

United States Soaring Team Task Force

United States Soaring Team Survey Report

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Part 2 - Multiple Choice Report

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U.S. Soaring Team e-Survey Data & Analysis

This part of the report provides analysis of individual survey questions and summaries of the main topic sections.

Section 1 – Demographics

This section of the U.S. team e-survey was designed to gain some understanding of the participants, provide a benchmark against which future polls can be compared and to determine what segments of the SSA membership are concerned enough about the U.S. team to take a lengthy 75 question team survey.

Question 1.1 was used to categorize participants by contest experience and to provide a range across which to access differences in opinion based on competitive experience. These differences are enlightening when comparing contest pilots with non contest pilots to discover trends within the community generally.

1.00	Team Poll Demographics & Background: Welcome! Can you tell us a little about your flying and soaring experience? All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
1.10	Do you fly competitively? What is the highest level soaring contest, if any, have you competed in over the last 5 years? Check one only.	227	13 6%	73 32%	40 18%	28 12%	2 1%	67 30%	4 2%

Figure 2. Survey question 1.1 was used to establish e-survey categories.

Of the 227 SSA Members who participated 13 (6%) had participated in a world soaring championships in the last five years, 73 (32%) in Nationals, 40 (18%) Regionals, 28 (12%) Fun Contest, 2 (1%) Other Contest, 67 (30%) did not compete while 4 (2%) fell into other categories.

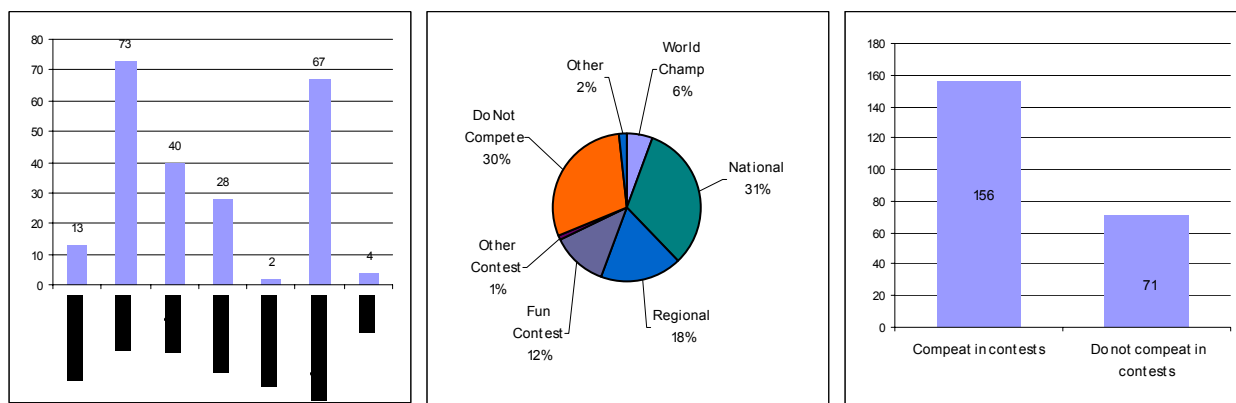


Figure 2 - Three graphs of survey demographics based on contest experience used in survey

As it could be expected competition pilots participated in higher numbers than generally represented in the SSA membership with 156 or 69% of the participants having competition experience while 71 (31%) had no competitive experience.

Question 1.2 was used to categorize participants by competitive class.

1.00	Team Poll Demographics & Background:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
1.20	In what class, if any, do you most often compete? Check one only.	Do Not Compete	26% 59	-	-	-	4%	-	87%	-
		Open	4% 9	15%	8%	3%	-	-	-	-
		18-Meter	1% 2	8%	1%	-	-	-	-	-
		15-Meter	21% 47	46%	33%	30%	11%	-	1%	25%
		Standard	18% 41	15%	38%	15%	14%	-	1%	-
		Sports	20% 46	-	11%	45%	64%	50%	1%	25%
		World	4% 8	8%	5%	5%	4%	-	-	-
		Junior	-	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Motorglider	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-
		Senior	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		1-26	2% 5	-	1%	3%	4%	-	1%	25%
		Other	-	-	-	-	-	50%	-	25%

Focusing on the overall survey 59% (134) participants competed in the popular 15-Meter, Standard and Sports classes. There is a trend towards less experienced pilots participating in Sports Class contests.

Question 1.3 was used to categorize participants by glider ownership.

1.00	Team Poll Demographics & Background:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
1.30	Thinking about the sailplane you normally fly, do you own it, use club equipment, have a partnership or rent? Check one only.	Own My Glider	69% 156	77%	88%	83%	68%	50%	40%	75%
		Use Club Glider	14% 31	-	1%	3%	11%	50%	37%	25%
		Partners	10% 22	15%	11%	10%	18%	-	4%	-
		Rent	3% 7	-	-	3%	-	-	9%	-
		Other	4% 9	8%	-	3%	4%	-	9%	-

Generally participants owned their own glider with ownership decreasing as the contest level decreases. A large 88% of pilots who compete at a national level own their gliders while pilots who do not compete are less likely to own their glider (40%) and more likely to use a club glider (37%). Partnerships play a relatively even role in the mix.

Question 1.4 was used to categorize participants by the type of flying done by each group.

