

Report for 2020 Iowa Swimming Officials Conference Feedback

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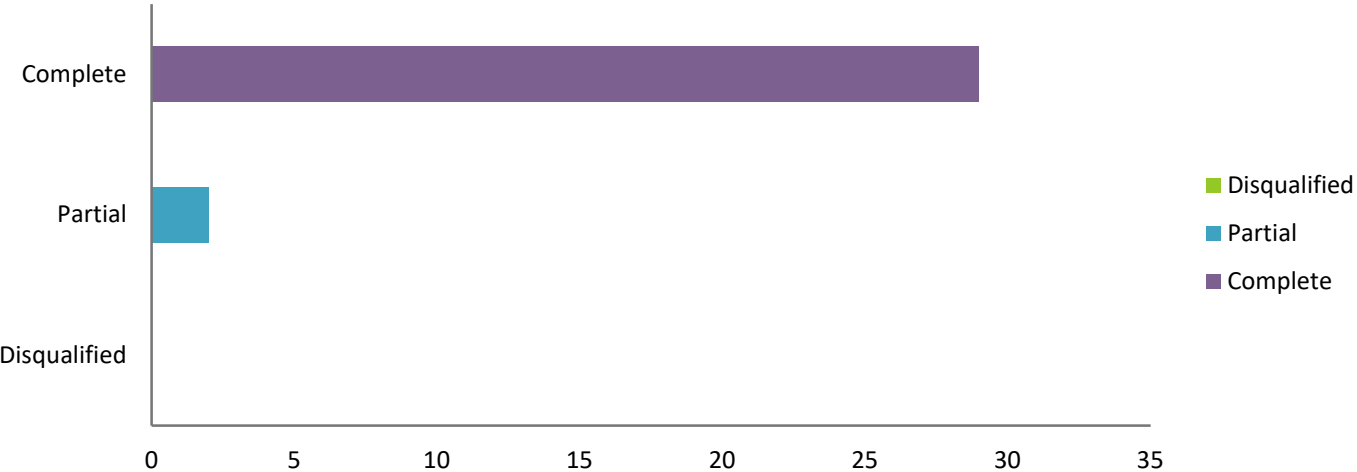
September 24th, 2020

Virtual Conference held over two Saturdays (September 12th, and September 19th, 2020) with 4 sessions per day.
84 signups, 72 attendees (including 9 presenters) from 10 LSCs.

Presentations, handouts and video of all sessions are available from the Iowa Swimming Officials Website

