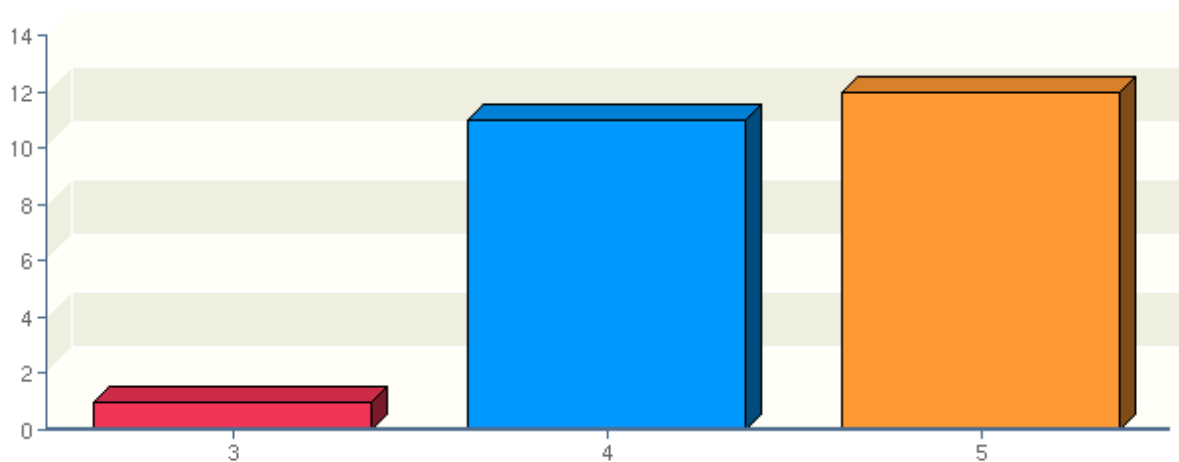


SHKB Evaluation Report

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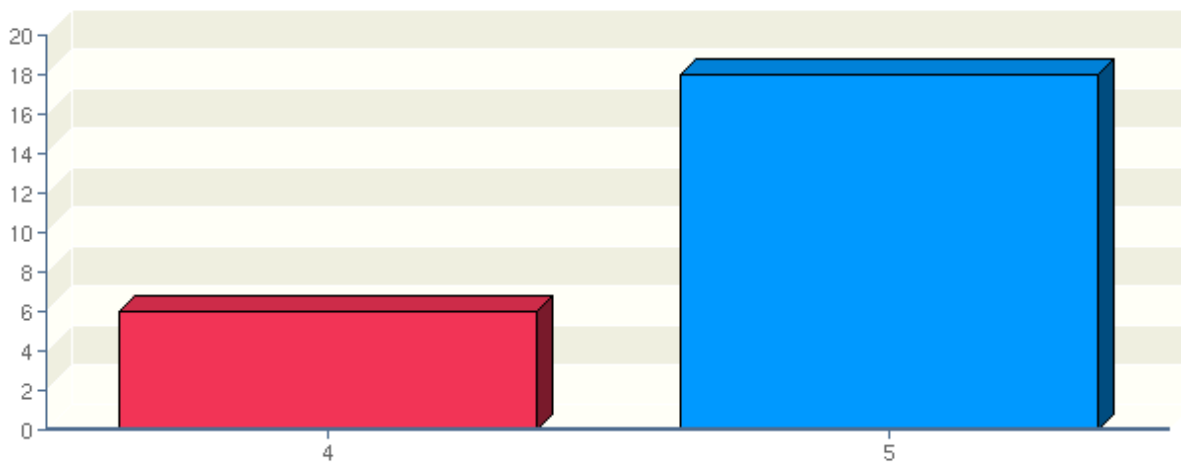
1. We currently have 5 oral rounds at Sub-Regional and Regional. Would you prefer 3 or 4 or 5 oral rounds at Sub-Regional?



