

North Carolina Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament Coaches Survey

The information gathered from this survey will be used to guide decision making processes beginning with the 2019 WRC Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament season. As new rules and events are proposed this information will be taken into account along with any new information gained as new technology and methods become available to enhance our program and continue to keep it engaging and enjoyable for all involved.

Purpose: To identify any barriers to participation and gather information and ideas from YHEST coaches about the WRC Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament (YHEST) and NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC).

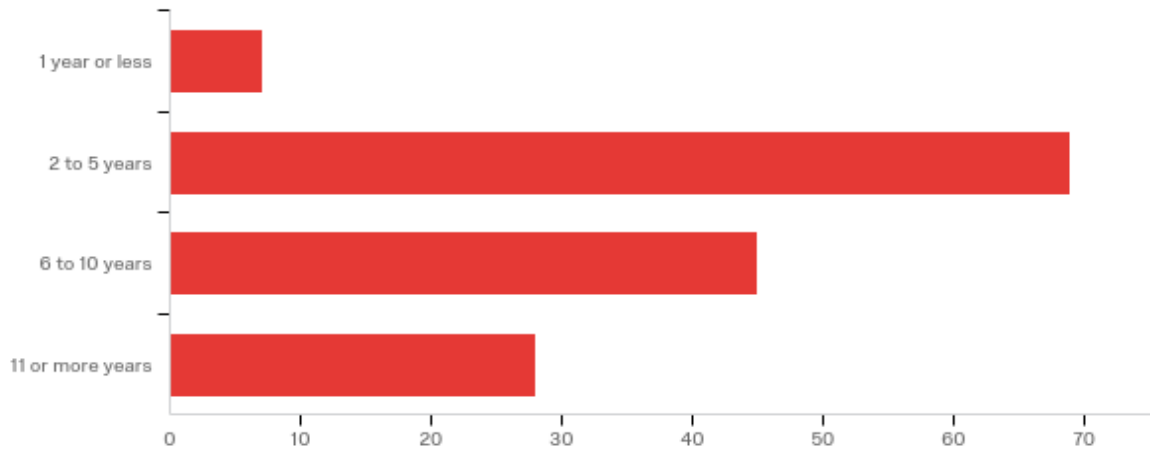
Objectives:

1. Determine satisfaction with the YHEST.
2. Assess level of interest in new events and/or revisions to existing events and gather coaches' ideas for change.
3. Determine interest level in participating in the NRA YHEC.
4. Identify barriers to participation in YHEST and YHEC.

1. What was your primary role on a Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament team **in 2017**?
 - Head Coach (*moves forward to #2*)
 - Assistant Coach (*moves forward to #2*)
 - Volunteer, not a coach (*survey stops*)
 - Parent (*survey stops*)
 - Other (please specify): _____ (*survey stops*)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Head Coach	63	104
2	Assistant Coach	26	43
3	Volunteer, not a coach	4	6
4	Parent	1	2
5	Other (please specify):	5	9
	currently not a coach was in previous years		
	4-H Agent		
	team manager		
	Volunteer, Education Teacher		
	Range Safety Officer		
	Hunter Safety Instructor and volunteer		
	Chief Administrator / Head Coach		
	head coach for past eight years		
	Hunter Ed. Instructor		
	Total	100%	164

2. For how many years have you been participating in the Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament as a Head Coach or Assistant Coach?

