

RETURNING TO TABLE TENNIS – PLAYER SURVEY

1809 responses

Ready to return player survey results – high level summary



Physical and mental well-being

- 54% of players have experienced negative impact on their mental well-being since the outbreak
- 86% of players have exercised to help manage their physical health
- 52% of players are exercising less than previously
- 4% of players have introduced a household member to table tennis

Returning to TT

- Nearly 50% of players are desperate to start playing as soon as govt guidelines allow
- Only 0.6% of players indicated that they are unlikely to return
- Nearly 60% of players would welcome a return to league play if it meant using alternative formats

Regional/National competitions

- 40% of players are keen to get back asap
- Approx 40% of players are unlikely to return to competition for a reasonable length of time

Volunteering/coaching

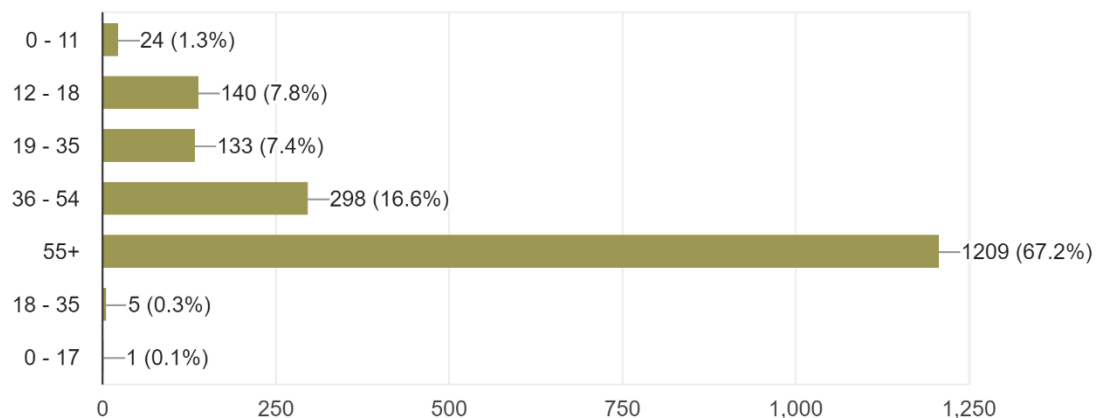
- 21% of people are interested to be more involved in volunteering or start volunteering as a result of the outbreak
- 23% of people are likely to do less volunteering when the game returns

Player survey results



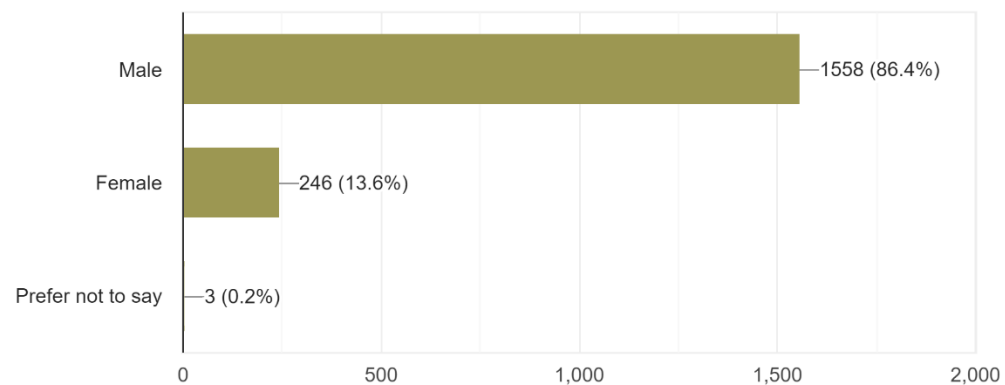
Player age (if parent/guardian of a player, please indicate the player's age)

