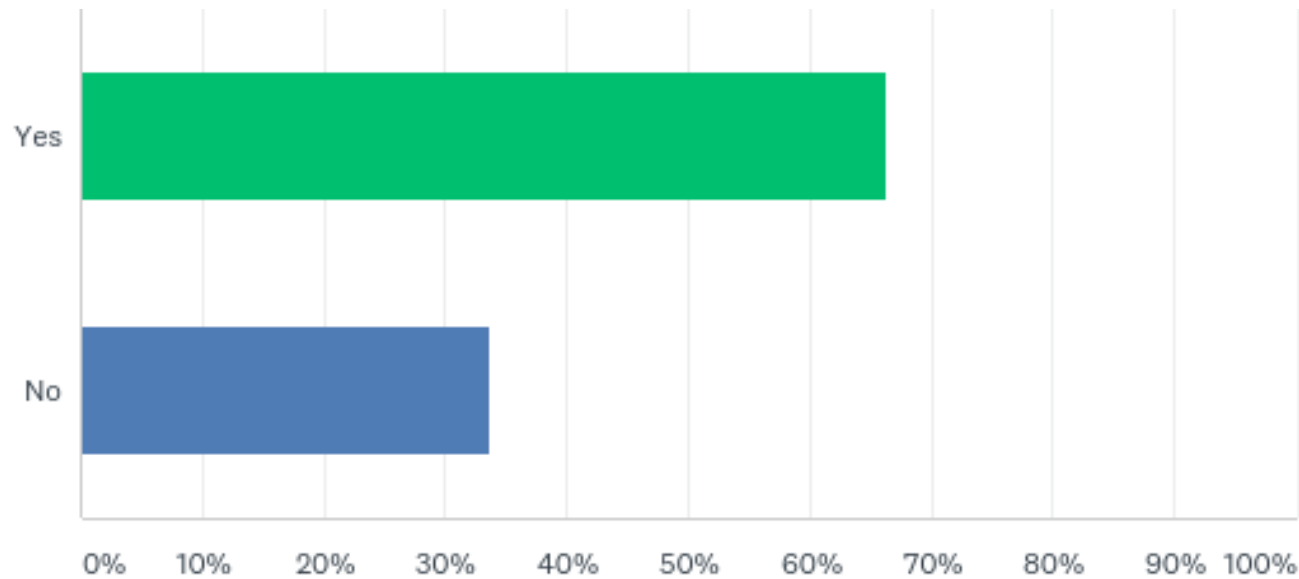
Participation and views on grading alternatives

APM grading solely - level of support



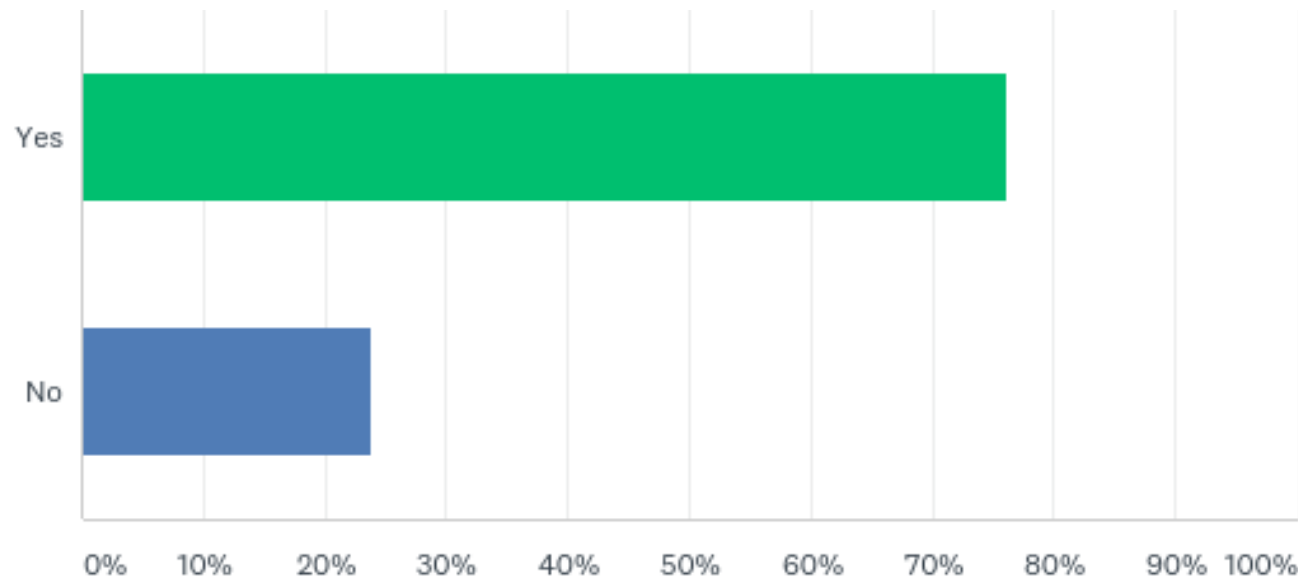
- ▶ Almost 80% of respondents do not support grading based solely on APM.

Will the change to Level 3 Grading (APM), impact your participation going forward?



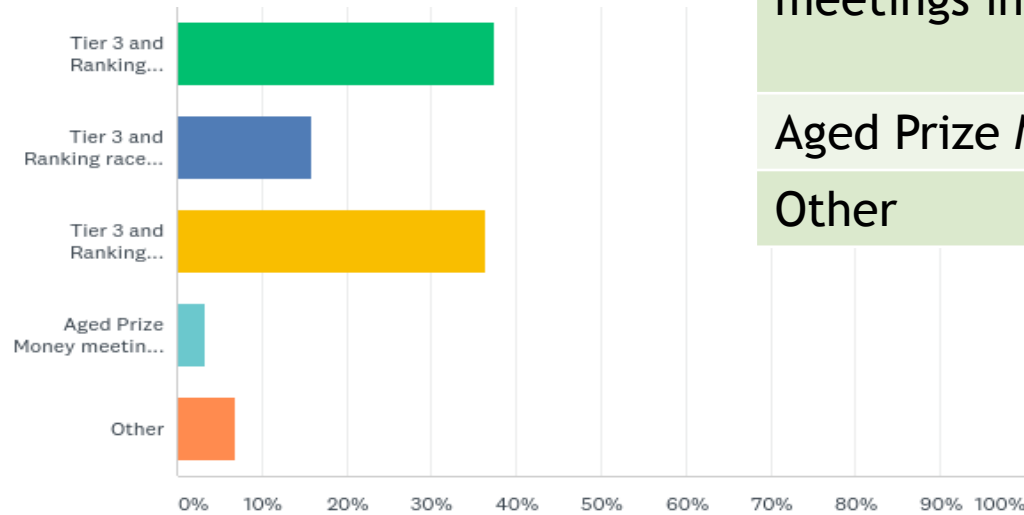
- ▶ Continuing Level 3 grading by APM alone will lead to participation impact.

Do you support the Tier 3 grading criteria as previously utilised - time standard; number of unsuccessful nominations; priority entry - recent wins and placings



How do you think Level 3 Racing should be graded?

- ▶ Participants are split, but there is some support for continued use of APM in combination with other methods.



How do you think Level 3 Racing should be graded?	%
Tier3 and Ranking meetings (previous model)	37.5%
Tier3 and Ranking races scheduled within other meetings	15.91%
Tier3 and Ranking and APM meetings in combination	36.36%
Aged Prize Money meetings only	3.41%
Other	6.82%



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