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THE FUTURE OF RANGATAHI SPORT IN NZ AND THE WELLINGTON REGION



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The research was conducted in two stages; an initial qualitative stage followed by a second quantitative phase. Insights from both stages are presented in this report.

STAGE 1. QUALITATIVE

4 x online Zoom groups

Group format:

Chatting with rangatahi aged 15 – 18 who no longer play organised sport

16 respondents

Focus on:

An in depth exploration of the drivers and barriers to playing organised sport

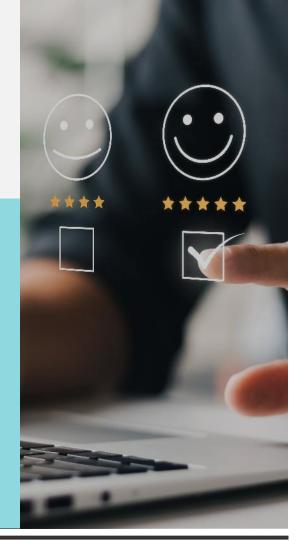
STAGE 2. QUANTITATIVE SURVEY

Focus on:

Validating the different drivers and barriers to participation in organised sport among rangatahi aged 15 – 18

Two sources of respondents:

- 1) **National survey** of rangatahi sourced from online panels
- 1) Survey of rangatahi within the **Wellington** region sourced through Nuku Ora's Regional Sports Organisations (RSOs)









QUANTITATIVE SURVEY SAMPLE SOURCE AND APPROACH

Two methods were used to achieve both a national and a Wellington region sample:

National survey:
A survey link was sent to potential parents of rangatahi inviting their teenager to participate in the survey. If the rangatahi qualified and completed the survey the parent received our standard incentive, and the teenager was entered into a prize draw. The national survey sample was sourced from Kantar's online survey panels.

Wellington regional survey:

Kantar Public (through Nuku Ora) asked nine RSOs to send a survey invite to rangatahi on their database. Of these, five RSOs sent the invite and had rangatahi complete the survey (Capital Basketball; Capital Football; College Sport Wellington; Tennis Central; Wellington Hockey Association).

Both groups of rangatahi answered the same survey.

There were:

- 401 online responses for the national survey
- 335 online responses for the Wellington region survey

Fieldwork:

 Monday 12th September to Monday 17th October 2022

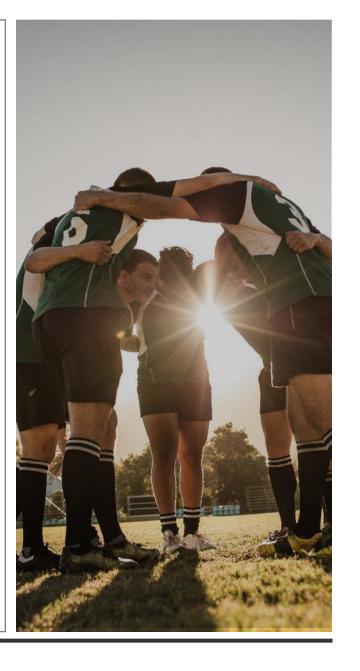
Survey duration:

• 9 minutes

NOTES TO THE READER

Any differences reported in this research are significant at the 95% confidence level, unless otherwise stated. This means we are 95% confident the difference is genuine, rather than a chance result that can occur from surveying a sample of the population.

Individual percentages do not always sum to the 'nett percentages' or to 100%. This is due to rounding or because people were able to give more than one answer to some questions.







Further information on the quantitative report

The survey findings are split into three sections:

National survey:

401 rangatahi who currently play organised sport or have lapsed from organised sport, sourced from online panels.

These rangatahi are referred to as 'all rangatahi' or from the 'national survey'. Please note they are not representative of *all* rangatahi in New Zealand but are weighted to reflect all Rangatahi *who currently play organised sport* or *have lapsed from organised sport*. The results from this survey are the best way to understand rangatahi participation in organised sport in New Zealand and the barriers that influence them from not playing.

Wellington region survey:
335 rangatahi sourced through certain RSOs in the Wellington region.

These rangatahi are referred to as 'rangatahi in the Wellington region'. Please note they are <u>not</u> representative of *all* rangatahi in Wellington region (and they are <u>not</u> representative of all Rangatahi in the Wellington region who currently play organised sport or have lapsed from organised sport either). Instead, they reflect the RSOs through which they were recruited and there will be a bias in the results based on which RSOs did/didn't participate in the research and the number of respondents for those that did. For example, there will be a bias for current/lapsed hockey players due to the number of respondents sourced through that RSO. Therefore, caution should be taken when interpreting the results of the Wellington region survey. Results are unweighted due to an absence of targets to weight to. RSOs that had rangatahi participate in the Wellington region survey:

RSO	Number of rangatahi respondents for particular RSO
Capital Basketball	32
Capital Football	47
College Sport Wellington	106
Tennis Central	26
Wellington Hockey Association	124

? Focus on the key sports:

This section combines national survey data with that for the Wellington RSOs (736 rangatahi in total) in order to have a sufficient base to analyse the key sports separately (=>30 base sizes). The results are unweighted. Caution should be taken when interpreting the results as data is not representative of all those who participate / did participate that sport across all New Zealand, instead, there will be a bias towards the Wellington region for sports where the RSOs supported the survey.







To summarise the research findings, what lapsed rangatahi want to *feel* is...

FUN

- The pressure to perform for rangatahi increases as they get older.
- They want to enjoy themselves, hang out with their team mates and emulate their sporting heroes.
- They want supportive encouragement from adults on the side-lines.
- 35% of rangatahi associate 'fun' with sport in general.

CONNECTION

- Spending time with friends, meeting new people, connecting with their whānau.
- 35% of rangatahi associate 'teamwork' with sport in general. Other key associations are 'friendships' (24%) and 'socialising' (20%).

PROGRESSION

- Rangatahi want to feel a sense of accomplishment.
 This involves improving their skills, getting fitter, celebrating personal progress, and receiving acknowledgement from their coach.
- While the team is important, this element is about the individual! And differs from rangatahi-to-rangatahi.



FLEXIBILITY

Some key ideas from rangatahi include:

- Shorter games,
- Allowing greater flexibility for participation in games / training,
- Providing equipment at games (so rangatahi don't need to buy / carry this)
- · More social leagues.

The most important things getting in their way are...

Everything else!

46% of lapsed rangatahi said they had too much other stuff going on

Other opportunities for fun, progression, and growth become available as rangatahi get older:

- Hanging out with friends, wanting to sleep in, influence of peers/friends.
- Non negotiable activities eat up time including school and work.
- Other, flexible activities that require less commitment, e.g., skating with mates, gaming, other interests.

Needing to turn up to every game/session

29% of lapsed rangatahi mentioned this

- 55% of rangatahi think more social leagues, with emphasis on participating and having fun would be effective in encouraging young people to continue with organised sport.
- 45% of rangatahi think more flexible teams, with less commitment, would encourage young people to continue with organised sport.

COVID was too disruptive

28% of lapsed rangatahi mentioned this

- Once young people stop playing, it's tough to get them moving again: motivation dwindles, they're out of the routine, any performance anxiety is increased.
- They're looking for external motivation to get back into it.

Time of day for training

27% of lapsed rangatahi mentioned this

The preferred times for training are:

- Weekdays soon after school (59% of rangatahi prefer)
- Weekdays in the evening (28%).
- This does differ slightly by age, with younger rangatahi preferring the earlier time slot (65% versus 54% for rangatahi aged 17 – 18).

Friends didn't play

27% of lapsed rangatahi mentioned this

- Having fun and team bonding is important for rangatahi, so they feel connected to the team.
- 60% of rangatahi have continued playing with their current sport because 'it's fun', and 47% because their 'friends play, or they like their team-mates'.

KANTAR PUBLIC 03 QUALITATIVE RESEARCH FINDINGS

Initially, rangatahi get into sport because of the sport itself.

This is often encouraged by a parent, teacher or close friends.

BUT THIS CHANGES OVER TIME

For those who are dropping out, the actual sport itself becomes a less central part of the experience.

What they want to feel is...

FUN

CONNECTION

PROGRESSION



FLEXIBILITY





Sport becomes the vehicle to experience fun, connection and growth

WHY FIRST GET INVOLVED?

- It's about the sport.
 For most, there is little expectation to achieve.
- It's about fun and hanging out with friends/teammates.
- your heroes, your family. Often these are well known, traditional sports (such as netball, rugby).

AT AROUND 15 YEARS OLD, THINGS CHANGE

Expectation to achieve increases. There is a certain level of 'commitment' required.

There is both internal pressure (I can't let the team down), and external pressure (parents and coaches expectations increase).

Early starts and increased trainings.

Sport gets more serious - outward pressure to perform and win.

But the rangatahi we spoke to still want fun, progression and team bonding. But this gets lost in the pressure to compete and succeed. Those who do well and want to compete and explore professional pathways are likely to thrive.

Those who value fun over competition feel they have nowhere to go and look for fun and opportunities to connect in other ways.

The opportunity to engage with these young people is in transitioning these kids to other sports, or to sports that emphasise fun and flexibility

e.g ..."This is the sport you can play if you're busy at school and want to have flexibility and fun"







- When rangatahi are first getting into sport, especially during primary school, there is a lot of encouragement from those around them to give it a go and join a team.
 - Whether that be from whānau, teachers, or others around them.
 - School notices are circulated and there are many opportunities to join a team sport.
- As you get older and into teenage years, rangatahi are given more independence and freedom to make their own decisions.
 - However, this does not always work out in favour of organised sport. Some rangatahi suspect that their peers still need to be encouraged to get involved.
- Other challenges include increasing competition and skill as you get older, which can be offputting if you are made to feel out of your depth or comfort zone, or no longer considered the 'best'.



"You're not really encouraged to do the sport as much either. Like when I was in year nine, we were constantly getting notices, like, you know, come play sports come sign up... [Now], it's more like about clubs and about other stuff, there's not as much promotion around it [sport]... I think that [young] people have got to have a lot more encouragement to actually go out there and do it themselves." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"I stopped playing volleyball because it was a big jump from junior sport to senior sport. It was really hard competing with older girls, and they already had a really great team. It was hard breaking into it."

Female, 17-18 years, Pasifika

"I feel like [young] people are a lot more competitive as well. Like if you're not in a good club or the top teams, they're not really like wanting to do that sport anymore because they're not like up there at the top." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

There is a focus on mainstream sports like rugby, netball, football and cricket, with many rangatahi falling into these by default



because less is known about them – meaning that there is less pressure to perform.
Parents are unable to exert pressure on these smaller sports e.g. water polo, badminton,

them.

 Playing these sports can also be an expression of individuality. Even when a group of friends all decide to do it together it sets them apart from others.

ultimate frisbee, because they know less about

- Some regret not starting other sports in the first place, because they feel the experience is more fun.
- There are also gendered expectations when it comes to mainstream sports, which can prevent rangatahi from finding their niche earlier.



"There's not many opportunities to be fair. The big sports are rugby and cricket, with other sports, there's not many other opportunities." Male, 17-18 years, Indian

"When I think of netball, it's not necessarily good... But then I also played water polo for four years when I was younger and that was like, the best time. We had the best coach and the best training, and it was just such a fun time, it was no stress. But like with [netball], I just think of stress immediately." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"I started playing netball because every other girl was playing it... I stopped because I felt like I was always the biggest kid there, I was always getting picked on to play defense, and I wasn't as fit as other people... But then I switched to rugby, and it felt great.. I wish I'd tried it sooner."

Female, 17-18 years, Pasifika

"I wish I'd tried more of a variety of sports, earlier. I felt like I only stuck to what I knew until year 13, where I branched out and tried some other things, but that was still like ages after I started playing sport, so definitely try more stuff, just because you like one sport doesn't mean you won't like another thing more." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā



For rangatahi, playing sport is about ...

PROGRESSION

- Almost all the young people we spoke with talk about wanting to feel a sense of progression – a sense of 'getting something out of playing sport'.
- While the team element is important, rangatahi think about progression and achievement on an individual basis. What achievement and progression means will vary from person-to-person.
- Progression can be about improving skills but can also be as simple as getting fit.
- One of the consistent messages rangatahi talked about is wanting to be acknowledged by their coach as an individual, and to feel like their coach understands and works on their individual strengths and weaknesses.
- Rangatahi want to feel a sense of achievement. Celebrating the small, personal milestones is important.
 - This is something they feel is lost from their earlier experiences playing sport.



"Sports are the most fun when you're still learning it. That's why I didn't play sports for very long to be honest. That's when I'm enjoying it the most." Male, 17-18 years, Pākehā

"At our school, if there wasn't enough players in the A Team, they would always want players from the B Team. So, I was always trying to play my best so that the A Team's coaches would see, and I'd always get put into that team to play. And that was like what pushed me to try to try do my best." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"I wasn't always in the top team, but I guess in high school I was always looking forward to the games. I hated trainings, but I always looked forward to the games and the adrenaline during the game and everyone complimenting you after if you did great." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

"When I was younger, this is going to sound stupid, but [I used to look forward to] player of the day. You got a little voucher, so I was always trying to push to get it. When I got it [player of the day], it just made me enjoy it even more."

Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā



For rangatahi, playing sport is about ...

CONNECTION

- This is about spending time with friends or building relationships with teammates.
 - But it can also be about connecting with whānau, or the people around them through a shared appreciation of sports.
- Many rangatahi join sports teams to make friends and social connections. If this element is missing, the sport quickly becomes a way to pass time, and interest in the activity fades.
- Some rangatahi are making their own teams, with friends, if this element is missing from their current experience.
- However the drive to make their own team based on friendships is the exception – many will drop out completely and won't take the initiative to form their own team if a sense of connection is missing.
- Rangatahi enjoy opportunities to bond together with their team, whether that be turning up to games together, after-game celebrations or making time to hang out together outside of the sport or before trainings.



"Sport was also time for my parents to come and see me and hang out with me because they worked a lot during the week. But Saturdays were the only day where they were like, 'let's go watch [name redacted] play' and it was our time together... My parents, and aunties and cousins would come and watch me play, they'd bring treats, and my dad would be there to give me tips, which was mostly positive." Female, 17-18 years, Pasifika

"[Badminton] was more about hanging out with my friends and just having fun... Whereas hockey was more competitive, it was different. I didn't know everyone on my team. So, it was kind of just a thing in my week that I went to." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

"I stopped playing soccer and started playing water polo. All my mates decided we would make a team. We didn't really care so much about the sport, it was just so we could hang out" Male, 17-18 years, Māori/Pākehā

"I'd want more social events with the team. There's always an end of year thing, but an after-game celebration would be good, so we can bond as a team." Male, 17-18 years, Indian





- Sport in the early years is all about having fun and working together as a team. There is little expectation (inwardly and outwardly) of anything but having fun.
- As rangatahi get older, this changes.
 This sense of fun is lost, as pressure to perform increases.
 - Talented rangatahi are expected to pursue professional pathways, which is not always the pathway they want to take.
- To find the joy and fun in sport again, rangatahi look for other activities to engage in with their friends, e.g. social leagues, badminton, skateboarding.

"We stopped playing water polo because we started playing teams who were heaps better than us and we were getting thrashed. It felt like there was pressure to perform better." Male, 17-18 years, Māori/Pākehā

"I think what sport is all about it being able to have fun and having something that you really enjoy. Being able to do it with friends and your team and sharing the experiences with them. It can be really rewarding, and it make you feel good." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

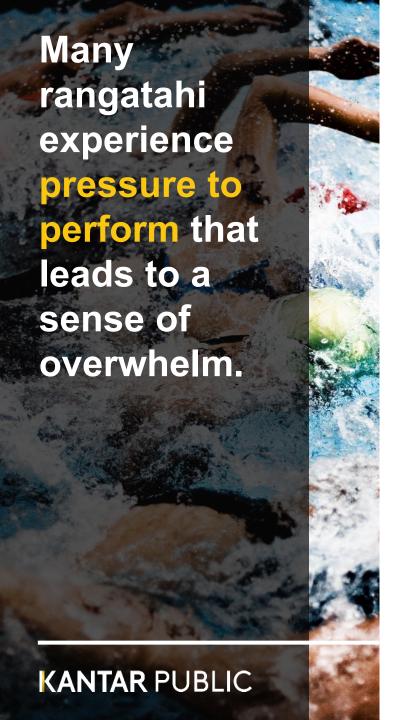
"I feel like I only got the motivation for competitiveness as I got older. At the start I think it was about hanging out with my friends. Having fun with everyone because I hated doing nothing.

So, it was filling in the time, doing fun things instead of just sitting around at home." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā

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What's getting in the way of young people wanting to continue playing sport?





Many rangatahi feel that they aren't good enough. This come both from external pressure (coaches and parents) and internal pressure.

This fear of judgment usually centers around...

1. Being humiliated or embarrassed.

Doing something wrong in front of others that would cause embarrassment. This is often caused by having high standards placed on them, and a fear of failing to meet those standards.

2. Letting the team down.

By simply not being good enough. Low perception of competence, or not feeling physically fit enough.

This pressure means that some rangatahi spend time looking at videos and doing extra work out of fear they are not good enough.

Often this pressure, combined with pressure to perform in other areas such as school, becomes too much.



The overwhelm is a bit of fear, like there are too many things going on at once. You might be thinking, 'what am I going to do during the game, how am I going to react if they do this thing.' Male, 17-18 years, Pākehā

Sometimes you're expected to win, and you think, what if I do something wrong, that will be so embarrassing. Male, 17-18 years, Indian

I usually have to force myself to try and have positive thoughts and self talk. Because usually I have negative thoughts and I don't have self-belief.' Male, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"After you make a mistake, you're selfconscious for your next few games. You're worrying about if you're going to make a mistake again or scared you or someone else is going to be yelled at. It just makes you feel quite crappy, and you don't enjoy the sport as much." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

For me it's the fear of holding back the team. I put it on myself... Male, 15-16 years, Pasifika

Negative criticism from both parents and coaches is a major cause of young people turning away from sport

Young people crave and **thrive on constructive feedback**. It helps them to get better and to develop the sense that they are achieving something.

However, there is a fine line between constructive feedback and criticism.

Constructive feedback is...

- Framed positively
- Helpful and supportive, rather than to vent frustration or to berate
- Toward the individual as well as the team.

Negative criticism carries with it a great sense of failure and of shame that rangatahi carry with them. Often a way to avoid carrying that shame is to drop out.



Your coach says you played a really good game, then you're on your way home, and get all these really negative comments about how you played. It's kind of hard because you hear positive things from somebody, then you get negative things from someone else. It makes you think 'Am I doing well, or am I just..." Male, 15-16 years, Pasifika

"If you've got a team that's really supportive but gives pointers in a genuine way that helps a lot, rather than [your teammates] screaming at you, which makes you self-conscious and you can get worked up about your game." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"A lot of the time the parents [of my teammates] were also hockey players. Sometimes I'd get a ride home from my good friend after games, but her dad would just be yelling at her, being like 'why did you do this, or 'why didn't you run for the ball here'. [In my ideal world] parents would be just happy for what their children did and proud of what they've accomplished." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

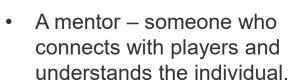


"The coaches should be more actively social, because they seemed quite hard to talk to. It's hard to approach them. It would really help if they were more approachable in one-onone situations" Male, 17-18 years, Pākehā

> "I would want a good coach that accepts everyone and doesn't put anyone down. They would help people train with their strengths and knows everyone's weaknesses so they could work around them. They wouldn't put anyone down because they can't do something, overall having an accepting team. Not pushing people too hard during trainings. It should be hard, but not exhausting." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

> "My old coach would tell us to run laps, [trainings] weren't actually about the sport... [The coach] wasn't trained to play the sport and ... [they] put us to the side because we weren't the top team. I think coaches needs to be experienced in the sport. If you've just got like a good coach who knows what they're doing and is more focused on actually learning how to play the game." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

> "[The coach] never talked about people's sizes or had any favorites, even though his daughter played in the team. He gave everyone equal time on the field, and he made the sport approachable for me too, because it was my first year [playing rugby] and I didn't know what to do, which was comforting." Female, 17-18 years, Pasifika



- Someone who has a passion for the sport.
- Someone who is personally invested – they want to be there; they show up to training on time.
- They are positive and give constructive feedback to get the best out of people.
- Understands players strengths and weaknesses and help to work with these.
- Doesn't pick favourites, invests in the whole team





- They want positive reinforcement and support – both cheering from the side-lines (positive only) and positive support after the game 'you did well today'.
- Providing practical support –
 buying equipment and transport to the games.
- Giving encouragement and motivation to keep going with the sport.
- Understand the intention of the game, that it isn't always about winning.
- Rangatahi don't want their game critiqued or to hear advice on how to play the game – particularly if this conflicts with what is being said by the coach.



