



## U16 National Club Finals Evaluation Report 2007.

### Scenario:

The U16 National club finals 2006/07 saw 9 winners of regional leagues or festivals travel to the EIS Sheffield on May 27<sup>th</sup> & June 9<sup>th</sup> 2007. After the event all 9 teams were invited to evaluate the performance of that event itself, it's staff, officials and other parts that contributed to the day.

The evaluation sheet comprised of ten questions that can be found in fig1. and answered on a 5 point scale of very good, good, average, poor, and very poor. Then an additional comments section, which gave an open-ended question for areas not covered in the previous section.

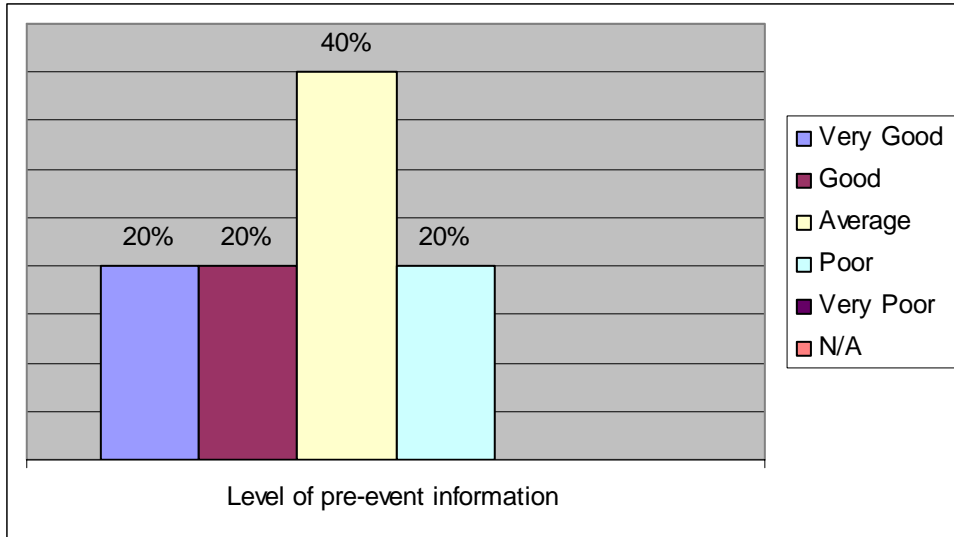
(Please tick box as appropriate)	Very Good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor
▪ Level of pre-event information					
▪ Event organisation on the day					
▪ Suitability of venue					
▪ Scheduling of matches					
▪ Umpire quality					
▪ Results service					
▪ Service of the venue staff					
▪ Refreshments					
▪ If you used the service, how did you rate the First Aid provision?					
▪ Overall evaluation					

(Fig. 1)

**Response:**

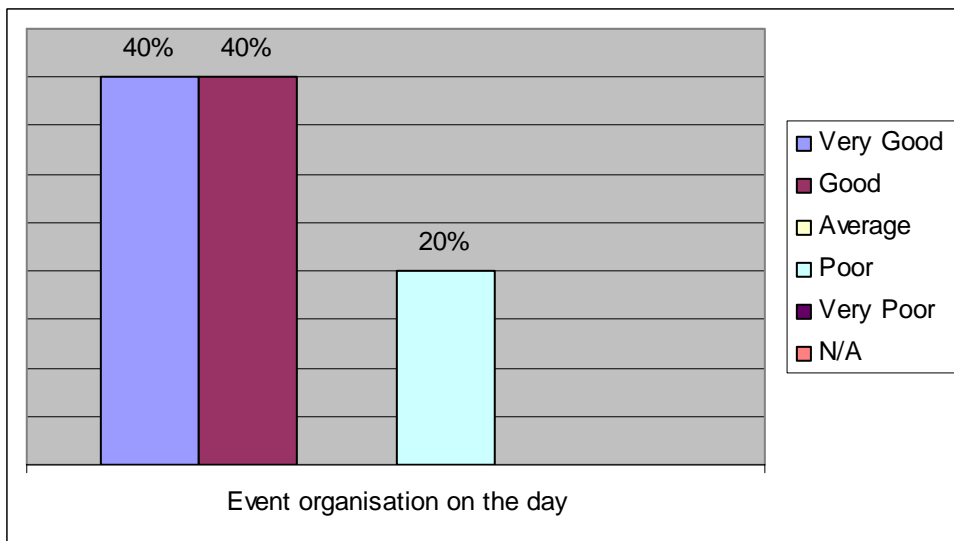
From the 9 forms sent out we had 5 teams respond, which is a rate of 55.5%  
From these forms the following was deducted.