<https://www.teamunify.com/TabGeneric.jsp?tabid=232807&team=iaso>

Response Statistics from September 19th through September 24th

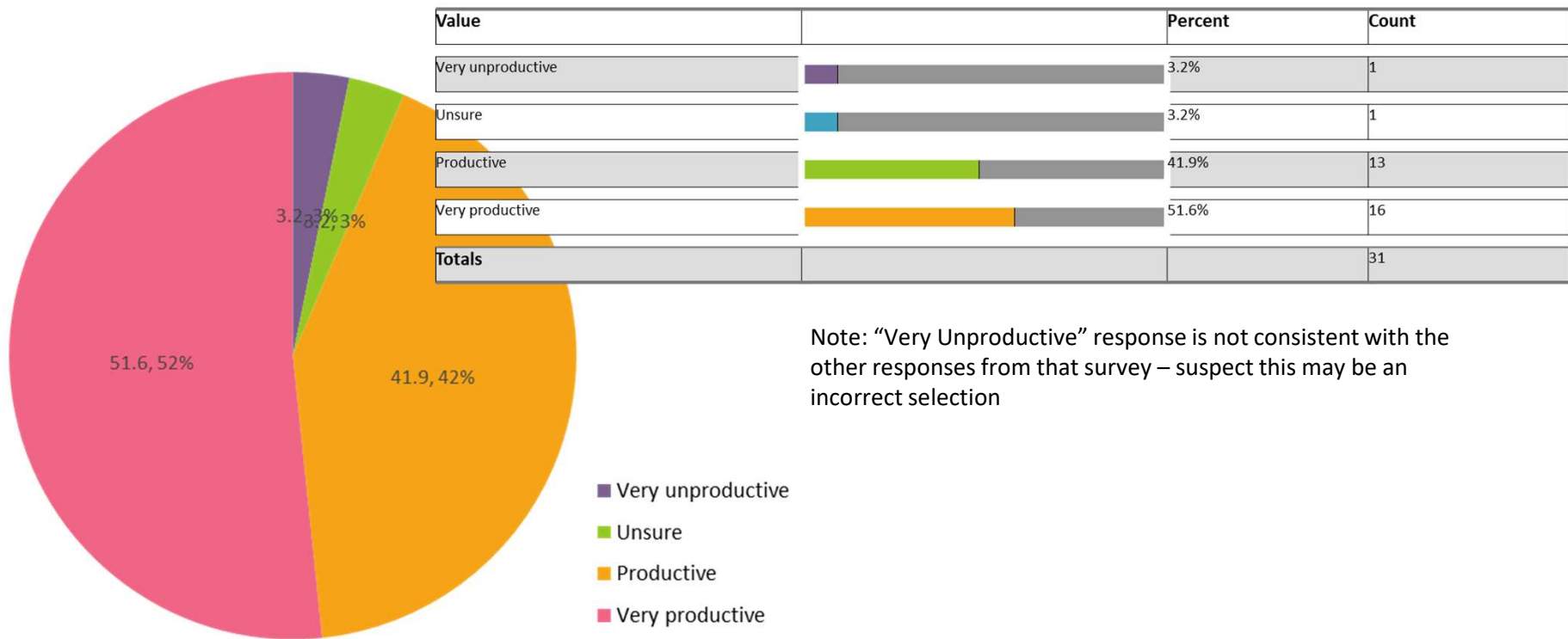


	Count	Percent
Complete	29	93.5
Partial	2	6.5
Disqualified	0	0
Totals	31	

Question 1. Which sessions were you able to attend?

	Saturday 12th September		Saturday 19th September		Total Checks
	Checks	Row Check %	Checks	Row Check %	Checks
Introduction/High School & College	19	40.4%	28	59.6%	47
Session 1	22	44.9%	27	55.1%	49
Session 2	19	42.2%	26	57.8%	45
Session 3	23	46%	27	54%	50
Session 4	19	41.3%	27	58.7%	46
Total Checks	102		135		237
% of Total Checks	43%		57%		100%

Question 2. Overall, how productive was the conference?



Question 3. Please explain the reason(s) for you rating on the overall meeting effectiveness in the previous question.

Response	Response
Very good presentations and information	very good presenters..some did not cover our team but was good to know how others in a busy area handle meets
Good and varied topics. Helpful info and thing I have seen yet as a judge	You had a great variety of topics and speakers. Speakers were easy to listen to. This wasn't meant as a training ... maybe as a 2nd conference actual seminars could be offered based on various positions?
It is not very often that local LSC officials have the opportunity to listen and learn from a knowledgeable group of officials with national credentials and experience. The virtual presentations assisted in having these speakers being able to participate but they still took time out of their weekend. I hope we continue to provide such learning opportunities for local LSC officials.	Good topics and the presenters were engaging
All information was timely, relevant and engaging	The starter workshop and explanation of differences between high school and college was helpful.
my confusion was which sessions I needed to attend for recertification. Since I am not from Iowa, i know that was up to my officials chair. I thought the presenters were good, and really appreciated that you had presenters from both inside and outside your LSC.	Really enjoyed most of the sessions and learned quite a bit. I'm a bit concerned regarding what I heard in the diversity and inclusion presentation regarding disabilities. Calling a DQ on a swimmer missing a limb is in direct violation of our rules. I also truly believe this goes completely against inclusion. It's going out of our way to single out someone for a disability. If they have all of their limbs but one, or more, of their limbs doesn't function, I can understand calling the DQ and letting the ref determine if they have an exemption or disability. But in the case of a missing limb this is singling them out and calling more attention to their disability. This is disappointing and saddens me.
I believe the zoom format was an excellent way to allow many participants access to the information. Easy access and less time needed due to no travel.	Presenters were excellent. They had practical advice and conveyed their wisdom acquired during years of officiating.
I didn't think I would like the virtual conference, but it turned out I really did like it!	Interesting topics, excellent speakers.
Some presenters were hard to hear	It was nice to listen to others states and their rules. The differences with high school and team rules.
The speakers were obviously experienced and knowledgeable about their particular topics. In the case of Susan and Chrissy, they were definitely passionate about their topic.	
Excellent use of the Zoom meeting format. Very well prepared and done - enjoyed the great interaction and questions. This format and offering is outstanding, even after Covid is behind us.	Interesting and entertaining. Ran on time.
great presentations and information	I thought it was a nice refresher. Jeff's information was good, but otherwise, there was no earth-shattering information. I did appreciate hearing perspective from outside the LSC and especially debunking myths.
it was good to hear from officials from other LSC's.	All the speakers were very knowledgeable and effective