1.00	Team Poll Demographics & Background:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
1.40	Thinking about the primary activity you undertake when you fly sailplanes, what is your main interest in soaring? Check one only.	Competition	38% 86	92%	71%	38%	4%	-	7%	25%
		Records	4% 8	8%	7%	3%	-	-	1%	-
		Badges	3% 6	-	-	-	4%	-	7%	-
		Cross Country	40% 91	-	22%	50%	79%	50%	46%	50%
		Instructing	4% 10	-	-	8%	4%	-	9%	-
		Rides	1% 3	-	-	-	4%	-	3%	-
		Club Flying	6% 14	-	-	3%	4%	-	16%	-
		Other	4% 8	-	-	-	4%	50%	9%	25%

Cross country and competitive soaring 78% (177) are the clear cut preferences for the SSA members who participated in the survey. As to be expected the higher the level of contest experience the greater the focus on competition flying. A high percentage (46%) of DNC pilots list cross country as their main interest when compared to national competitors at 22%.

Question 1.5 was used to categorize participants by world soaring championship experience.

1.00	Team Poll Demographics & Background:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
1.50	Have you ever been a member of a U.S. soaring team including as a pilot, crew, captain or manager?	Never a Team Member	81% 185	-	81%	88%	89%	100%	94%	75%
		Pilot	8% 18	100%	7%	-	-	-	-	-
		Crew	7% 17	15%	8%	5%	11%	-	4%	25%
		Manager	3% 7	8%	1%	10%	-	-	1%	-
		Other	1% 3	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-

A vast majority of the participants have not been a member of a US soaring team in any capacity 81% (185) while 18% (42) did have WSC experience as a pilot, crew or team manager. Note that question 1.1 asked a similar question adding, “in the last five years” with only 13 participants listed as flying a WSC.

Question 1.6 was used to determine if participants attending world soaring championships.

1.00	Team Poll Demographics & Background:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
1.60	Have you ever attended or visited a World Soaring Championships?	Yes	34% 77	100%	44%	18%	29%	-	21%	50%
		No	66% 149	-	56%	83%	71%	100%	79%	50%

1.6 Continued - In general a little over 33% (77) of the participants had visited a WSC. An interesting discovery is that while WSC attendance drops with decreasing contest experience a large 21% of the participants who do not compete have attended a world soaring championships.

Question 1.7 was used to categorize participants by FAI badge level

1.00	Team Poll Demographics & Background:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
1.70	What is the highest FAI badge you hold? Check one only.	Diamond	30% 68	62%	56%	25%	7%	-	9%	25%
		Gold	19% 42	23%	21%	30%	25%	-	7%	-
		Silver	22% 49	15%	16%	35%	25%	50%	19%	25%
		A,B,C,Bronze	15% 33	-	-	8%	32%	50%	28%	50%
		No Badges	13% 29	-	4%	3%	11%	-	33%	-
		Other	1% 3	-	1%	-	-	-	3%	-

As expected there is a strong coloration between the levels of contest experience with FAI badge achievement with more experienced participants having higher badge achievement. If you combine badge levels 71% (159) of participants have a Silver badge or better. A remarkable number of world champ pilots have not all achieved their FAI Diamond badge!

Question 1.8 was used to categorize participants by location.

1.00	Team Poll Demographics & Background:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
1.80	Where do you normally soar? Check one only.	USA	98% 222	100%	100%	98%	96%	100%	97%	100%
		Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Europe	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-
		Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Essentially all the participants in the survey soar in the USA.

Section 1 Summary – Survey Demographics

Of the 227 SSA Members who participated 13 (6%) had participated in a world soaring championships in the last five years, 73 (32%) in Nationals, 40 (18%) Regionals, 28 (12%) Fun Contest, 2 (1%) Other Contest, 67 (30%) do not compete while 4 (2%) fell into other categories.

As expected competition pilots participated in higher numbers than generally represented in the SSA membership with 156 or 69% of the participants having competition experience while 71 (31%) had no competitive experience. Most of the competitive participants flew in the 15-Meter 47 (21%), Sports 46 (20%) and Standard 41 (18%) classes and own their glider 156 (69%). Competition 86 (38%) and cross country soaring 91 (40%) were the main soaring activities of the participants.

Most participants 185 (81%) have never been a U.S. Team member nor visited a World Soaring Championships 149 (66%). Participants have a high degree of FAI badge achievement (68 30% have a Diamond Badge) with a strong correlation between contest experience and FAI badge achievement.

Almost participants soar exclusively in the USA.

There are no open ended questions in this section.

Participant profiles

To gain a better understanding of the participants the following profiles were created of the participants based on level of contest participation.

World Team (13)

Fly in the 15 meter class, own their glider, competition is their primary soaring activity, have a Diamond badge and fly primarily in the USA.

National (73)

Fly in the Standard class, own their glider, competition is their primary soaring activity, has never been a team member nor attended a WSC, hold a diamond badge and fly in the USA.

Regional (40)

Fly in the Sports Class, own their glider, cross country is their primary soaring activity, has never been a team member nor attended a WSC, hold a Silver badge and fly in the USA

Fun Contest (28)

Fly in the Sports Class, very likely to use a club glider, cross country is their primary soaring activity, have never been a team member nor attended a WSC, hold an A,B,C or Bronze badge and fly in the USA

Do Not Compete (67)

Very likely to fly a club glider, cross country is their primary soaring activity, have never been a team member nor attended a WSC, hold no badges and fly in the USA

Section 2 – Benchmarks

If the idea of the Team Task Force is to improve the team operationally as well as competitively there needs to be a know starting place, a benchmark, for determine if progress is being made. It is also critical to understand how US Soaring Teams are generally perceived by the soaring community on specific criteria and to compare and contrast these perceptions across the various categories. The following questions will help to establish a basis for comparison to future US Soaring Teams.

