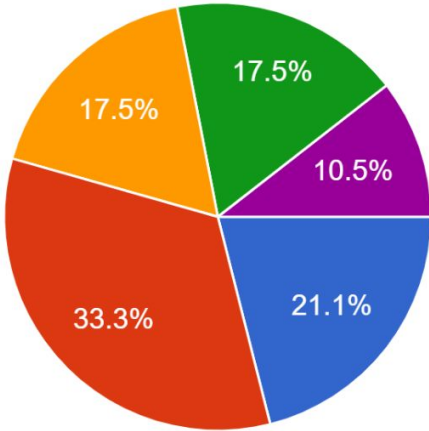




2024 Regional Survey

Regional Location

57 responses



- Marquette
- Pine Knob
- Caberfae
- Crystal Mtn
- Alpine Valley

Responses 57

Region 1 Marquette (Marquette) - 10 Responses out of 11 Teams

Region 2 Pine Knob (Lake Orion) - 8 Responses out of 13 Teams

Region 3 Alpine Valley (Milford) 6 Responses out of 14 Teams

Region 4 Crystal Mtn. (Maple City Glen Lake) 10 Responses out of 12 Teams

Region 5 Caberfae (Cadillac) 10 Responses out of 13 Teams

Region 6 Pine Knob (Detroit Country Day) 10 out of 13 teams

1 unknown that attended PK unregistered assistant

Lift Ticket Prices

Alpine Valley \$45

Caberfae \$24

Crystal Mountain \$30 Parents/Spectators \$35

Pine Knob \$44

Marquette \$33

Each Area Provided 2 Coach Tickets

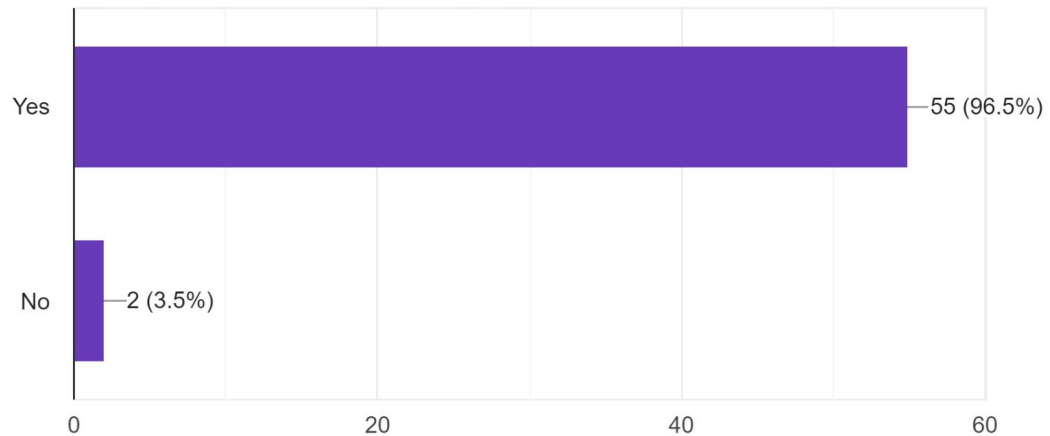
Lane Fees

Alpine Valley	Teams did not Train
Caberfae	Did not Train due to conditions
Crystal Mountain	\$200
Pine Knob	Teams did not Train
Marquette	\$100 per hour