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5	12	50.00%
4	11	45.83%
3	1	4.17%

Average: 4.46

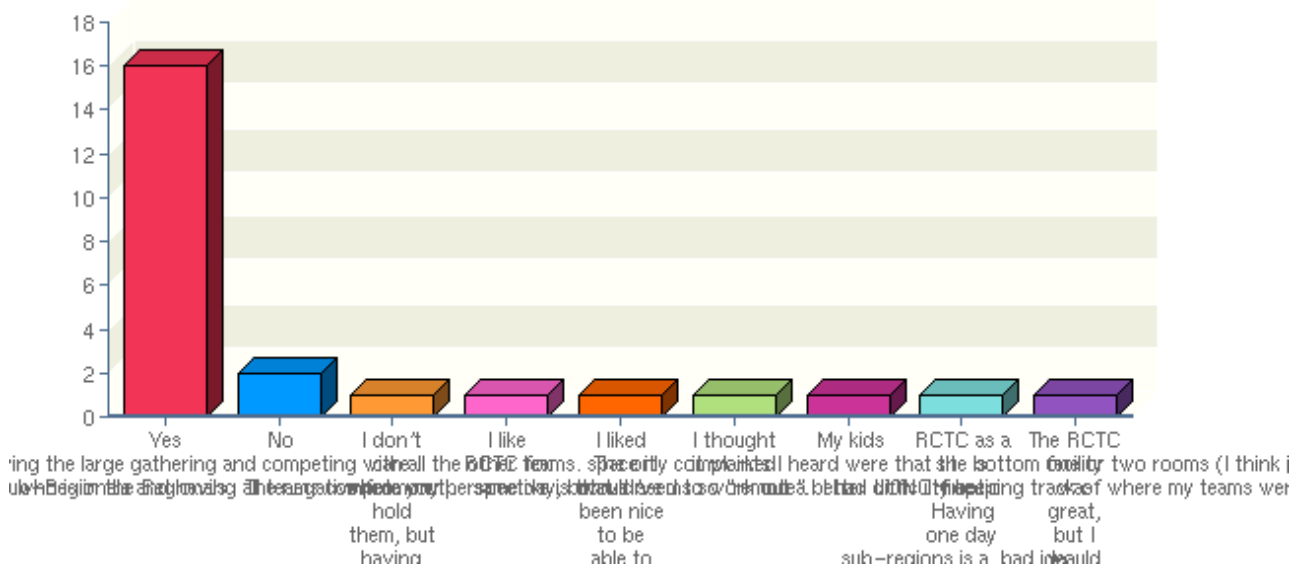
2. We currently have 5 oral rounds at Sub-Regional and Regional. Would you prefer 3 or 4 or 5 oral rounds at Regional?



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5	18	75.00%
4	6	25.00%

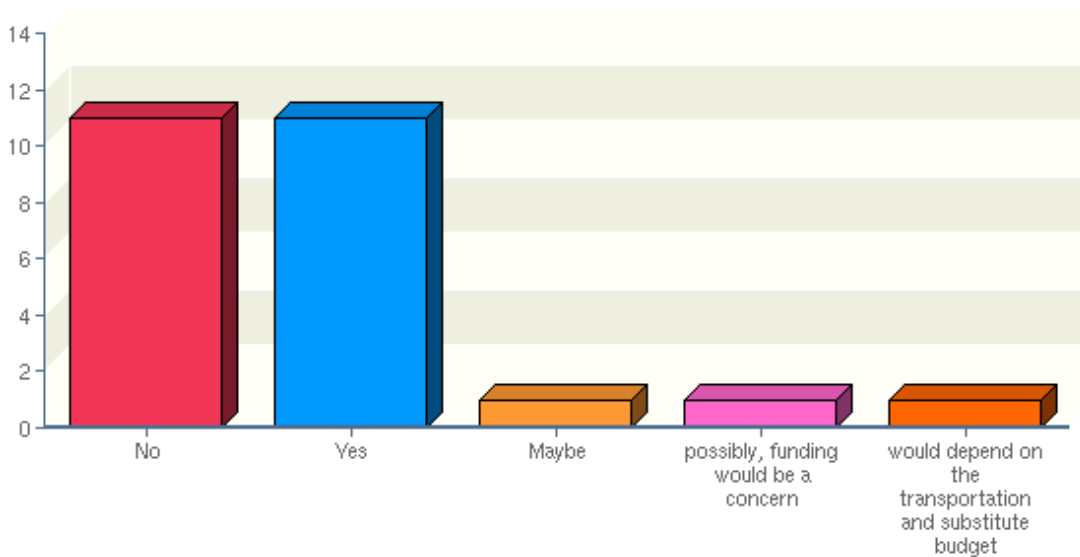
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3. We used RCTC to hold Sub-Regionals, with all teams from a tier competing on the same day. Should we continue to hold Sub-Regionals at RCTC?