1,800 responses



Gender

1,804 responses

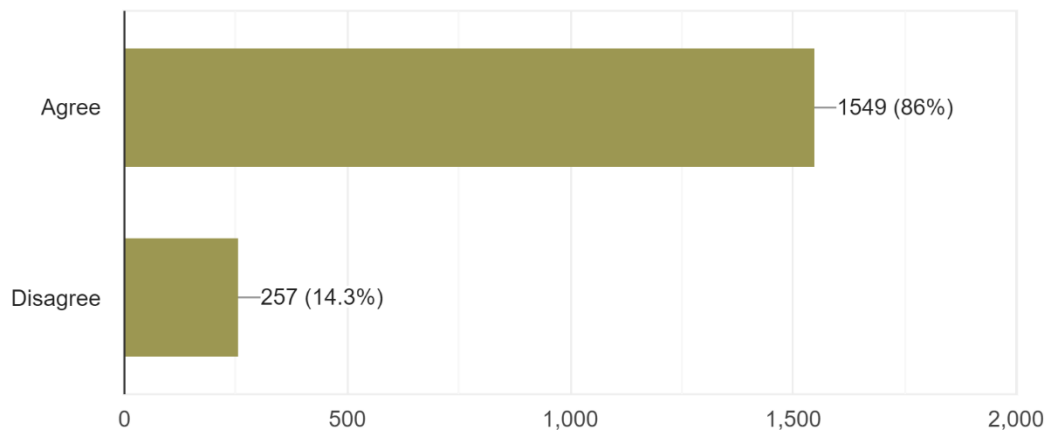


Player survey results – physical and mental well-being



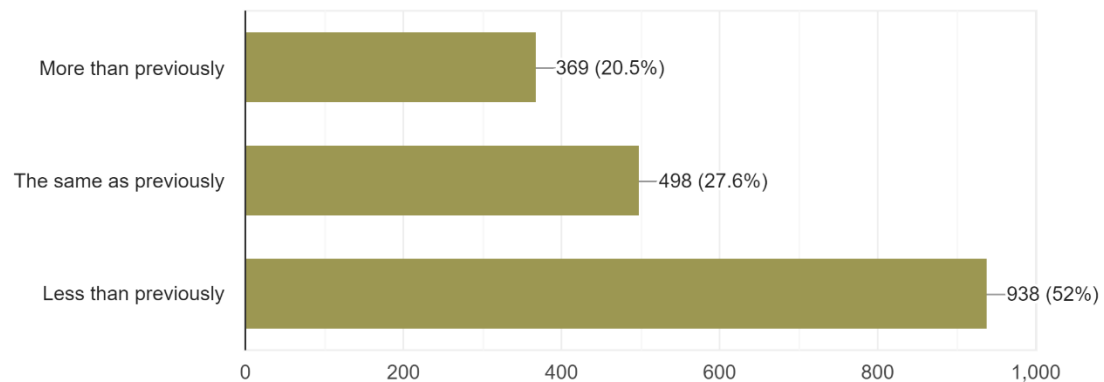
I have exercised to help manage my physical health during the outbreak

1,801 responses



I am exercising less/the same/more since the outbreak

1,803 responses



Player survey results – physical and mental well-being

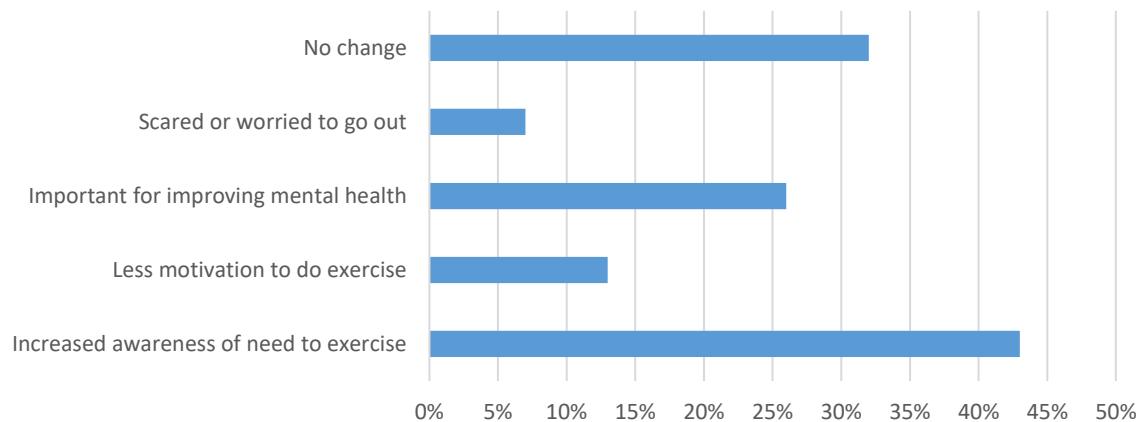
It has been possible for some to continue to play table tennis since the outbreak, please tick the statements below that best describe your table tennis participation since the outbreak (tick as many boxes that apply).