Question 2.1 was used to benchmark participants by competitive perceptions of teams

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks: All			World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.10	Thinking about U.S. Soaring Teams generally, do you consider U.S. teams to be competitive at World Soaring Championships?	Yes	63% 143	85%	66%	73%	68%	50%	49%	50%
		No	28% 63	15%	33%	28%	21%	-	28%	25%
		Don't Know	9% 20	-	1%	-	11%	50%	22%	25%

Generally participants consider US soaring teams to be competitive at WSC but two things are striking. First the world champ participants thought they were more competitive than any other group and that only 49% of the DNC group thought our soaring teams are competitive.

Question 2.2 was used to benchmark participants by perceived quality of management.

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.20	Thinking about U.S. Soaring Teams generally, do you consider U.S. Soaring teams to be well managed?	Yes	51% 116	38%	62%	63%	50%	-	37%	25%
		No	13% 30	54%	19%	5%	4%	-	7%	25%
		Don't Know	35% 80	8%	19%	33%	46%	100%	55%	50%

Just over half of the participants felt U.S. Teams were well managed. Striking is the 54% of world champ pilots indication that teams were not well managed. The high degree of “Don’t Know” responses indicates that not much is known about team management by the SSA membership especially in the DNC group.

Question 2.3 was used to benchmark participants by perceptions of team spending

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.30	Do you think U.S. Soaring teams spend contributions in a responsible way?	Yes	50% 113	69%	49%	55%	50%	-	45%	25%
		No	11% 25	31%	18%	3%	4%	50%	6%	50%
		Don't Know	39% 88	-	33%	43%	46%	50%	49%	25%

Generally participants felt that teams spend contributions in a responsible way. Noteworthy is the 31% of world champ pilots who disagreed and the very large percentage that did not know enough about team spending to have an opinion.

Question 2.4 was used to benchmark participants on visiting the team web site.

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.40	Have you ever visited the US Team Web Site?	Yes	85% 192	100%	92%	90%	79%	50%	75%	75%
		No	15% 33	-	8%	10%	21%	50%	24%	25%
		Don't Know	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-

The good news is that the US team web site is very popular 85% (192) across the board with a trend to more interest based on competition level.

Question 2.5 was used to benchmark participants on financial contributions.

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.50	Have you made a financial contribution to U.S. Soaring teams in the last five years?	Yes	67% 152	100%	77%	80%	54%	100%	46%	100%
		No	30% 69	-	19%	20%	46%	-	51%	-
		Don't Know	2% 4	-	3%	-	-	-	3%	-

There is a high degree of participation in team funding by the participants with 67% (152) having made a financial contribution in the last five years. The trend is participants are more likely to contribute the higher their level of contest participation. Striking is the 46% of DNC participants who have contributed to the team in the last five years.

Question 2.6 was used to benchmark participants on methods of financial contributions

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.60	If you have made financial contribution to U.S. teams in the last five years, how did you make your contribution? Check all that apply.	Sweepstakes	47% 106	77%	48%	53%	36%	-	42%	25%
		Direct To SSA	22% 50	46%	29%	23%	7%	50%	15%	50%
		Robertson Trust	13% 29	31%	19%	10%	4%	-	9%	-
		Contest Fundraiser	22% 50	77%	32%	15%	11%	-	12%	-
		Team Merchandise	26% 58	46%	41%	18%	14%	50%	13%	50%
		No Contribution	19% 44	-	8%	15%	25%	-	37%	-
		Other	5% 12	23%	3%	13%	-	-	1%	-
		Don't Know	3% 6	-	4%	-	4%	-	3%	-

2.6 Continued - Over all the SSA Sweepstakes (47%) is the most likely contribution avenue for the participants. Followed by Team Merchandise (26%), Direct to the SSA (22%) and Contest Fundraiser (22%). These trends generally hold across all groups with the Robertson Trust having more appeal the higher the level of competition. The Sweepstakes tends to bring in (42%) contributions from DNC participants.

Question 2.7 was on open ended question. Results are categorized the Open Ended Report.

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All	World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.70 **	What is the number one thing you would like to see changed about U.S. Soaring teams?	56% 127	62% 8	67% 49	53% 21	57% 16	50% 1	45% 30	50% 2

Question 2.8 was used to benchmark participants on levels of participation desired for U.S. Teams.

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.80	Would you like to see more U.S. pilots participate internationally in World Soaring Championships as members of U.S. Soaring Teams? Check one only.	More Participation	47% 106	38%	41%	53%	39%	50%	57%	25%
		About The Same	35% 80	46%	40%	38%	39%	-	25%	25%
		Less Participation	7% 16	15%	12%	5%	4%	-	1%	25%
		Don't Know	9% 20	-	5%	3%	18%	50%	13%	25%

There is across the board support for more US pilots participating in WSC with only the world camp category asking for about the same. Combining the “More Participation” with the “About the Same” categories the case for US team participation levels is compelling with 82% (186) of the participants. Few 7% (16) participants called for less international participation.

Question 2.9 was used to benchmark participants on perceptions of team priority with the SSA.