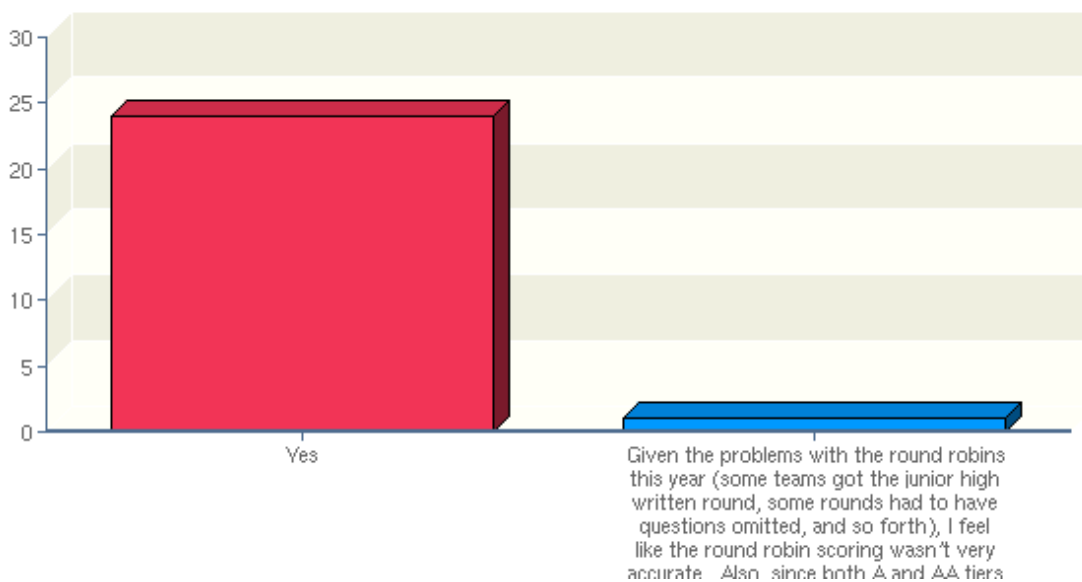
Item	Count	Percent %
Yes	16	64.00%
No	2	8.00%
I don't care where you hold them, but having all teams on the same day takes too long. The Regional also makes more sense if there are two different sub-regionals.	1	4.00%
I like RCTC for Sub-Regionals and having all teams compete on the same day, but we need to work out a better LUNCH option.	1	4.00%
I liked space it would've been nice to be able to order pizza, but the space was probably more important.	1	4.00%
I thought it worked well...and is probably much fairer for competition to determine who is in the Regionals. The negative from my perspective is that it seems so "remote"...I had difficulty keeping track of where my teams were placing, etc. after each round. Part of that is that everyone was on the move!	1	4.00%
My kids absolutely loved having the large gathering and competing with all the other teams. The only complaints I heard were that the bottom one or two rooms (I think just the last room) was very noisy due to equipment in the room.	1	4.00%
RCTC as a site is fine. Having one day sub-regionals is a bad idea.	1	4.00%
The RCTC facility was great, but I would recommend going back to the multi-day sub-regional format if at all possible. There was too much down time waiting for so many rooms to finish.	1	4.00%