Results Done in a Timely Manner

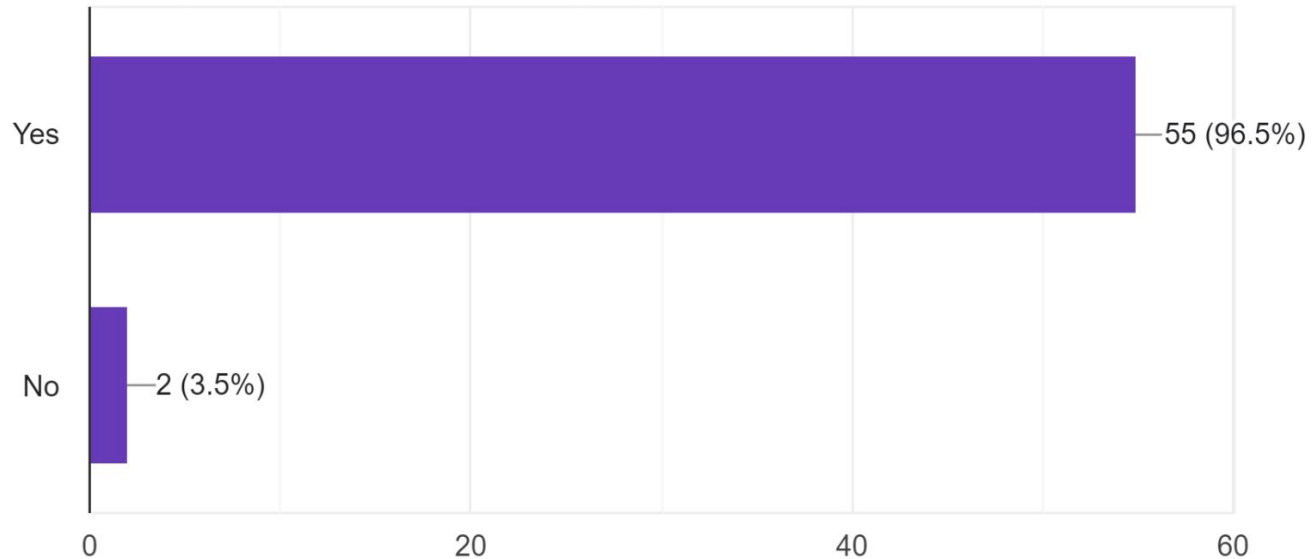
Were results done in a timely manner

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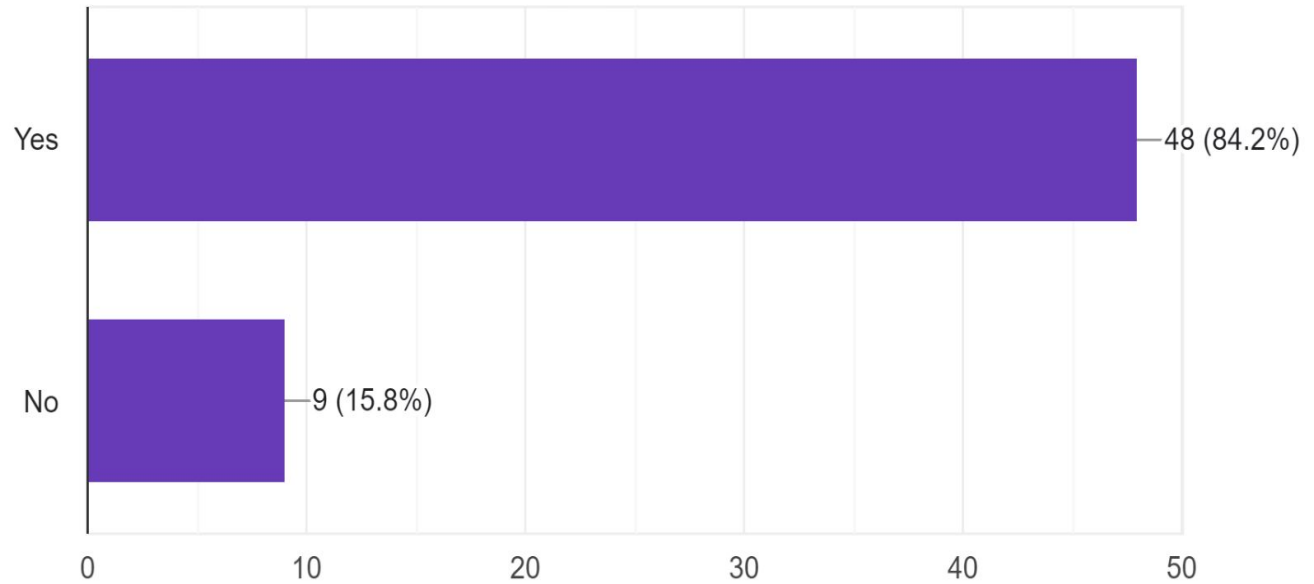
Were DQ Cards posted on score boards after runs Posting Disqualifications – All disqualifications must be noted and posted on the unofficial result b...r each discipline (quoted from the coach manuel)