**Level of pre event Information**



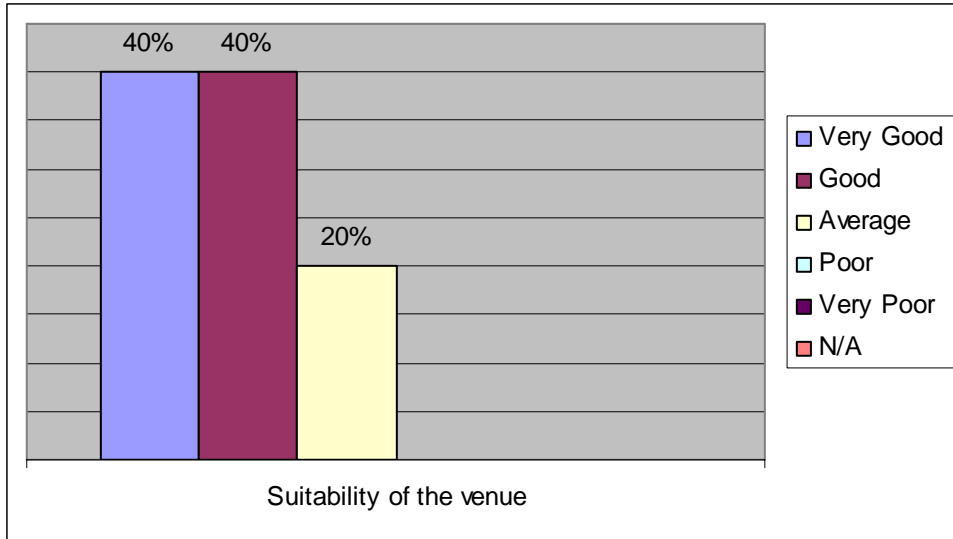
With 40% , the result is that the pre-event information was average. With 20% rating it very good, good and poor.

**Event organisation on the day**



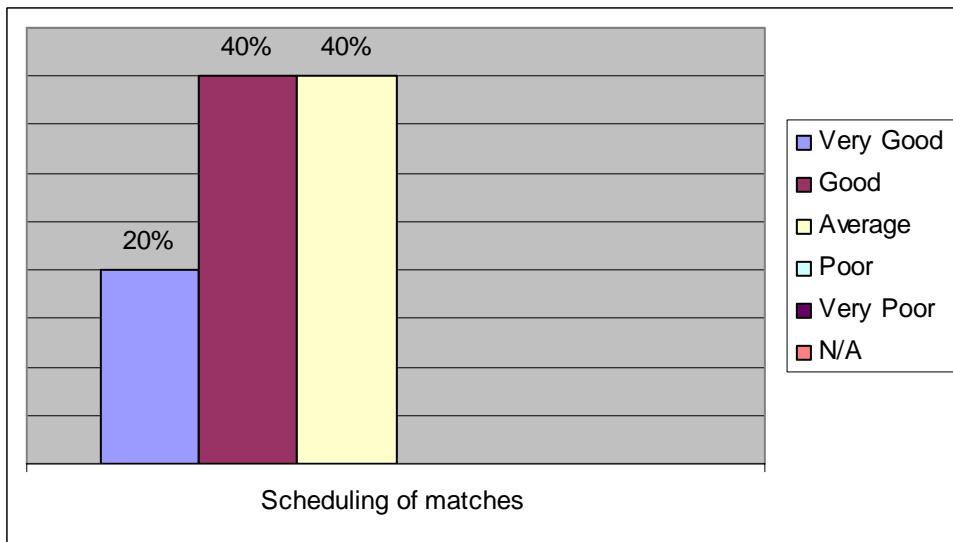
The results of the event organisation on the day were inconclusive with 40% rating it Very good and 40% rating it good. 20 % said that it was poor.