"Parents should be there, not to force us to play, but encourage us to do it... I remember my dad didn't want me to do any sports because of the cost, but my mum wanted me to build team bonding skills. But yeah, it would've been nice to just get encouragement from them... Showing us what each sport is really about as well, seeing what you can learn from it." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

"My whole family was so supportive, even my grandparents would come and watch me play football, I loved it. But my mum used to try to be the coach of every single team I played on or try be involved [in other ways]. I used to be a bit of brat about it... and wish she'd just be on the side-lines, like all the other parents, but at the same time, when I look back at it now, I appreciate it so much." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā

"It felt great having my whole family watching me play, but then also, it was a lot of pressure. Especially when you're young and I felt like I'd actually have to play properly before my dad like told me off for messing around. But I liked seeing how everyone reacted when I got a shot, that was a great feeling." Female, 17-18 years, Pasifika

"When the coaches tell you play good, and then you jump in the car with your dad, it's like a whole new level of disrespect. You get told off for no reason. Like you missed one tackle, and you cop it." Male, 15-16 years, Māori

Many rangatahi talk about simply becoming bored.

This is caused by a sense of prioritising repetition over progression

- Many of the young people spoke about leaving sports because it had become 'boring'.
- This is often from a sense of repetition and feeling like they are being taken through the motions, rather than growing and progressing.
- One rangatahi remembers enjoying when the team were able to instead choose the training activities, which kept it interesting and useful.

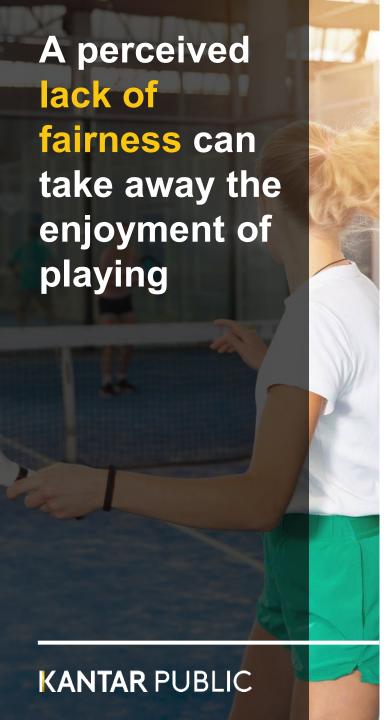


"Getting bored was the big reason I stopped playing to be honest. I just got bored, it was all the same and it wasn't interesting anymore. It was doing the same thing at training every week." Male, 17-18 years, Pākehā

I started off enjoying it, then it was the same thing twice a week. It just got too repetitive." Male, 17-18, Pākehā

"For me I'd like to change up how the game is played a bit, trying to form a different attack, or trying a different strategy more often. Male, 17-18 years, Pākehā

"With football trainings, I'd find them really boring, just because you're not really getting much pleasure out of it. You don't really win or lose, you're just in that middle ground the whole time. I always loved when coaches would ask us what we wanted to do... We want to improve our skills and from there, we'd have the motivation to do it because we picked it, it's different from being forced to do something in that way." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā





- Young people have an acute sense of fairness. This was especially a barrier amongst young girls.
- Seeing others being chosen for the top teams or are given playing time because they have connections to the coach (often either a parent or teacher), rather than their skills, lead to a loss of motivation.
- Some talk about referees being deliberately one-sided, and that taking away the enjoyment of the game.

"I was playing at a pretty high level, and I was on the side-lines a lot, so I just wasn't really keen to keep going I guess." Male, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"When I was younger, the teacher [who was also the netball coach] was friends with all of the kids' parents, so she was influenced to pick their children [for the team]. If you didn't have that, it would be a completely different team, picked for their skill level and not because of their parents... It would be a lot more equal and enjoyable that way." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"There was a lot of sort of favouritism around the [coach's] child and their child's close friends, as well. The parents didn't really care about anyone else's children. So, [my ideal] would definitely be the parent [coach] treating everyone equally. And by not like, putting, like, their own kids and their kids was like, closest on."

"I see it in trials as well, when [coaches] will pick and choose who they want based on looks, wealth and all that. I'd like to see coaches making sure that everyone there is equal. Actually, based off your skills rather than other things." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

For many, after COVID lockdowns, the motivation to get back into sport just isn't there.

Once young people stop playing sport, it's hard to start again.

- Many young people openly admit that they become lazy and unmotivated – once they get into the 'mode' of playing video games and watching Netflix, motivation to
- Once they get out of the routine, the pressure on some young people around performing increases. Any fears they have are increased.

play sport dwindles.

 They look for external motivation from schools and elsewhere to encourage them back into it.



"[Coming out of lockdown] because it was the first time seeing anyone in six weeks, I got a bit of social anxiety. I was worried that people might think I looked different, because you got so comfortable sitting in your room every day for like, over a month." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"Going into lockdown, then coming out, after so many months, it's hard to get back into the swing of things. People lose motivation. I feel like being lazy. With COVID, everyone got lazier, " Male, 17-18 years, Pākehā

"With COVID as well a lot of people started working out at home, figuring out they'd rather go to the gym and be alone working out than exercising with other people." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

"Being in lockdown, people got kind of comfortable with it, and then didn't really have much motivation to get out and get into it [sport] again. Getting into a sport where you have to run around and be really active and fit is hard to do. As soon as you get out of that, the cycle of doing it every day, every week, it gets so much harder to get back into it and to get the motivation with it again. COVID definitely had the biggest impact on it." Female, 15 - 16 years, Pākehā

"COVID was a big factor of me not doing hockey anymore was because I didn't know how many games I was going to play and I didn't want to pay [the fees] just to play like a few games." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

There are also practical considerations that young people mention that get in the way...

- Playing outdoor sports in all weather was off-putting for some rangatahi, especially when uniform requirements were prioritised over their wellbeing.
- Games and trainings being too far to travel to, especially without reliable transport options.
- Trainings being too early in the morning before school, then impacting the rest of the day, as well as the night before.
- Having to bring too much equipment to the game, or to school beforehand.
- Ongoing and increasing fees, including registration and uniform costs, which rangatahi notice impact who is able to continue playing sports.



"I hated playing football in bad weather. If you're an attacker or in midfield, you're running around, but whenever I'd play goalie or defense, you're just standing there in the pouring wet. I used to get told off for wearing a hoodie because it wasn't part of the uniform." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā

"I went to a fees-free primary school, all the kids were playing all these sports, basketball, rugby, touch. Once I hit college, it was like \$300 per term. On top of that, I would always need new shoes every single season and it would just add up. I don't know why there are so many fees." Female, 17-18 years, Pasifika

"It would be nice to see more diversity amongst sport... In certain sports, and definitely rowing, because it's such an expensive sport, there are a lot of rich, white girls and boys. I think that stereotype needs to be broken, because it can get really toxic and make people feel left out... Some people play into that stereotype and think they're better than everyone else because they had to pay \$50k for a boat." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

Uniforms were a huge issue amongst young girls, who felt that their looks were often prioritised over their comfort or performance

- There have been changes in recent years allowing more choice for general school uniforms, however, it seems this flexibility has not yet transferred to sports uniforms.
- Rangatahi acknowledge that uniforms can play an important role in distinguishing the teams, however, they feel there should be more choice in what they can play in.
- Having one uniform style can cause some rangatahi to feel uncomfortable, which can distract them from putting their all into the game, e.g. short skirts that don't cater to all body types.
- Not only can the styles be physically uncomfortable, but they can fear judgement from other teammates or supporters on the side-lines about their appearance.
- For young girls, it is hard to ignore when observing how boys teams and uniforms are typically more relaxed with a baggy fit, in comparison to their tighter, shorter styles.



"In hockey, we had to have our hair slicked back and always had to wear short skirts. I'm quite tall, so running around the field, instead of focusing on the game, I had to focus on keeping my skirt down. You want to be able to focus and be 100% in the game, but you can't because you're just worried about that."

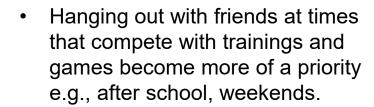
Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā

"I really hate the idea of playing sports in dresses, I have thighs that touch so they give me chaffing. I feel like with volleyball, the girls' tops and bottoms are always really tight and small, but guys are allowed to wear baggy shorts and t-shirts. Girls always seem to have to look good and look made up, even though they're playing sport." Female, 17-18 years, Pasifika

"With uniforms, obviously, you need to be able to distinguish between the two teams, but I'd rather not having something that you have to wear. Teams could pick a colour instead of a set uniform. That's often what's really annoyed me. I've never really understood why netball players wear dresses, because dresses are so inconvenient to play sport in." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā



This is the time in life in which other outlets for fun, connection and growth become available to young people



- Rangatahi want to sleep in, as opposed to waking up early to go to trainings, as well as staying up late, going to parties or other social gatherings.
- The influence of friends and peer pressure also starts to impact motivation to play sports.
 - With friends leaving sport, the fear of missing out sets in, and rangatahi would rather prioritise hanging out with friends than turning up to trainings or trials.



"I think a huge thing when you're young is not missing out on experiences with your friends. You want to make the most about being a teenager before you go off into your adult life. You don't want to miss out on making memories or going to events because of sports." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā

"As you grow up, you start to think 'oh, I could be going to hang out with my friends', 'if my friend doesn't play netball, I don't want to play anymore either, because then I can't see her'. Then you end up skipping trainings and [playing sport] is kind of a waste of time, if you don't actually turn up." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"When you get to your teenage years, friends and boyfriends become more important. It starts to feel like the world's going to end if you're not doing this new trend. So, people decide to stop doing sports... Being a teenager, there's sort of an expectation of how to be and what to do and what not to do. Lots of people just kind of grow out of the sport, or they want to do different things." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"I think our friends have such a big influence on us and we obviously care what they think. So, if you have friends in your team who can encourage you, then that really helps or even if they're not in your team and they just encourage or support you. A lot of the time it's easier to listen to friends than your parents. I think friends have a really big impact on what we do." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

Finances and thinking ahead to the future start to appear on the radar for rangatahi

- While there is an appreciation amongst rangatahi about the benefits of sport, as they get older, money becomes more of a priority.
- As rangatahi are planning ahead for their futures post high school, CV and job prospects are on their mind.
 - Is there an opportunity to turn organised sport into a leadership opportunity/way to incorporate sport into your CV?
- The practical element of sharing time and energy makes it difficult for rangatahi to balance sport, with parttime work, schoolwork, hanging out with friends and finding time for themselves.



"Playing sports is great for the hauora, but it doesn't look as good on a CV as volunteering or doing another job or extracurricular, like being in a leadership position. If I know that something is better for my time, if there's an option that I'll get better opportunities because of it I'll choose that over playing a game of netball." Female, 17-18 years, Pasifika

"I'd always work on a Saturday. I wanted to play netball with my friends socially, but I couldn't because I worked on a Saturday. So, it really restricts me from a few sports. Sometimes I'd have to work Sunday as well, but I'd also have [hockey] training at 7am on Monday. It felt like a never-ending cycle sometimes, playing sport and also working." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

"I work one day after school and one weekend day. So, I feel like I actually don't have time to play a sport, because I've also got studying on top of that too... I feel like I also need time to relax and kind of disconnect from school as well because you're there most days... If I didn't have a job, I'd probably do a sport." Female, 15-16 years, Pākehā

"I found it really hard once I started working because I would either let my boss down or my coach. It's like a lose-lose kind of situation. Working becomes a bigger thing because money becomes more of a priority. So, like, sports is kind of like pushed to the back of your head.." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā



- Rangatahi no longer need to connect and hang out physically with their friends, being able to connect via social media from their own homes.
- The way that rangatahi think about popularity has also been affected, historically and stereotypically being tied to sports, rangatahi now look to their peer's online presence.
 - Is sport losing social currency in the digital age?
- With the rise of TikTok and other short form media types, rangatahi are interested in keeping up with trends and learning viral dances, more than participating in traditional sport.



"When I started playing sport, I was only doing it to hang up my friends. So, I wasn't just by myself at home. That's been taken away with this generation because they can hang out with their friends on their phones at home [alone]. So, there's not the same want to go and do something because they already have it like right in front of them." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā

"When we thought about popular kids, we always thought of who was the fastest, and whoever played the most sport was the coolest. But now with social media, it's looking at who has the most followers and that's what we find more important now." Female, 17-18 years, Pasifika

"When I talk to my brothers, I loved playing sport at their age, but they just play games. They compare phones with their friends, they don't talk about sports at all, it's all about what's trending." Female, 17-18 years, Pasifika

"I used to coach a dance team. In the last few years, everyone wanted to come in and learn the TikTok dances and post their videos online." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā





- Not in the morning
- Not at lunch time at school (it increases the pressure)
- Parents and whanau watching, but encouragement only from the sidelines
- Some flexibility about playing and training
- Shorter games
- Keep the team level e.g. all people who are new to the sport in the same team
- Equipment is provided at games (or no equipment is needed)
- Emphasis on fun and fitness (rather than competition and winning)
- More social events
- Turning up to the game with your teammates
- Training to be interesting and be about getting better



"I haven't played football for a while, but I just filled in for one of my friend's team last weekend. I thought a 90-minute game was so long, because I wasn't used to it and like had done that much exercise in a while. So [my ideal game] would be a bit shorter because it was a bit of a shock to the system... We also had people coming late and leaving early because they had work, which didn't happen when we were younger, but is happening now. So, it would be better to have an hour to slot into your day." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā

"Everyone getting a ride to the game together so everyone can hype each other up as a team, jamming music, and getting in a good mindset together... When you're alone, turning up you could be overthinking things and getting anxious about not playing well, but when you turn up with your friends, you're focusing on the team." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā





- Rangatahi enjoy turning up to the game with other teammates to combat pre and post game nerves.
- They appreciate bonding opportunities with teammates, to gain connection and increase their enjoyment and fun.
- Rangatahi value sharing sport experiences with friends, or otherwise befriending teammates.

"Going to games together [as a team] rather than separately is also really good because then you can hype each other up before the game... Afterwards, just bonding and getting to know each other... I've experienced people on teams not liking each other... they didn't pass the ball to each other during the game, which would impact how the game turned out." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

"I'd want my friends playing with me, as well. So, it doesn't feel as lonely and isolating, not knowing anyone else. Or actually getting to know everyone else when your team already knows each other." Female, 17-18 years, Chinese

"If I was new [to a sport], I'd like to start playing with friends, because it would be a lot more comforting. And if that wasn't the case, making everyone on the team comes to training a bit earlier just to learn about each other beforehand, rather than playing a game with strangers because it's just not as fun but also causes quite a bit more anxiety when you're not sure what's going to happen, and you don't really know who anyone is." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā



- More opportunities to trial different types of sports.
- Something similar to the social leagues that are available for adults can we do something similar for rangatahi?
- Is training as we know it redundant?

Prioritise the following:

- 1. Progression,
- 2. Working with the individual, not the team,
- 3. Team bonding, and
- 4. Having fun.
- Balance parental involvement:
 - Continuing to educate (or creating rules) for parents on the sidelines.
 - Creating more autonomy for rangatahi to find alternate ways to get to game.



"I feel like it'd be better if the people playing the game, the people doing the trainings and wearing the uniforms had more of say... With trainings as well, I came into the game [hockey] quite late and I was really behind all the other girls, but I got put at the same training level as them and I had like no clue what I was doing." Female, 17-18 years, Pākehā



Why are rangatahi stopping playing organised sport?

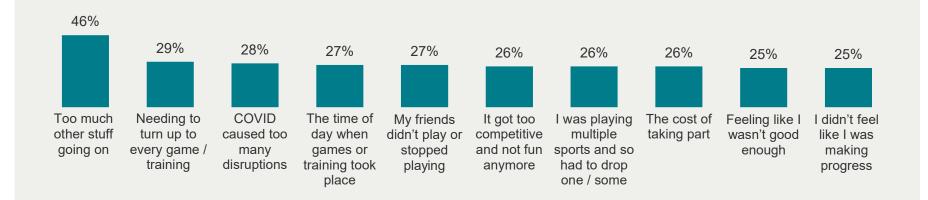
The number one reason is because they're too busy, but the structure of organised sport is also pushing rangatahi away.

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When we quantify the barriers identified in the qualitative research, pressure on their time stands out as the main reason rangatahi have lapsed from a particular organised sport. However, there are a range of reasons that are important in this decision and so to solve the issue of participation a multifaceted response is required.

The top 10 reasons why rangatahi stopped playing a particular organised sport:

% rated 4 or 5 out of 5, where 5=extremely important





Didn't enjoy it anymore and it was a lot of hours." (Female, lapsed swimming)

"Studies and a part time job take up too much time." (Female, lapsed netball)

How do barriers differ by sport played?

- There are no significant differences between which barriers are associated with which sports for the national survey.
- However, when the results from the national and Wellington region surveys are combined to provide a larger base size for the sports, we can see some barriers are more closely associated with certain sports. These are not necessarily the key barriers for these sports which are shown on the next slide but those which are significantly more of an issue.
 - Caution should be taken when interpretating these results as there will be a bias towards issues in the Wellington region for the RSO sports that participated in the survey. The relative differences are also depicted in the correspondence map on slide 39.



Hockey is more likely than average to be associated with the following barriers:

- The cost of taking part.
- · Worrying they'd do something wrong.
- Having to play outdoor sports in all weather conditions.
- A lack of fairness or transparency.



Cricket is more likely than average to be associated with the following barriers:

- The length of season being too long
- Amount of time required for games and training
- Doing the same things every week, it's getting boring.

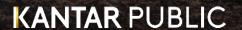


Netball is more likely than average to be associated a lack of fairness or transparency.



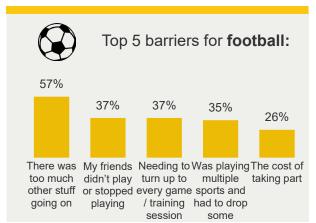
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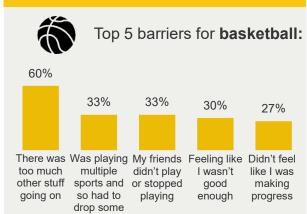
- Having to play outdoor sports in all weather conditions
- Parents/whanau not being supportive or encouraging enough
- Needing to turn up to every game and training.

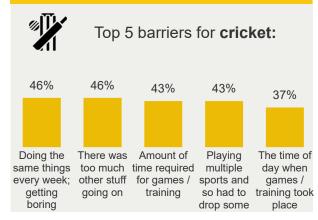


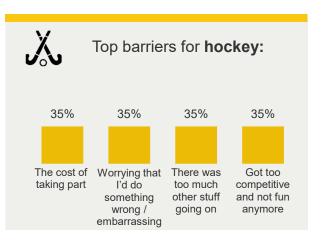
- The charts below outline the top barriers for each of the key sports, which do differ on a sport-by-sport basis.
- Again, these are based on the combined results from the national and Wellington region surveys to provide a larger base size. Caution should be taken when interpretating these results as there will be a bias towards issues in the Wellington region for the RSO sports that participated in the survey.

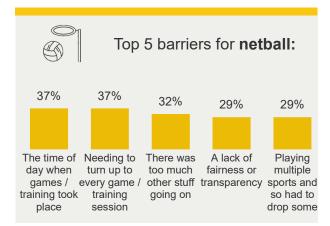
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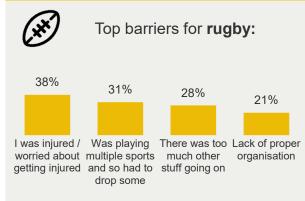


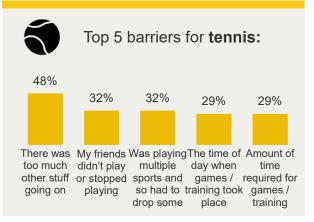












Apart from overcoming the barriers, what are some of the ways sports can encourage and optimise participation?



It is important to promote the benefits of playing organised sport to all rangatahi. There are many perceived benefits of organised sport that can be promoted. In particular the social aspect comes through strongly, as well an opportunity to progress and develop:

- 1. It's fun (60% of rangatahi participating in organised agree this is a main reason why they play).
- 2. I'm good at it (48%).
- 3. My friends play or I like my team mates (47%).
- 4. My parents/whānau support and encourage me in the right way (33%).
- 5. I get to progress/develop (32%).



"Advertise and let sport be portrayed as something that's there for people to simply have fun with."

"Talking to the younger people encourage them to come along to training sessions have the players talk to them about the sport."



Rangatahi agree that training should occur on weekdays – either shortly after school finishes (59% agree), or in the evenings (28%).



"Keep a consistent timetable for trainings etc, changing too much can cause people our age to quit cause a lot of us have part time jobs that we can't keep changing days."



Two thirds of rangatahi say making it easier to play for their club and also their school is an effective way to encourage them to continue playing.



Rangatahi want positive support from adult supporters at the games. 63% say that less bad or negative behaviour is an effective way to encourage continued participation.



"Talk to the parents, make the organised sport aware, make sure to make the sport look fun."



Having more social leagues, emphasising taking part and having fun rather than winning, is an effective way to encourage young people to continue with organised sport (55% of rangatahi say it would be effective). However, it's also important to continue offering rangatahi a more competitive alternative.



"Social leagues are a great place to start as there shouldn't be any pressure to win, it's purely for fun."



55% of rangatahi say increasing the number of young people who can make development squads is an effective way to encourage them to continue playing.