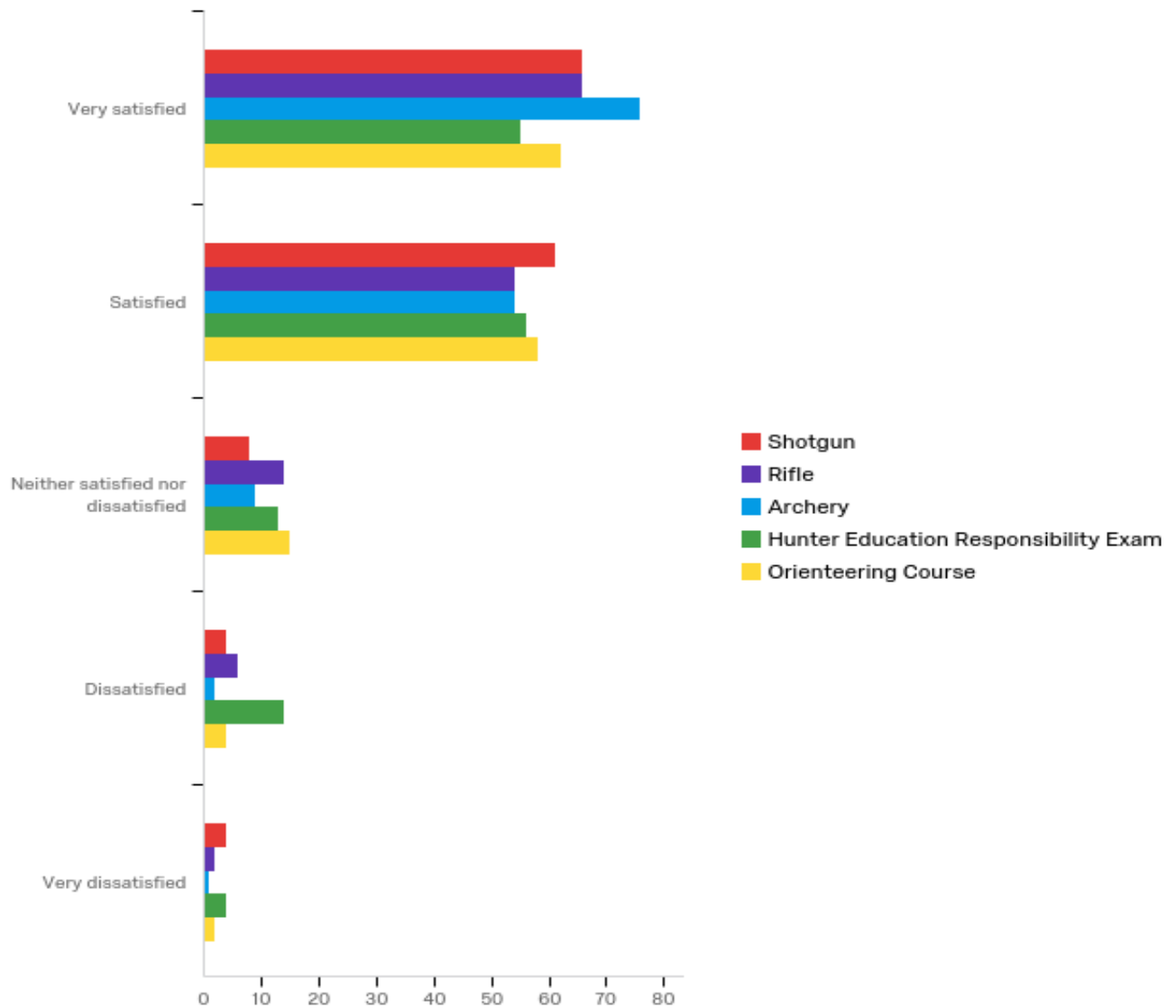


The following questions ask about the 2017 **District-level** Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament events.

3. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following 2017 District-level Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament events. Please review the table of event descriptions and respond to the question below the table.

