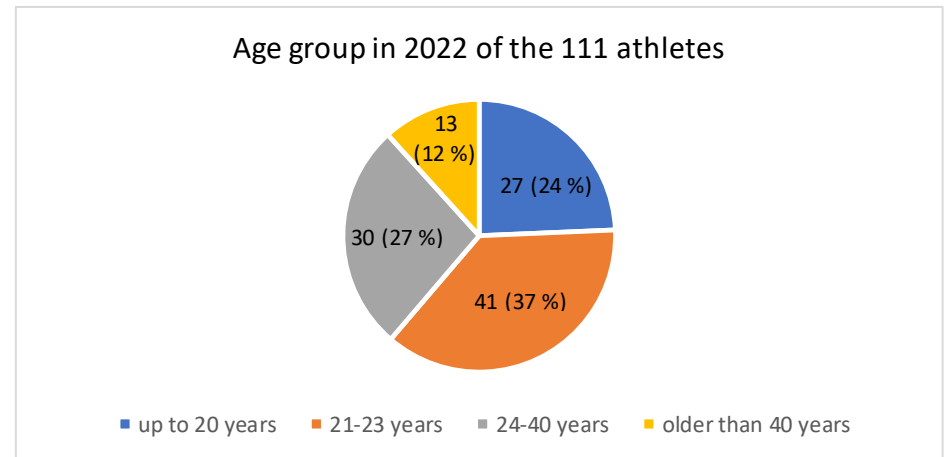
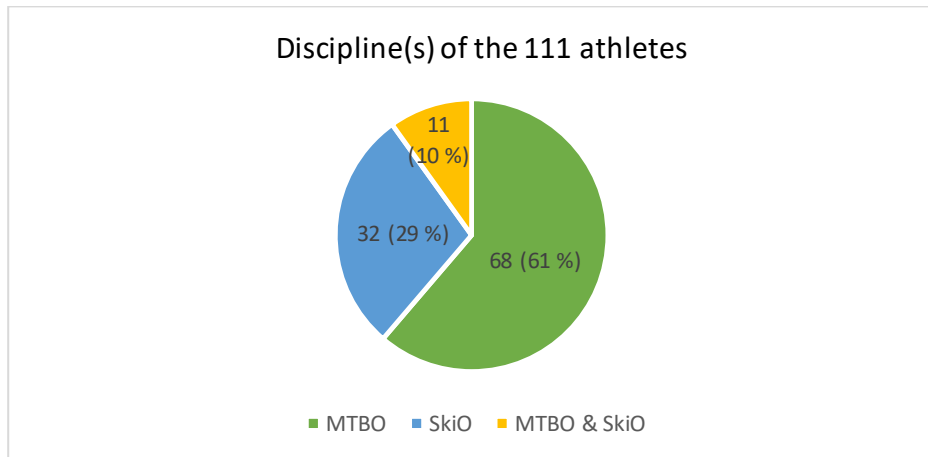
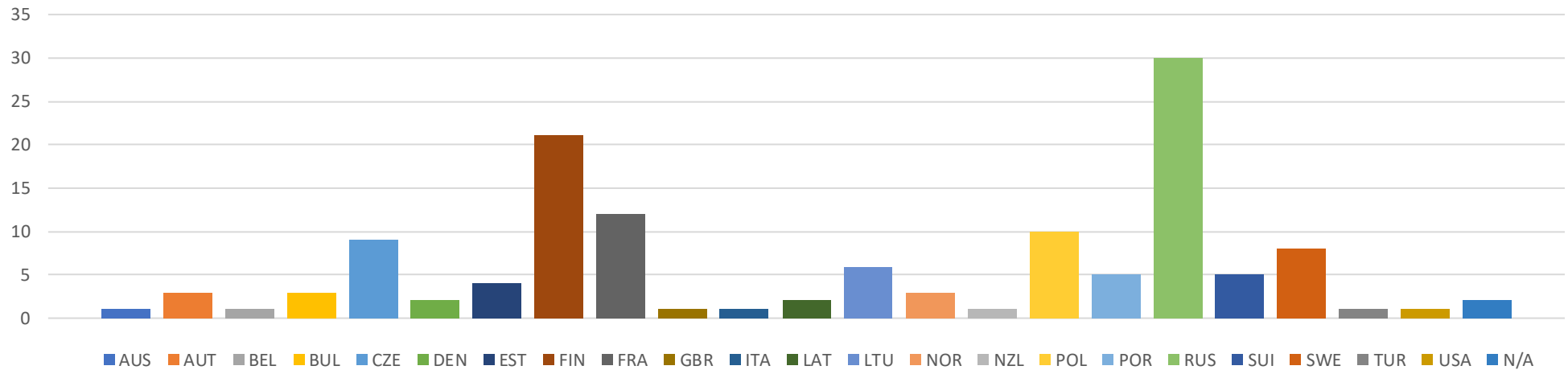


**RESPONDENTS**

132 respondents from 23 different federations

111 athletes (16 of them also have another role) and 21 officials (e.g. coaches, team officials, assistants, federation officials, event advisers, etc.)