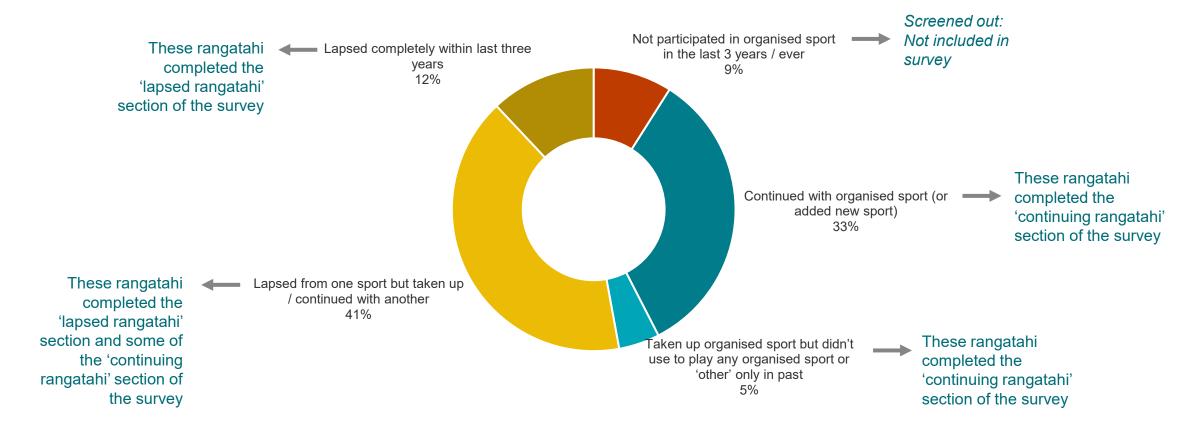
Rangatahi welcome the opportunity to have their say, and for it to feed into decision making for the organised sports (50% of rangatahi say it would be an effective way to encourage young people to continue with organised sport).



The breakdown of the rangatahi we invited to the national survey is outlined below. Of those invited, 9% had never participated in organised sport, or hadn't participated in the last three years, so didn't qualify to complete the survey. All rangatahi who qualified for the survey answered the 'all rangatahi' questions, as well as their relevant participation sections.

All rangatahi

Breakdown of rangatahi invited to the national survey







Rangatahi overwhelmingly have positive connotations with sport and being physically active. The words they most closely associate it with (from a prompted list) include fitness, fun, and teamwork...

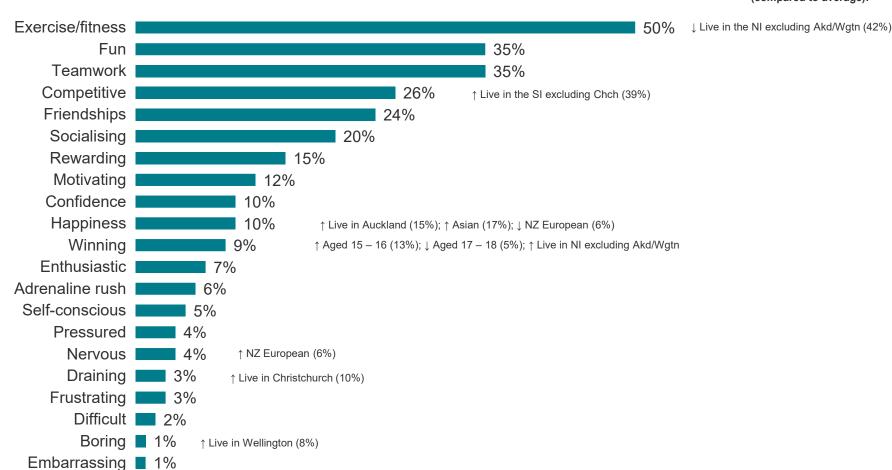
Feelings or phrases associate most with playing sport

All rangatahi

Subgroup significant differences (compared to average):

Net positive: 97%

Net negative: 14%

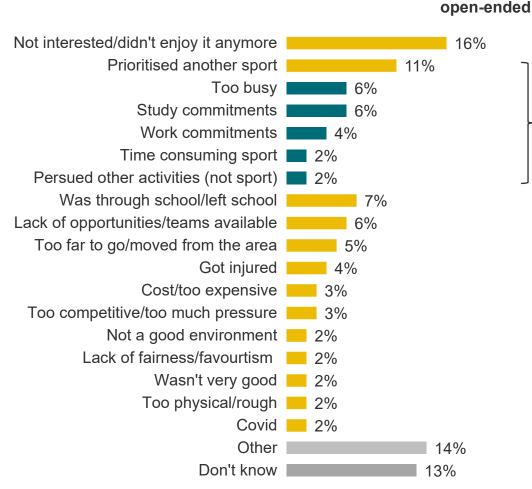






As we've seen from the qualitative stage there's a range of reasons why rangatahi stop playing organised sport. When we ask rangatahi in an open-ended question, the most common reason they stopped playing is losing interest and being too busy.





Net 'busy':

- Including 'prioritised another sport': 29%
- Excluding above: 18%





^{*}Only reasons 2% or higher are shown, otherwise they are combined under 'other'.

Q9. You mentioned you used to play / do [DP: INSERT SPORT FROM Q5=YES] as part of a team or club, but don't currently. Can you please let us know why this is?

Some of the verbatim comments about why rangatahi don't play a particular organised sport anymore...

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Not interested/didn't enjoy it anymore

"Got bored of it and preferred chilling with my mates." (Male, lapsed basketball)

"Got bored with training." (M, lapsed tennis)

"Lost interest and decided to try other sport." (Female, lapsed netball)

"Didn't want to use my free time playing and practicing." (F, lapsed netball)

"Went to senior school and didn't want to any more." (F, lapsed hockey)

"It felt like it got too pressured and I got too nervous to enjoy it anymore." (F, lapsed netball)

"The pressure and competitiveness were too much for me and I didn't enjoy it any more." (F. lapsed football) 66

Prioritised another sport

"Teams were run by teachers who only wanted to win. As a result in most games only the top two batters and four bowlers 'had a go', the rest of us just stood around and we were not even given any real coaching. That's [XX] for you! I took up 'e' racing GT and have become NZ champion .. get free 'real' trips to US, Japan, Austria, etc." (M, lapsed cricket)

"Got injured badly and decided I would like to start playing squash." (M, lapsed football)

"Overlap of seasons and I always was disadvantaged with football team selections when I was playing cricket as well. I still love cricket but just don't play competitively." (M, lapsed cricket) 6

Too busy (general)

"Lack of time and opportunities." (M, lapsed cricket)

"Just lost interest and didn't have time in my schedule." (M, lapsed futsal)

"Life got to busy got an after-school job."

(F, lapsed netball)

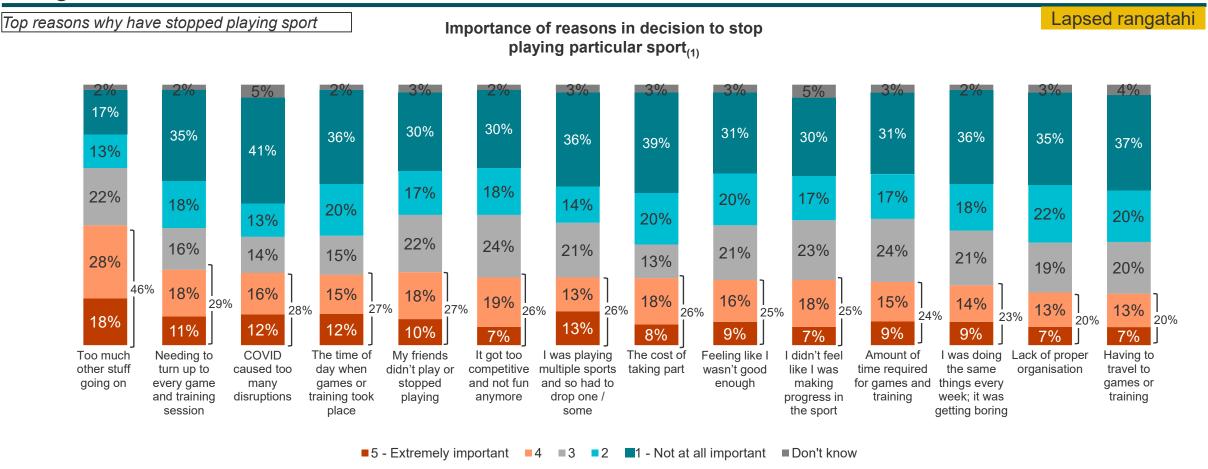
"Only have time for hockey now I work part time."
(F, lapsed football)

"I got too buy with school and I couldn't join my local club and my old club was too far away." (F, lapsed football)





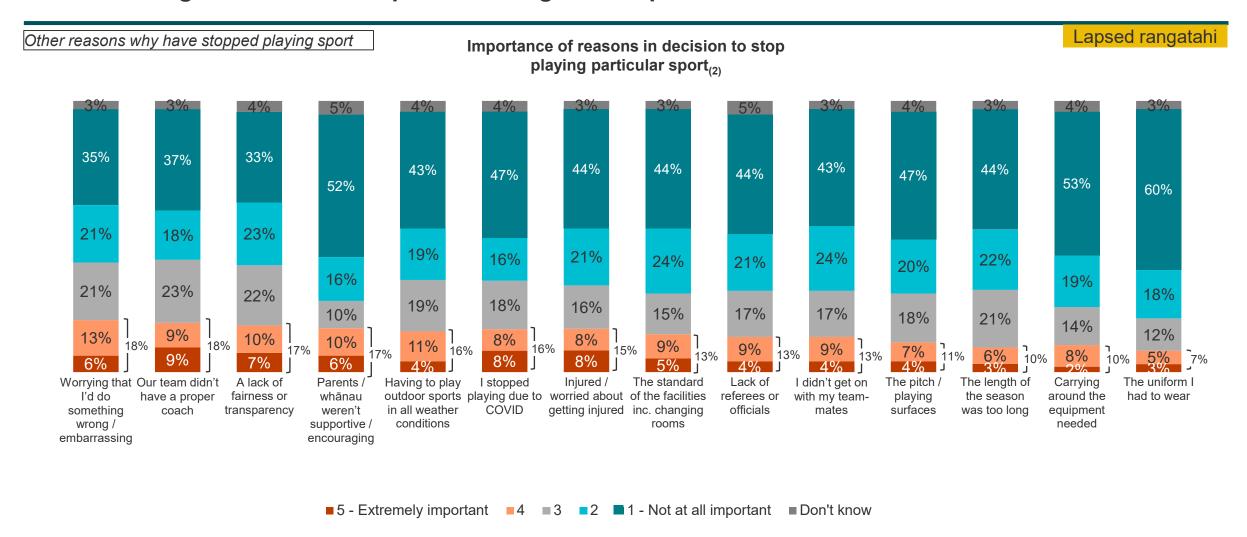
We then prompted rangatahi with different barriers (generated from the qualitative research) and asked them to rate how important each one was in their decision to stop playing. When we measure these reasons, there are a range of barriers perceived as important, but the most decisive one is a lack of time due to other things going on. This slide shows the leading barriers.







The remaining barriers are of lesser importance at an overall level, and are seen as important by less than one in five rangatahi who have lapsed from organised sport.









How do the top barriers differ by rangatahi: NZ European (significantly) and Māori rangatahi are less likely to think many of the top barriers are important, whereas Asian rangatahi are more likely to think they are important. As rangatahi get older they have more and more on their plate to contend with.

% rated 4 or 5 out of 5, where i=extremely important	All rangatahi n=231	Males n=106	Females n=124	Aged 15 – 16 n=121	Aged 17 – 18 _{n=110}	NZ European n=160	Māori n=47	Asian n=32
Too much other stuff going on	46%	49%	44%	41%	51%	41%↓	38%	61%
Needing to turn up to every game and training session	/9%	28%	30%	33%	25%	26%	33%	41%
COVID caused too many disruptions	28%	28%	28%	26%	29%	23%↓	32%	37%
The time of day when games or training took place	21%	23%	31%	23%	31%	24%	28%	41%
My friends didn't play or stopped playing	27%	27%	28%	26%	28%	29%	17%	33%
It got too competitive and not fun anymore	26%	24%	29%	23%	30%	27%	25%	35%
I was playing multiple sports and so had to drop one / some		27%	24%	24%	27%	25%	23%	28%
The cost of taking part	26%	28%	24%	29%	23%	23%	25%	34%
Feeling like I wasn't good enough	25%	29%	21%	26%	24%	24%	12%↓	33%
I didn't feel like I was making progress in the sport	25 %	26%	23%	25%	24%	22%	20%	28%
Amount of time required for games and training	24%	21%	27%	20%	28%	20%↓	23%	39%
I was doing the same things every week; it was getting boring	7.5%	25%	21%	23%	23%	23%	17%	28%
Lack of proper organisation	20%	22%	19%	17%	23%	15%↓	23%	37%↑
Having to travel to games or training	20%	19%	20%	22%	17%	14%↓	18%	40%↑
10%-points+ lower than all rangatahi 5-9%-points+ lower than all rangatahi 5-9%-points higher than all rangatahi 10%-points+ higher than all rangatahi								

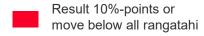


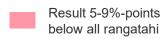


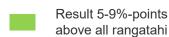


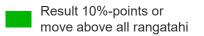
How do the remaining barriers differ by rangatahi: NZ European (significantly) are less likely to think many of the barriers on this slide are important, whereas Asian and Māori rangatahi are more likely to think they are important.

% rated 4 or 5 out of 5, where 5=extremely important	All rangatahi n=231	Males n=106	Females n=124	Aged 15 – 16 n=121	Aged 17 – 18 _{n=110}	NZ European n=160	Māori n=47	Asian n=32
Worrying that I'd do something wrong / embarrassing	18%	20%	17%	19%	18%	19%	10%	22%
Our team didn't have a proper coach	18%	22%	15%	16%	20%	15%	22%	22%
A lack of fairness or transparency	17%	21%	14%	19%	15%	14%	17%	25%
Parents/whanau weren't supportive / encouraging	17%	19%	15%	20%	13%	12%↓	14%	37%↑
Having to play outdoor sports in all weather conditions	10.70	12%	19%	13%	18%	14%	13%	23%
I stopped playing due to COVID	16%	18%	15%	17%	15%	14%	14%	25%
Injured / worried about getting injured	15%	14%	16%	12%	19%	13%	22%	22%
The standard of the facilities including the changing rooms	1.5%	14%	13%	10%	16%	10%↓	13%	22%
Lack of referees or officials	13%	18%	9%	14%	12%	9%↓	10%	26%
I didn't get on with my team mates	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	10%	8%	25%
The pitch / playing surface	11%	13%	10%	8%	14%	6%↓	16%	20%
The length of the season was too long	10%	9%	10%	11%	9%	9%	15%	15%
Carrying around the equipment needed	10%	10%	9%	11%	8%	5%↓	8%	21%
The uniform I had to wear	7%	9%	7%	5%	10%	4%↓	6%	22%↑















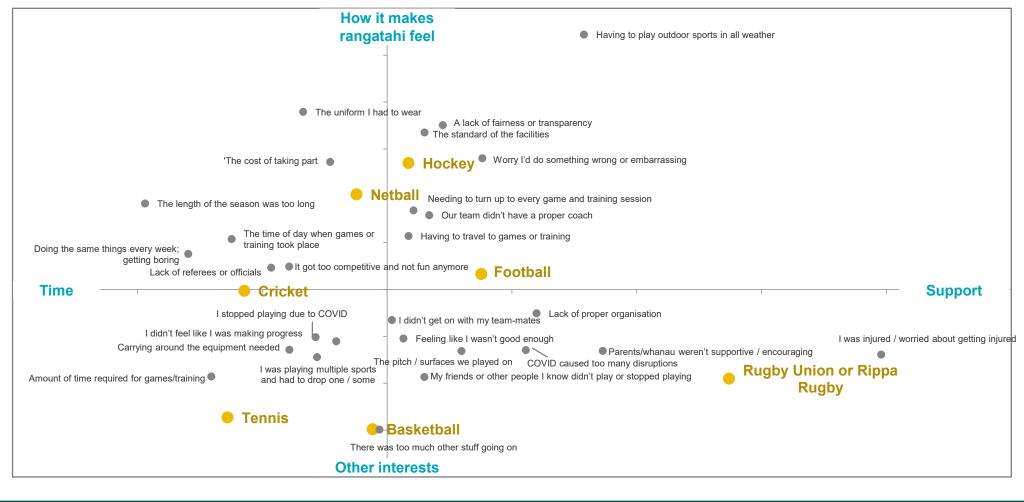
We can also map the sports* to the barriers, for a visual representation of the barrier skews for each of the sports. The closer a barrier is to the centre, the less defining it is of any of the sports because it has been chosen an average amount of times and therefore is not significantly associated with any one particular sport. Some of the skews this map shows, for example, are rangatahi who've lapsed from rugby union are relatively more likely to say it's because of concerns over getting injured, while uniforms are relatively more of an issue in hockey or netball than other sports.

Lapsed rangatahi

The key measures for analysing correspondence maps are:

- The closer the barrier to each sport the more its relatively associated with the sport.
- Distance from the centre to the sport – the further away from the middle it is, the more distinct the sport.
- Distance from the centre to the barrier – the further away from the middle it is, the more it discriminates between sports.
- Sports/barriers that are opposite to each other – considered to be opposites/different.

*Due to the base sizes for the individual sports this correspondence map is based on combined National + Wellington region data, so there may be some bias towards the Wellington Region sports due to the number of respondents who completed that survey.





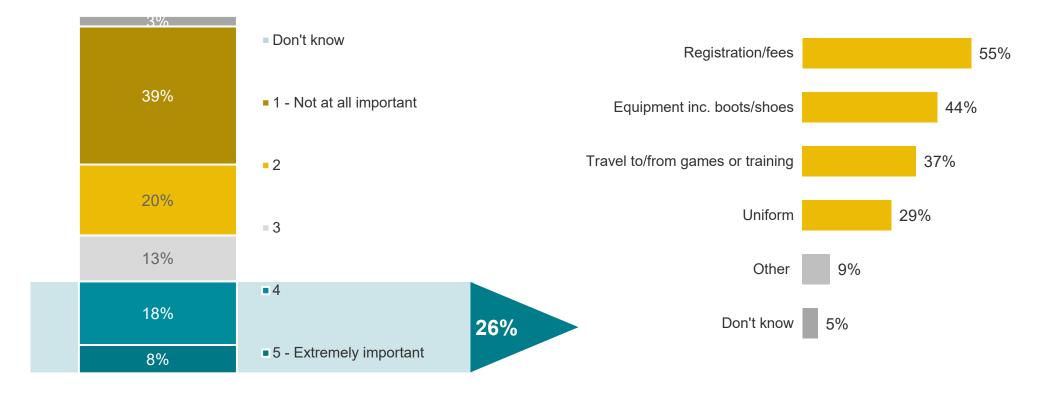


Overall, a quarter of rangatahi said the cost of taking part was an important reason in their decision to stop playing. In particular they were referring to the registration fees, equipment, and travel costs.

Lapsed rangatahi

The cost of taking part (i.e., registration, uniform, travel, equipment) as a reason to stop playing

Which costs in particular were an influence



Base: National survey who have lapsed from organised sport, n=231

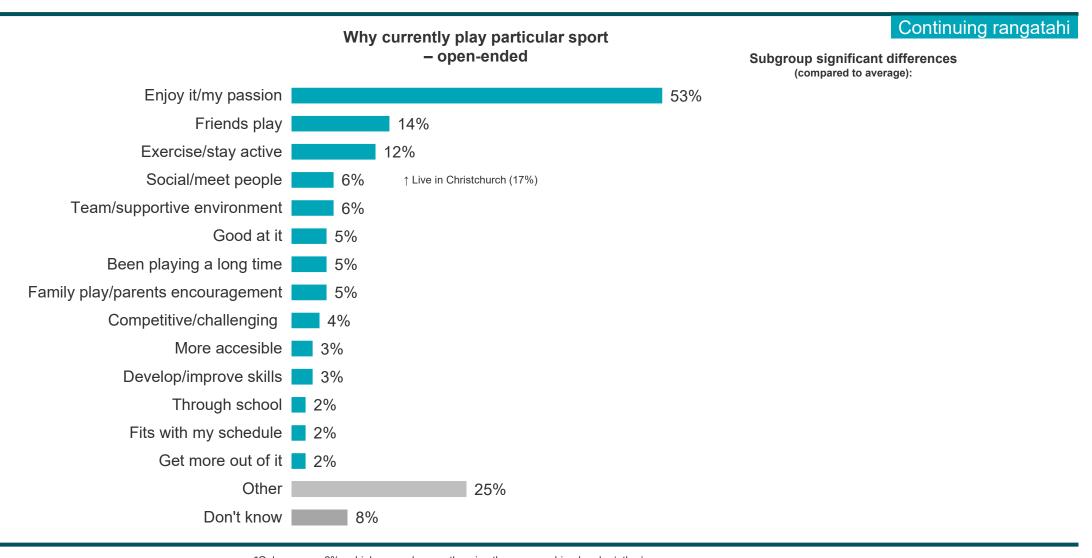
Base: National survey for who the cost of taking part influenced their decision to stop playing, n=60







Rangatahi who currently play organised sport overwhelmingly say it's because they enjoy it: it's fun and they love the game.