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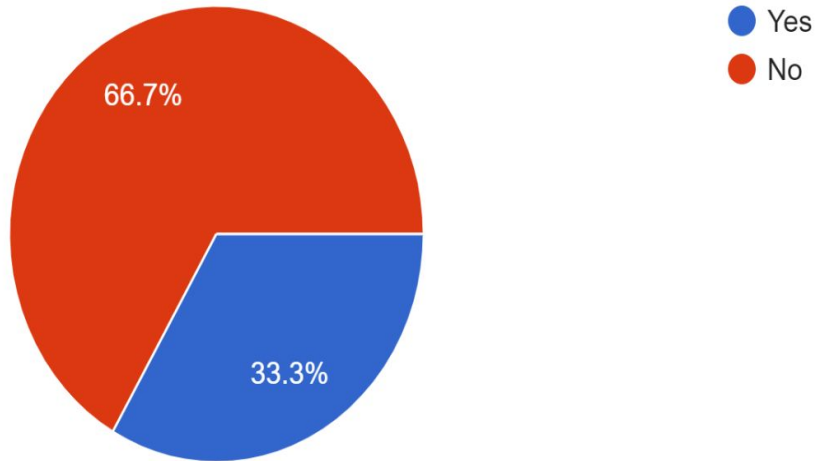
Were the course officials highly visible, Chief or Course, Referees, & Technical Delegate

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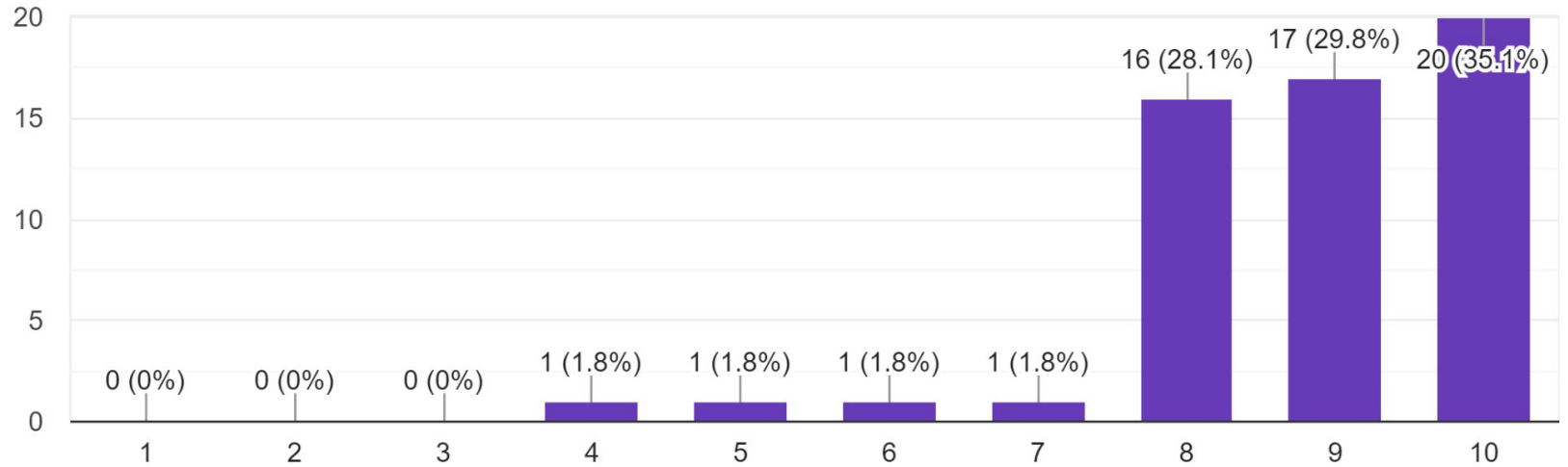
'Were Hand Times Used for Results

57 responses



Overall How Satisfied are you with the Regional Event

57 responses



Alpine Valley Comments

I think that the most difficult part of regional races is how the DQ cards are handled. I am a new coach and have been to 3 regionals now and every place has done them differently. It is also challenging when cards aren't received or posted with enough time to look at them.

