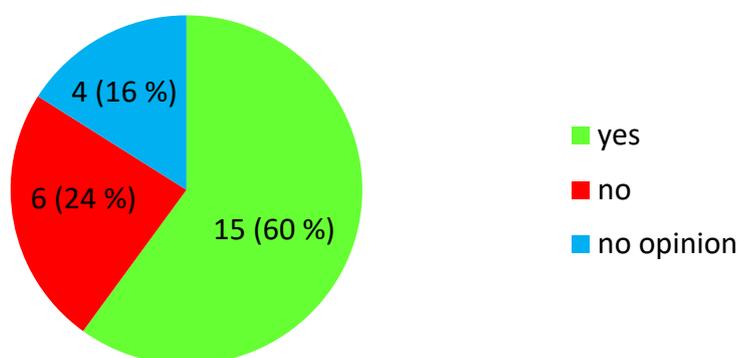


Results of the survey / consultation regarding JWMTBOC 2020 / 2021

25 federations took part in the survey, among them all the teams who have had successful juniors in the past 2-3 years.

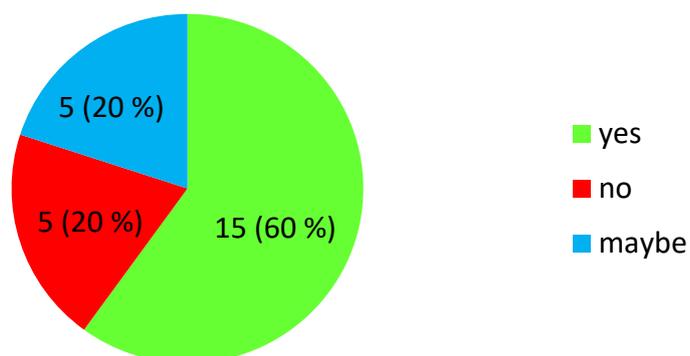
1 Does your federation agree to hold the JWMTBOC 2020 in 2021 by integrating it into the JWMTBOC 2021 in Finland?

25 responses



2 Does your federation intend to send junior athletes to the JWMTBOC 2021 in FIN?

25 responses



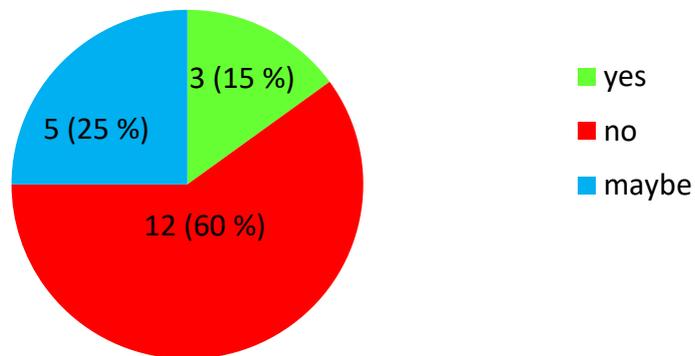
The 15 respondents/federations who intend to send junior athletes to the JWMTBOC 2021 answered question 1 as follows: 11 = yes (73 %), 3 = no (20 %), 1 (7 %) = no opinion.

→ Almost 3/4 of the relevant federations would like to hold the JWMTBOC 2020 by integrating it into the JWMTBOC 2021 in Finland.

- 3** If the JWMTBOC 2020 is held in FIN in 2021, approx. 22 female and 20 male athletes born in 2000 would start there.
These numbers will probably be higher as not all federations who intend to send junior athletes to the JWMTBOC 2021 answered this question.
Stronger athletes born in 2000 who will start in the elite class of the WMTBOC 2021 (see question 4) are not included.

4 Will stronger athletes born in 2000 start in the elite class of the WMTBOC 2021 regardless of whether the JWMTBOC 2020 is integrated into the JWMTBOC 2021 or not?

20 responses



→ Based on the responses to questions 3 and 4 it can be expected that a possible JWMTBOC 2020 held in FIN in 2021 would attract a sufficient number of participants to be a worthy Junior World Championship.

SUMMARY

The federations were consulted to find out

1. if a majority of the federations wish to have the JWMTBOC 2020 integrated into the JWMTBOC 2021
and
2. if there are going to be enough athletes born in 2000 competing at the JWMTBOC 2020.

Both questions can be answered with YES.

The MTBO Commission therefore proposed to the IOF Council to hold the JWMTBOC 2020 by integrating it into the JWMTBOC 2021 in FIN.

5 Comments and remarks from federations

- In general we support the proposal, including feedback from our recent JWMTBOC athletes. We really appreciate the efforts of IOF to consult and demonstrate the spirit of democracy in decision making - it is appreciated and you should be commended.
- IOF should make similar decision in Foot-O and MTBO-O.
- Bad luck for everyone in this 2020, even for the Juniors. No B plan for everybody in my opinion.
- We propose to do one JWMTBOC 2021 championship including those born in 2000. All athletes compete in one group. In our opinion, there is no significant physiological difference.
- This is really not necessary. Why complicate things, if athletes are out of the junior league so what? Many of Masters athletes who are "seniors" in their class didn't have the opportunity to compete in their last year in that particular class. So are we going to change rules for them too? No! That's life, let's move on from that shitty 2020...
- 1. It is not a good solution - during one start on the same route you can win two gold medals of the Junior World Championship in MTBO, no observers will take it seriously.
 2. The starting list - how to release athletes from the year 2000 at the beginning or at the end, or maybe in the middle - there is no golden way and nobody will find it.
 3. The 2020 Junior World Championships in W / M 20 is one problem - and what about the 2020 W / M 17 European Championships, here, the same situation as in W / M 20. This means that for IOF, younger athletes are less valuable and should be pay less attention.
- We do recommend to hold one World Junior MTBO Championships in 2021 - and to join competitors born in 2020 to this group. That would be fair to them; besides, it's quite important for many of the riders to get a good result in the Junior's Worlds to continue their sport career.

Then, we'd suggest to held one competition for the whole bunch of riders (one per each distance, of course) - and to get two sets of medals for the competitor. One - as it would be "normal" WJMTBOC for 2021, and another set of medals for the best riders of the race (riders born in 2000 included). Some of the younger girls/boys may get two medals from one race that way, but we cannot say that they wouldn't be able to get them in 2020. Start minutes for 2000-year-of-birth-riders should be separated from the rest of the bunch. Relays for "juniors of 2021" only; no fair way to solve this problem in our opinion.
- We do not support JWMTBOC 2020 in 2021 by integrating it into the JWMTBOC 2021 in Finland. But if it will be organized some sportsman born 2020 will participate, except stronger athletes born in 2000 which will start in the elite class of the WMTBOC 2021.
- We have only 2 athletes born in 2000. We are sure to have 1 man born in 2000 to take part in JWMTBOC 2020 if it is integrated into the JWMTBOC 2021. But we are not sure yet if our junior woman born in 2000 will be riding in senior team.
- We don't have Juniors born in 2000. Generally we find this a good idea, but there are also some problems/questions: How much value does a medal have when the strongest Juniors start in Elite? How will a JWMTBOC 2021 participant feel when JWMTBOC 2020 participants are faster?
- Good suggestion.