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Some of the verbatim comments about why rangatahi continue to play a particular organised sport...

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Enjoy it/my passion

"It's my passion, friendships and teamwork and drive." (Female, cricket)

"Love the sport and have lots of my friends participate." (F, netball)

"I love it, I have a lot of friends around the country, good for discipline, and I am a role model for younger gymnasts which is very rewarding."

(F, gymnastics)

"Because it's a great sport and I grew up playing it with my older brother and in general just a really fun and great sport to play." (Male, basketball)

"I love the game and enjoy playing. It is a team sport and there are a lot of friends." (M, football)

"Started because all my friends and family played and now I love it." (F, netball)



My friends play

"Because it's fun meeting new people and I enjoy the competitive side of it." (F, football)

"Because I play with my friends and it's super fun. It gets me moving and I really enjoy it, even if I don't win." (F, tennis)

"I am at university now and we had a tournament between all the different halls. I wanted to have a go at it with my new friends. I've never had the chance to play it before and this was an all-girls team with people I know."

(F, rugby)

"I have been playing since I was 5 years old, it is a fun sport to play with your friends and is good fitness.' (M, football)

"I love the games, the friendships and the winning:-)." (F. rugby sevens)



Exercise/stay active

"The fitness, the competition, feeling good in myself." (M, athletics)

"Play with my friends. Get and keep fit. Parental interest and support. My grandmother played for the Silver Ferns." (F, netball)

"I love playing rugby - the physicality of it." (M, rugby)

"Fun and competitive. Good fitness. Organised well and structured." (M, basketball)

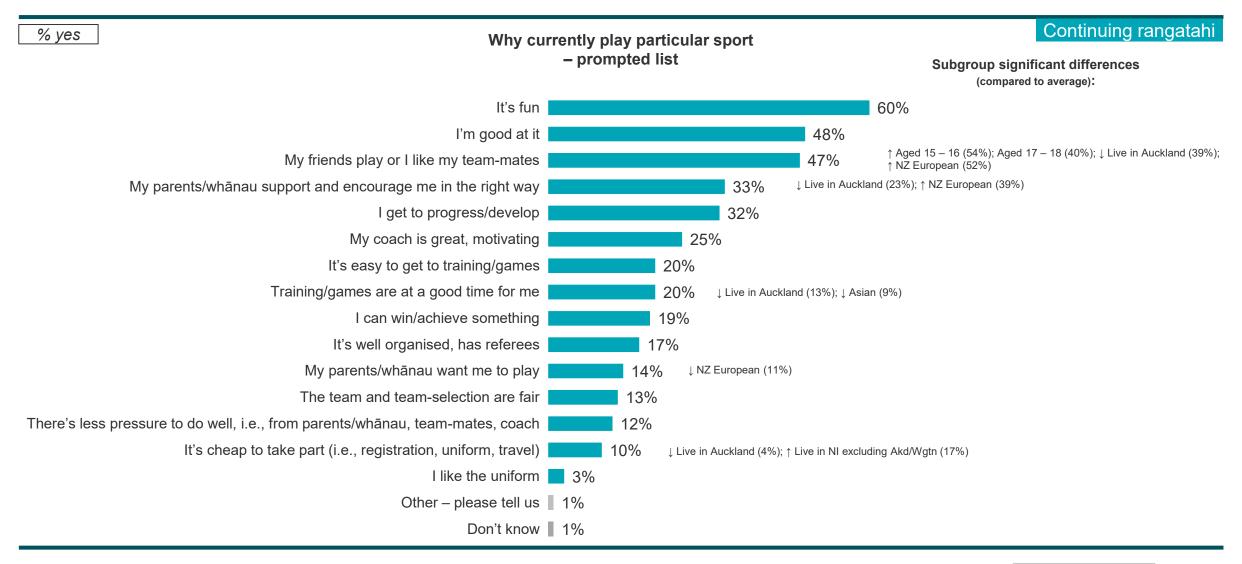
"I have always played netball. I have been told that I am rather good at it. I find that the level of competition is just right and the level of physicality is ideal." (F, netball)

"To stay fit, I enjoy it, I feel confident playing it, my friends play, I'm good at the position I play and I like that recognition." (M, rugby)





When prompted, rangatahi say they play organised sport because it is fun and they enjoy the camaraderie. They also play because they're good at it, want to develop, and their family encourages them.





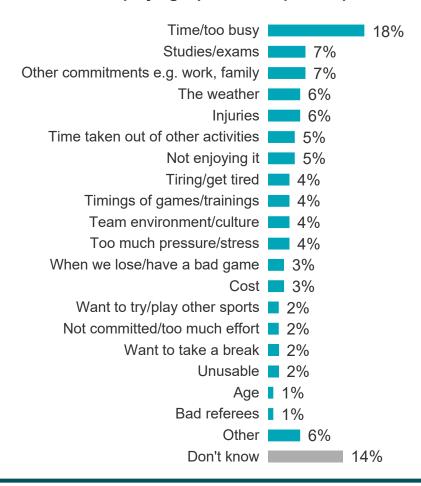


Around half of the rangatahi we asked had considered stopping playing their particular sport. We asked why they have considered no longer playing in an open-ended question, and again, the main reasons relate to being too busy and a lack of time:

% yes

Main reasons sometimes think about not playing a particular sport – open-ended

Continuing rangatahi (excluding lapsed one sport, taken up another)

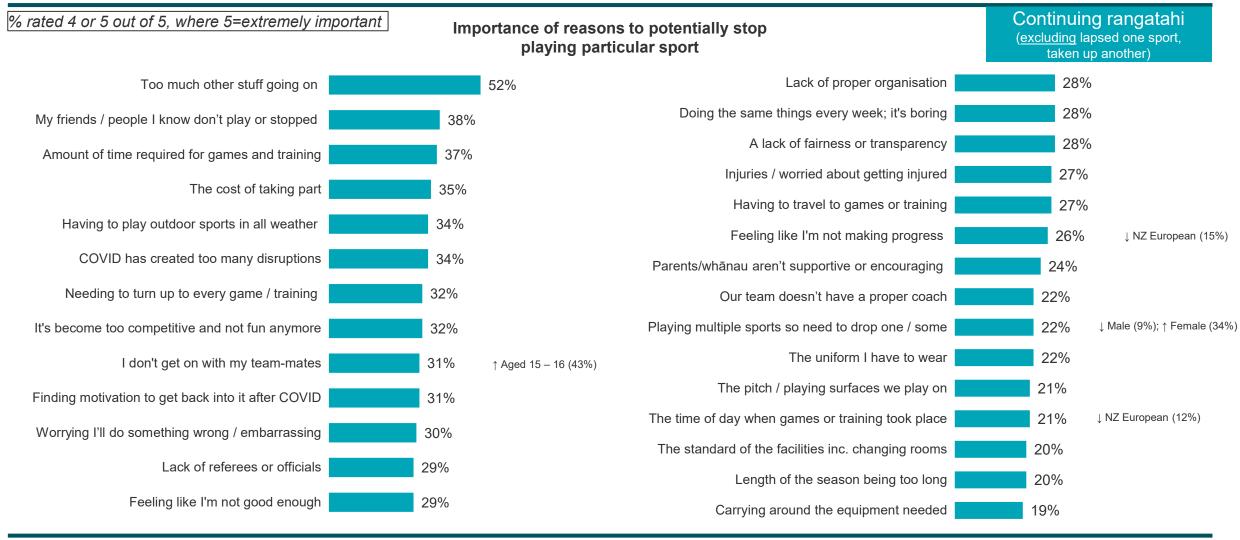








We then prompted these rangatahi with the barriers (generated from the qualitative research) and asked them to rate how important each one was when considering whether they should stop playing. Again, we can see multiple factors come into play, but a lack of time was the main barrier (e.g., exams, work, socialising, other hobbies). This mirrors what we see for lapsed rangatahi.

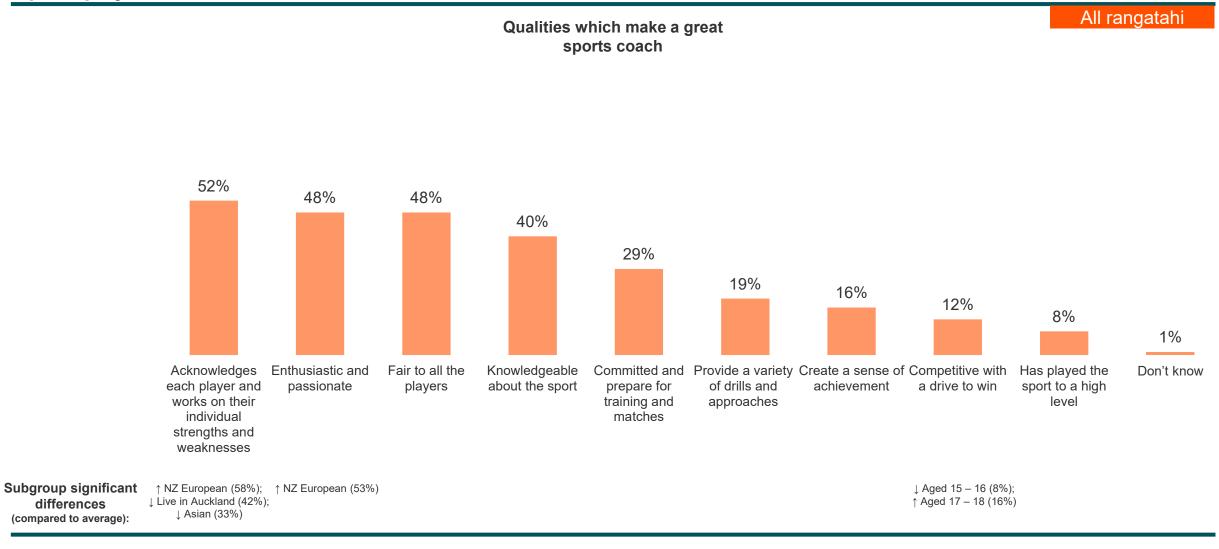








All rangatahi believe a great sports coach has to display a range of behaviours. It is of particular importance that coaches acknowledge each player and works with them to improve their game. They also need to show enthusiasm, as well as a sense of fairness. The absence of these attributes reflects some of the frustration earlier expressed by lapsed players.

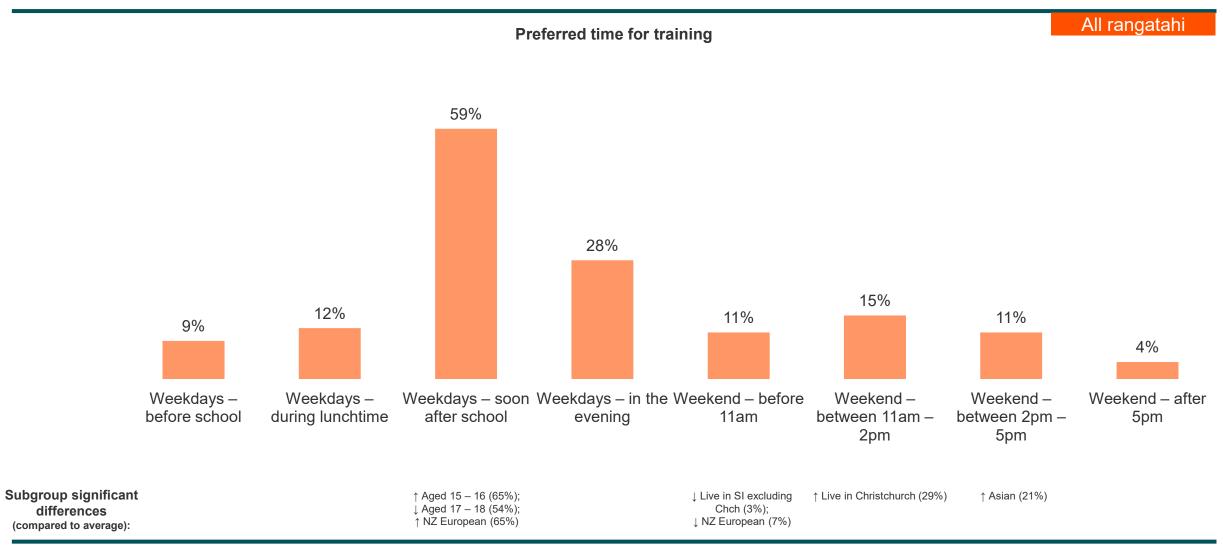








The most popular time for training is during the week soon after school, or secondly on weekday evenings.





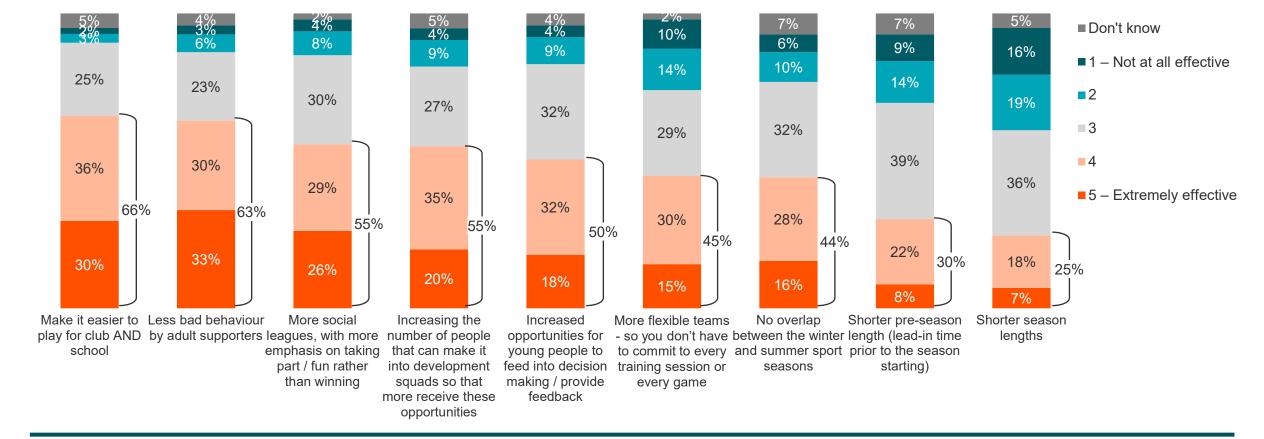




Rangatahi are positive about many of the suggested initiatives to encourage participation in organised sport. In particular they think it would be effective if the sports system could make it easier for rangatahi to play for clubs and schools; if there were less bad behaviour from adult supporters; more social leagues; and an increase in the numbers of rangatahi that can participate in development squads.

Effectiveness of initiatives in encouraging young people to continue with organised sport

All rangatahi

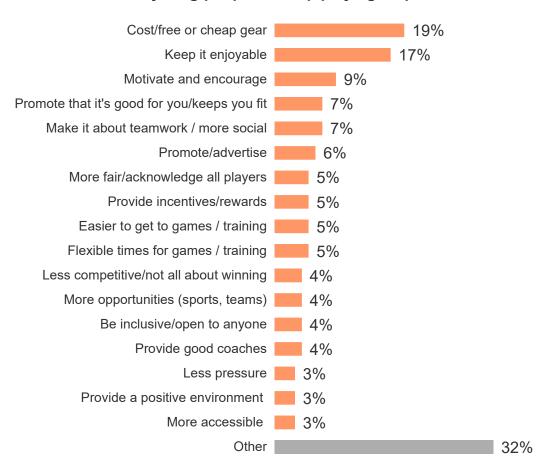






When asked (spontaneously) what could make the difference to continued participation in organised sport, rangatahi mention making playing organised sport more affordable (reducing fees, free or cheap equipment) and keeping it fun and enjoyable.

How organised sport should encourage young people to keep playing – open-ended





All rangatahi

Affordable price, and provide basic gear for free. (Male)

Reducing costs, more promotion of the different kinds of sports there are. (Female)

Be inclusive, helping newcomers know how to play the game, not assume we know. Have less competitive groups. Make sure everyone gets a fair go and time on the court. Help with costs for those who have not got the funds. (M)

For team sports I think a huge reason people drop out is because of the coaching and the selection of teams. So to encourage kids to continue sports we need to improve these aspects. (F)

Keep in mind the times that suit the majority of the team, have some fun days where people can have a go and advertising. (M)

Make it more fun for the guys that love it but aren't in the top teams. (M)

Have social and competitive teams, so if you have to play a sport you can play in a team more focussed on fun. (M)

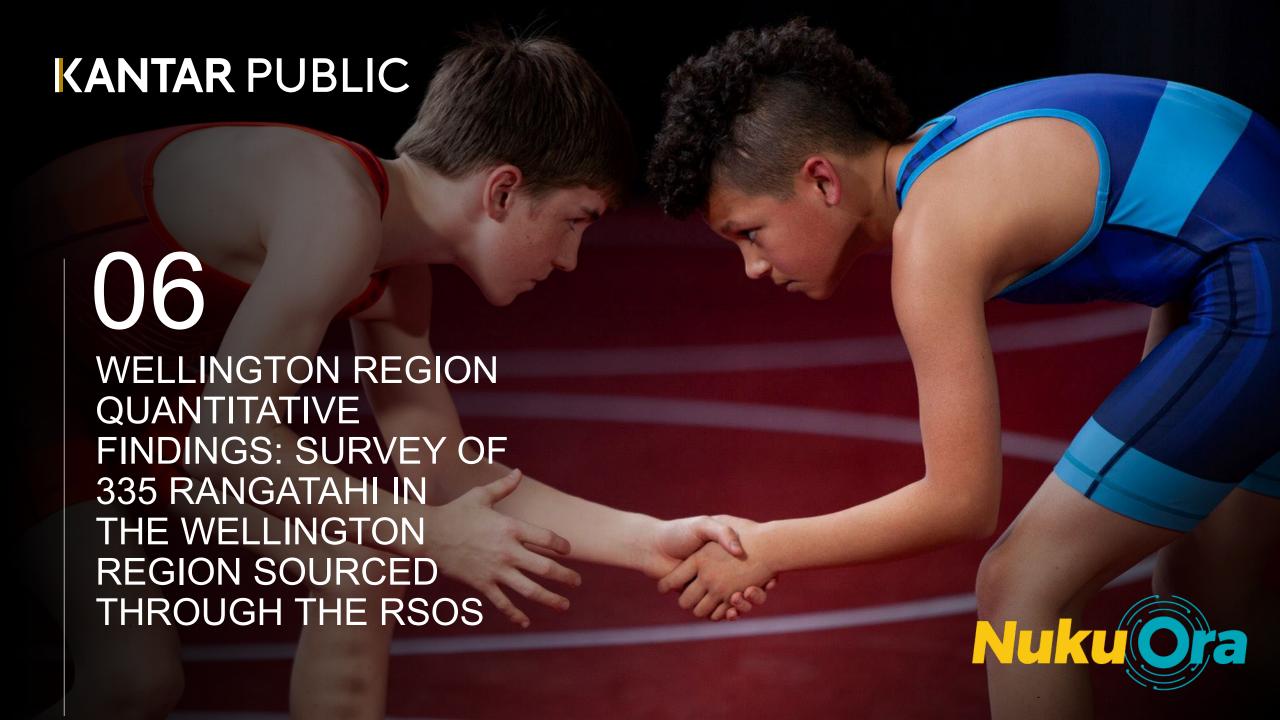
Start later in the day make it fun and free indoor netball was great, give parents somewhere to go while playing with coffee. (F)

Provide options for game and training times and allow mates to organise their teams so that they have mates in their teams. (M)

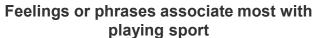
Keeping teams together, incentivising players at schools to be involved and committed. (F)







The three key words rangatahi in the Wellington region associate with sports are competitive, fitness, and fun.