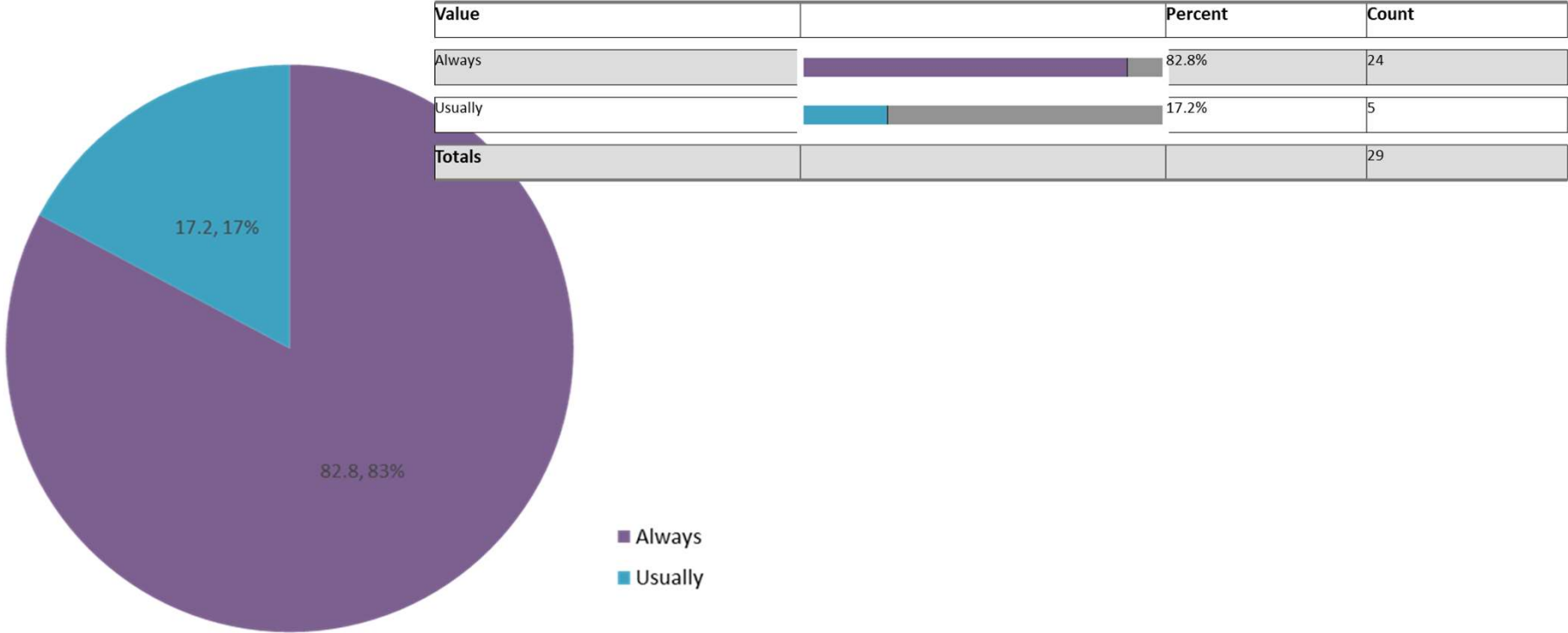
Question 4. Please tell us your level of agreement with the following statements regarding the conference content and its organization.