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.90	Should US Soaring Teams be a priority for the Soaring Society of America (SSA)? Check one only.	High Priority	34% 78	62%	51%	33%	18%	-	22%	-
		Mid Priority	46% 104	31%	37%	55%	57%	50%	49%	25%
		Low Priority	16% 37	8%	12%	13%	18%	50%	21%	75%
		No Priority	2% 5	-	-	-	7%	-	4%	-
		Don't Know	1% 2	-	-	-	-	-	3%	-

The big news in this question is that fully 80% (182) of the respondents thought the U.S. soaring teams should be a mid to high priority for the SSA.

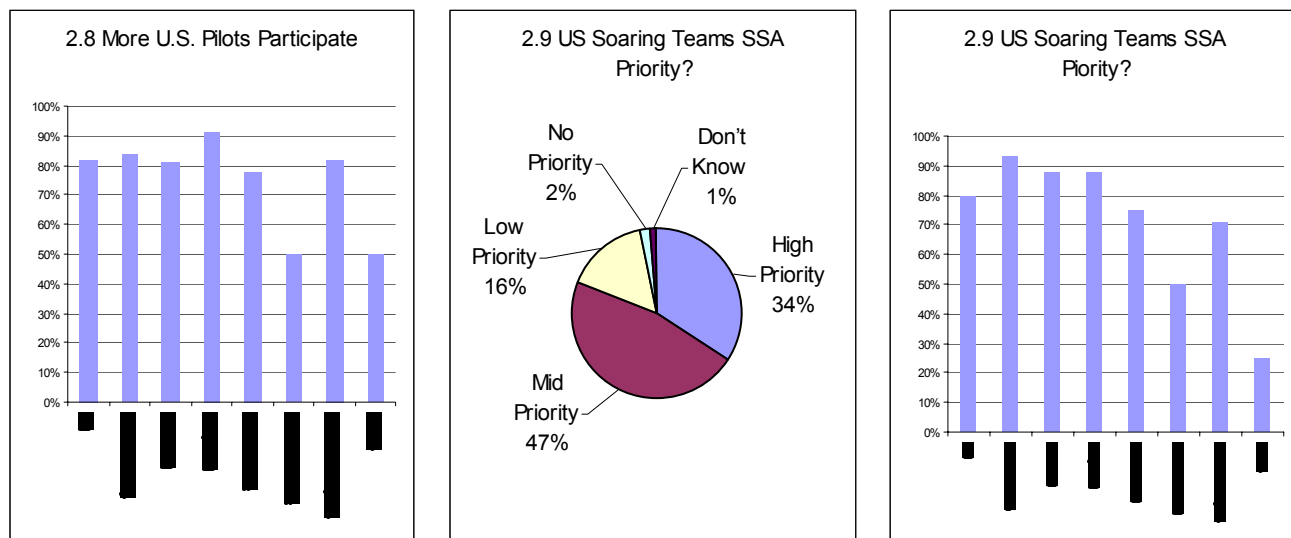


Figure 3 - Three graphs of US Team Participation and Priority to SSA

The graph for question 2.8 (level of participation) at left shows the combined totals indicating strong support for US team participation in world soaring championships generally by participants.

The pie chart of 2.9 (US team priority with SSA) shows that participants felt that US teams should be a priority for the SSA while the bar chart 2.9 (far right) shows that the less the participant is connected with competitive soaring the less they feel the SSA should make the team a priority – although 71% of the DNC participants thought the teams should be a mid to high priority for the SSA.

Question 2.10 was used to benchmark participant's team participation and its importance to the sport.

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.10	Do you consider U.S. Soaring Teams participation in World Soaring Championships to be important to the sport? Check one only.	Very Important	46% 105	85%	58%	43%	36%	50%	36%	25%
		Important	35% 80	8%	26%	50%	29%	-	45%	25%
		Unimportant	14% 32	8%	15%	5%	25%	-	15%	25%
		Very Unimportant	2% 5	-	-	-	11%	50%	1%	25%
		Don't Know	1% 3	-	1%	-	-	-	3%	-

Generally 81% (185) of the participants felt that U.S. soaring teams participation in WSC were important to very important to the sport. A similar and very significant 81% of the participants who do not compete felt the same way. The graphs below show the data visually.