North Carolina District YHEST Event Descriptions	
Shotgun	Modified trap – 4 shots/station; 5 stations - thrower in line with the stations
Rifle	5 rounds/position @ 50 feet– 4 positions (paper spot target)
Archery	5 arrows/distance – 10, 15, 20 and 25 yards (paper spot targets)
Hunter Skills	Hunter Education Responsibility Exam (50 multiple-choice questions) Orienteering Course – 3 legs (total 100-200 yards)

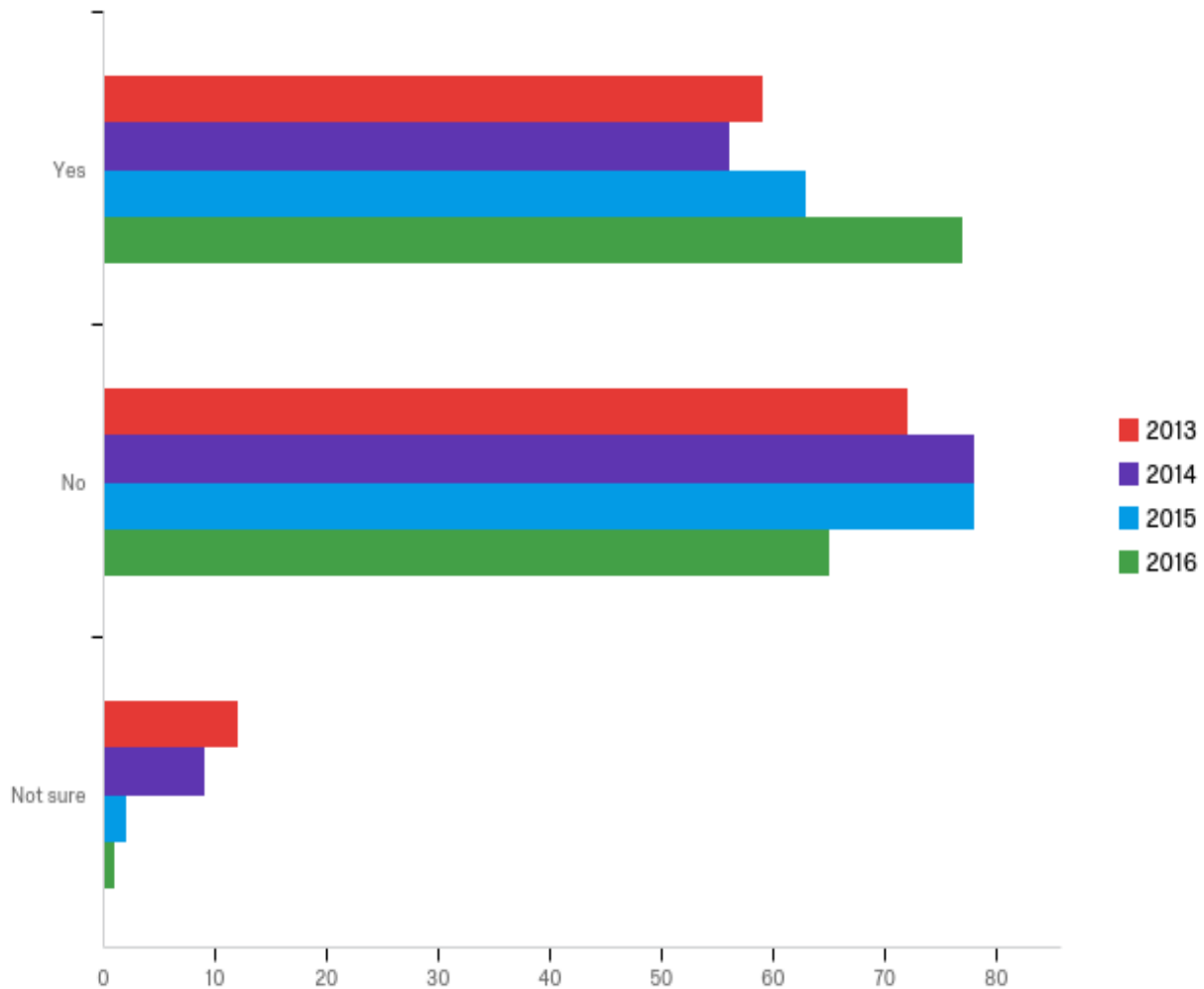
Question	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Very dissatisfied		Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
Shotgun	46%	66	43%	61	6%	8	3%	4	3%	4	143
Rifle	46%	66	38%	54	10%	14	4%	6	1%	2	142
Archery	54%	76	38%	54	6%	9	1%	2	1%	1	142
Hunter Education Responsibility Exam	39%	55	39%	56	9%	13	10%	14	3%	4	142
Orienteering Course	44%	62	41%	58	11%	15	3%	4	1	2	141



The following questions ask about the **State-level** Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament.