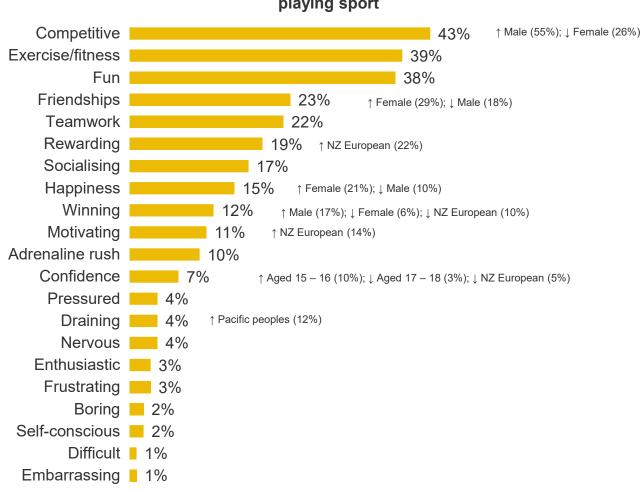
Wellington region: All rangatahi

Subgroup significant differences (compared to average):

Net positive: 97%

Net negative: 17%

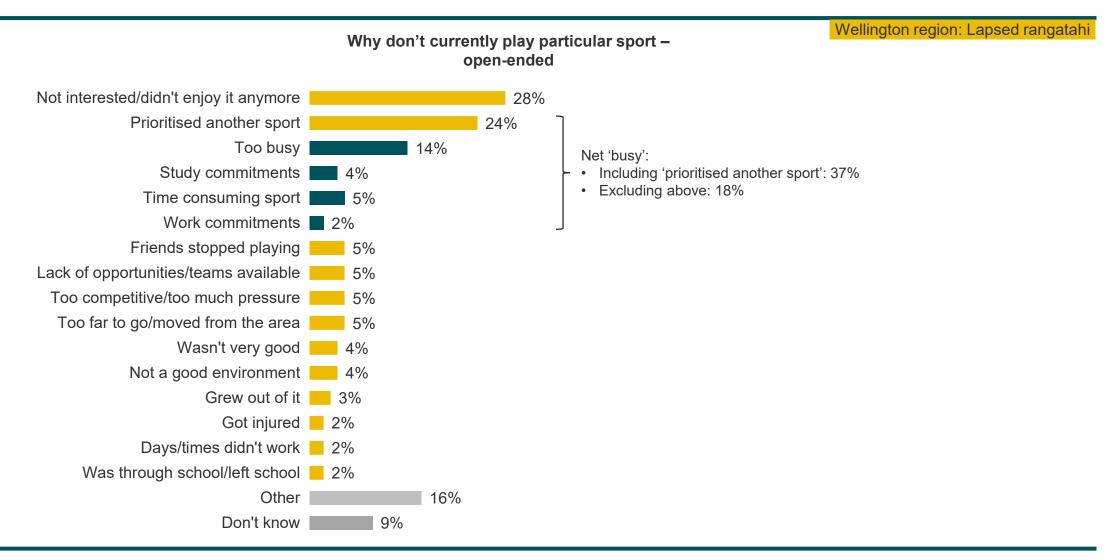
↑ Female (26%) ↓ Male (9%)







A lack of interest or enjoyment, and other competing priorities help explain why rangatahi in the Wellington region stop playing organised sport.







Q9. You mentioned you used to play / do [DP: INSERT SPORT FROM Q5=YES] as part of a team or club, but don't currently. Can you please let us know why this is?

Some of the verbatim comments about why they stopped playing a particular organised sport...

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Not interested/didn't enjoy it anymore

"I decided I wanted to focus on other sports I enjoy more. In the winter I focus on hockey obviously. But then in summer last year I was doing tennis, volleyball and touch and it was just a bit too much so I decided to narrow it down in the summer to my two favourites." (Female, lapsed touch rugby)

"They kept putting us in the wrong grade so it wasn't fun. The refs were biased and the other girls from the other team were sometimes real rude." (F, lapsed netball)

"Negative culture. I loved the game but it wasn't fun anymore so I decided it best to stop playing." (Male, lapsed football)

"Loss of enjoyment, began to get injured frequently. Standing down from the sport was the safest option." (F. lapsed rugby union) 66

Prioritised another sport

"I had to stop to do rowing as it was a big time commitment." (M, lapsed cricket)

"The culture wasn't the best, hockey and netball clashed." (F. lapsed netball)

"As it is a high-intensity and also time-consuming sport, I didn't have much time to do my school work or any other sports that I was wanting to do." (F, lapsed rowing)

"I stopped doing dance because I didn't have many friends in the class and I only did it for fun, I also wanted to free up some time to do other sports." (F, lapsed dance)

"The days/times didn't work anymore, and netball was getting more important." (F, lapsed hockey)

"Takes too long, prefer to focus on basketball."

(M, lapsed cricket)

Base: National survey who have lapsed from organised sport, n=207

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Too busy (general)

"Had too many trainings, I didn't have enough time to do all my sports, so had to decide which sports to focus on." (F, lapsed triathlon)

"I was apart of at team at [XX] college in year 10 with a group of friends and it was an amazing experience but the next year when we all went up to play again there weren't enough people that wanted to play so [XX] decide to not go forward with the team and after that myself and my friends became year 12's and then year 13's and it got too much as the floorball season was in term 4 which is when exams start. So we never went back to playing it." (F, lapsed floorball)

"I got a job and no longer have time for this."
(M, lapsed Climbing)

"Because I have other sports I need to prioritise and lots of exams as well so I don't have time." (F, lapsed netball)



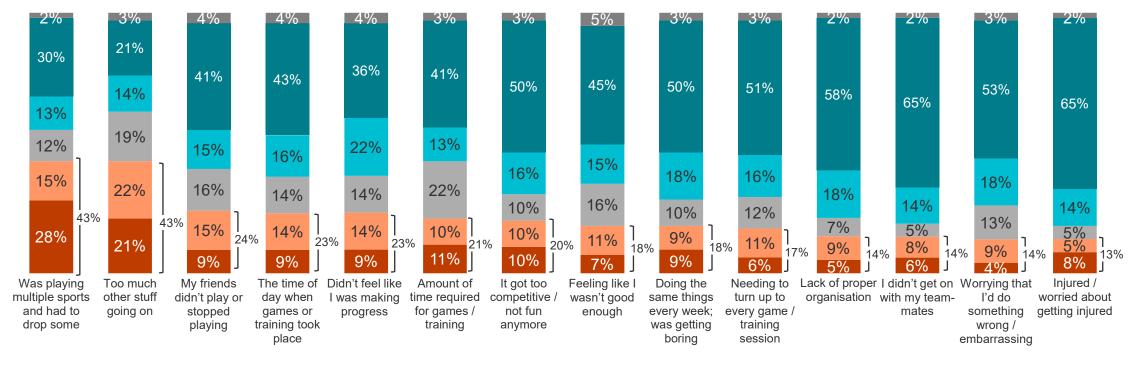


We prompted rangatahi in the Wellington region with different barriers (identified in the qualitative stage) and asked them to rate how important each one was in their decision to stop playing. There are a range of reasons why they stopped playing a particular sport, in particular because they were playing numerous sports and had to drop one/some, or had too many other things going on (e.g., exams, work, socialising, or other hobbies).

Top reasons why have stopped playing sport

Wellington region: Lapsed rangatahi

Importance of reasons in decision to stop playing particular sport₍₁₎

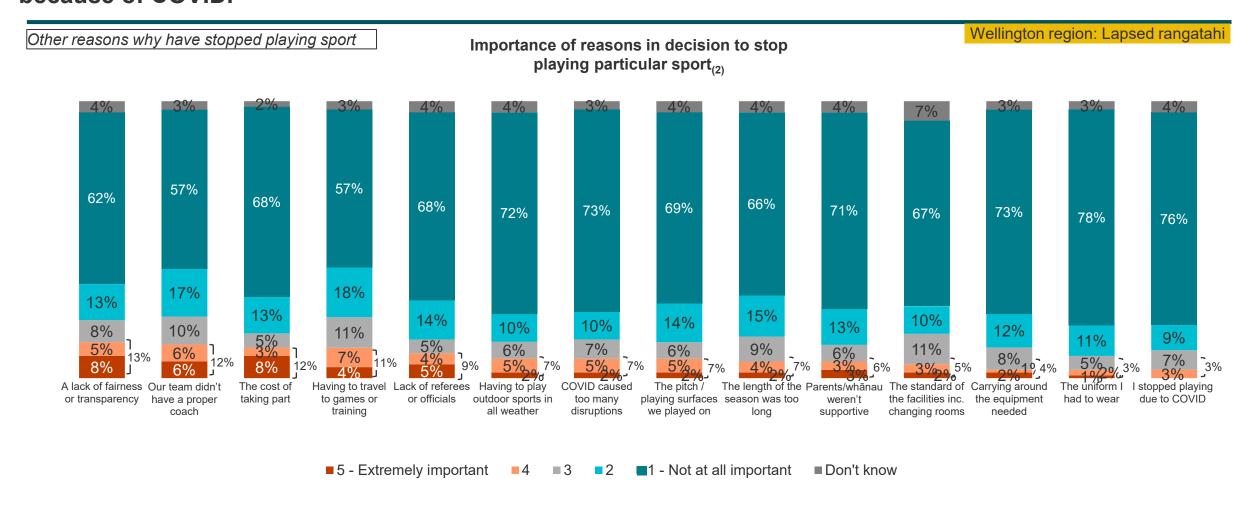








Cont'd. This slide shows some of the barriers that are of lesser importance at an overall level. It is worth noting that 7% of respondents blame the disruptions caused by COVID, while 3% say they stopped playing because of COVID.





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How do the top barriers differ by rangatahi: female rangatahi (significantly) and Māori rangatahi are more likely to think the cost involved, it's too competitive, and not feeling good enough are important. Māori rangatahi are also more likely to view COVID disruptions and lack of organisation as important barriers. Older rangatahi are more likely to have outside conflicts for their time.

% rated 4 or 5 out of 5, where 5=extremely important	All rangatahi n=207	Males n=114	Females n=90	Aged 15 – 16 _{n=134}	Aged 17 – 18 _{n=73}	NZ European n=164	Māori n=29
Too much other stuff going on	43%	41%	46%	37% ↓	55% ↑	43%	28%
Needing to turn up to every game and training session	17%	15%	20%	21%	11%	17%	21%
COVID caused too many disruptions	7%	6%	8%	6%	8%	6%	24%
The time of day when games or training took place	23%	21%	26%	20%	27%	22%	14%
My friends didn't play or stopped playing	24%	22%	24%	20%	30%	25%	21%
It got too competitive and not fun anymore	20%	14% ↓	27% ↑	19%	22%	20%	28%
I was playing multiple sports and so had to drop one / some	43%	41%	47%	40%	48%	45%	41%
The cost of taking part	11%	6%↓	18% ↑	10%	14%	9%	24%
Feeling like I wasn't good enough	18%	11% ↓	26% ↑	19%	16%	18%	28%
I didn't feel like I was making progress in the sport	23%	19%	27%	24%	22%	20%	31%
Amount of time required for games and training	21%	24%	19%	19%	25%	20%	24%
I was doing the same things every week; it was getting boring	18%	19%	18%	21%	14%	18%	10%
Lack of proper organisation	14%	11%	19%	14%	15%	12%	31%
Having to travel to games or training	12%	11%	12%	11%	12%	9%	14%
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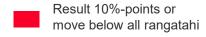


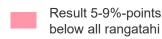
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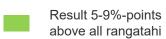


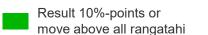
How do the remaining barriers differ by rangatahi: females (significantly) and Māori rangatahi are more likely to think a lack of fairness is important. Older rangatahi are more likely to think COVID disruptions and injury worries are important barriers. NZ European are less likely to think many of the barriers on this slide are important, whereas Māori rangatahi are more likely to think they are important.

% rated 4 or 5 out of 5, where 5=extremely important	All rangatahi n=207	Males n=114	Females n=90	Aged 15 – 16 _{n=134}	Aged 17 – 18 _{n=73}	NZ European n=164	Māori n=29
Worrying that I'd do something wrong / embarrassing	13%	11%	14%	13%	12%	10%	14%
Our team didn't have a proper coach	12%	11%	14%	13%	11%	9%↓	24%
A lack of fairness or transparency	13%	5% ↓	23% ↑	13%	12%	12%	21%
Parents/whanau weren't supportive / encouraging	6%	4%	8%	6%	5%	5%	10%
Having to play outdoor sports in all weather conditions	7%	5%	10%	8%	5%	7%	14%
I stopped playing due to COVID	24%	22%	24%	20%	30%	25%	21%
Injured / worried about getting injured	14%	15%	11%	10%	21%	13%	14%
The standard of the facilities including the changing rooms	5%	5%	6%	4%	7%	6%	10%
Lack of referees or officials	9%	5%	14%	10%	7%	8%	24%
I didn't get on with my team mates	14%	11%	16%	15%	12%	14%	31%
The pitch / playing surface	7%	8%	7%	6%	10%	6%	10%
The length of the season was too long	7%	7%	7%	5%	10%	6%	7%
Carrying around the equipment needed	3%	4%	2%	4%	1%	1% ↓	17%
The uniform I had to wear	3%	1%	7%	2%	5%	3%	3%













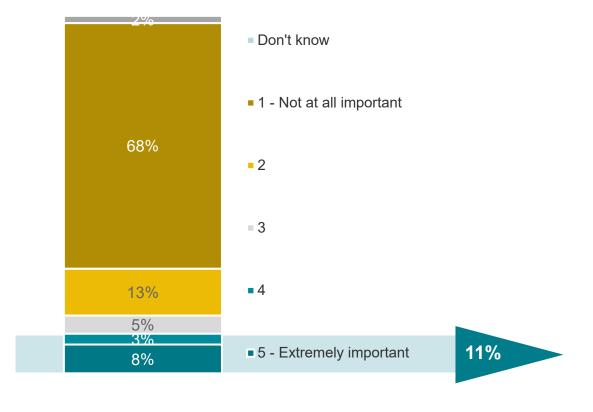


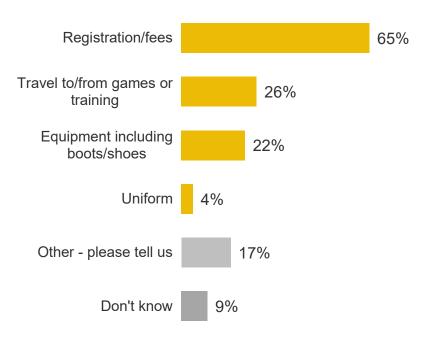
One in ten rangatahi in the Wellington region say the cost involved was important in their decision to stop playing. Of these rangatahi, the registration fees were the main reason.

Wellington region: Lapsed rangatahi

The cost of taking part (i.e., registration, uniform, travel, equipment) as a reason to stop playing







Base: Wellington region survey who have lapsed from organised sport, n=207

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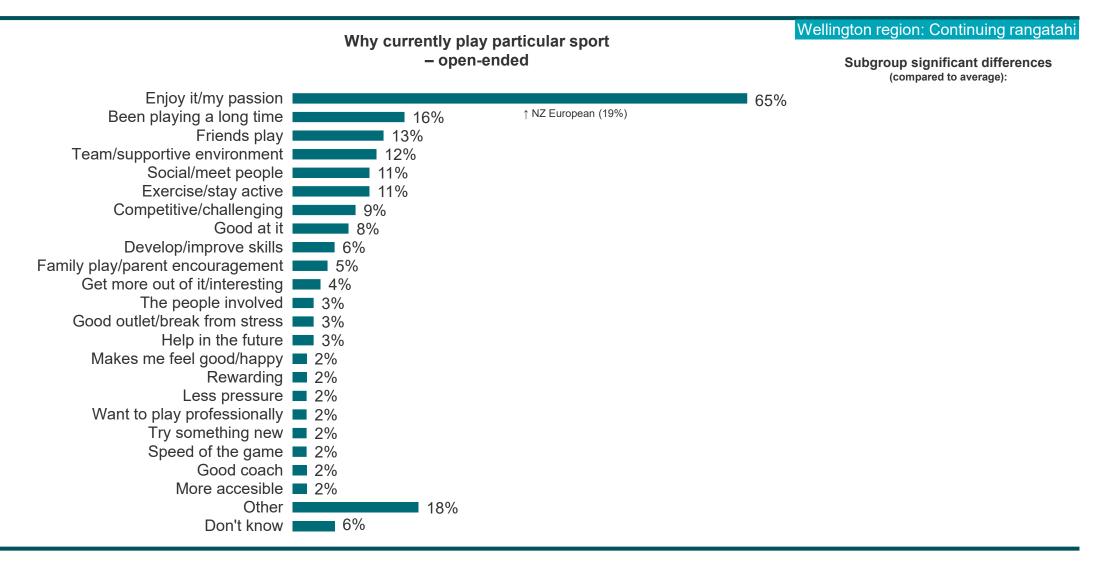
Base: Wellington region survey for who the cost of taking part influenced their decision to stop playing, n=23







The main reason why rangatahi in the Wellington region say they play organised sport is because of enjoyment: they love it and it's fun.







Some of the verbatim comments about why rangatahi continue to play a particular organised sport...

Enjoy it/my passion

"I enjoy playing football at a competitive level and I'm alright at it so it's more fun to play rather then other sports." (Male, football)

"I have played since I was young and enjoy playing with others. I also play because I'm fit and enjoy the sport." (Female, netball)

"I enjoy the sport more, and I our team is very close. Trainings are enjoyable, and therefore I feel like I progress more." (F, volleyball)

"Because I love netball and I have played it even since I was little. It also helps me to keep fit and active while enjoying what I am doing, I also have always had friends in my team so that has been fun. It also is a great way to socialize and meet new people." (F, netball)

"Still play hockey because most of my friendships and social relationships involve hockey, If I didn't have hockey I would be sad and lonely and unfit. The focus, competition. friendships and close relationships that hockey supports are very important to me. Hockey is an outlet for me away from school or work. I enjoy training and competing. (M, hockey)



Been playing a long time

"I always have played it and it's my favourite sport that I get the most fun out of." (M. football)

"I love sport it makes me happy. I've been doing it for 12 years and enjoy learning more and more new skills. I also do it to keep fit and healthy. And I like working as part of a team..." (F, hockey)

"I've played since I was five, I play competitively so there's been motivation to get better and make the best team, it's a great sport. On the other hand futsal was social and so I had no particular motivation to continue." (M. hockey)

"I started young and built up skill, confidence, and fitness to perform well enough that I can be part of something at a fairly high level, which I've found rewarding and pushes me to improve my fitness, while helping my mental health and being great for wider socialisation." (M, hockey)

"I've always played football since I was 5 and it feels like a tradition now. It would feel wrong to not have to play football anymore after doing it for so long and its something I enjoy doing." (M, football)



My friends play

"Because its fun meeting new people and I enjoy the competitive side of it." (F, football)

"Because I've played it all of high school, my friend does, I have fun, I meet more people, I exercise, I push myself." (F, hockey)

"More rewarding than other sports, felt that I was developing more compared to other sports, enjoyed playing with my friends and apart of the team I am in." (F, hockey)

"Fun, and yet exercising. Gives adrenaline rush as well, and good way to make friendship.' (M, hockey)

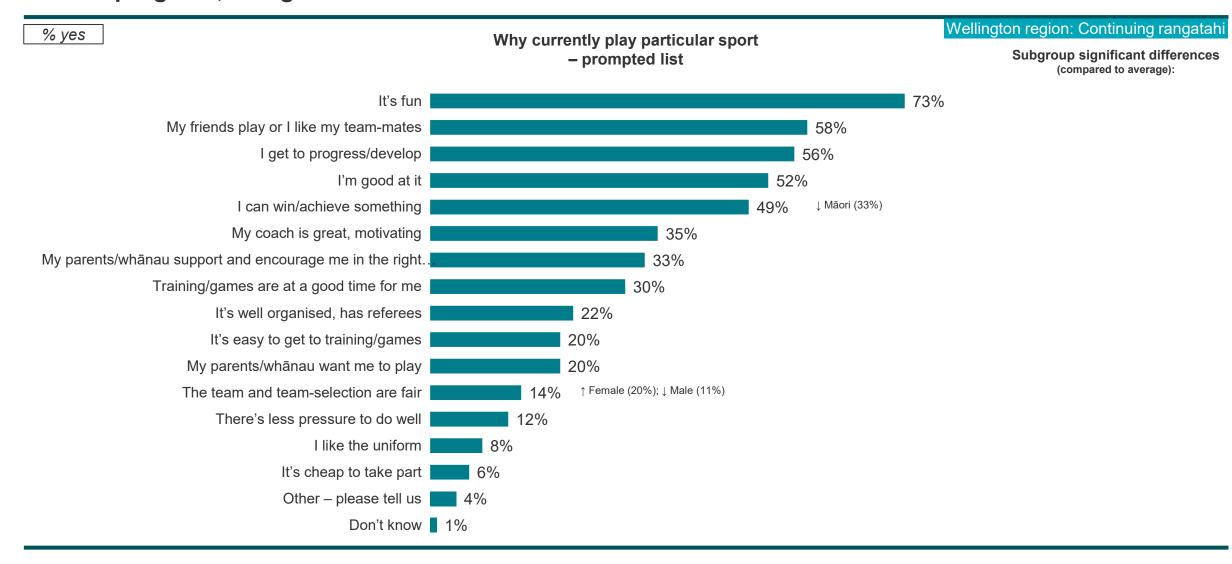
"Great way to spend time with mates. I won the cricket nationals in 2019 and still enjoy playing and winning." (M, cricket)

"Because it is a fun and fast sport and the game never stops and A few of my mates play the sport as well." (M, basketball)





When prompted, the reasons why rangatahi in the Wellington region say they currently play sport is similar to their spontaneous answers. The emphasis is on the fun and social side. However, they also want to progress, and gain self-validation.





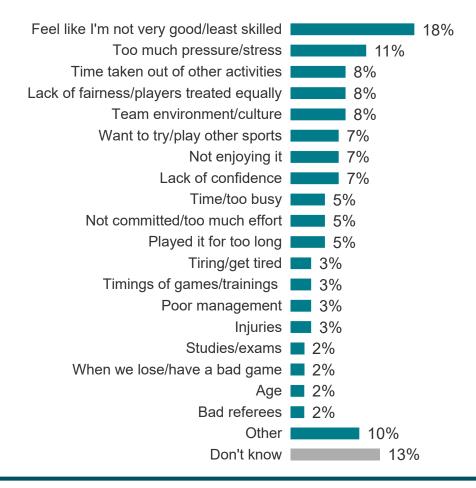




Around half of the rangatahi we asked in the Wellington region have considered stopping playing their sport. We asked why they have considered no longer playing in an open-ended question, and for these rangatahi the main reasons were feeling like they're not very good or too much pressure.