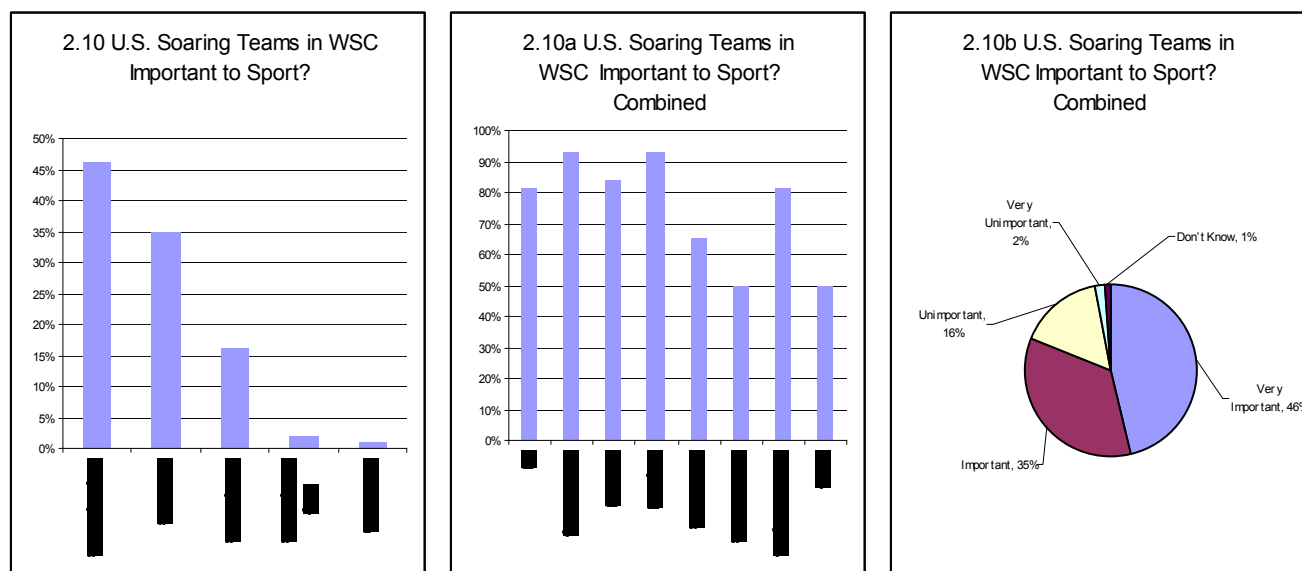


Figure 4 - Three graphs showing perceived US team importance to sport.

The graph on the left for question 2.10 (soaring team important to sport) shows that most respondents feel that U.S. soaring teams are important to the sport with fully 81% selecting very important or important.

The center bar graph of question 2.10 (2.10a) shows that participants feel that U.S. teams are important to the sport across the demographic categories. The pie chart at right (2.10B) shows essentially the same information as graph 2.10.

Question 2.11 was on open ended question. Results are categorized the Open Ended Report

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All	World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.11* *	Why or why not are U.S. Soaring Teams important to the sport? Fill in answer below.	66% 150	54% 7	66% 48	70% 28	64% 18	100% 2	67% 45	75% 3

Question 2.12 was used to benchmark participants on methods of financial contributions

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.12	Over the long term and based on what you know do you think U.S. soaring teams are generally moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?	Right Direction	44% 101	77%	53%	50%	32%	-	34%	-
		Wrong Direction	17% 38	15%	27%	15%	7%	-	10%	25%
		Don't Know	36% 82	8%	18%	30%	61%	100%	52%	75%

Question 2.12 Continued - Generally the perception 44% (101) is that US teams are moving in the right direction although the high number of “Don’t Know” may indicate that the team needs to be more effective in communicating progress and direction with the soaring community.

Question 2.13 was an open ended question. Results are categorized in the Open Ended Section

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All	World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.13* *	Why do you consider U.S. soaring teams to be moving in the right direction or wrong direction?	44% 100	54% 7	62% 45	45% 18	14% 4	-	37% 25	25% 1

Question 2.14 was used to benchmark participants on knowledge of Team Task Force documents.

2.00	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks:	All	World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
2.14	Have you read through the U.S. Soaring Team Task (USTTF) Force documents as posted on the USTTF web site?	Yes 29% 66 No 66% 150 Don't Know 3% 6	85% 15% -	37% 56% 4%	25% 68% 5%	21% 75% 4%	- 100% -	15% 84% -	50% 50% -

A surprisingly large number of participants 29% (66) were familiar with the U.S. Team Task Force documents with the numbers declining based on level of competition. Note that most survey participants came to the survey through the USTTF web page.

Section 2 Summary – Survey Benchmarks

Generally 63% (143) participants think U.S. soaring teams are competitive at world soaring championships while 51% (116) think that U.S. Teams are well managed. Fully 35% (80) don’t know if the teams are well managed or not. Only 38% (7) of world champion participants in the last five years thought the teams were well managed. Fifty percent (113) of participants thought U.S. teams spent contributions in a responsible way while 39% (88) do not know if team funds are spent responsibly or not.

Interestingly enough 67% (152) of participants have contributed to the team in the last five years including 46% (31) of the participants who do not compete. The most popular way to contribute is the sweepstakes (47%), team merchandise (26%), contest fundraiser (22%) and direct to the SSA (22%) Fully 85% have visited the U.S. team web site including 75% of those who do not compete.

Of significance, 82% (186) of respondents would like to see about the same or more participating in world soaring championships by U.S. pilots with only 7% (16) seeking less participation. Fully 80% (182) of participants thought that U.S. teams should be a high priority for the SSA with 18% (42) indicating a low or no priority status. Eighty one percent (185) considered U.S. Soaring teams to be important to the sport with 16% (37) indicating unimportant or very unimportant.

Forty four percent (101) felt teams were moving in the right direction while 17% (38) felt that teams are moving in the wrong direction. Thirty six percent (82) did not know which direction teams are moving.

Section 3 – U.S. Team Committee & Organization

With more teams and championships it may be time to establish a more robust organizational structure to facilitate team organization and management What do participants think of this idea?