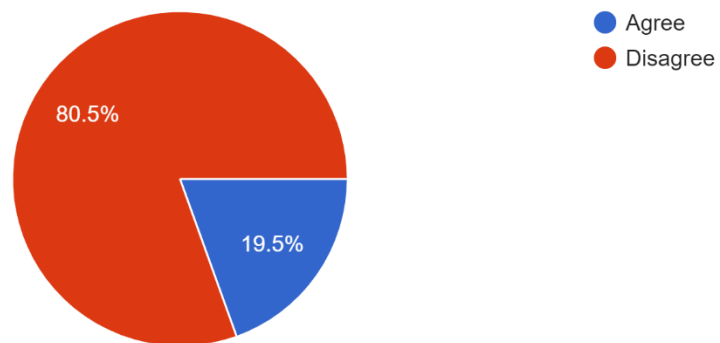
I don't have access to be able to play and have not done so since the outbreak	74%
I have a table at home and have someone to play with and have continued to play	9%
I have a table and a table tennis robot at home and have continued to play	8%
Since play on outdoor tables has been allowed with someone from your household or one other person, I have played table tennis outdoors	5%
I don't have a table tennis table at home but have been able to keep playing using alternative equipment (dining table etc)	4%
I have a table at home/have used alternative equipment and household members that have previously not played table tennis have been encouraged to play during the outbreak	4%

Player survey results – physical and mental well-being

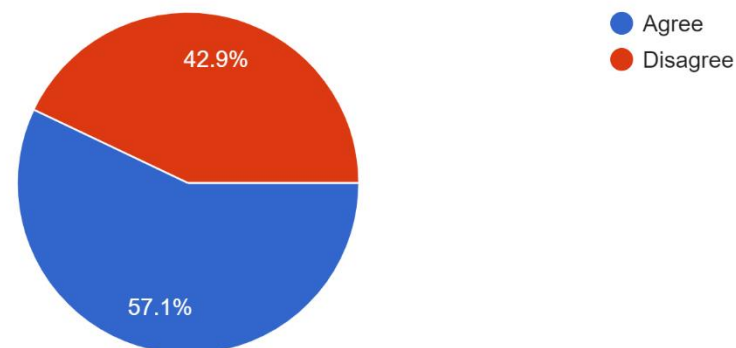
How has Coronavirus changed your feelings about physical activity?