Wellington region continuing rangatahi (excluding lapsed one sport, taken up another)

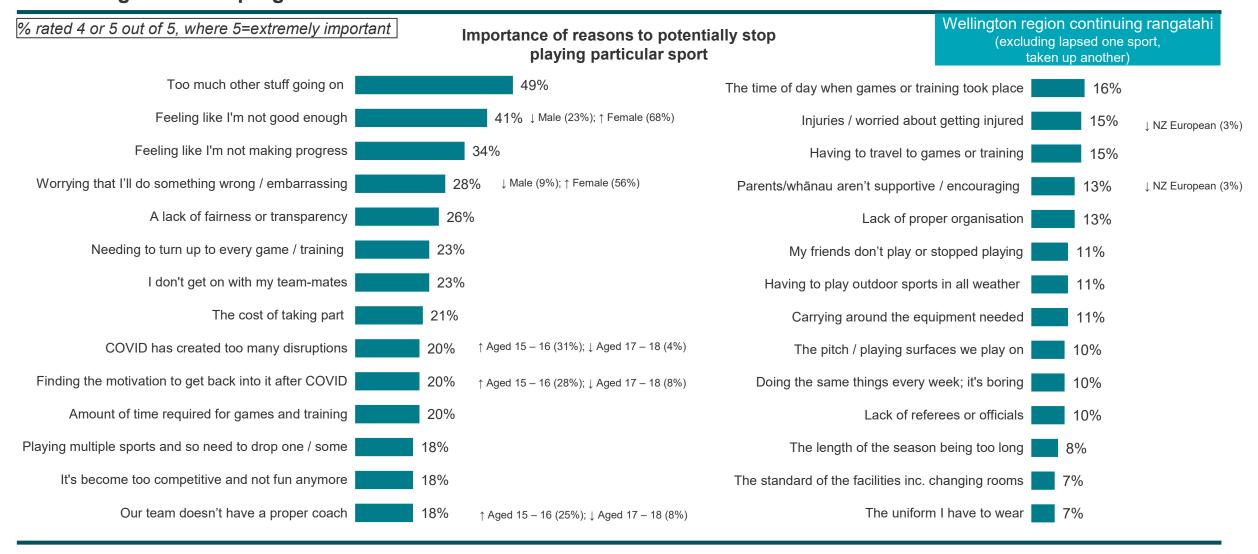








We then prompted these rangatahi with the barriers (generated from the qualitative research) and asked them to rate how important each one would be in their decision to stop playing. There is a range of reasons why they consider stopping, in particular because they are too busy with other things, feeling like they're not good enough, or that they are not making sufficient progress.







Within the Wellington region, there are a range of attributes that rangatahi value for a coach. In particular they like someone whom acknowledges each player, and works to improve their individual game, and is also enthusiastic and knowledgeable.

Wellington region: All rangatahi Qualities which make a great sports coach 62% 53% 44% 36% 28% 24% 18% 11% 10% 3% 1% Enthusiastic and Knowledgeable Fair to all the Committed and Competitive with Provide a variety Create a sense of Has played the Other - please tell Don't know Acknowledges passionate of drills and each player and about the sport players prepare for a drive to win achievement sport to a high us works on their training and approaches to level individual matches playing strengths and weaknesses ↓ Male (56%); ↑ NZ European (57%); ↑ Male (50%); ↑ Male (32%): ↑ Female (70%) ↓ Pacific peoples (26%) ↓ Female (35%) ↑ Female (46%) ↓ Female (14%)



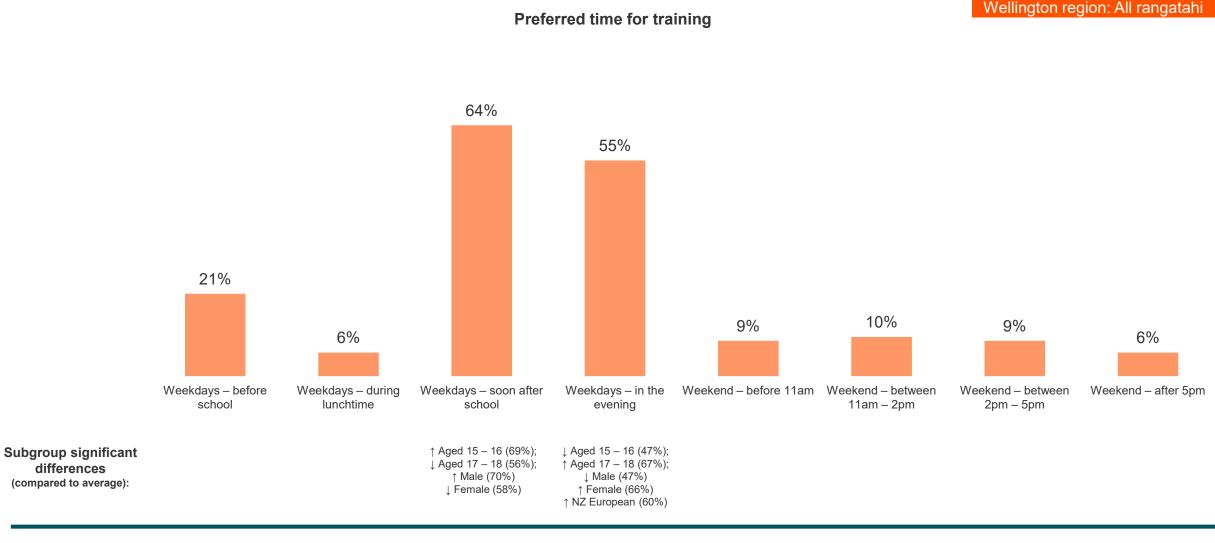
Subgroup significant

differences (compared to average):





The most popular times for training for Wellington region rangatahi is during the week – either straight after school or in the evening.





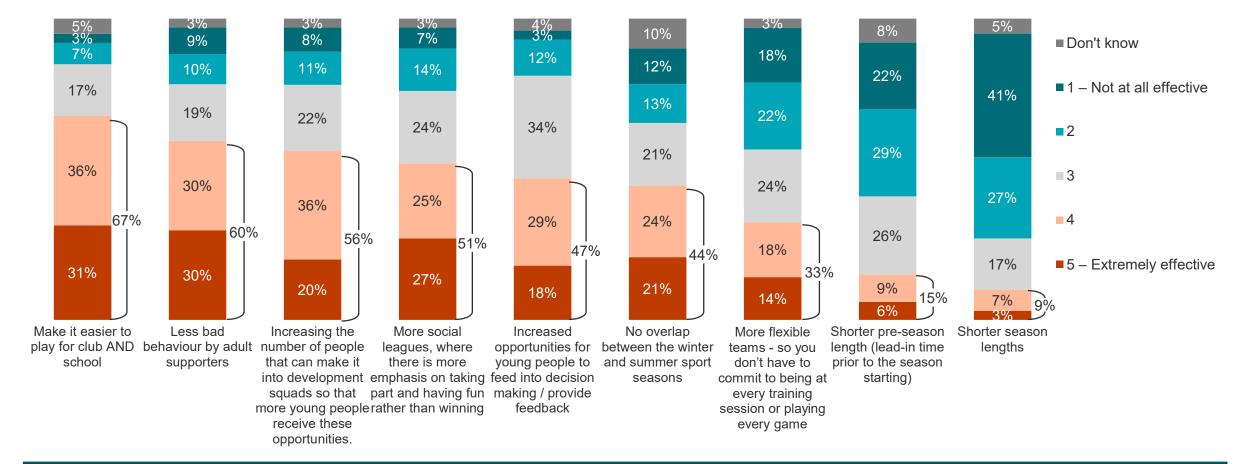




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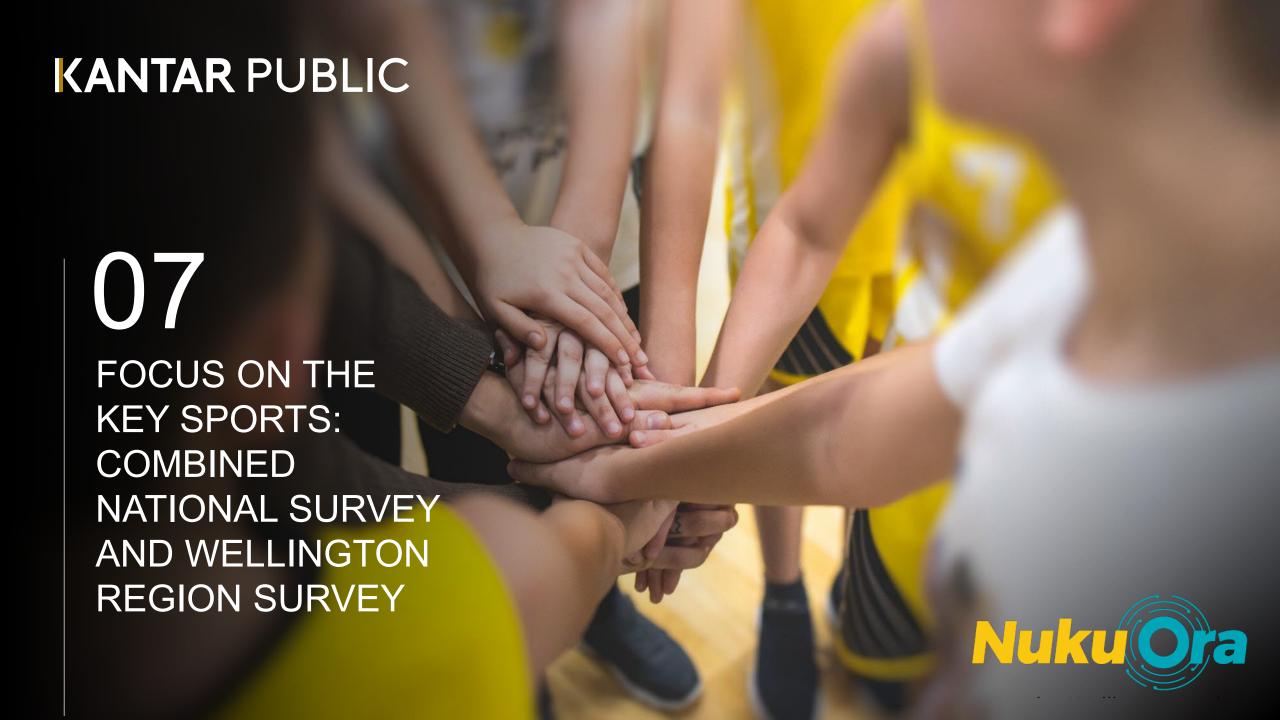
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Wellington region: All rangatahi





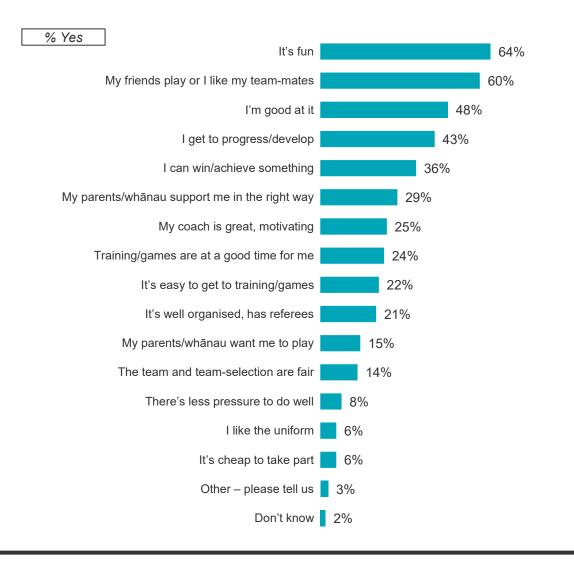






The main reasons rangatahi play football are for the social aspects: it's fun and they like their team-mates.







Why want to play (example verbatim)

"My friends play and I wanted to join them." (Female)

"I have been playing since I was 5 years old, it is a fun sport to play with your friends and is good fitness." (Male)

"I like it, learning the skills, we have a good coach." (Female)

"Great way to interact with my mates." (Male)

"Winning feels good. Motivating getting up early on non school morning.

Participating. Healthy." (Female)

"I love the game and enjoy playing. It is a team sport and there are a lot of friends." (Male)

"I play football because it is my dream, passion, and life." (Male)

"I enjoy playing football at a competitive level and I'm alright at it so it's more fun to play rather then other sports." (Male)

"Because it's fun meeting new people and I enjoy the competitive side of it."

(Female)

"Because it's fun and I enjoy playing and the whole culture around the world, how you can follow big sporting teams in the UK. Good fitness to keep in shape and fun with friends." (Male)

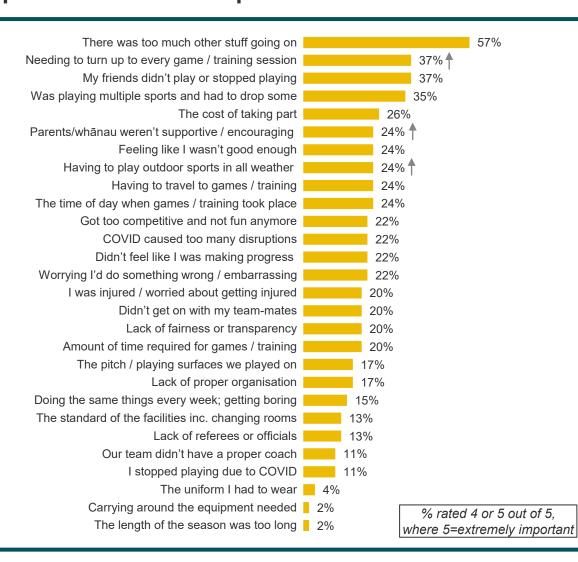








The main reasons rangatahi stop playing football are: too busy with other things, needing to turn up to every training session and game, friends didn't play, and were playing multiple sports and had to drop one/some.





Why don't play any more (example verbatim)

"I got too busy with school and I couldn't join my local club and my old club was too far away." (Female)

"Because I had too much on and had an injury that stopped me for a while and I never got back into it." (Male)

"Too many other commitments and had to pick between hockey and football." (Female)

"Most people were younger than me and I didn't connect with anyone for a friendship." (Male)

"Became too competitive, too many training sessions." (Female)

"The pressure and competitiveness were too much for me and I didn't enjoy it any more." (Female)

"Negative culture. I loved the game but it wasn't fun anymore so I decided it best to stop playing." (Male)

"School was very unorganised and wouldn't let us have a 1st X1 or attend national tournaments." (Female)

"Got injured badly and decided I would like to start playing squash." (Male)

"There's not enough female teams." (Female)





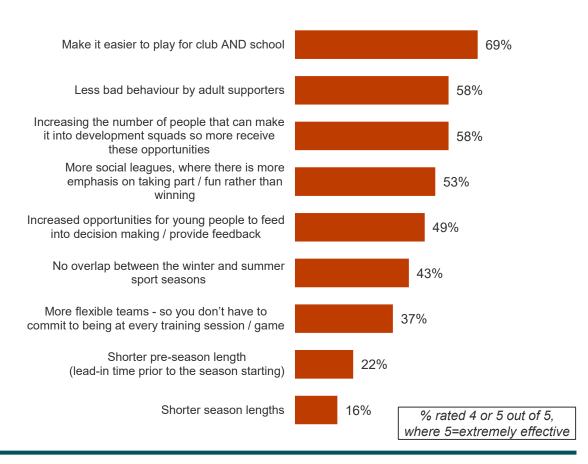


Holding training soon after school or in the evening during the week is most appealing for rangatahi who play football. In general, they believe that making it easier to play for their club and school will be most effective in encouraging rangatahi to participate in organised sport.

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What would encourage continued participation*









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Q20. This time think about when training takes place. Would you rather it takes place | Q22 How effective do you think each of the following would be in encouraging young people like you to continue with organised sport?

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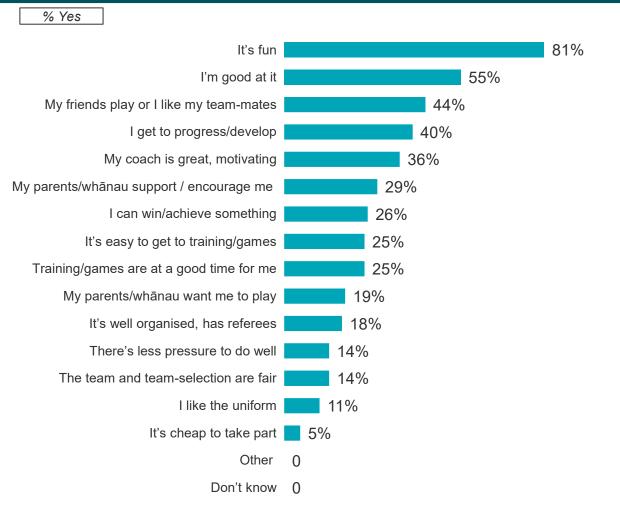
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The main reasons rangatahi play basketball are for the social aspects: it's fun and they like their team-mates. Rangatahi also say they play because they are good at the sport.





Why want to play (example verbatim)

"I love the skill necessary to play it." (Male)

"Because it's a great sport and I grew up playing it with my older brother and in general, just a really fun and great sport to play." (Male)

"I am super tall, like playing with friends and the competition." (Male)

"I love playing it and being part of the team and it gets me fit." (Male)

"Less physical and my preferred sport." (Female)

"Other friends play as well. COVID stopped games but basketball courts are everywhere to practice with friends." (Male)

"I enjoy playing basketball, good fitness, playing with others, learn good communication skills." (Male)

"It's relaxing, all my friends play it as well. I play it for my own health and exercise and I enjoy playing it as well." (Male)

"Because it's fun and isn't too time consuming." (Female)

"I have a passion for it as it keeps me happy and distracts me from any stress or events occurring in my life." (Female)

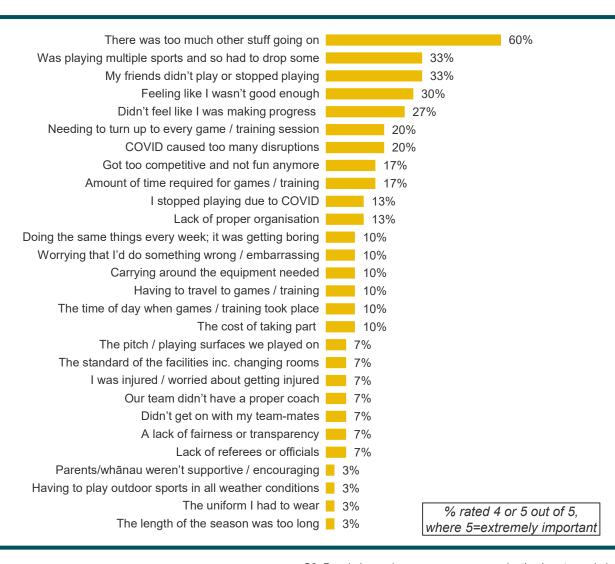








The main reasons rangatahi stop playing basketball are: they are too busy with other things, their friends don't play / no longer play, and balancing multiple sports.



Why don't play any more (example verbatim)

"I don't really like team sports any more." (Male)

"I decided to focus on other teams." (Female)

"Have not got the time now I am at high school." (Female)

"It was just for fun and I'm playing more sport." (Male)

"Don't have time due to work." (Male)

"It was because we don't have many people playing basketball in the school, instead we play hockey. I started playing hockey because I can find that sense of belonging and friendships in the school." (Male)

"I signed up in intermediate because my friends encouraged me too. but I didn't find that I was very good at it, so I chose to not continue it in my college years." (Female)

"Not a great team environment." (Female)

"Post COVID, never restarted." (Male)

"Got bored of it and preferred chilling with my mates." (Male)







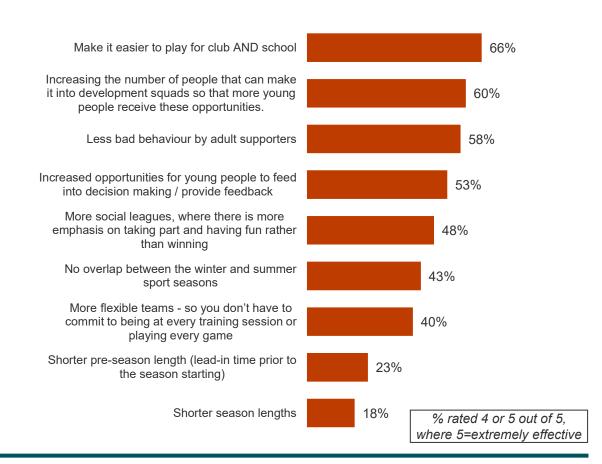


Rangatahi who play basketball would ideally have training soon after school ends. In general, they believe that making it easier to play for their club and school will be most effective in encouraging rangatahi to participate in organised sport.