Question 3.10 Determined support for US Team Committee concept

3.00	U.S. Soaring Team Committee & Organization: All			World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
3.10	Under consideration is a U.S. Team Committee that would be formed under the SSA Board of Directors and consist of the Team Chairman, Contest Chairman and three elected positions. The role of the five person committee would be to provide oversight and support to U.S. Soaring Teams. Generally, do you favor the formation of a U.S. Team Committee as described? Check one only.	Strongly Favor	21% 48	46%	27%	18%	11%	-	18%	-
		Favor	46% 105	46%	45%	50%	46%	50%	48%	25%
		Disfavor	7% 15	8%	1%	8%	4%	-	10%	25%
		Strongly Disfavor	6% 13	-	7%	3%	7%	50%	6%	25%
		Don't Know	18% 40	-	18%	18%	29%	-	16%	25%

Fully 67% (153) of participants favor or strongly favor the creation of a U.S. Team Committee with 13% (28) indicating disfavor or strong disfavor with the concept. Ninety Two percent of world champion participants favor the creation of the U.S. Team Committee while 66% of the DNC participants favor the creation of the committee.

Question 3.20 Open ended question reported in the Open Ended Report

3.00	U.S. Soaring Team Committee & Organization:	All	World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
3.20* *	Why do you favor or disfavor the creation of a U.S. Team Committee? Fill in answer below.	55% 125	54% 7	58% 42	50% 20	46% 13	50% 1	60% 40	50% 2

Question 3.30 Determine support for team captains as managers

3.00	U.S. Soaring Team Committee & Organization:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
3.30	As part of the proposed changes to the U.S. Team structure Team Captains would be responsible for organizing each team's participation in their respective championships with support provided by the SSA and the U.S. Team Committee. Do you favor this new way of organizing teams? Check one only.	Strongly Favor	12% 28	15%	14%	13%	7%	-	13%	-
		Favor	47% 106	77%	52%	45%	43%	-	40%	-
		Disfavor	13% 18	-	8%	8%	4%	-	10%	25%
		Strongly Disfavor	5% 11	-	4%	-	7%	50%	7%	25%
		Don't Know	26% 59	8%	22%	30%	36%	50%	27%	50%

A full 59% (134) of participants favor or strongly favor the idea of making team captains responsible for organizing each team's championship effort. Ninety one percent (12) of World Championship pilots felt that this was a good idea.

Question 3.4 Support of new U.S. Team Committee positions?

3.00	U.S. Soaring Team Committee & Organization:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
3.40	It has been proposed that several new support positions be created including Fundraising Manager, Document Manager and Team Treasurer. Do you favor the creation of these new volunteer support positions? Check one only.	Strongly Favor	16% 36	38%	16%	10%	7%	-	19%	-
		Favor	54% 122	46%	59%	68%	54%	50%	42%	75%
		Disfavor	6% 13	8%	3%	5%	4%	-	9%	-
		Strongly Disfavor	4% 10	8%	3%	-	11%	-	6%	-
		Don't Know	17% 38	-	16%	10%	21%	50%	22%	25%

Fully 70% (158) of participants support the creation of the new support positions for the emerging U.S. Team Committee. With 84% (11) of world championship participants favoring the idea.

Question 3.5 Would you be willing to help on the committee?

3.00	U.S. Soaring Team Committee & Organization:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
3.50	One of the principals guiding the changes in the structure of the U.S. Team organization is task sharing so that no single job is unmanageable. Generally would you consider volunteering to help future U.S. Soaring Teams?	Yes	39% 89	77%	44%	38%	32%	50%	31%	25%
		No	14% 32	8%	11%	10%	18%	50%	19%	25%
		Maybe	35% 80	15%	41%	38%	39%	-	30%	50%
		Don't Know	9% 20	-	3%	10%	7%	-	18%	-

Many participants 74% (169) would be willing or might be willing to help on the U.S. Team committee

Section 3 Summary – U.S. Team Committee & Organization

Fully 67% (153) of participants favor or strongly favor the creation of a U.S. Team Committee with 13% (28) indicating disfavor or strong disfavor with the concept. Ninety Two percent of world champion participants favor the creation of the U.S. Team Committee while 66% of the DNC participants favor the creation of the committee.

Team captains are in charge with 59% (134) of participants favoring or strongly favoring the idea of making team captains responsible for organizing each team's championship effort. Ninety one percent (12) of World Championship pilots felt that this was a good idea.

Fully 70% (158) of participants support the creation of the new support positions for the emerging U.S. Team Committee. Eighty four percent (11) of world championship participants favored the new positions.

Many participants 74% (169) would be willing or might be willing to help on the U.S. Team committee.

Section 4 – U.S. Team Goals & Policies

With more teams and classes participating in World Soaring Championships (WSC) what goals should U.S. Soaring Teams be pursuing? While winning is the most obvious goal of any competitive undertaking there may be other legitimate goals for specific US teams to undertake. What do you want our teams to do? Aim for the best individual pilot performances or emphasize the highest overall team placing? Should there be different goals for different classes say to encourage participation, reward performance and develop new talent?

Question 4.10 What should the team goals be by class?

4.00	U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies: All			World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
4.10	What should the goals be for the traditional FAI classes: Open, 15-Meter, & Standard? Check all that apply.	Best Pilot Performance	61% 139	92%	67%	68%	50%	50%	51%	50%
		Best Team Performance	59% 133	62%	53%	60%	57%	50%	67%	25%
		Encourage US Participation	34% 77	31%	29%	38%	32%	50%	37%	50%
		Reward US Participation	17% 39	31%	12%	13%	25%	-	21%	-
		Develop New Talent	39% 89	23%	32%	45%	36%	50%	46%	75%
		Other	3% 6	-	3%	3%	-	-	4%	-
		Don't Know	4% 10	-	-	3%	14%	-	7%	-

In the Multi-Class (Open, 18-Meter, 15-Meter, Standard) “Best Pilot Performance” is favored 61% (139) over “Best Team Performance” 59% (133) with a very high percentage 92% (12) of world championship participants favoring individual pilot performance over the team’s performance as a whole.