I worry about leaving the home to exercise or keep active
1,799 responses



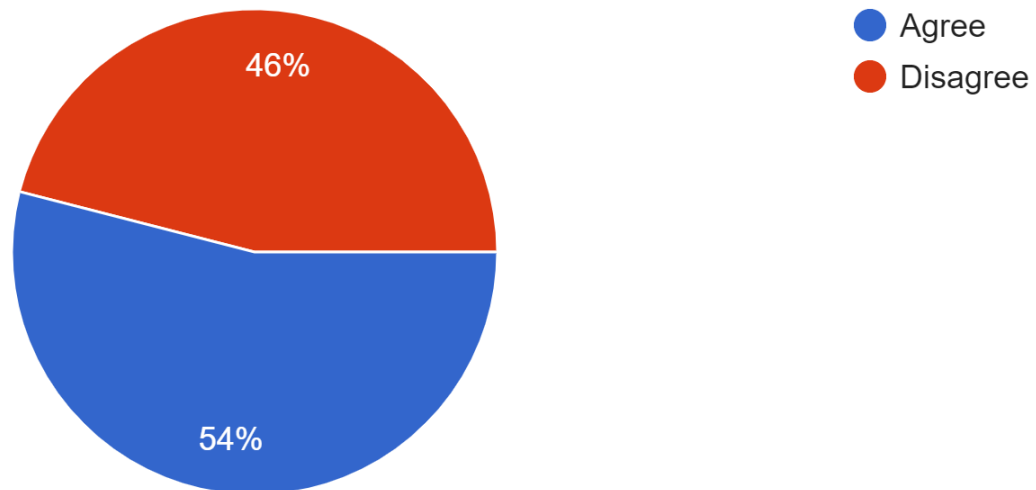
Since the outbreak I have found new ways to be active
1,800 responses



Player survey results – physical and mental well-being

Not playing table tennis has had a negative impact on my mental well-being

1,789 responses

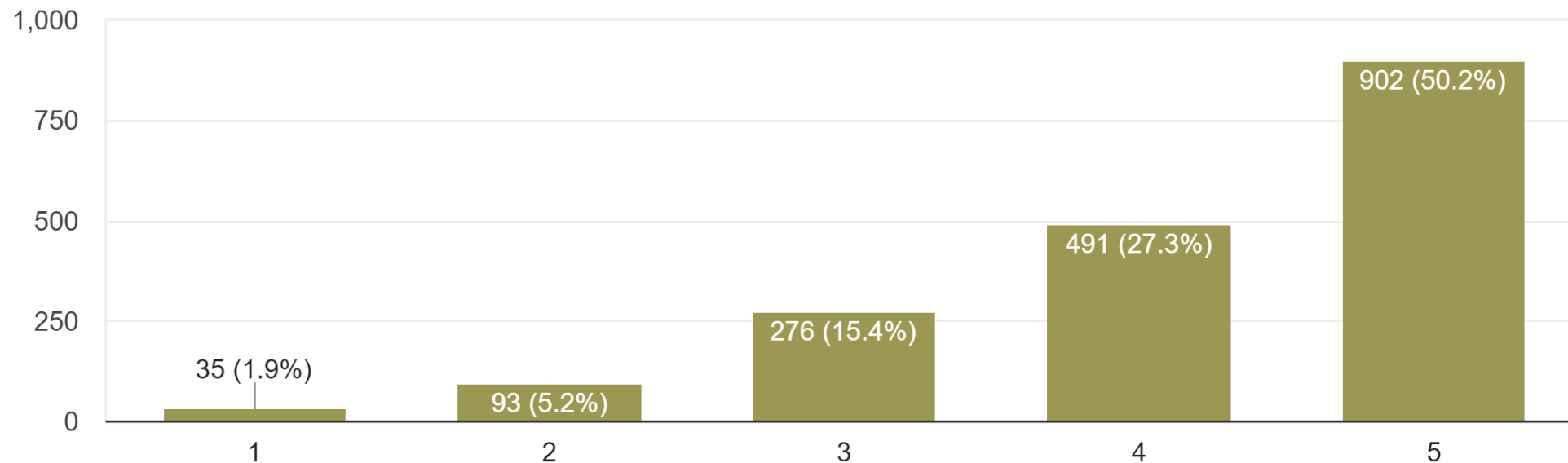


Player survey results – returning to table tennis



Indicate below to what level you are missing table tennis since the outbreak?