### Suitability of the venue



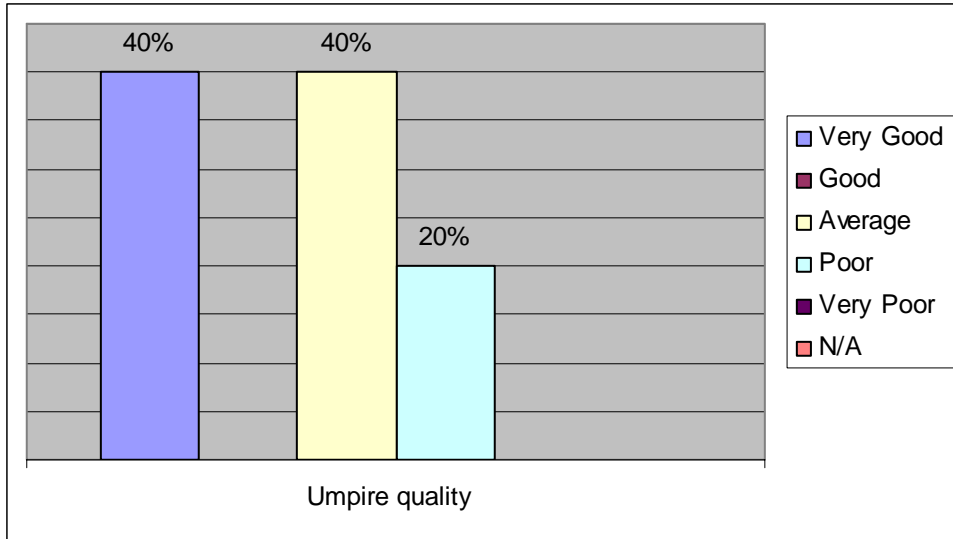
The suitability of the venue was also inconclusive with 40% stating that it was very good and 40% rating it as good. 20% said it was average.

### Scheduling of matches



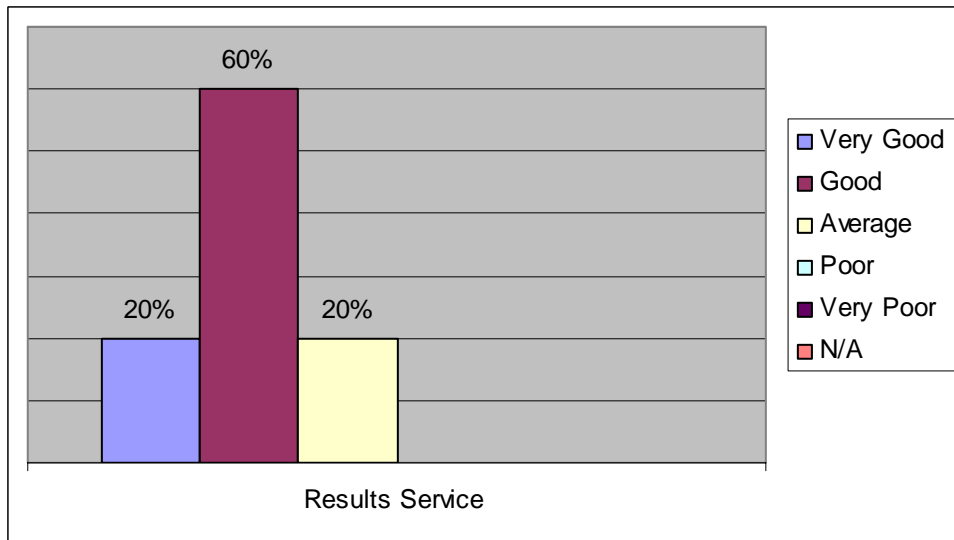
An inconclusive result of 40% rating the schedule at Good and 40% at average, and 20% at very good.

## Umpire Quality



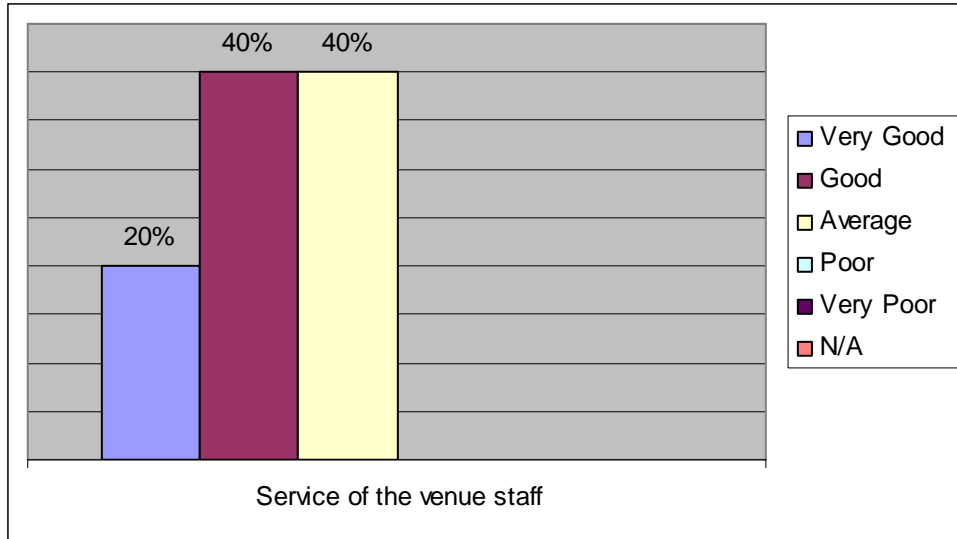
Umpire quality gave an inconclusive result with 40% rating it at very good, 40% at average and 20% at poor.