- Did you have a team that participated in the State-level Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament from 2013 to 2016? Please mark “Yes” for each year that you had a team participate in the State-level Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament.

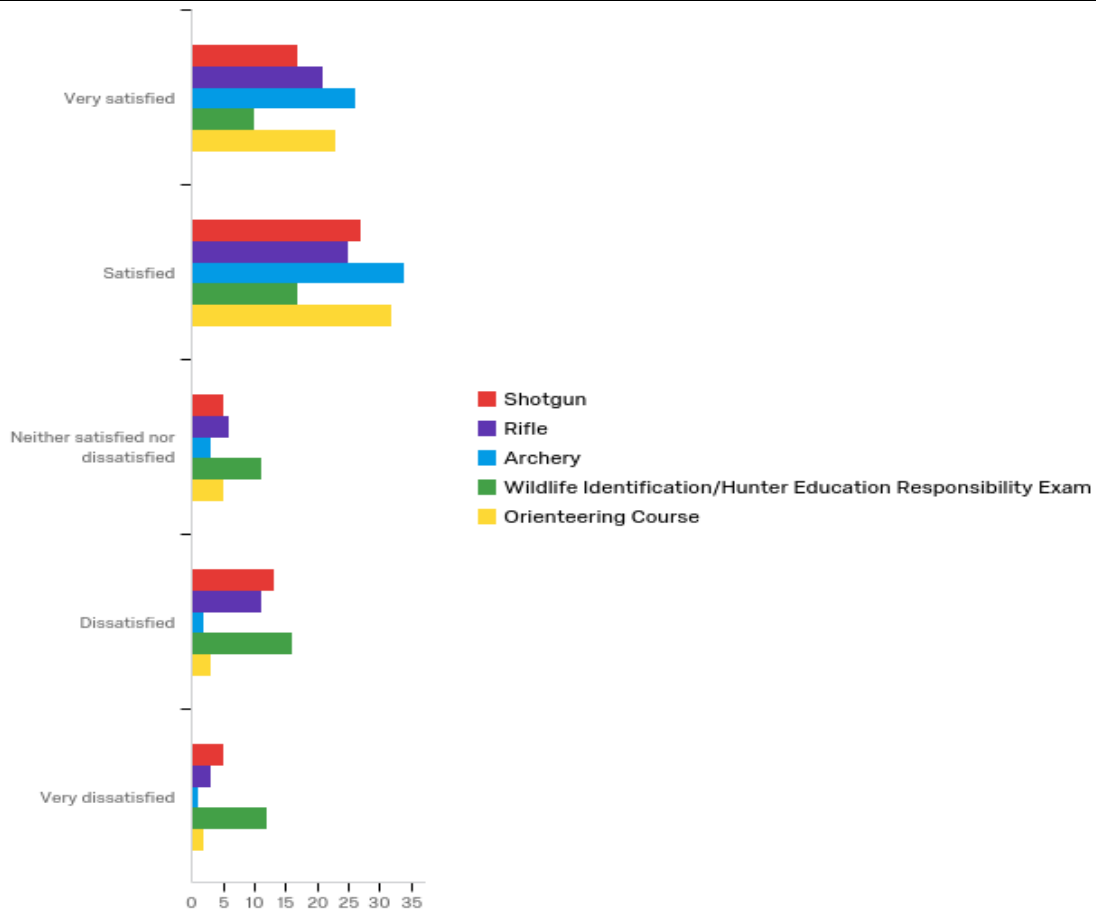
Question	Yes		No		Not sure		Total
2013	41%	59	50%	72	8%	12	143
2014	39%	56	55%	78	6%	9	143
2015	44%	63	55%	78	1%	2	143
2016	54%	77	45%	65	1%	1	143



5. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following events during the 2017 State-level Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament. Please review the table of event descriptions.