1,797 responses



Player survey results – returning to table tennis

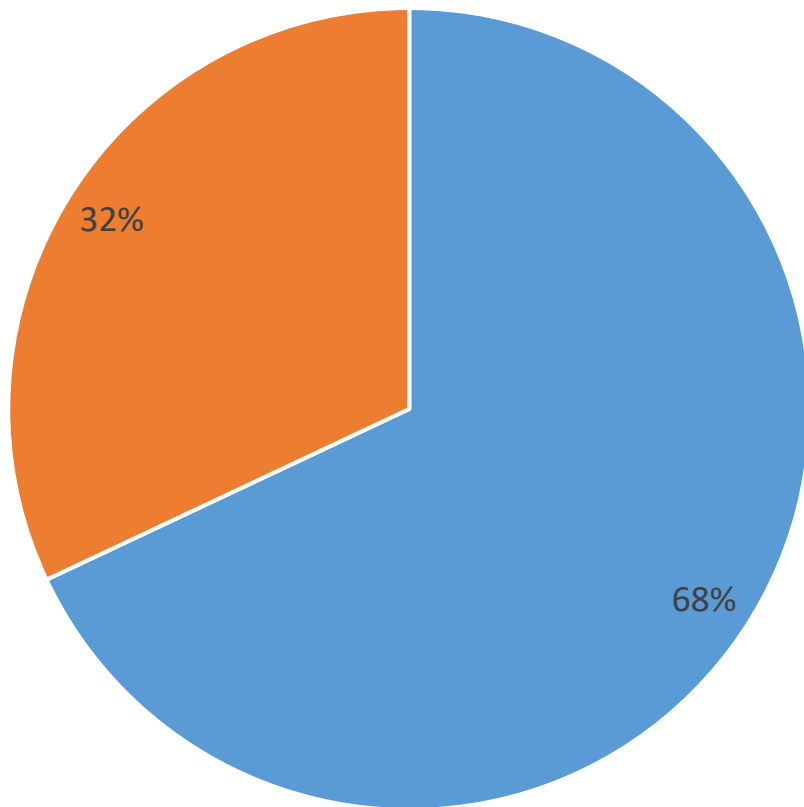
Which of the following statements do you most agree with.

I am desperate to get back to playing table tennis and will do so as soon as government guidelines allow	46%
I am likely to delay my return to play, irrespective of government guidance, until a later date when I have more confidence in the longer-term picture	17%
I am looking forward to playing table tennis but will only do so when the local league season starts again	16%
I am desperate to get back to playing table tennis and would like to play more upon returning	8%
I have underlying health conditions and/or I am in one of the governments high risk groups that mean I will not be able to return to table tennis until government guidelines allow	7%
I am looking forward to playing table tennis but have enjoyed more free time/have found other ways to keep active and it is likely I will play less table tennis when I return	4%
I have not missed table tennis and it is unlikely I will return to playing	0.6% (10 people)



Player survey results – returning to table tennis

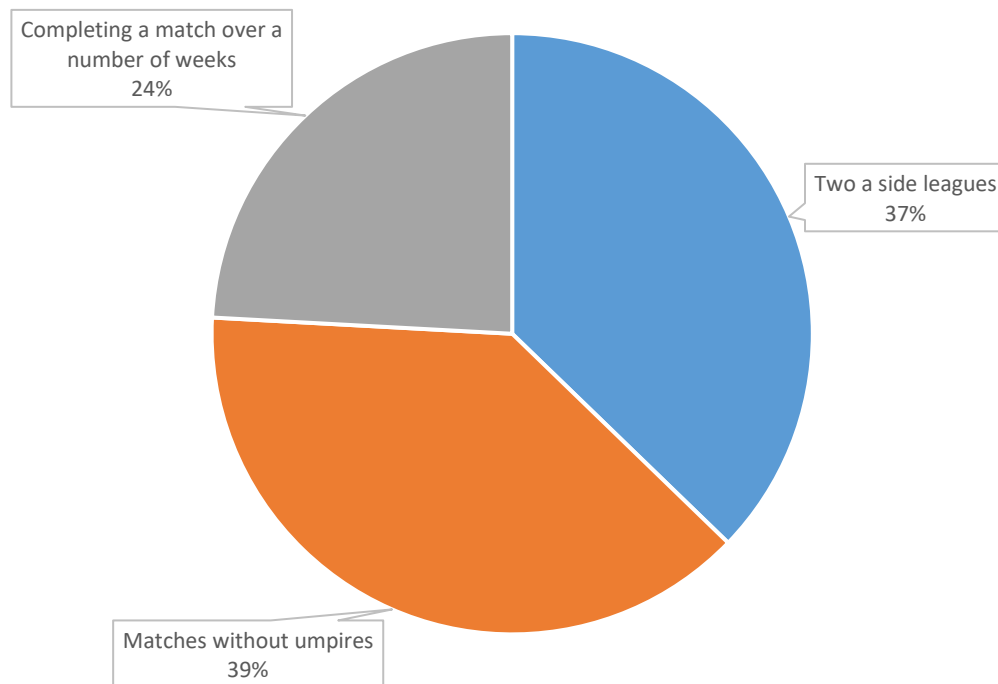
Which of the below statements most accurately describes your feelings about league table tennis?