4. Would you participate in more than the 3 round robin competitions?



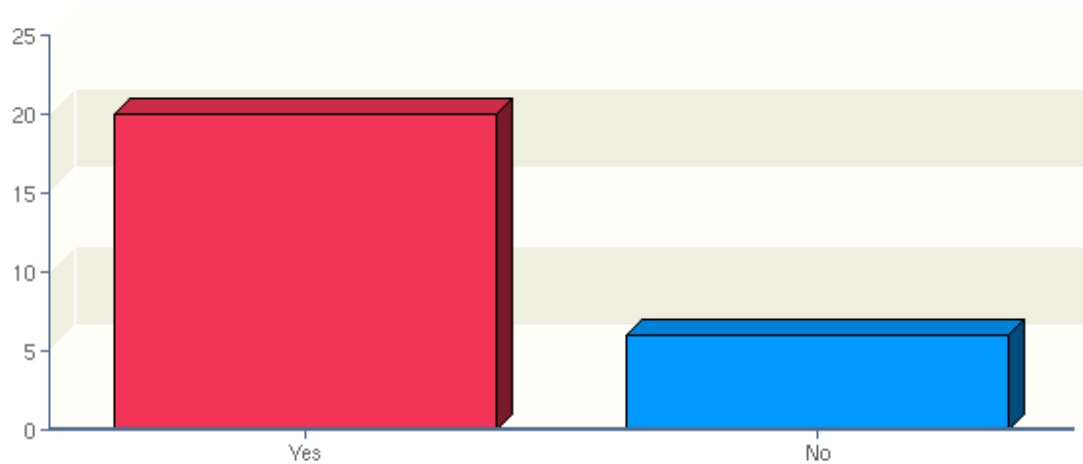
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No	11	44.00%
Yes	11	44.00%
Maybe	1	4.00%
possibly, funding would be a concern	1	4.00%
would depend on the transportation and substitute budget	1	4.00%

5. Are the existing awards (certificates, trophies, medallions) appropriate?



Item	Count	Percent %
Yes	24	96.00%
Given the problems with the round robins this year (some teams got the junior high written round, some rounds had to have questions omitted, and so forth), I feel like the round robin scoring wasn't very accurate. Also, since both A and AA tiers competed against each other during the round robins, I think the round robin awards are deceptive. However, I do think the other awards, for sub regionals and regionals, are very appropriate.	1	4.00%

6. Are advisors and other adults consistent with competition procedure?



Item	Count	Percent %
Yes	20	76.92%
No	6	23.08%

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Open Text Responses:

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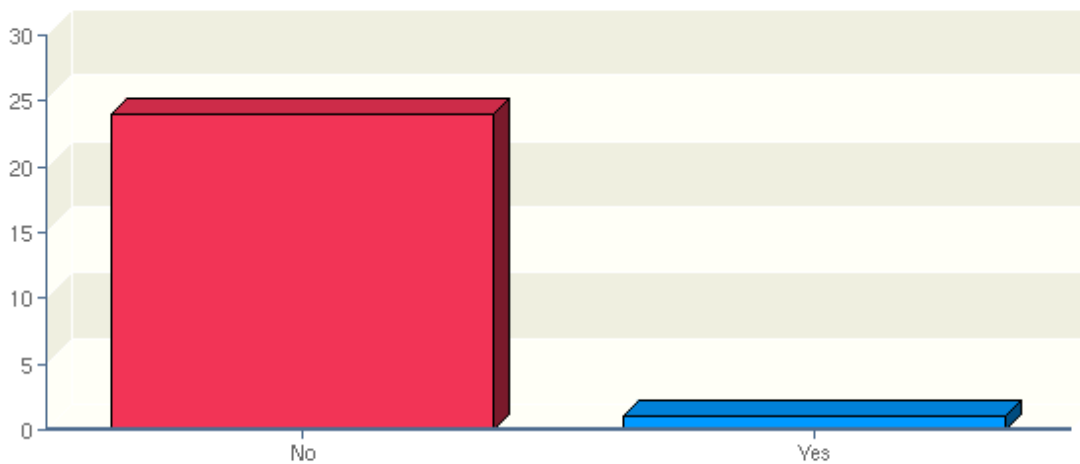
I frequently have team members report that a judge did something differently than I understood things would work. I think there are a lot of new advisers each year and some of the little procedural things don't get shared. An example -- buzzing in early and completing the question and answering. The question is ...The president lives in the White _____. The students buzz in early and say White House. Judges have marked them incorrect because the answer was "house" not "white house." There is not enough time to think of all of these things each time. Also, I noticed a couple of times that a judge did not even open their binder while the judges were going thru the questions. So, he might be extremely brilliant and know all the answers, but how does he know what we are accepting and not accepting?