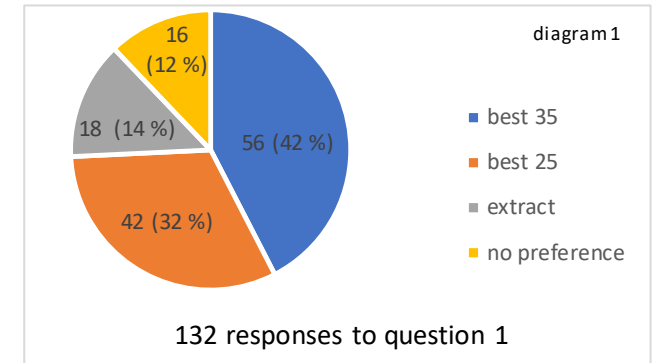


## QUESTION 1: Calculation of the World Cup for young elite athletes

- I would prefer a separately calculated points list with points for the best 35 U23 athletes.
- I would prefer a separately calculated points list with points for the best 20 U23 athletes.
- I would prefer an extract of the overall World Cup list.
- I don't have any preference.

Responses see diagram 1.

→ 116 respondents have a preference: • 98 (84 %) want a separately calculated points list.  
• 18 (16 %) want an extract of the overall WCup list.



Detailed analysis of responses to question 1:

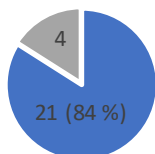
	best 35	best 20	extract	no pref.	total	
	# resp.	# resp.	# resp.	# resp.	#	%
athletes						
- up to 20 y.	10	11	4	2	27	24
- 21-23 years	14	13	9	5	41	37
- 24-40 years	17	9	0	4	30	27
- 40 + years	5	6	0	2	13	12
total athletes	46	39	13	13	111	100
officials	10	3	5	3	21	
total resp.	56	42	18	16	132	

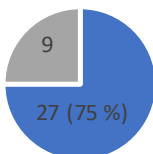
MTBO	33	27	0	8	68	61
SkiO	9	7	12	4	32	29
MTBO & SkiO	4	5	1	1	11	10

• separately calculated list (best 35 or best 20) ↔ • extract of overall WCup list:

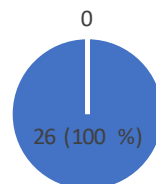
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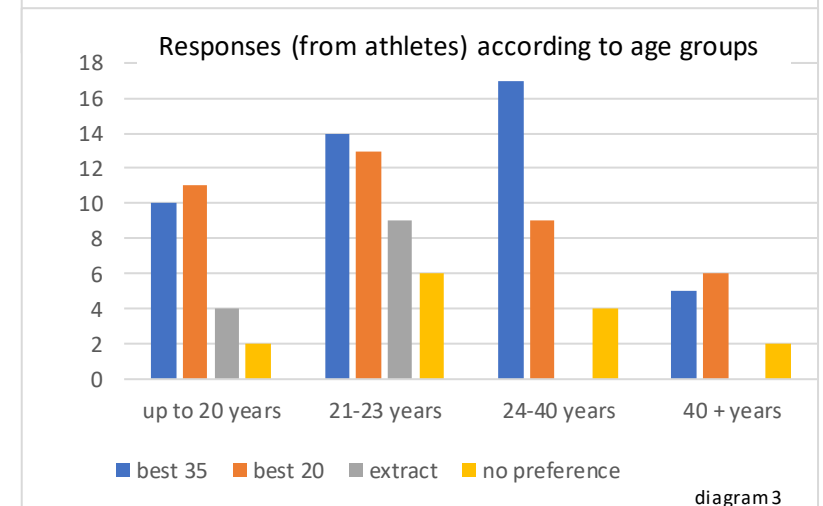
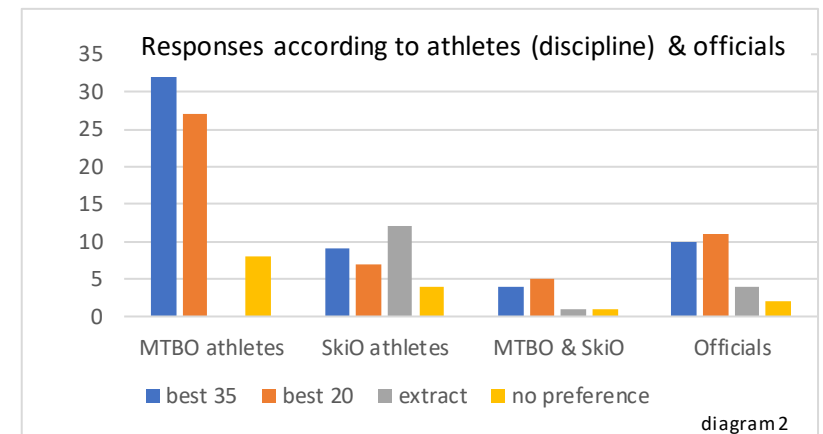
21-23 years