## Results Service



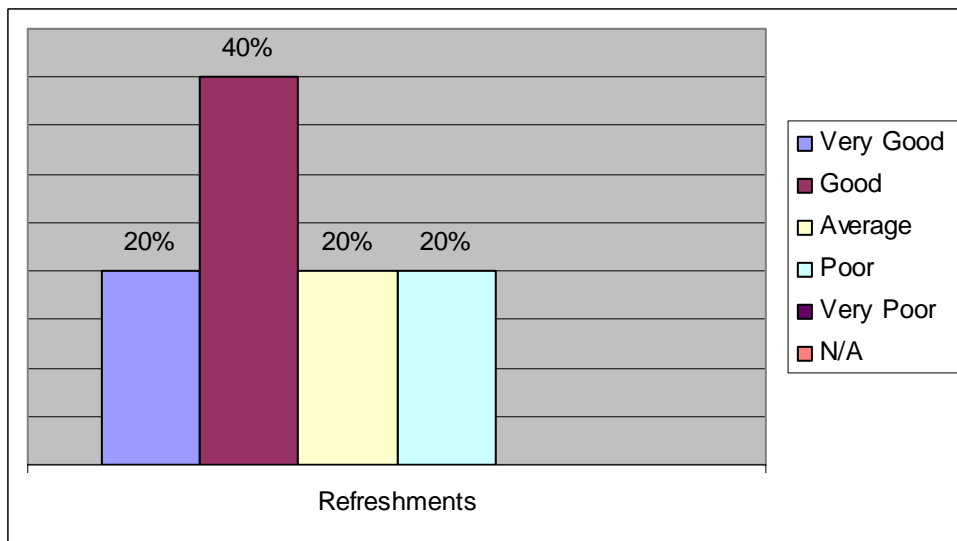
The results service came out with the rating of good with 60% of the feedback. Plus 20% very good and 20% average.

### Service of the venue staff



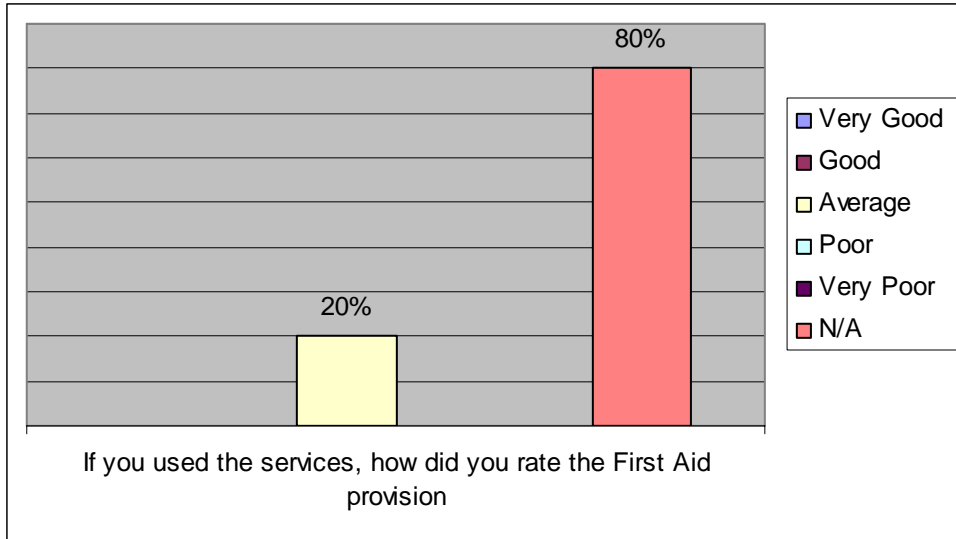
The result of the service from the venue staff was inconclusive, with 40% rating at good and 40% at average. 20% stated it was very good.