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Should we require students to sign a code of conduct?

Open Text Responses:

A very few groups get chatty after they have answered the question, thus distracting the other teams or making it difficult to hear their answer clearly. For the most part, a simple warning does the trick. Not all groups pick up after themselves, either.

7. Are there problems with student behavior?



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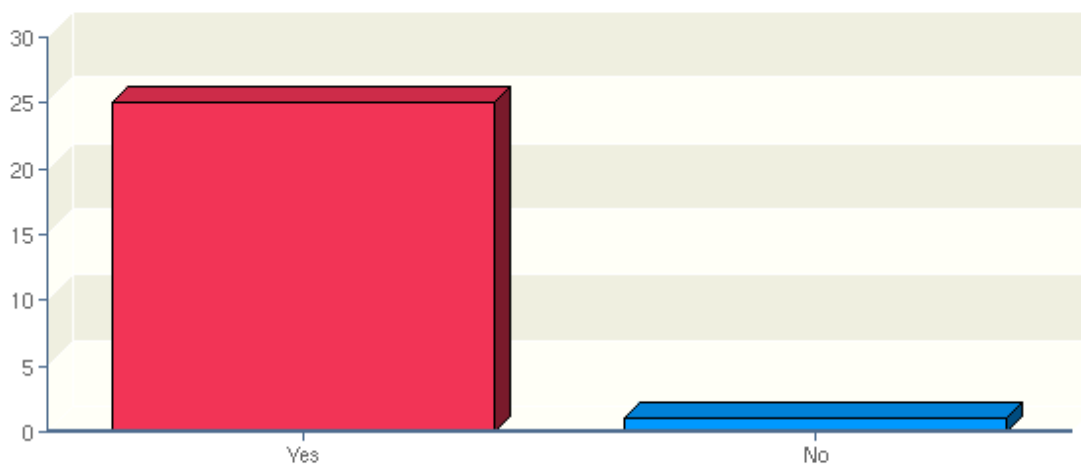
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Yes	25	96.15%
No	1	3.85%

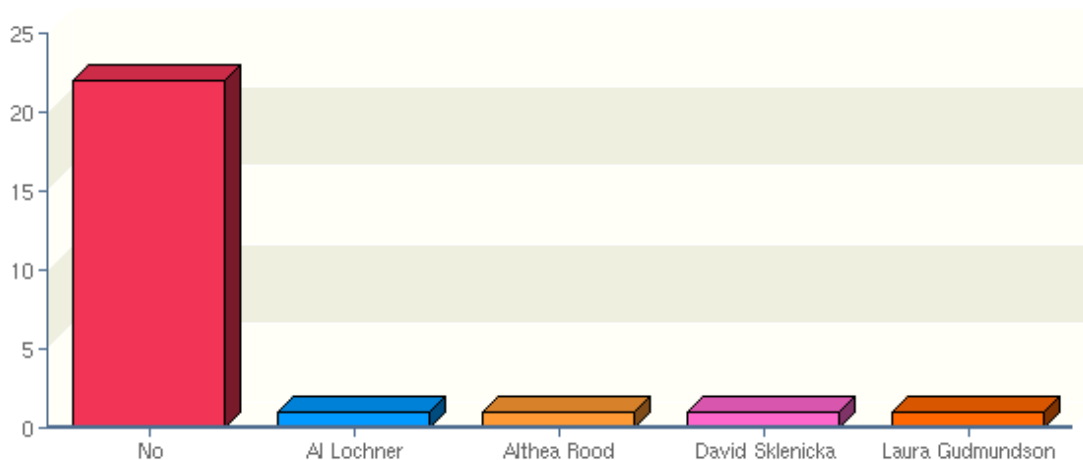
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9. Would you be willing to serve on an advisory committee?