North Carolina State YHEST Event Descriptions	
Shotgun	Mod. Trap – 4 shots/station; 5 stations - thrower 16 yards forward of the stations
Rifle	5 rounds/position @75 feet– 4 positions (paper spot targets)
Archery	5 arrows/distance – 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards (paper spot targets)
Hunter Skills	Wildlife Identification/Hunter Education Responsibility Exam (25 fill in the blank and multiple-choice questions) Orienteering Course – 3 legs (total 100-200 yards)

Question	Very satisfied		Satisfied		Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied		Dissatisfied		Very dissatisfied		Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
Shotgun	25.37%	17	40%	27	7%	5	19%	13	7%	5	67
Rifle	32%	21	38%	25	9%	6	17%	11	5%	3	66
Archery	40%	26	52%	34	5%	3	3%	2	2%	1	66
Wildlife Identification/Hunter Education Responsibility Exam	15%	10	26%	17	17%	11	24%	16	18%	12	66
Orienteering Course	35%	23	49%	32	8%	5	5%	3	3%	2	65

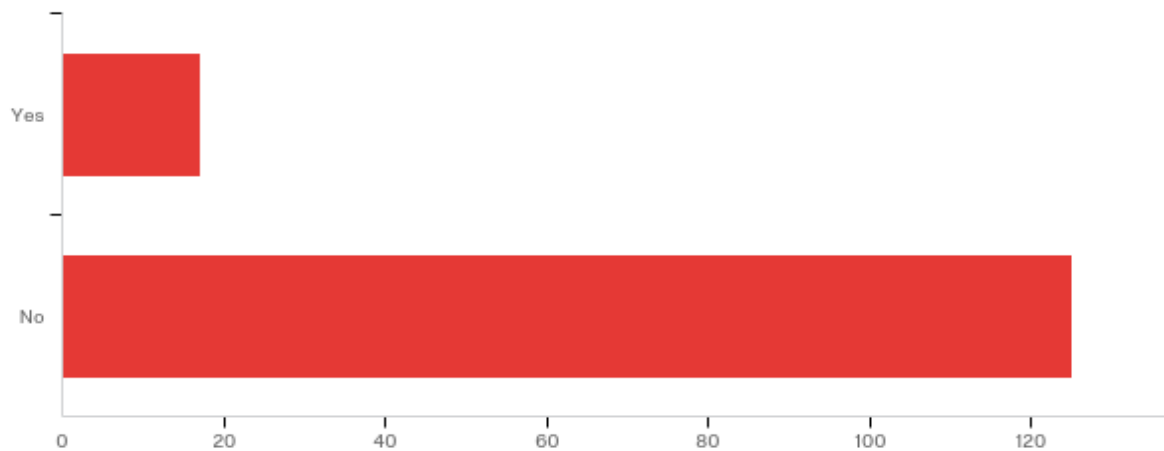


The following questions ask about your participation in the **NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge**.

6. During the last five years, did you have a team that participated at the NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge?