	Strongly disagree		Disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Agree		Strongly agree		N/A		Responses
	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count
The conference objectives were clearly communicated in advance of the meeting.	0	%	1	3.4%	1	3.4%	6	20.7%	21	72.4%	0	%	29
The conference objectives were met.	0	%	0	%	1	3.4%	6	20.7%	21	72.4%	1	3.4%	29
The meeting leaders effectively moderated the sessions.	0	%	0	%	0	%	9	31.0%	20	69.0%	0	%	29
Meeting attendees had an opportunity to participate.	0	%	1	3.4%	0	%	13	44.8%	15	51.7%	0	%	29

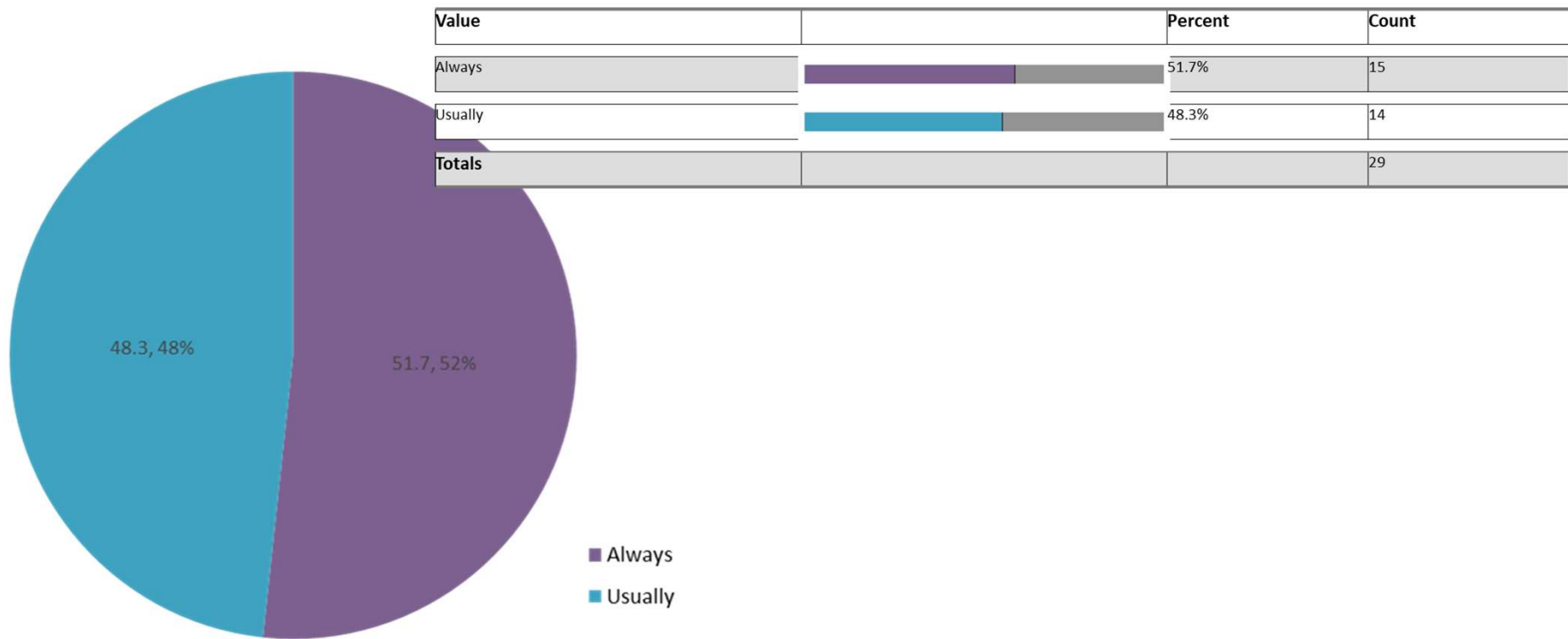
Question 5. We would also like your feedback on the session logistics. Please tell us your level of agreement with the following statements. If a statement does not apply to the meeting you attended, please select "NA."