Item	Count	Percent %
No	22	84.62%
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Althea Rood	1	3.85%
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Laura Gudmundson	1	3.85%

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Appendix 6: Do you have concerns regarding Senior High Knowledge Bowl?

Open Text Responses:

Yes. One day sub-regions

None. You do a great job coordinating these events

I still get concerned when schools do not show up on time. The weather was NOT a factor at Regions and some schools showed up 20 minutes late.

No

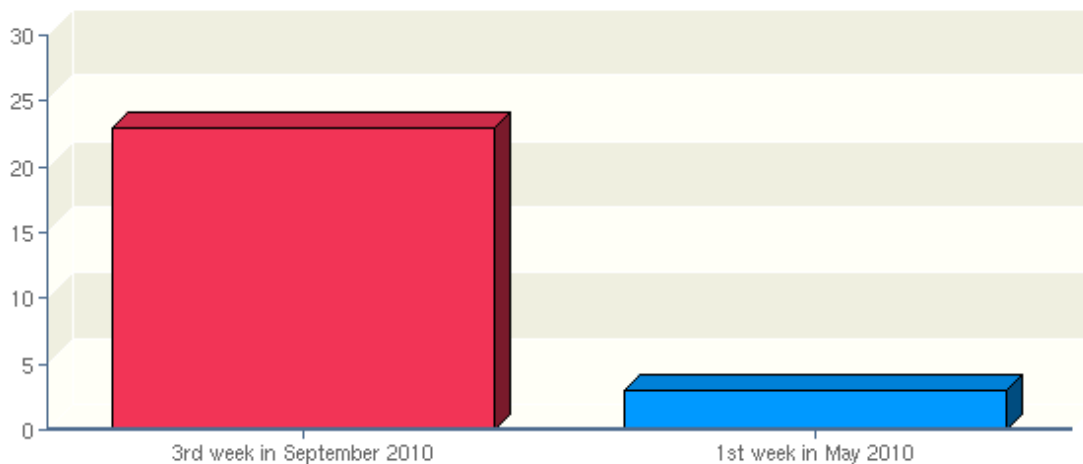
No

Keep up the great job you do for Knowledge Bowl. Thank you.

I'd like to see at least 2 people in competition rooms during round robins.

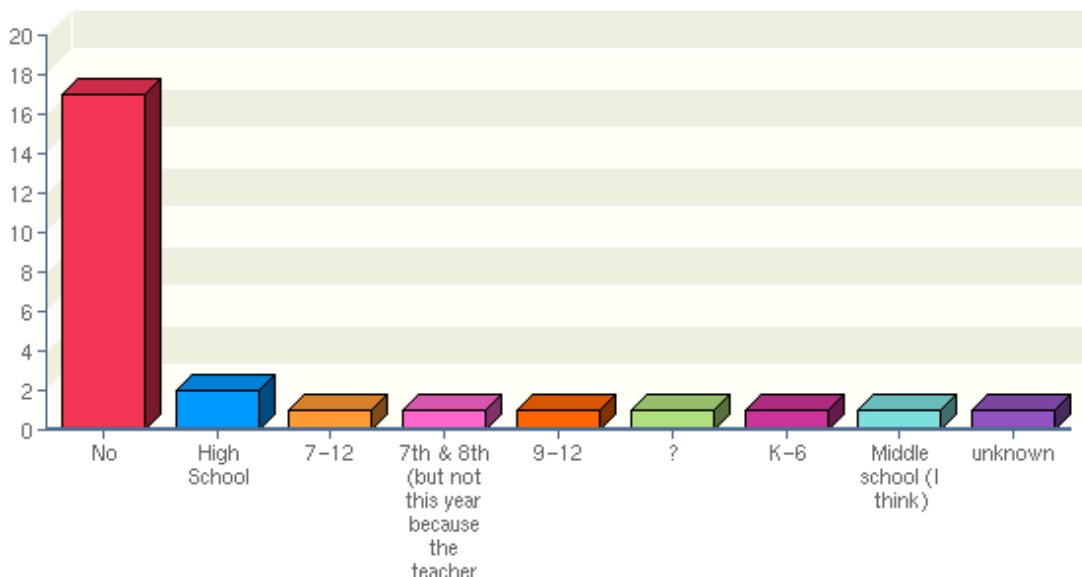
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10. When would you prefer the 2010-2011 Knowledge Bowl Advisors Meeting is held? (Advisors will sign up for Round Robin dates)



