

VAC Members' Responses to T&F Survey: March 2020

The survey sent by email on 10 January 2020 to 492 VAC members with track & field interests. 66 replies were received as of 7 March 2020.

More responses welcome. Follow the link to the [VAC Track & Field Survey](#) and send responses to Peter Kennedy, the [Membership Secretary](#).

	Questions	Yes Response
Q1	Would you like VAC to hold an annual outdoor championship run along traditional lines, with all events on the same day and head to head competition against members in the same age group as you? Note: this is not an option for the indoor championships, because of the expense of holding our own championship.	74%
Q2	Since holding our own VAC championships is increasingly difficult to offer because of the large numbers of technical officials needed, would you be OK with the outdoor championships being part of another event e.g. the South of England Masters championships organised by BMAF?	97%
Q3	Would you be OK to see the championship split into different occasions, with only a few events at each? This might help those wishing to compete in multiple events but equally it might create more clashes with other events as the calendar is so full these days.	62%
Q4	Would you be OK to see your events organised in groups based on predicted performance so that you would be competing against people of a similar ability level and not necessarily competing against all those in your age group?	67%
Q5	Would you like to participate in a series of VAC events, for which there would be overall winners in each event per age group at the end of the season?	64%
Q6	Would you like to see performances rated on a percentage age-graded basis and award the medals/trophies to the best performances in your event or in a group of events e.g. all throws, all sprints?	61%
Q7	Would we still need have the annual championship with head-to-head competition if a series of meetings was organised in groups based on a predicted performance?	41%
Q8	Would you be willing to help organise the VAC track & field events?	33%
Q9	Would you like to be trained as a technical official so that you could help officiate at VAC events, when you were not competing? The BMAF offers to fund such training and it is a way for you to give something back to the sport which we all love.	39%
Q10	Would you be more willing to join the Committee or help in other ways, if meetings were virtual i.e. by video conference?	26%

Conclusions

Full support for continuing to have a traditional championship.

Moderate support for multiple meetings when you would be competing against those of similar ability, leading to overall winners for the whole season.

Significant number of members willing to help in the organisation of the club and its events.

Action Plan

1. Incorporate VAC championships into both indoor and outdoor South of England Masters Championships.
2. Continue to organize the VAC 5,000m and 10,000m Championships, as well as entering teams in the inter-area competitions.
3. Investigate whether both 2nd Claim and 1st Claim VAC members could compete in the Rosenheim League as guests or as a team. Identify T&F Open Meetings which VAC members could compete in to make up a summer series, not necessarily the same meetings for each discipline (sprints, hurdles, middle distance, throws, pole vault, high jump, long/triple jumps), leading to overall winners at the end of the year in each discipline and age group.
4. Give further consideration to awards for best age graded performances in each discipline.
5. Approach all those members who said they might be willing to help in order to identify who would be willing to be part of a team to organize 2-4 above instead of having a single Track & Field secretary.