Yes

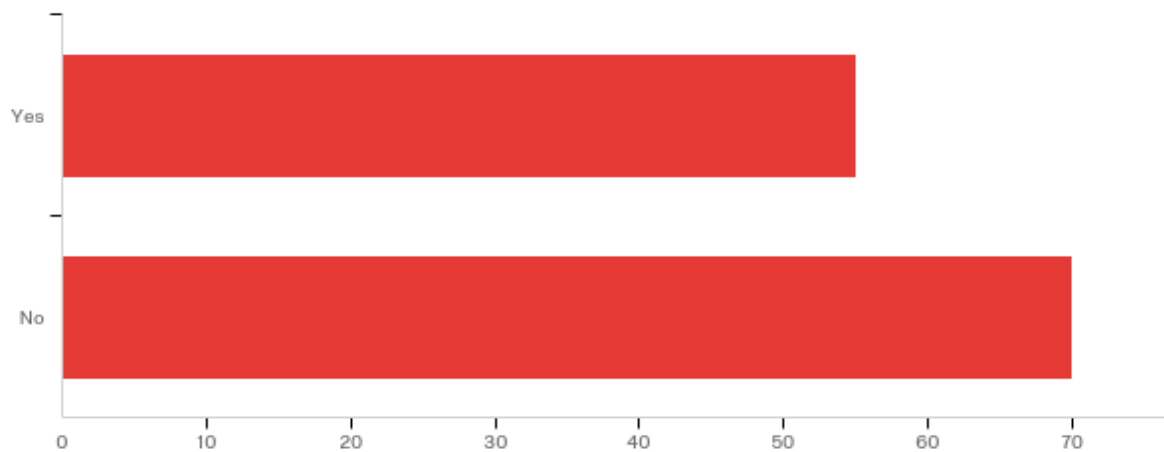
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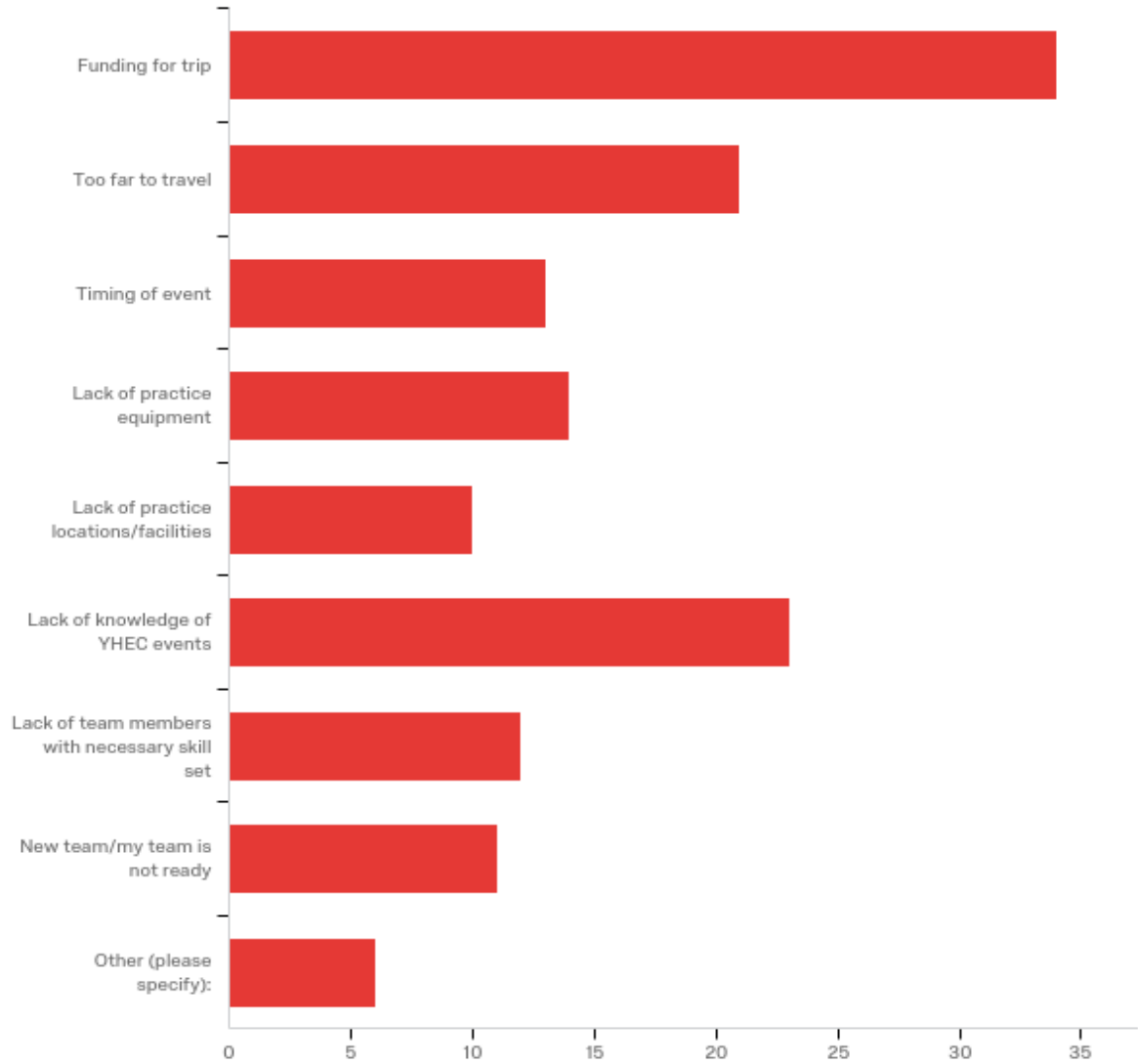
If no, does your team have the goal of participating in the NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge? (*only pops up for those who indicated No to #10*)