24-40 years

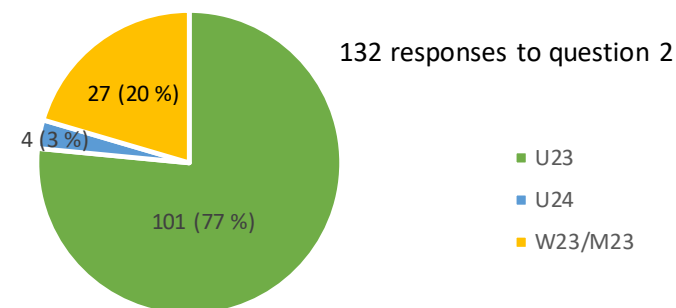


older than 40 years



## QUESTION 2: Name for the Championships and World Cup

- U23 World Cup / U23 World Championships, classes W/M23
- U24 World Cup / U23 World Championships, classes W/M23
- W23 and M23 World Championships / W23 and M23 World Cup (classes W/M23)



Responses see diagram on the right.

→ 77 % of the 132 respondents prefer the term U23 for the Championships and the WCup.

## Some REMARKS and comments

Remarks	Comments
If U23 can score both U23 and elite WCup (I hope it is possible), I don't think there should be extra quota for him. For example: Now, 6 athletes can start in SkiO WCup from each federation. If there will be 2 places extra for U23, I think that still only 6 athletes should count from each federation in elite results. This way could ensure that U23 extra places will be used for U23 athletes which cannot reach TOP 6 elite in their country.	U23 athletes can get points in the U23 World Cup and the Elite World Cup, but in the Elite World Cup only the best (currently 6) competitors according to the maximum number as defined in the rules can obtain points. → no change to the rule about the maximum number of participants per federation.
I was thinking about team sizes, would new class be additional in team sizes as well or would it be included in elite teams? So would there be 6 entries to new class per country, 6 entries to elite and new class combined or maybe x+x entries combined?	In addition to the number of participants entered for the Elite World Cup competitions (currently 6 per gender), every federation may enter up to 2 U23 women and 2 U23 men. → 6 elite + 2 U23 entries per gender
Maybe U25 with more athletes would be more interesting than U23?	The age focus is on the first 3 elite years because the transition from junior to senior elite can be a difficult period and we want to motivate athletes to continue competing in high level event competitions.
The best juniors cannot attend when world championships and junior world championships are held at the same time.	The U23 World Championships are staged as part of the WCup round <u>not</u> in conjunction with the Elite or Junior World Championships. → Juniors can attend the U23 World Championships.
Do not make separate points calculating because it can be difficult for organisers and IOF results admins.	The discipline commissions (MTBO or SkiO) will make the U23 WCup points calculation. → no extra work or cost for organisers or the IOF
U23 should have own listings, but same courses as M21/W21 than in case U23 competitors time is good enough to get world cup points also. Same idea as in wrc rally with different classes.	The U23 classes are integrated into the existing World Cup rounds, i.e. U23 athletes will start in the Elite classes Women/Men and do the same course. → U23 athletes can get WCup points in the Elite as well.
U23 World Cup could be good but I don't like the idea to make more classes to world championships	The U23 classes are offered as a "sub-category" in the Women/Men class. → There won't be any additional classes for the U23 athletes.