Question 4.20 What should the team goals be by class?

4.00	U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
4.20	What should the goals be for the 18-Meter class? Check all that apply.	Best Pilot Performance	58% 131	77%	66%	60%	46%	50%	51%	50%
		Best Team Performance	51% 115	46%	47%	53%	46%	50%	60%	25%
		Encourage US Participation	30% 68	23%	22%	35%	32%	50%	36%	50%
		Reward US Participation	16% 37	23%	12%	15%	25%	-	18%	-
		Develop New Talent	33% 76	15%	29%	38%	32%	50%	39%	75%
		Other	4% 8	8%	4%	5%	-	-	3%	-
		Don't Know	9% 21	-	4%	5%	21%	-	13%	-

This question was included in error as the 18-meter class has been incorporated in the Multi-Class. Again there is a slim majority who favors best pilot performance...

Question 4.30 What should the team goals be by class?

4.00	U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
4.30	What should the goals be for the Club class? Check all that apply.	Best Pilot Performance	37% 85	54%	44%	40%	29%	-	31%	25%
		Best Team Performance	41% 93	46%	33%	45%	46%	50%	45%	25%
		Encourage US Participation	44% 99	38%	37%	45%	36%	50%	52%	75%
		Reward US Participation	18% 40	23%	12%	23%	14%	-	22%	-
		Develop New Talent	56% 128	62%	47%	68%	54%	100%	61%	75%
		Other	4% 10	8%	5%	3%	7%	-	3%	-
		Don't Know	7% 16	-	7%	3%	11%	-	10%	-

Participants favored the goals of developing new talent 56% (128) and encouraging participation 44% (99) for the Club Class.

Question 4.40 What should the team goals be by class?

4.00	U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
4.40	What should the goals be for the World class? Check all that apply.	Best Pilot Performance	41% 93	38%	41%	48%	25%	50%	45%	50%
		Best Team Performance	45% 102	38%	37%	55%	43%	50%	51%	25%
		Encourage US Participation	38% 87	38%	27%	55%	29%	50%	43%	50%
		Reward US Participation	19% 42	23%	10%	23%	21%	-	24%	25%
		Develop New Talent	51% 115	62%	38%	65%	50%	50%	55%	50%
		Other	6% 14	15%	10%	3%	7%	-	3%	-
		Don't Know	7% 15	-	7%	-	11%	-	10%	-

The World Class had developing new talent 51% (115) and best team performance 45% (102) as the two most important goals.

Question 4.50 What should the team goals be by class?

4.00	U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
4.50	What should the goals be for the Junior class? Check all that apply.	Best Pilot Performance	37% 84	38%	34%	50%	29%	50%	34%	50%
		Best Team Performance	41% 92	54%	30%	48%	43%	50%	46%	25%
		Encourage US Participation	42% 95	38%	30%	55%	39%	50%	48%	50%
		Reward US Participation	21% 47	31%	11%	18%	25%	-	31%	-
		Develop New Talent	69% 157	77%	66%	78%	50%	50%	75%	75%
		Other	4% 9	8%	5%	3%	4%	-	3%	-
		Don't Know	6% 13	-	4%	3%	14%	-	7%	-

The Junior Class had strong support for developing new talent 69% (157) and by a slim margin encouraging participation 42% (95) with best team performance a close third 41% (92) as their preferred goals.

Question 4.60 What should the team goals be by class?

4.00	U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
4.60	What should the goals be for the Feminine class? Check all that apply.	Best Pilot Performance	44% 101	38%	44%	60%	39%	-	43%	-
		Best Team Performance	38% 87	31%	30%	35%	50%	50%	48%	25%
		Encourage US Participation	39% 88	46%	26%	55%	32%	50%	42%	75%
		Reward US Participation	17% 38	15%	12%	13%	29%	-	21%	-
		Develop New Talent	51% 115	54%	44%	60%	43%	50%	55%	50%
		Other	7% 17	15%	12%	5%	-	50%	4%	25%
		Don't Know	9% 20	-	8%	8%	14%	-	10%	-

The Feminine Class had develop new talent (51%) and best pilot performance (44%) and the preferred goals.

See the graph that follows for more on the relative team goals.