Yes

No



If yes, which of the following constraints prevented your team from participating at the NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge in the past? (check all that apply) (only *pops up for those who indicated yes*)

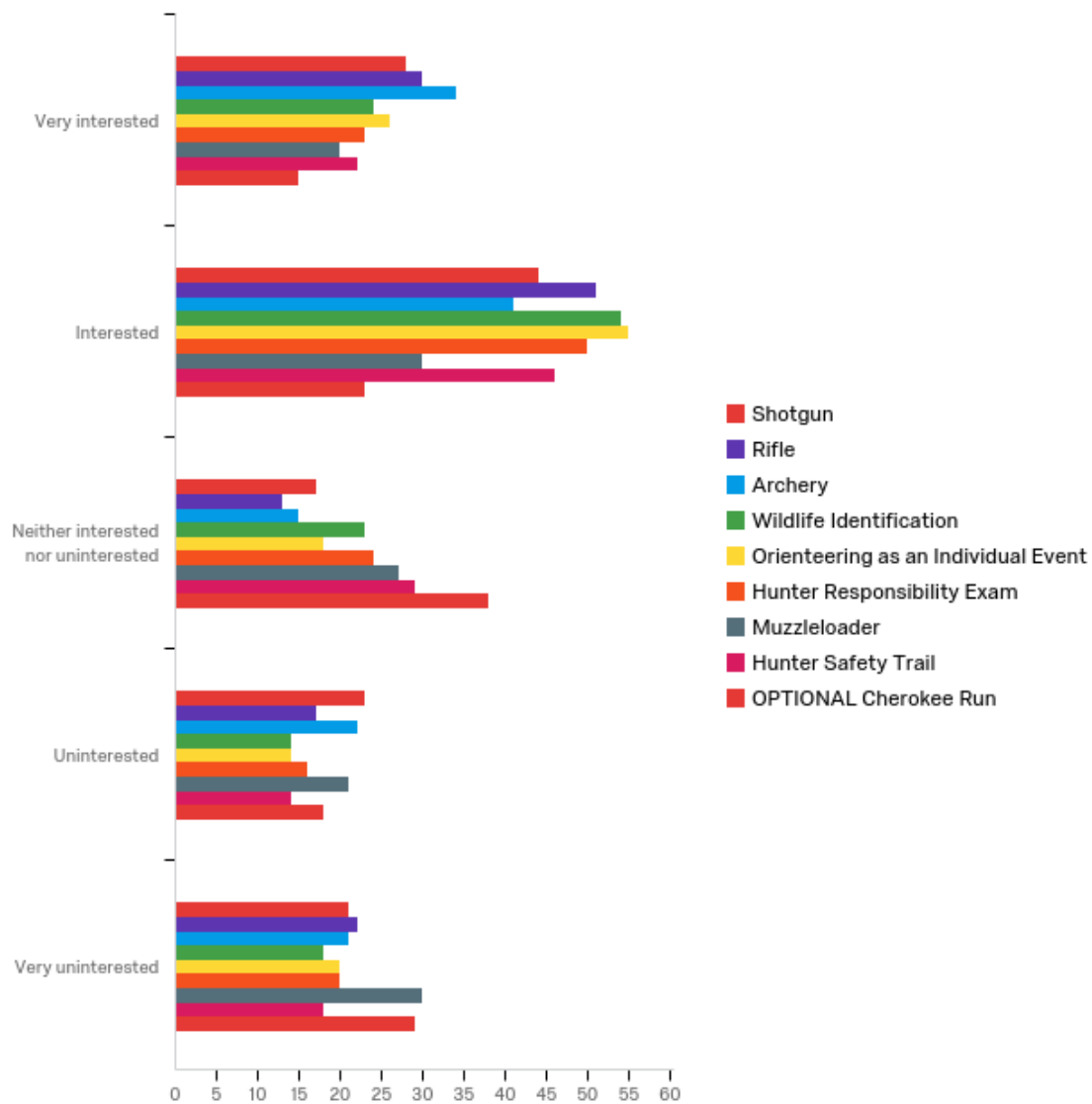


The following questions ask for your level of interest in new events and/or revisions to existing events for future **State-level** Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournaments as it relates to the NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge. Your thoughts and ideas will help us improve the participant experience as we strive for a fun and inclusive event.

7. Please indicate how uninterested or interested you are in the following potential changes to the existing State-level Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament events. Please review the table for possible event changes to the current State Tournament events and then respond to the question below the table.

North Carolina State YHEST Event Descriptions		
Event	Current Event Description	Possible Changes
Shotgun	Mod. Trap – 5 stations (4 shots) thrower 16 yards forward	Sporting Clays (30 variable birds) – soft mount
Rifle	5 rounds @ 25 yards – 4 positions (paper target)	30 shots @ varied distance 15 – 75 yards – (Knock down targets)
Archery	5 arrows @ distances – 15, 20, 25 and 30 yards (targets)	30 shots @ varied distance 10 – 40 yards - 3D targets (2 moving)