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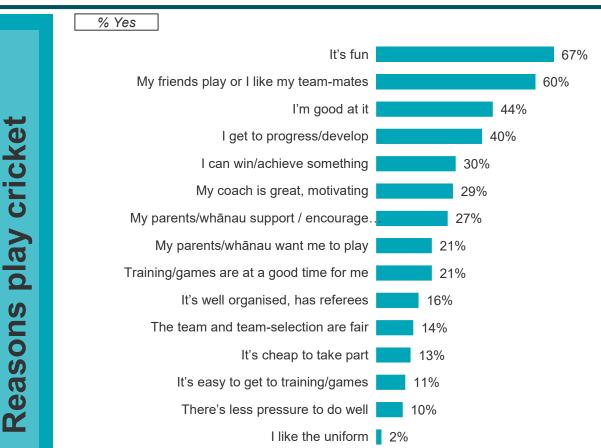
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Base: National and Wellington region survey who currently play basketball, n=139





The main reasons rangatahi play cricket are for the social aspects: it's fun and they like their team-mates.





Why want to play (example verbatim)

"Cause it's a fun team environment and all the girls I play with are very welcoming and supportive." (Female)

"Cricket's really fun at my college because my team are close and we turn any situation into a good one and the other sports uniforms get me [to wear] a really short dress for netball and hockey." (Female)

"Because it was always my most important sport and the sport which could provide the most career opportunities. I was also very good at cricket so it never seemed like something I could drop." (Male)

"I love a team environment and enjoy playing a well run competitive sport that I can build confidence during." (Female)

"The game is fun. I like that it's a team sport but you also get some individual skills e.g. batting and bowling. The people I play with are also really nice and supportive. It's a supportive environment." (Female)

"It is a summer sport and my football/futsal are less during this time so it means I can do both, I also like the social aspect of meeting kids from other schools." (Male)

"Because I enjoy working together with my teammates and by myself to get results and accomplish things that are rewarding." (Male)





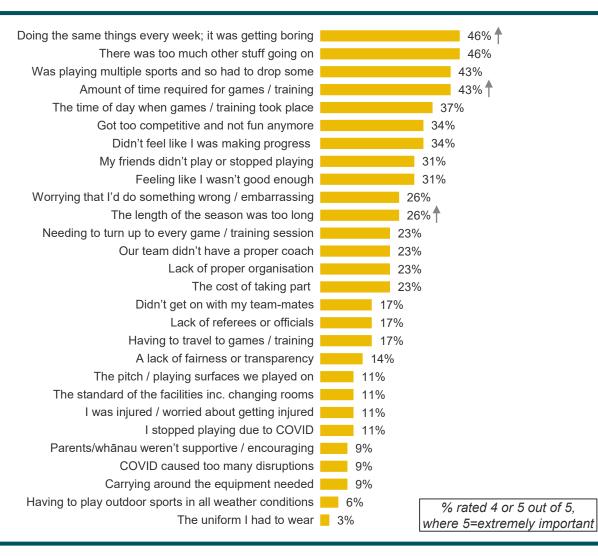


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The main reasons rangatahi stop playing cricket are: that it is getting boring, they are too busy with other things, they are balancing multiple sports, and the amount of time required for games and training.

cricket playing



Why don't play any more (example verbatim)

"This sport requires a lot of time and the school system for organising was not supportive." (Male)

"Wanted a social life." (Male)

"Games were too long." (Male)

"Overlap of seasons and I always was disadvantaged with football team selections when I was playing cricket as well. I still love cricket but just don't play competitively." (Male)

"None of my friends were in the team, and I didn't like the others in the team." (Male)

"It got boring after a while. There wasn't much action in the sport." (Female)

"Bored with very long games. Not enough T20 competition." (Male)

"I didn't like batting because I was scared of the ball." (Male)

"I didn't have enough time to play other sports as well." (Female)







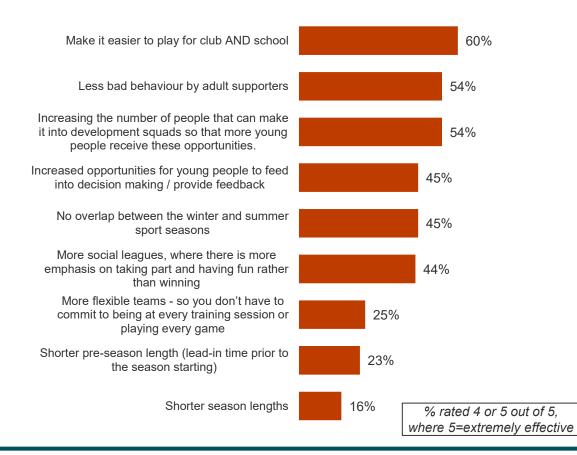
Holding training soon after school or in the evening during the week is most appealing for rangatahi who play cricket. In general, they believe that making it easier to play for their club and school will be most effective in encouraging rangatahi to participate in organised sport.

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What would encourage continued participation*









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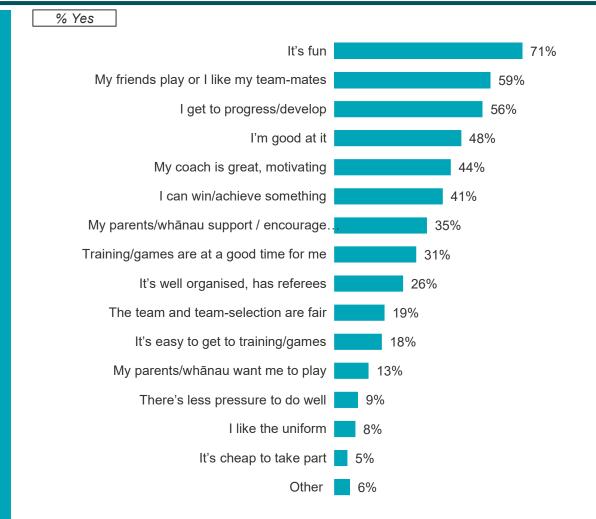
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The main reasons rangatahi play cricket are for the social aspects: it's fun and they like their team-mates.







Why want to play (example verbatim)

"Family sport. Love making new friends. Keeps me busy and entertained Love the hard work that you need to put into the sport." (Female)

"Because it is really fun and I enjoy playing it and meeting new people." (Female)

"I love sport, it makes me happy. I've been doing it for 12 years and enjoy learning more and more new skills. I also do it to keep fit and healthy. And I like working as part of a team." (Female)

"I'm pretty alright at it, it's a faster paced sport which I prefer, it's got a fun technique and dynamic with the stick and ball, fun team work, team sport, score goals." (Male)

"I started it this year after the sports director at my school suggested that it was the best sport in the school to join as a beginner." (Female)

"I originally signed up because my friends were playing but loved it and so continued to play. I wanted to get more exercise which is why. I decided to play a sport - and hockey definitely motivated me to do this. It helped my mental health too to have some time to look forward to, commit to, and exercise helped too. I find it fun and rewarding, I love running and hitting the ball. I love how powerfully I can hit it, how I can manoeuvre my body to dribble the ball around people. I love hitting the ball far, passing to teammates. I love talking with my team before and after games and getting to know everyone both on and off the pitch." (Female)



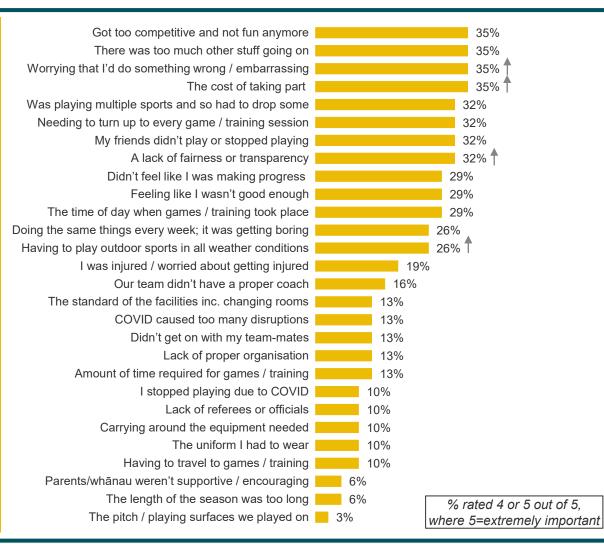






The main reasons rangatahi stop playing hockey are: it is too competitive, too busy with other stuff going on, they are worried they'd do something wrong, and it is expensive to play.

hockey playing





Why don't play any more (example verbatim)

"There is no team available for me to play on." (Female)

"The days/times didn't work anymore, and netball was getting more important." (Female)

"Became too much of a hassle to participate in compared to the amount of enjoyment I was getting from it. Too expensive." (Male)

"Because it was too full on playing two winter sports with training and games etc." (Female)

"Boring and too competitive." (Male)

"Social anxiety started to get to the best of me and I started to hate being watched from the side-lines." (Female)

"Wasn't very good at it and it got very competitive, very fast, and I wasn't really feeling it. Plus it is a winter sport and we often played at night outside and it was really cold and uncomfortable." (Female)

"The team I was playing with disbanded and I didn't want to start again." (Male)





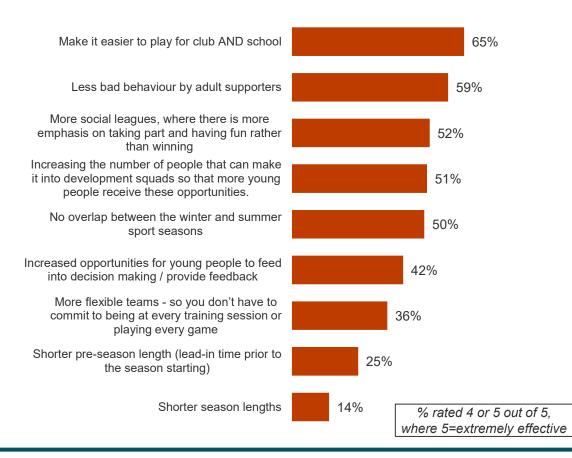


Holding training in the evening on weekdays is preferred by rangatahi who play hockey followed by training soon after school. In general, they believe that making it easier to play for their club and school will be most effective in encouraging rangatahi to participate in organised sport.

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The main reasons rangatahi play netball are for the social aspects: it's fun and they like their team-mates. Rangatahi also mention being good at netball as a key motivator to play.



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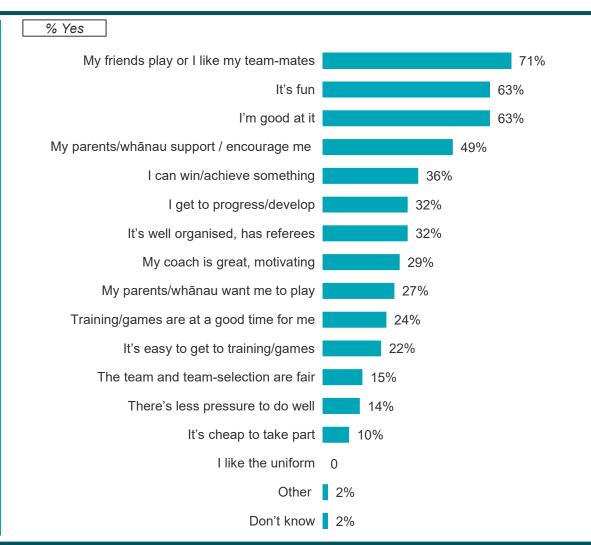
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Why want to play (example verbatim)

"I've grown up with it, I've grown really fond of the game." (Female)

"Because I enjoyed it more than the others, plus I felt like I had the most potential in netball." (Female)

"I created a social team with my friends - and it was super fun. I guess I stopped doing cross country/running and got more into social sport. Also it was less of a commitment, less pressurising, but had all the benefits competitive sport has." (Female)

"It is enjoyable, competitive, and I want to take it in the professional league." (Female)

"To keep fit, make new friends and develop new skills." (Female)

"I've played it ever since I was in Primary School. It's my favourite sport and it has become a big passion for me." (Female)

"I've been playing it all my life and is the sport I'm the most confident in. I don't necessarily enjoy it that much but I don't want to drop it especially for my last year of High School." (Female)

"Because my mum enjoys netball and I wasn't allowed to stop playing it this year, in other words, [I was] forced to continue this sport." (Female)











The main reasons rangatahi stop playing netball are: needing to turn up to every training session and game, the time of day when games or training take place is inconvenient, and too busy with other things.

Needing to turn up to every game / training session The time of day when games / training took place 37% There was too much other stuff going on 32% Was playing multiple sports and so had to drop some 29% 29% 🕈 A lack of fairness or transparency Doing the same things every week; it was getting boring Got too competitive and not fun anymore Didn't feel like I was making progress 27% Our team didn't have a proper coach 24% My friends didn't play or stopped playing 24% Having to travel to games / training 24% Amount of time required for games / training 24% Feeling like I wasn't good enough Lack of proper organisation 22% COVID caused too many disruptions 20% Having to play outdoor sports in all weather conditions 20% The cost of taking part 20% Worrying that I'd do something wrong / embarrassing 17% The standard of the facilities inc. changing rooms 15% Didn't get on with my team-mates 15% Lack of referees or officials 15% 15% The length of the season was too long The pitch / playing surfaces we played on I was injured / worried about getting injured Parents/whānau weren't supportive / encouraging 10% 10% I stopped playing due to COVID Carrying around the equipment needed % rated 4 or 5 out of 5. The uniform I had to wear where 5=extremely important



Why don't play any more (example verbatim)

"The culture wasn't the best, hockey and netball clashed." (Female)

"Because I took up hockey instead and both were winter sports, meaning I didn't have enough time to take that many sports during winter." (Female)

"They kept putting us in the wrong grade so it wasn't fun. The refs were biased and the other girls from the other team were sometimes real rude." (Female)

"I found it boring and too competitive." (Female)

"I was peer pressured into playing because everyone did." (Female)

"The toxic environment. Other players' parents being horrible. trying to coach the team when they aren't the coach etc., and the crappy attitudes from players." (Female)









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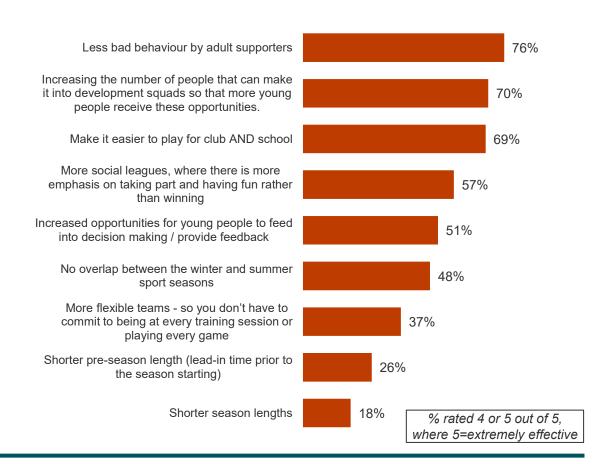
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Holding training soon after school or in the evening during the week is most appealing for rangatahi who play netball. In general, they believe less bad behaviour from adult supporters will be most effective in encouraging rangatahi to participate in organised sport.



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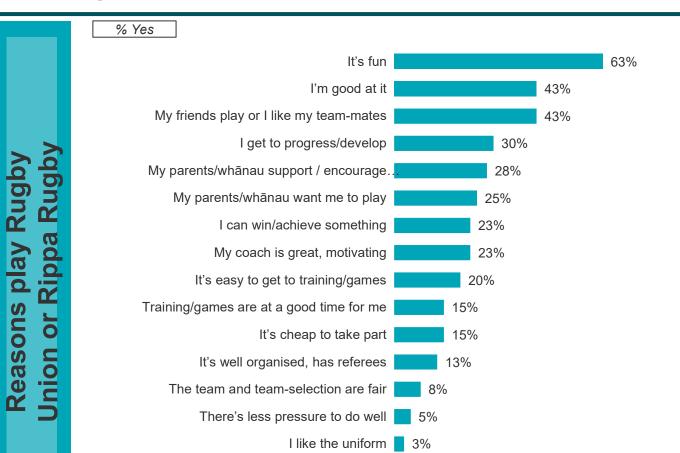


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The main reasons rangatahi play Rugby Union or Rippa Rugby are for the social aspects: it's fun, they like their team-mates. Rangatahi also mention the reason they play is because they are good at the sport.



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Why want to play (example verbatim)

"I like playing rugby and being part of a team and hanging out with my mates." (Male)

"Because I enjoy the competitiveness in it and my teammates are a lot of my friends which makes it enjoyable." (Male)

"Because it is popular and lot of my friends play it and also because it's challenging." (Male)

"[My] parents make me play. Influence on friends and just enjoyable winning games." (Male)

"I enjoy the physicality and competition. It gets all the energy out of my system and the team are like my brothers." (Male)

"Because I have played since I was 5 and really enjoy the way it is played." (Male)



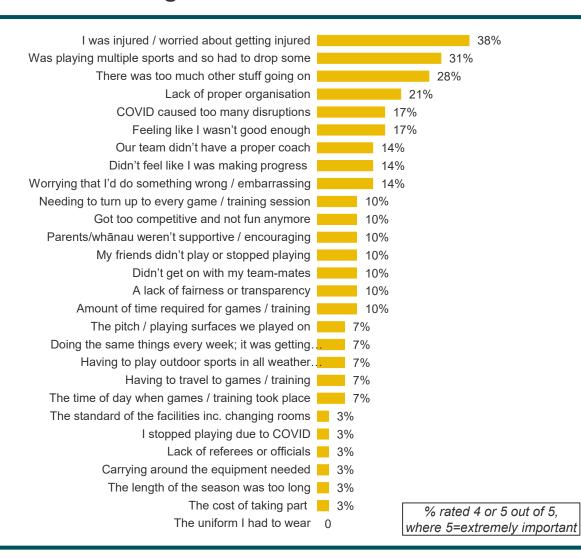






The main reasons rangatahi stop playing Rugby Union or Rippa Rugby are: they are worried about getting injured, are playing multiple sports so have to drop one/some, and are too busy with other things.

Rugby Rippa Union



Why don't play any more (example verbatim)

"Became too draining mentally and physically, which severely impacted my mental health." (Male)

"I'm not that big and thought I'd get injured in open weight grade. I have played football at lunch times at school and all my mates played so I went to play football." (Male)

"Because I didn't want to be crushed by bigger guys." (Male)

"Loss of enjoyment, began to get injured frequently. Standing down from the sport was the safest option." (Male)

"Concussions." (Male)

"Basketball is now my main sport and I didn't enjoy rugby as much." (Male)

"Because I was playing too many sports and did not have enough time to fully commit to each sport." (Female)





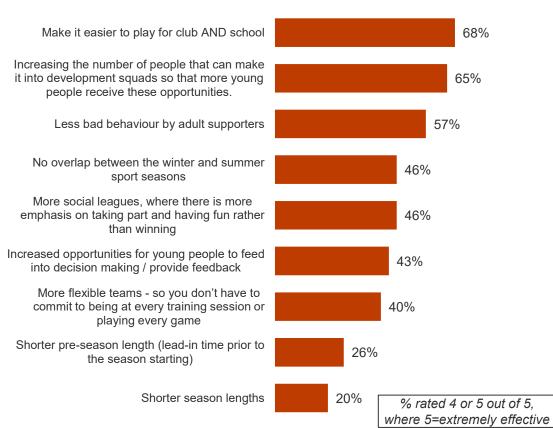


Rangatahi who play Rugby Union or Rippa Rugby prefer to train soon after school. In general, they believe that making it easier to play for their club and school will be most effective in encouraging rangatahi to participate in organised sport.

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Base: National and Wellington region survey who currently play Rugby Union or Rippa Rugby, n=65

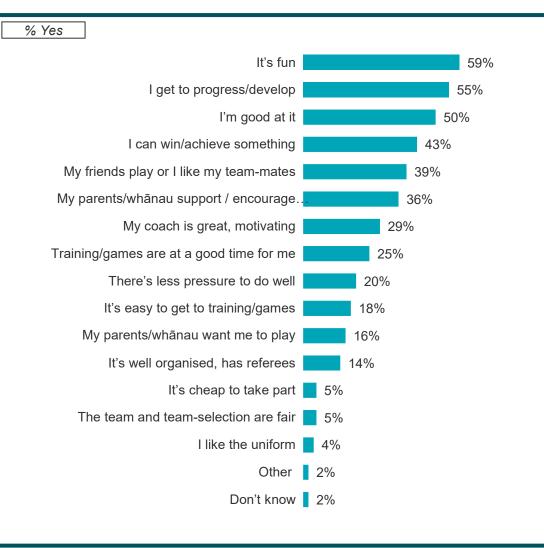
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The main reasons rangatahi play tennis are because it's fun and they get to progress in their sport.