	Strongly disagree		Disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Agree		Strongly agree		N/A		Responses
	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count
The sessions were the appropriate length of time.	0	%	0	%	1	3.4%	10	34.5%	18	62.1%	0	%	29
The speakers were easily heard.	0	%	0	%	2	6.9%	8	27.6%	19	65.5%	0	%	29
The presentations were easily seen.	0	%	0	%	1	3.4%	6	20.7%	22	75.9%	0	%	29
There were opportunities to ask questions and make comments	0	%	0	%	0	%	9	31.0%	20	69.0%	0	%	29

Question 6. Did the sessions start on time?



Question 7. Did the sessions end on time?



Question 8. What did you find most effective about the conference?

Response	Response
really liked the zoom meeting format.	Variety of topics
I enjoyed being able to pick from different topics	Starter training.
The ability to interact with the presenters and ask questions.	Hearing from Starter of Trials. Very down to Earth and entertaining. Don't be a chicken on a June bug - fav line of all!
The practical knowledge shared.	I liked that you had to type in your comments. Time is wasted when people are talking over people.
Being able to participate from home. And the variety of presenters and topics	organizational ideas for admin
Ease of access.	Topics that I might not otherwise have tuned in for were offered and were interesting!
Speakers from outside the LSC	The ability to ask the questions during the session if we had any was nice as well.
Variety of topics	
More efficient using a virtual format. Zoom provided an effective delivery of the presentations. Having digital access to the materials during the presentations was nice.	
Easy to attend, and follow along. Also really appreciate the opportunity to "replay" any of the sessions as well as the availability of handouts in electronic format.	
Good Information	
I thought all the sessions were great.	
Great topics with informed presenters. Being on zoom for long periods of time is challenging. I think the format of this conference addressed that challenge well. 50 minute sessions with 10 minute breaks (of 30 for lunch) in between was ideal for the setting.	
Good PowerPoints, practical advice, ample opportunity to submit questions.	
It was good to at least see the names of friends. Due to the virtual nature we could get some very accomplished speakers.	
It was nice to hear a conference. I never made it because of the drive, kids, work. I really enjoyed the zoom	

Question 9. What did you find least effective about the conference?

Response

didn't really interact with people due to covid

Zoom is not ideal but worked ok for this

Nothing

really nothing

If I was only looking to recertify, there wer sessions on each day that I needed to attend. It would have been nice to have a better flow for each position. With convention already starting pre-convention meetings, and N2 evaluator sessions overlapping, I had to pick and choose. I picked your sessions, but not struggling to see what I missed at other meetings.

Time limit on session. Although I do think the 50 minutes was a good length for the majority of the session.

D&I session seemed a little "scattered". When questioned about conflicting information, the "expert" answer was "I don't have all the answers". I am more confused now than I was before that session.

Time, sat am Over 2 weekends

Missed out on networking with other Officials. However, the virtual format allowed me to attend from North Dakota, and I likely would not have attended live sessions in Iowa.

all helpful

Unfortunately, it's a side effect of zoom, you can't really allow for much participation from attendees. I understand the environment we are in and we are doing what we can and that is greatly appreciated. Overall it was a great conference.

Nothing - other than missing the chance to talk to friends in person!

Due to the virtual format, we lost the social networking aspect of a conference.

I loved this format! Much higher quality presentations than most!

Response

everything was usable and the format worked very well

Technology was at times an issue...not all used slide-show option and were maybe geared for more in-person type session?

Time related to some of the topics

The two presenters on disability. The presenters need to be visible and it appeared at times they were confrontational. Reading a presentation isn't helpful and isn't enjoyable to listen to, it just leads the audience to tune out.