Hunter Responsibility Exam Wildlife Identification Orienteering	Currently combined as one event. -Wildlife Identification/Hunter Education test (25 questions) -Orienteering Course – 3 legs (total 100-200 yards)	Separated as 3 individual events -Responsibility exam 60 questions out of NRA hunter’s handbook -Wildlife ID - 30 questions – skins, skulls, scat, habitat -Orienteering – Demonstrate compass skills and answer written, map and field questions
Muzzleloader	N/A	15 shots @ varied distance 15-75 yards - knock down targets; 45 min max
Hunter Safety Trail	N/A	20 hunting related scenarios
OPTIONAL Cherokee Run	N/A	Timed field course

Question	Very interested		Interested		Neither interested nor uninterested		Uninterested		Very uninterested		Total
	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	
Shotgun	21%	28	33%	44	13%	17	17%	23	16%	21	133
Rifle	23%	30	38%	51	10%	13	13%	17	17%	22	133
Archery	26%	34	31%	41	11%	15	17%	22	16%	21	133
Wildlife Identification	18%	24	41%	54	17%	23	11%	14	14%	18	133
Orienteering as an Individual Event	20%	26	41%	55	14%	18	11%	14	15%	20	133
Hunter Responsibility Exam	17%	23	38%	50	18%	24	12%	16	15%	20	133
Muzzleloader	16%	20	23%	30	21%	27	16%	21	23%	30	128
Hunter Safety Trail	17%	22	36%	46	22%	29	11%	14	14%	18	129
OPTIONAL Cherokee Run	12%	15	19%	23	31%	38	15%	18	24%	29	123



Thank you for your participation!