- I would welcome a return to league table tennis utilising alternative competitive formats (if you tick this option, please answer the following question)
- I would only consider returning to league table tennis in the same format that we currently use

Player survey results – returning to table tennis

If enabling the local league season to commence, meant adapting the way in which your league operate, what competitive formats would you consider (tick all that apply)?



Player survey results – returning to table tennis

There may be volunteers and coaches that are unable to return immediately after club activity returns, would you be willing to volunteer/take on volunteer roles to help the sport come back?



I would not have the time to help out as a volunteer	28%
I will continue to volunteer as I have done previously	22%
I would not be able to volunteer currently due to other reasons	18%
I would be interested in helping out as a volunteer	11% (189 responses)
I would be interesting in helping ensure guidelines and recommendations set out are adhered to within my club or league	10% (175 responses)
I would be interested in being more involved as a volunteer than I have done previously	6%
I have volunteered/coached before and I am not interested in doing this again	4%
I used to coach and would be interested in coming back to coaching	3%

Player survey results – regional/national competition

Which of the statements below most accurately reflects your current feelings about regional/national table tennis competitions



Summary

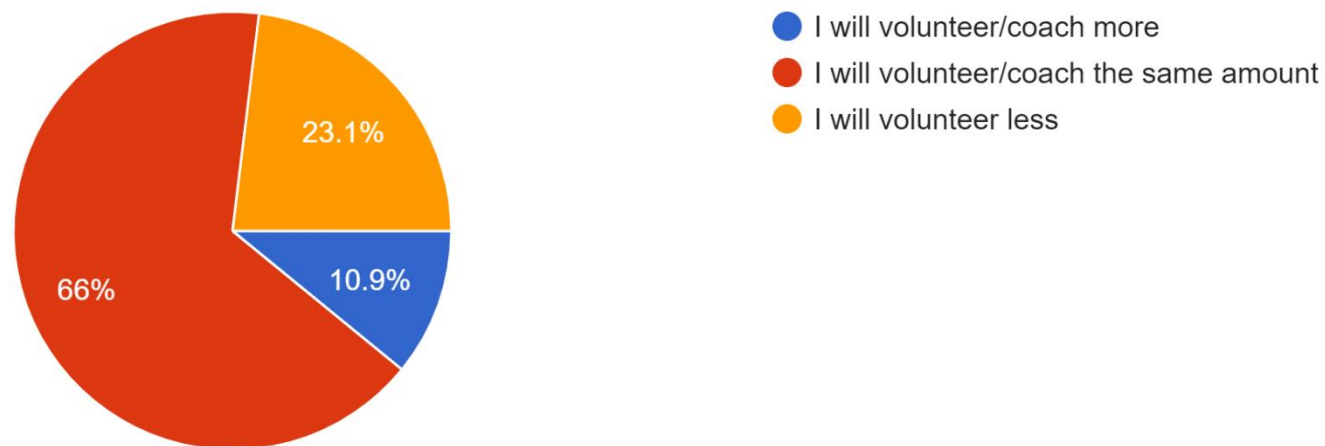
- Multiple choice question – only one selection was possible
- 40% of people would be keen to return as soon as possible
- 39% of people are unlikely to want to play in larger competitions for a reasonably significant time

