Poll 22: COVID-19 and sport

The next few questions are about organised sport and other organised physical activities that children participate in outside of school hours. We are interested in how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected your child’s participation in these activities.

Question 1

Thinking back to BEFORE COVID-19 (before March 2020) was your child {insert child details} participating in ANY organised sport or other organised physical activity (e.g. football, tennis, netball, soccer, gymnastics, ballet, basketball, karate)?

Please answer separately for each child aged 5 years and over. {BY CHILD FOR EACH CHILD AGED FIVE YEARS AND OVER}

Yes/No

Question 2

There have been interruptions and changes to organised sport and physical activities for children during the pandemic., Compared to before COVID-19, how much organised sport and/or other physical activity has your child {insert child details} participated in over the past six months?

Please answer separately for each child aged 5 years and over. {BY CHILD FOR EACH CHILD AGED FIVE YEARS AND OVER}

1. A lot more
2. A little bit more
3. About the same
4. A little bit less
5. A lot less
6. Not participating at all

{BRANCHING: if a to e for Q2 branch to Q3, if f to Q2 branch to Q4}

Question 3

Thinking about the past six months and your child’s participation in sport or organised physical activities, how have the activities been run?

Please answer separately for each child aged 5 years and over. {BY CHILD FOR EACH CHILD AGED FIVE YEARS AND OVER}

* All face to face
* Mostly face to face
* About half face to face and half online
* Mostly online
* All online

Question 4

Some families may have different feelings about their child/ren participating in organised sport or other organised physical activities FACE TO FACE (in person) since COVID-19

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements.

{PRESENT ONCE ON CAROUSEL IN RANDOM ORDER: offer options a to h to ALL parents once . Offer options I and J once to those who responded yes to Q11 for any child }

Strongly Agree/ Agree/ Disagree/ Strongly Disagree/ Not sure

1. My child/ren is/are worried they will catch COVID-19 from participating in sporting or other organised physical activities
2. I am worried my child/ren will catch COVID-19 from participating in sporting or other organised physical activities
3. The registration, tuition fees, sports clothes or equipment are too expensive
4. My child/ren is/are not fit enough to participate in sport or other organised physical activity
5. My child/ren is/are not interested in participating in sport or other organised physical activity
6. It is too hard for my child/ren to get to team training, games or the physical activity classes
7. My child/ren’s schedule is too busy for them to have time for organised sport
8. It is not worth my child/ren participating in sporting or other organised physical activities because there have been too many interruptions due to COVID-19
9. The activity or team my child wants to participate in is no longer running
10. My child/ren’s sport or physical activity has not returned to face-to-face activity due to current government restrictions

Question 5

Thinking about your child/ren and organised sport and other organised physical activities. How important do you think their participation is now compared to before COVID-19?

1. It is more important than before
2. It is the same as before
3. It is less important than before

{BRANCHING: IF any response except “all online” to Q3 BRANCH TO Q6, then Q7 and Q8}

Sporting clubs and other recreational activity organisations have different ways of operating through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Question 6

Do all the sports clubs and other recreational activity organisations that your child/ren attend have a COVID-safe policy that describes how they will manage COVID-19?

Yes/ No/ Not sure

Question 7

Overall, how would you describe the COVID-19 precautions for your child/ren’s sports and other organised physical activities?

Too strict/ Too lenient/ About right

Question 8

If your child/ren were exposed to possible COVID-19 while participating in their sporting or other physical activity, do you feel confident that the situation would be safely managed?

Yes/ No/ Not sure