One of the biggest challenges is these bib numbers are unfamiliar to many coaches as this is the first time the kids have worn them. So digging through a list of numbers is challenging. It would be helpful that when cards are posted a school abbreviation is used. It would also be helpful to know what can be debated or appealed in the rules more clearly.

It might also be something to think about by hiring gate judges for the event. I know this is a bit more unrealistic, but I think it could be considered.

Well run event by Josh. Great up front communication. Appreciated coaches zoom call prior to race day. Very well run. Conditions were good considering the weather. Concerned about all the wood fences not protected by B net
Ran great , everyone worked as a team

Very well run event

For R3 the DQ cards were given to the refs at the bottom during runs and coaches could ask to see them. After the 6th flight all cards were posted on the side of the timing shack and coaches had 15 minutes to review if they would like to protest.

We did have hand timing but it was not needed.

We had a ten minute timing issue to start the day before forerunners. That and some areas of fresh blown snow were a small issue were are only struggles. Lots of course maintenance workers handled the ruts and they worked hard.

Caberfae Comments

I think it would be good if we purchased forerunner bibs **(not necessary, times are not supposed to be announced or on live timing)**

Cadillac did a great job hosting! Thanks to James and all his team. Caberfae was a great venue as well.

Cadillac put on a very well organized event much like what we've come to expect in our region between both Cannonsburg and Caberfae.

Great event

The event was well run. There was a short delay at the beginning. All things considered it was proficiently run, was well organized and the conditions were as good as can be expected.

Well run and organized. All changes due to snow conditions were communicated well in advance

All schools participated in gate judging and course maintenance without any problems.

James Neztley and Cadillac ran a great Regional, as always.

I liked that they took into consideration how the snow was going to hold up and decided to run all GS in the morning session and SL in the afternoon session. It made the race seem to go faster.

The jury had arm bands, but our conference uses construction vests. It makes them easier to find, especially when they are not coaches.

There was a forerunner that should not have been allowed on the course fell early and Ski Patrol had to take them off the race course.

Crystal Mountain Comments

Very well organized event

John K. did a great job organizing the event!

Hand timing is an ongoing issue. It's difficult to find proficient volunteers. Provisionals and time of day marks on finishes can substitute

As the regional host, I feel the race went really well. There were a few hiccups behind the scenes and challenging with the warm afternoon temps trying to decide to treat the hill or not. Hand timing was the biggest issue, hand timers not in place timely or leaving with watches and not returning on time and also wrong buttons being pushed without telling officials so they could be resynced. Schedule was altered in the afternoon due to testing and considering treating the surface.

Crystal was a great host. They have a room called the Northwest Territory Room that was big enough for the teams and a designated food area for each team. The lift ticket pricing was more than reasonable.

It was well run hand timing was the biggest hold up

Given the winter we've had it was a very safe and fair competition!

I Felt like the event was super well ran and Crystal Mountain was a great venue for the event. It would have been nice to see the races move a bit quicker with more than one racer on the course at one time. There are many teams that drive home after the event and it would have been nice to finish a bit earlier.

Well organized and went smoothly. The only negative was how far apart the races hills were from each other @ Crystal Mtn. (SL & GS)

I forgot to add to my last comments. They only ran one racer on a course at a time to reduce hand times. As someone who has a 7 hour drive home I didn't appreciate getting out of there after 5PM. We could have and should have been on the road much sooner.

The officials at the race were not up to par. The TD "Cricket" didn't know setting rules. He approved an awful GS set the night before. Distances were in excess of 30 meters. The boys chief of race allowed a participant to wait at the start for his bib that he forgot. The bib was brought up the lift by teammates. I'm not a fan of MHSAA's stance on bibs (I think there should be replacements at the start) but there is a rule and it was broken. It may have cost the Onecomma team a place at the finals. They took 4th by one point behind GNA of whom the athlete without a bib was a member. TD's and chiefs of races should know the rules. The rule book isn't very big.

Pine Knob Comments

Overall it was a great event and the race ran very smooth. Only negative experience was an employee yelling at my parents for bringing in Jimmy John subs and making them take them back to the car.

Trophys were not there for the ceremony. However the meet manager made it right, she apologized to our team the next day.

na - no awards was a bummer

I feel as if the work assignments heavily favored the teams that regularly practiced and raced at Pine Knob

Great race. Needed more course workers.