I would like to get back to playing these again as soon as possible	39%
I would be nervous about starting to play in larger competitions until the outbreak has settled down more significantly	13%
I am unlikely to want to play larger competitions until at least January 2021	12%
I am in one of the governments higher risk groups and so will be unable to take part in larger competitions until government advice allows me to	8%
I am unlikely to play in larger competitions until a vaccine for the corona virus has been identified	8%
I/my club are nervous about making any financial commitment to any competitions in 2020	5%

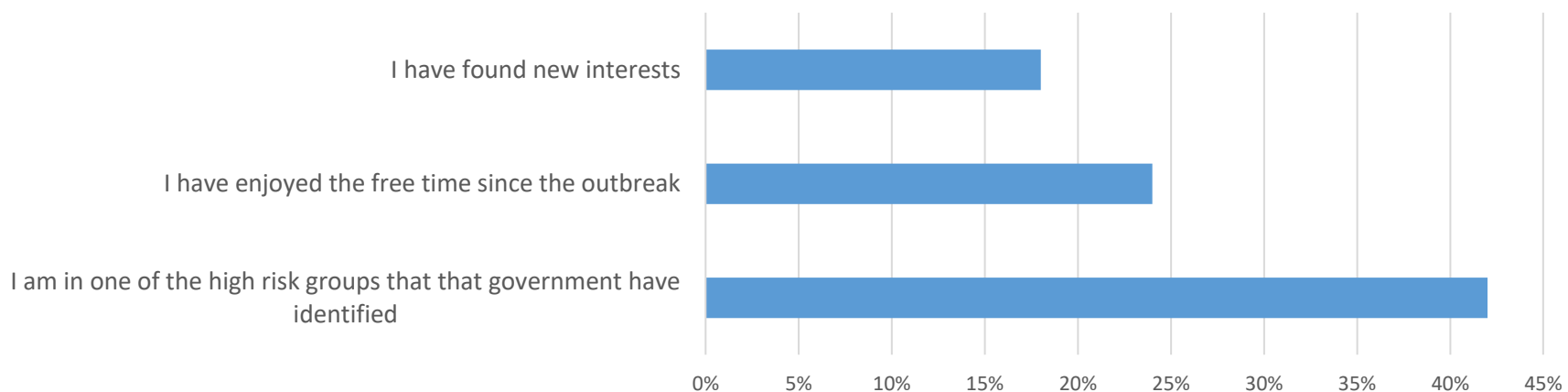
Player survey results – volunteering/coaching

How do you think your volunteering/coaching will be affected following coronavirus?

1,184 responses



If you answered that you will volunteer less to the above question, what would be the reason for this?



Player survey results – age/gender breakdown observations



Physical and mental well-being

- Players over the age of 18 (when compared to junior players) are significantly more likely to have not played table tennis during lockdown, with 74% of all players highlighting that they 'don't have access to be able to play and have not done so since the outbreak', compared to 0% of junior players.
- Junior players are more likely to be 'less motivated to exercise' since the outbreak, with 38% indicating they are less motivated, compared to 13% of all players.

Returning to play

- Junior players are much more likely to want to re-start playing again straight away, with 84% stating that they are 'desperate to start playing again as soon as advice allows', compared to 46% of all players.

Overall

- There were no significant gender differences across results

Player survey results – summary of text based responses



Playing

- Massive split between those with no concerns about coming back and those that are extremely nervous about doing so
- Players are worried about infecting more vulnerable participants
- Concern for 50+/Bat and Chat sessions returning (many only play doubles also)
- Lots of people really missing the social aspect of the game and cant wait to get back

Facilities

- Clubs and leagues worried about paying for hall hire costs with lower numbers
- Concerns about the availability of venues, even when indoor sport is allowed to open, particularly around school halls.

Volunteering/coaching

- Clubs worried about volunteers in more vulnerable groups being able to return
- Requiring more volunteers to support additional sessions
- Coaches would like guidance on how they can safely restart junior coaching