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Why want to play (example verbatim)

"The people involved, good summer interclub league, I coach tennis myself which gets me involved. I am better at it compared to other sports." (Female)

"I love it and it is individual, look forward to become professional, can work around school and other routines." (Female)

"It is fun and I love developing my game and meeting people." (Male)

"Because I enjoy it - also probably because the systems and support is there." (Female)

"Fun exercise, mental strength, and opportunity to build relationships with other players." (Male)

"I'm good at tennis and have played since I was 5." (Female)

"Because I have a better future if I play tennis (getting a scholarship to the US)." (Female)

"Starting playing after being introduced to in in a 2-week long P.E class tennis program in school. Had played table tennis since I very young and tennis is similar so I already had some good skills and I like more physically demanding sports and tennis also was a good new summer sport since I quit cricket which was my previous summer sport." (Male)



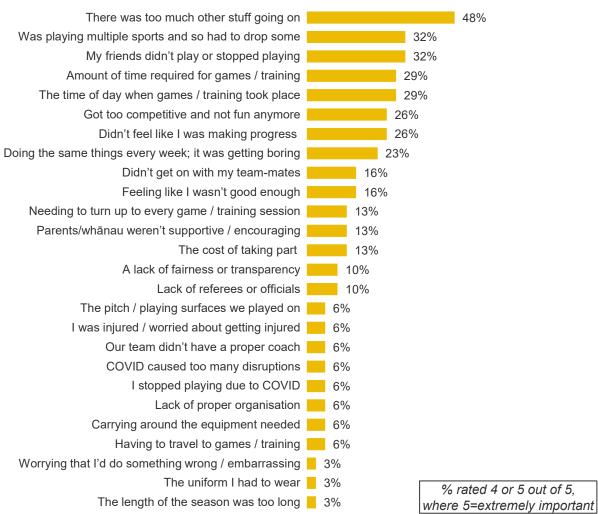






The main reasons rangatahi stop playing tennis are: being too busy with other things, friends don't play, and having to balance multiple sports.

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Why don't play any more (example verbatim)

"Not enough time." (Male)

"Decided to invest more time in squash training." (Male)

"Because I do rowing now and don't have enough time. I still have a hit every now and then but not consistently or organised." (Female)

"Played in a club - joined late and was behind and didn't know anyone well."

(Female)

"I did not have enough time and I was not very interested in it and I enjoyed hockey more." (Female)

"I was playing for a club and all of my friends left so there wasn't a team for my age and I didn't end up going to another club." (Male)

"Too focused on rankings. Cheating or not very pleasant players and parents, which is not well sorted out by officials. Not much sportsmanship.

Too individual. Tournaments too pressured." (Female)

"All my friends weren't playing the following season, and I also felt really pressured to do well and move up to regional and national competitions."

(Female)

"The team I had played since I started, we had all outgrown it, and were beginning to work weekends so we stopped playing competitively." (Female)









Rangatahi who play tennis would prefer to have their training right after school or later on in the evenings on weekdays. In general, they believe that clamping down on bad behaviour by adult supports and making it easier to play for their club and school will be most effective in encouraging rangatahi to participate in organised sport.



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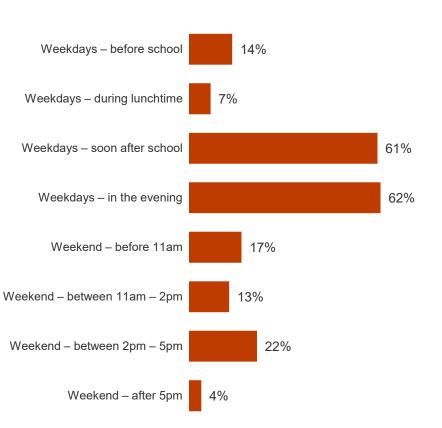
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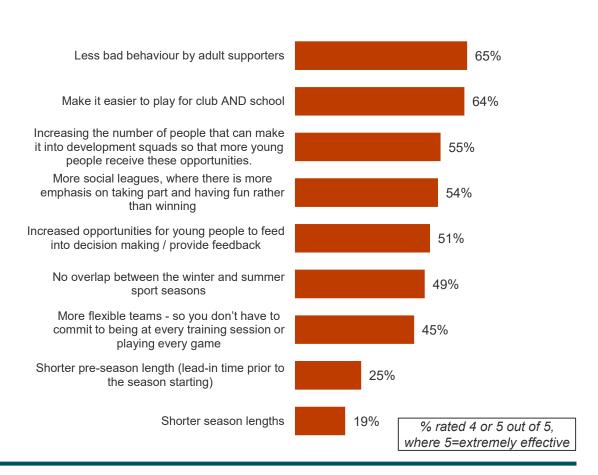
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Full sample breakdown

We spoke to a total of 16 young people from the Wellington region.

AGE GROUP		GENDER	₹ (ETHNICITY	, <u> </u>	PREVIOUS SPORT	Γ PLAYED
17-18 years	9	Male	8	Pākehā	6	Football	4
15-16 years	7	Female	8	Pasifika	4	Netball	4
				Māori	3	Hockey	3
				Indian	1	Rugby	2
				Mexican	1	Rowing	1
				Chinese	1	Badminton	1
						Floorball	1
						Volleyball	1
						Other	1

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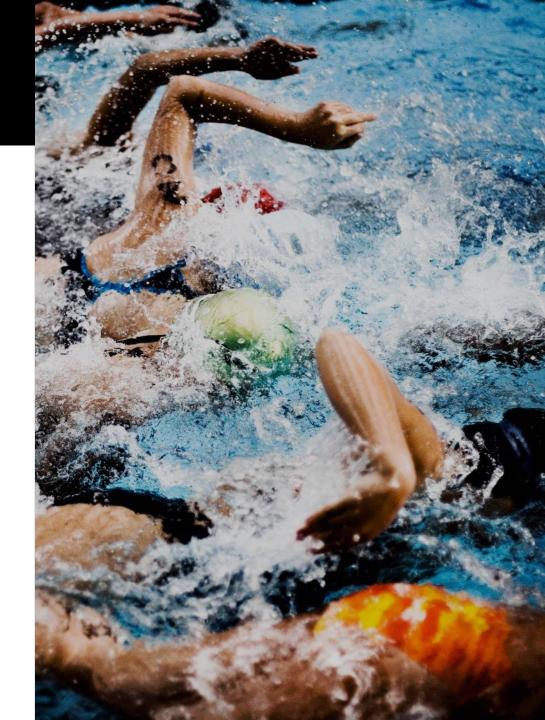
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"Initial Term" means the agreed minimum period of the Services as outlined in the applicable Statement of Work.

"Intellectual Property Rights" means inventions, patents, moral rights, copyright, database rights, trade marks, designs, patents and/or know how or intellectual property rights or forms of protection of a similar nature and having equivalent or similar effect to any of them which may subsist anywhere in the world.

"Kantar Companies" means any of the companies in the Kantar Group; a network of operating companies, under common Control and trading as Kantar from time to time but excluding Europanel.

"New Zealand Privacy Laws" means the New Zealand Privacy Act 2020 and, to the extent applicable, the Unsolicited Electronic Messages Act 2007.

"Proposal" means the written proposal and/or quotation (exclusive of GST unless otherwise stated) provided by the Company to the Client, which proposal shall be valid for acceptance for 1 month from the date of issue.

"Services" means the Ad-hoc Services and/or Continuous Services and/or Syndicated Services (as the case may be) as specified in the applicable Statement of Work.

"Statement of Work" means the document entered into by the parties which outlines their agreement in respect of the detailed Services and/or Deliverables and their related fees.

"Sub-processor" means any third party appointed directly by Agency to Process Controller Personal Data on behalf of Client in connection with this Contract.

"Syndicated Services" means market research services which are either commissioned by the Company (or other Kantar Companies) or commissioned by and/or conducted for more than one Client and which includes subscription services.

In these terms and conditions, a reference to the singular includes plural and vice versa (unless the context otherwise requires).

1. The Contract

1.1 The Client appoints the Company and the Company accepts such appointment to provide the Services and Deliverables upon signing of these terms and conditions, which may only be changed by written agreement of the parties. 1.2 Any changes to the agreed Services or Deliverables may incur additional fees and/or expenses which will be agreed in writing between the Company and the Client prior to such changes being implemented.

2. Payment of Fees

- 2.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, for Continuous Services and Syndicated Services payment of the basic annual fees will be made in monthly instalments in advance, commencing on the date of Acceptance at the beginning of each month thereafter.
- 2.2 For Ad-hoc Services invoicing of the fees shall be based upon the duration of the Services as follows: a) Statements of Work with a duration of less than 2 months 50% on Acceptance and 50% on completion; b)) Statements of Work with a duration of between 2 and 6 months 1/3rd on completion of project 1/3rd on completion of fieldwork 1/3rd on completion of project;; and c) Statements of Work with a duration of more than 6 months quarterly: 1st business day of the 2nd month each quarter.
- 2.3 All invoices shall be due on the invoice date and shall be subject to payment within 30 days. Any payment after this 30-day period shall entitle Company to charge interest at the rate permitted by statute from the invoice date to the date when the Company receives full payment. Client shall pay the interest promptly on demand.
- 2.4 Unless the Proposal or Statement of Work details otherwise, all fees are quoted exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) (or any other equivalent sales tax or applicable withholding taxes). If .any such taxes are due then the Company shall include such amounts on the invoice over and above the agreed fee.
- 2.5 Except where already included within the agreed fees; the Company shall be entitled to invoice for and recover reasonable expenses incurred pursuant to the provision of the Services. Any such expense recharge invoices will include a breakdown. The Client reserves the right to request on an ad-hoc basis copy receipts for any individual items greater than \$500, within a reasonable time from the recharge invoice being issued.

3. Term and Termination

- 3.1 The Contract duration will be specified in the applicable Statement of Work.
- 3.2 Subject to clause 4.2; either party may terminate this Contract for convenience by giving the other party: (i) three (3) months' prior written notice in respect of Ad-Hoc Services; and (ii) 6 (six) months' prior written notice in respect of Continuous Services and Syndicated Services; provided no such termination may be effective earlier than the expiry of the Initial Term, if specified in the applicable Statement of Work.
- 3.3 In addition, in respect of Syndicated Services, the Company shall be entitled to terminate such Services on 1 month's prior written notice where, in the Company's reasonable opinion, the continued provision of such Services to the Client is not commercially viable (for example, where the number of subscribers to such Services falls below an acceptable level).
- 3.4 Either party may terminate this Contract immediately for a material breach by the other which is incapable of remedy or, if capable

of remedy, is not remedied within 45 days of notification being given to the defaulting party.

3.5 The parties agree that some or all of the Services may be terminated by a party pursuant to clauses 3.2 and 3.4 without affecting the remaining aspects of this Contract.

4. Change, Delay or Cancellation

- 4.1 If, the Client requests changes to the Services, or any aspect of the Services, the Company reserves the right to revise the fees and timelines accordingly.
- 4.2 If the Services, or any aspect of the Services, are shortened, delayed, cancelled or terminated early under clause 3.2 above by the Client, the final invoice will include, the balance of the fees for providing the Services to the date of termination plus any reasonable costs and expenses committed by the Company prior to the change in Services, and/or any set-up costs not yet recovered, and/or recovery of any discounts which were conditional upon the original agreed scope (if applicable)..
- 4.3 The Client is responsible for the prompt delivery to the Company of all material owned by or in possession of the Client reasonably required by Company to provide the Services and Deliverables. If the Client fails to comply with this clause the Client shall be liable for the consequential delays and reasonable additional costs and expenses incurred by the Company in providing the Services.

5. Subcontracting

5.1 To assist the Company in providing the Services the Company shall have the right to subcontract any part of the Services and Deliverables to other Kantar Companies or, after consultation, to appropriate third parties, agencies or fieldworkers. The Company is only responsible for the quality of the services provided by subcontractors if those subcontractors have been selected and paid for directly by the Company. If the Client designates a specific subcontractor, then the Company shall not be responsible for the accuracy, completeness or quality of the work of that subcontractor.

6. Company's Obligations

6.1 The Company warrants that it shall use reasonable skill and care in providing the Services and Deliverables and will comply with Kantar's corporate governance policies as per www.Kantar.com . However, the Client acknowledges and accepts that (a) the response rates to surveys/questionnaires cannot be predicted and are not guaranteed by the Company, (b) all figures contained in Deliverables will be estimates derived from sample surveys and subject to the limits of statistical errors/rounding up or down. (c) if conclusions and/or recommendations are required of the Company as part of the Services, such conclusions and/or recommendations are solely and exclusively an opinion of the Company and are based on variable assumptions used in the field of market research and forecasting and based on a controlled test environment. Whilst they are the result of careful analysis and thorough work procedures, they constitute a single factor among many to be taken into account by the Client; (d) Client shall be solely responsible for the consequences of any action taken by it based on the Deliverables or pursuant to its interpretation of the

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Deliverables; and (e) the Company shall use reasonable endeavours to meet the agreed timelines, however, the Client recognises that these dates are estimates only and Company shall not be responsible for any loss or damage as a result of a failure to meet such dates.

- 6.2 To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Company disclaims all other warranties, either express or implied, including warranties for merchantability, and fitness for a particular purpose.
- 6.3 The Company agrees to use all reasonable endeavours to comply with the Research Association of New Zealand Code of Conduct where applicable to the Services.

7. Intellectual Property Rights and Public Statements

- 7.1 The Company shall own all right, title and interest in the Proposal including all ideas, solutions and methodologies, unless subsequently purchased by the Client in an applicable Statement of Work, in which case clauses 7.2 through to 7.8 shall apply.
- 7.2 The Company shall own the Intellectual Property Rights in the Background Intellectual Property Rights.
- 7.3 For Syndicated Services the Intellectual Property Rights in the Deliverables vest in the Company at all times. The Client will be entitled on the completion of the Services and after payment of all fees due to the Company to use the Deliverables for the bona fide and proper internal purposes of its business but shall not grant licences to others
- 7.4 For Ad-hoc and Continuous Services the Intellectual Property Rights in the Deliverables vest in the Client subject to payment of all fees due to the Company in respect of such Deliverables, and the Company and Kantar Group Companies shall have the right to use without charge, such Deliverables for their internal use and in connection with any relevant legal dispute. It is understood and agreed that Company retains all rights, title and interest in and to the Background Intellectual Property Rights. Company hereby grants to Client a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual (without regard to any termination or expiration of this Contract), irrevocable, fully paid. royalty-free license to use the Background Intellectual Property Rights to the extent they are included in, and as necessary to use and exploit internally, the Deliverable(s) contemplated by this clause and solely as incorporated in such Deliverable(s). Further, all materials and intellectual property owned by third parties (such as third party data. images and software) shall remain the sole and exclusive property of such third parties, except as may be otherwise provided in an applicable agreement with such party, and subject to their license terms
- 7.5 The Client shall not disclose the Deliverables, or any part thereof, publicly in any manner that is likely to harm the Company's or Kantar Companies' reputation or business. In particular, the Client agrees not to use the Deliverable in any manner that could or does exaggerate, distort or misrepresent the findings of or data supplied by the Company.
- 7.6 The Client understands that it must inform the Company in writing prior to the commencement of any work if it intends to make any advertising, public statement, marketing material, press releases or the like ("public statement") that contain the whole or any part of the Deliverables or any part of the Services.

- 7.7 Any public statement, marketing material, press releases or the like that contain the whole or any part of the Deliverables shall only be disclosed upon prior written consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld).
- 7.8 The parties shall be entitled to list the other as its' service provider or Client in marketing/promotional material, except for this right the Client shall have no right to use the Company's name, trade marks, logos, or slogans without the prior written consent of the Company.

8. Confidentiality

8.1 The receiving party agrees that it shall (a) use the Confidential Information only to fulfil its obligations pursuant to this Contract: (b) treat all Confidential Information of the disclosing party as secret and confidential and shall not without the express written consent of the disclosing party, disclose the Confidential Information or any part of it to any person except to the receiving party's directors, employees, parent company, subsidiaries or agreed subcontractors, who need access to such Confidential Information for use in connection with the Services and who are bound by appropriate confidentiality and nonuse obligations; and (c) comply promptly with any written request from the disclosing party to destroy or return any of the disclosing party's Confidential Information except that the receiving party may retain a copy for legal purposes along with any copies retained within their computer system's back-up media taken as part of their standard disaster recovery procedures and so long as this clause 8 continues to apply to any such copies ..

9. Data Protection

- 9.1 Both parties shall comply with their respective obligations under Data Protection Legislation and/or the New Zealand Privacy Laws (to the extent applicable) in connection with the performance of their obligations under this Contract.
- 9.2 In relation to the Data Protection Legislation:
- a) the duration of the Processing, the nature and purpose of the Processing, the types of Controller Personal Data and categories of Data Subjects Processed under this Contract are further specified in the Statement of Work.
- b) In the event that the Services and/or Deliverables involve the Processing of Personal Data for the purpose of the Services the Controller shall ensure the necessary consent from the relevant Data Subjects has been obtained or ensure that it otherwise has the right under the Data Protection Legislation to Process such Personal Data.
- c) In connection with Personal Data supplied by the Client to the Company, the Company shall: (a) Process such Personal Data only for the purposes of providing the Services; (b) take such technical and organisational security measures against unauthorised and unlawful processing of, accidental loss of, destruction of or damage to Controller Personal Data as may be required, having regard to the state of technological development and the cost of any measures, to ensure a level of security appropriate to the harm that might result from such processing, loss, destruction or damage and the nature of the

- d) The Controller warrants and undertakes that where it provides Controller Personal Data to the Processor it has lawfully obtained such Personal Data and has, without limitation to the generality of the foregoing obtained all necessary consents from Data Subject or that it has another appropriate legal basis to be able to Process such Controller Personal Data in accordance with this Contract
- The Processor shall reasonably cooperate with the Controller in meeting the relevant requirements of Data Protection Laws (including, where applicable, article 28(3)(h) of the GDPR) in relation to Personal Data provided by the Controller to the Processor. Controller accepts that certain sensitive information in relation to IT and security will be redacted before being audited and may only be audited at the Processor's premises. With the Processor's agreement, this audit may cover documents only or may include a supervised and controlled onsite audit, subject to Customer notifying Processor of the identity of the Independent Auditor and that such Independent Auditors have entered into an appropriate confidentiality agreement with the Processor. Audits shall take place no more than once in any calendar year. Costs of the audit, including appointment of the Independent Auditor, will be borne by Controller. Processor shall be entitled to review and retain any audit report, prepared by Independent Auditor and to consult the Independent Auditor on the content, prior to the report being submitted to the Controller. For the avoidance of doubt, all confidential information of Processor obtained pursuant to any audit shall be maintained in confidence and may not be disclosed to any third party. Neither the Independent Auditor or Controller shall be permitted to perform penetration tests, vulnerability scans, or otherwise interrogate the Processor's network or information technology systems. In no circumstances shall Controller or Independent Auditor have access to (a) individual payroll and personnel files: (b) individual expenditure or records relating to the Processor's other clients; (c) any of the Processor's overhead costs; or (d) the Processor's server rooms or IT systems.

10. Limits and Exclusions of Liability

- 10.1 Neither party shall be liable for the other's loss of profits, loss of turnover, loss of data, loss of business opportunities, or indirect or consequential loss. Liability is not excluded for (a) fraudulent misrepresentations, and/or (b) death or personal injury caused by the negligence of either party; and/or (c) any loss which may not be limited by law. The Company shall not be liable for any loss howsoever arising from or in connection with the Client's interpretation of the Deliverables.
- 10.2 Save in relation to the liability pursuant to clause 11, either party's maximum aggregate liability however so arising under or in connection with this Contract whether in contract, tort, (including negligence), breach of statutory duty or otherwise shall not exceed the higher of NZD100,000 or the amount of the fees in the applicable Statement of Work giving rise to the claim.

11. Product Testing

11.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Contract where the Services involve testing or using the Client's products (including prototypes) and/or third party products supplied by Client, the Client shall pay all costs relating to, and indemnify the Company and other

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Kantar Companies from and against, any losses, third party claims, demands, damages, costs, charges, expenses or liabilities (or actions, investigations or other proceedings in respect thereof) which the Company and other Kantar Companies may suffer or incur relating to or arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with testing or using such products.

12. Miscellaneous

- 12.1 The obligations set out in clauses 2, 4.2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.2, 12.7 and 12.8 shall survive termination for a period of 1 year.
- 12.2 Any notice given hereunder shall be in writing and sent by electronic mail or by registered post with a receipt from Company. In the case of the notice to the Company, notices shall also be copied to the Managing Director, Chief Finance Officer and Chief Legal Officer at the address for the Company as in the Company definition.
- 12.3 The Company shall not be liable for failure to perform its obligations hereunder due to factors beyond its control such as fires, storms, riots, strikes, disease, shortages of materials, lock-outs, wars, key employees not being available to perform the Services, or any part thereof, through death, illness or departure from the Company, floods, civil disturbances, terrorism, Governmental control, restriction or prohibition whether local or national.
- 12.4 Other than in the course of a bona fide public recruitment exercise, neither party shall, without the prior written consent of the other, at any time from the date of the Contract to the expiry of twelve months after the last date of supply of the Services, solicit or entice away from the other party or employ (or attempt to employ) any person who is engaged as an employee of the other party involved in material aspects of the provision or receipt of the Services
- 12.5 The invalidity or unenforceability of any part of this Contract shall not affect the other provisions of this Contract.
- 12.6 The Company shall be entitled to assign its rights and obligations under this Contract either to any member of the Kantar Group, or in the event of a change of control, and will notify Client in writing of such assignment. The Company shall also be entitled to assign receivables due from Client
- 12.7 No term of this Contract shall be enforceable by a third party.
- 12.8 This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of New Zealand and the courts of New Zealand shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

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