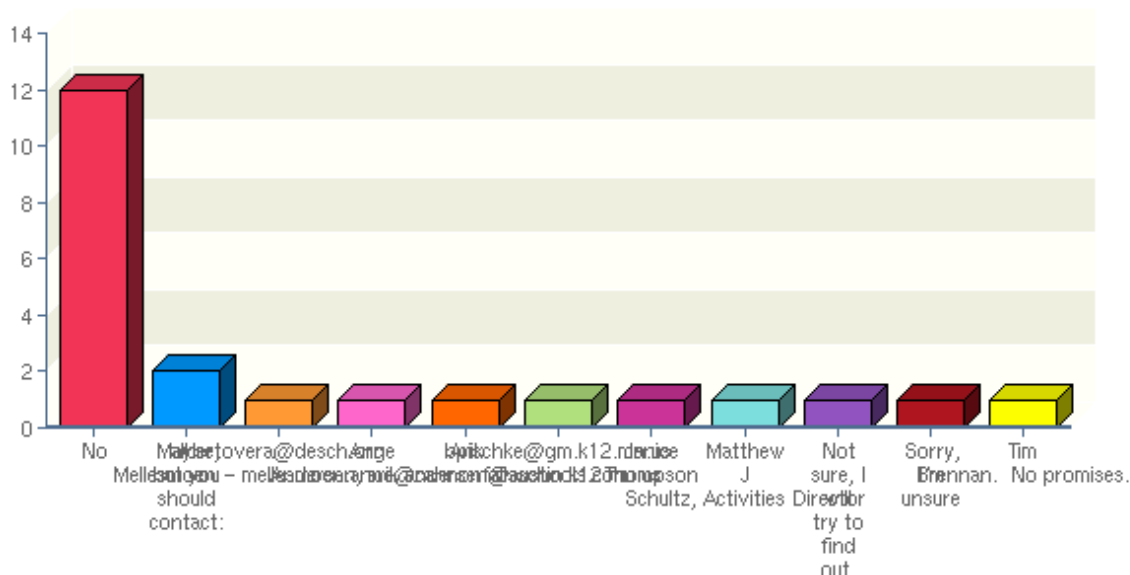
Item	Count	Percent %
3rd week in September 2010	23	88.46%
1st week in May 2010	3	11.54%

11. Does your school have a chess club or participate in chess tournaments?



Item	Count	Percent %
No	17	65.38%
High School	2	7.69%
7-12	1	3.85%
7th & 8th (but not this year because the teacher has other committments, but possibly in the future again.)	1	3.85%
9-12	1	3.85%
?	1	3.85%
K-6	1	3.85%
Middle school (I think)	1	3.85%
unknown	1	3.85%

12. Would your school/district be interested in SSC hosted Chess Tournaments?



Item	Count	Percent %
No	12	52.17%
Maybe, but you should contact:	2	8.70%
albertovera@desch.org	1	4.35%
Anne Mellesmoen - mellesmoen.anne@cannonfallsschools.com	1	4.35%
Arik Andersen, arik.andersen@austin.k12.mn.us	1	4.35%
bpischke@gm.k12.mn.us	1	4.35%
Janice Thompson	1	4.35%
Matthew J Schultz, Activities Director	1	4.35%
Not sure, I will try to find out.	1	4.35%
Sorry, I'm unsure	1	4.35%
Tim Brennan. No promises.	1	4.35%