### Refreshments



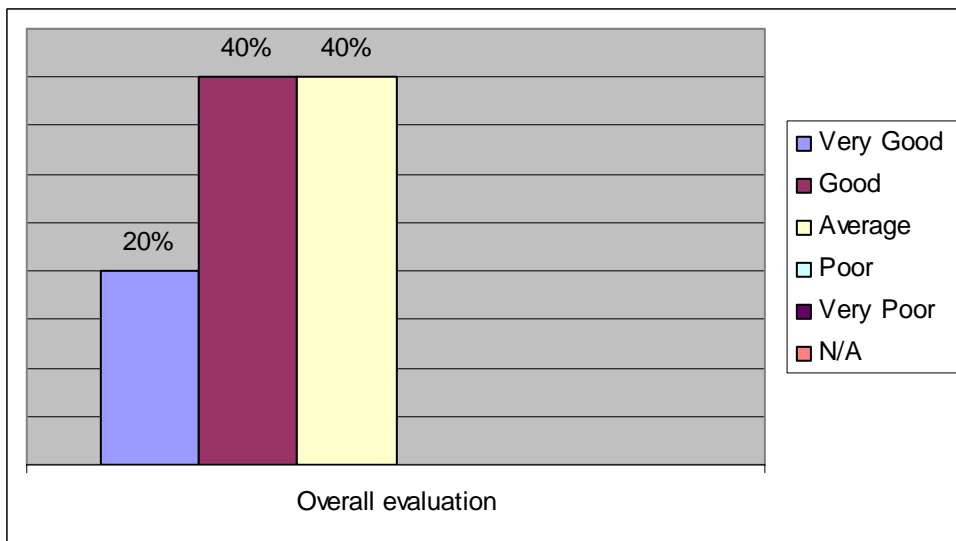
With 40%, the result of the refreshments is good, with 20% rating at very good, average and poor.

**If you used the service, how did you rate the First Aid provision?**



With an 80% rating of N/A therefore not using the service, the first aid provision has a 20% rating of average.

**Overall evaluation**



The overall rating is inconclusive as 40% rated it good and 40% rated average. 20% stated it was very good.

## **Additional Comments**

Below are the subject topics and the additional information provided on the evaluation forms that were received at head office.

### **Event Organisation on the day**

- Upon arrival there was no ceremony, no one too great us or introduce the other squads. There was no time spent with the other qualifying teams and we could not watch other matches, for two reasons: 1) the gallery was too limited 2) Playing schedule didn't allow.
- Overall a very well organised day.

### **Suitability of the venue**

- It is a great venue
- Air conditioning in the hall was not good some of our girls suffered with the heat.

### **Scheduling of Matches**

- My only adverse comment is expecting the winners of each section to return to the same venue for the finals. The expense re travelling and overnight stay also the age is sitting exams.
- I am sure if we could have played for the final places within that nine, perhaps with the final nine playing each other, with maybe matches of two halves of 15 minutes, we would have gone on our journey home knowing we had a national placement within the top nine in the country.

### **Umpire Quality**

- We expected A award umpires, not C awards training to be B awards, at such an event.

### **Refreshments**

- They contained fizzy drinks which are not recommended during sports events.
- No facilities for spectators – only machines.

### **Overall Evaluation**

- Disappointing that player's missed final playoffs because these clashed with England U21 commitments, could this be avoided in the future.
- Clash with NSL grand final meant that this lacked the sense of an occasion.

## **Conclusion:**

From the information gathered in the evaluation of the U16 National Club Finals 2006/07, plans to improve the event have already started. Internal meetings at England Netball have been put in place and through talking to finalists in the competition and the information received from the evaluation forms we feel we can move forward.

### **Response re-officiating.**

- All the umpires for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend were A Award
- For the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend there was a mix of 'B' / 'A' and unfortunately we had to use some C award umpires because they happened to be the only ones available due to the clash of dates on other events that weekend (All the C umpires 2 of them were working towards the next level
- I would however say that we would not have normally put C award umpires on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend and likewise would not normally put B award umpires on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend - however the regulations do state that a minimum of B umpires can be used and that England Netball will provide / invite umpires for the finals and it doesn't say that they must be A award

With this event in it infancy and being the first year that it was held in this format England Netball would like to draw attention to the adaptations made between the two weekends. There were development opportunities created for the umpires and table officials by filming and the use of the correct court set up, which also helps the teams to develop an understanding of higher level netball and experience the correct protocols.

England Netball have looked at the layout of the venue and looking for solutions regarding the seating and schedule. Although we understand people's reservations about the two weekends it is the structure of the competition and England Netball feel that continuity of the games is vital for their development at this age.

With so many results being inconclusive, England Netball has come to the conclusion that this is due to two factors:

- 1) The amount of forms returned, and the fact that 1 form can sway the result quite considerable.
- 2) Having such a small group, peoples expectations are very different and magnified by the fact of such a small group.

England Netball is continually striving to improve their events and all comments are welcomed. We take it all on board and they help to put systems in place to improve our all round service that is delivered by head office.

In conclusion, England Netball feels that it was a successful competition, with areas to improve but with an overall improvement in standard of Netball. Also the decision has been made to continue the competition in the same format for the next season with an evaluation at the end of the 07/08 season.