We'll run event

The only negative was that Trophies and medals for top 10 were not handed out. One week later, the athletes and teams still don't have their awards. I am told the AD of Detroit Country Day has them in his office. This is unacceptable.

the course assignments came out late. could have been better organized.

Snow conditions + hill grooming + snowguns on - not on organizers. Resort problem

Was my first year coaching HS so learned a lot!

R6 ran very well, jury and host did a great job. R2 suffered with assignments not being filled. Pine Knob had awesome conditions even with the difficult season.

Course conditions less than desirable due to previous weather.

Awards were not given to racers

Ran smooth and in a timely manner, good job!

Needed more volunteers for course maintenance

No award were give out because they were not at the event. I don't think they were ordered in time.

ran very smooth

Some parents have misconception of the rules for ski racing so is it possible to have the ski manual posted on the main MHSAA skiing sites vs the AD/coaches site so they have access to those pdfs?

Marquette Comments

Venue- Training fees/tickets were extremely high. Had to pay for a tent which I didn't believe was necessary. Food situation was not good- had to pay for their lunch which was awful. Kids did not like at all. With that said, the race itself that Marquette Team ran was awesome!\

We were not allowed to bring in outside food so teams had to pre order box lunches for \$15 each. The box lunches were a nice thought but not very good (soggy bread and stale chips). It was a very expensive regional meet due to lift ticket costs and having to purchase box lunches.

Was great to be back at Marquette. Great race hills and solid officiating.

Rewards were prompt and coaches approved results before presentation.

The regional hosted by Lilly / Marquette was extremely well run and organized. I would prefer we have such terrific efforts recognized for excellence. Kudos to Marquette and Lilly Lockwood for providing such an awesome regional experience.

Great event!

Very well organized and communication was great

It didn't seem fair that two teams got stuck on the lift and missed half their training and then three teams got to train on the actual race hill as opposed to the blue run off to the side. Home team advantage should mean that you train on the hill everyday other than the day before and that you sleep in your own bed the night before. It shouldn't mean that other teams get to train on a different hill the day of. There' needs to be more fairness.

Race was run very efficiently and was the fastest Regionals I have been a part of! No outside food, \$50 tent fee as well as allowing a couple of teams to train on the race hill when the rest of us could not were negatives!

The Marquette regional was highly organized. I objected to having to pay full price for training day lift tickets although there was a modest discount based on number of tickets purchased (\$79 reduced to \$68.30) we were only to be on the hill 2 hours (1:00pm-3:00pm) .We were riding up the lift to begin training when the lift malfunctioned necessitating evacuation. By the time that was accomplished our training was reduced to one hour. The execution of the event itself was superb. Training lift tickets should have also been \$33 same as race day.

It was asked to have the finish timers wired before the event start. It was not until multiple false impulse recordings that the timers decided to wire the finish. Hand times were used during this event which is frustrating for all involved. Please help make a policy change on this or use redundant timers with a second computer and photo cell similar to USSA.

The negatives were location (distance traveled for LP teams--the mountain itself is a great venue) when combined with high costs at MMR. Multiple hotel nights plus very high training day lift tickets and the unexpected extra fees were a bit much (\$50 for tents and forced to pay for food at the resort vs bringing our own). It was also interesting to see several teams Forest Hills and I believe TCW allowed to set up practice lanes on the actual race location while we were assigned to a much shorter and less technical training lane.

Very well run race! Surprised by how quickly the results were done! Great job to Marquette!

+ Lilly as a host was extremely organized and race ran efficient. App for announcements worked well.

Negatives:

The mandatory box lunch was convenient, but horrible food for \$15. Marquette States on there website about it being a health dept rule, no outside food. Completely incorrect checked with local health dept.

\$50 tent fee, although they did not complain about food and water in our tents.

Having The Meijer state games the weekend before the race made it that none of the athletes could even free ski on one of the race hills, It was closed all day except for 2 teams got to train on that hill. Completely not fair for the rest of the teams.

Sunday lift tickets were expensive.

The GS course was an extremely narrow corridor due to lack of snow. Both courses had red and blue alternating panels. Very confusing for many athletes. Need to have different color panels(pink, yellow, green, orange) for the other GS course. We need to add this to the rule book.