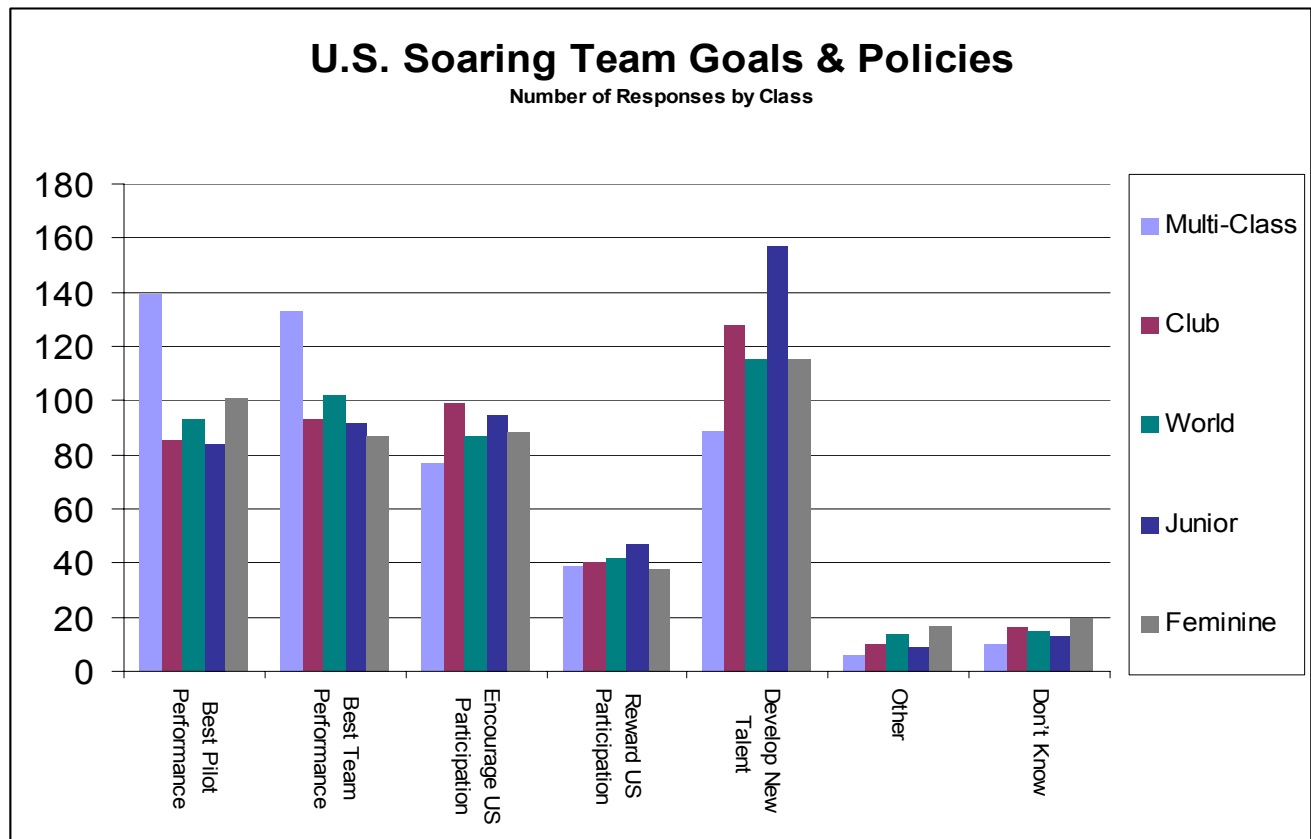


Figure 5 – Relative ranking of team goals

Survey participants favor aggressive performance goals based on competitive performance for the multi-class while favoring less performance oriented goals for the Club, World and Junior teams. On B/W printers the bars are in the order of the legend.

Question 4.70 Thoughts on the four proposed founding policies for the team committee.

4.00	U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
4.70	It has been proposed that the overall U.S. Team organization adopt four founding policies. These are organizational accountability, transparency, competitiveness and sustainability. Do you favor these policies be adopted by the U.S. Team Organization? Check one only.	Strongly Favor	34% 78	54%	41%	30%	29%	-	31%	-
		Favor	43% 98	38%	40%	55%	39%	50%	43%	50%
		Disfavor	2% 5	8%	3%	-	-	-	3%	-
		Strongly Disfavor	1% 3	-	-	-	-	-	3%	25%
		Don't Know	13% 30	-	14%	5%	21%	50%	15%	25%

Fully 77% of participants favor or strongly favor the adoption of the founding policies as proposed.

Question 4.80 Open ended team policy question. See the Open End Report

4.00	U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies:	All	World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
4.80* *	Comments on U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies. Fill in blank below.	31% 71	31% 4	44% 32	20% 8	11% 3	50% 1	31% 21	25% 1

Section 4 Summary – U.S. Team Policy & Goals

Survey participants favor aggressive performance goals based on competitive performance for the more established classes such as the multi-class (Open, 18-M, 15-M, Standard) while favoring less performance oriented goals for the Club, World and Junior teams such as developing new talent.

An important discovery is that there is support for classes with differing goals and that the competitive goal while critical in the multi-class is not paramount in the other classes.

While the data scatter was relatively large here is what each class showed for goals.

- In the Multi-Class (Open, 18-Meter, 15-Meter, Standard) “Best Pilot Performance” is favored 61% (139) over “Best Team Performance” 59% (133) with a very high percentage 92% (12) of world championship participants favoring individual pilot performance over the team’s performance as a whole.
- Participants favored the goals of developing new talent 56% (128) and encouraging participation 44% (99) for the Club Class.
- The World Class had developing new talent 51% (115) and best team performance 45% (102) as the two most important goals.
- The Junior Class had strong support for developing new talent 69% (157) and by a slim margin encouraging participation 42% (95) with best team performance a close third 41% (92) as their preferred goals.
- The Feminine Class had develop new talent (51%) and best pilot performance (44%) and the preferred goals.

Fully 77% of participants favor or strongly favor the adoption of the founding principles for the emerging US team committee of organizational accountability, transparency, competitiveness and sustainability.

Section 5 – U.S. Team Funding

Our soaring teams are funded exclusively by personal contributions. No government grants, SSA or other funds are used. While the number of U.S. Teams has grown due to the recent expansion in eligible FAI classes the team's financial resources have not kept pace. Team management is faced with finding ways to allocate the resources available.

Question 5.10 Send many under funded or few well funded pilots to WSC?

5.00	U.S. Soaring Team Funding: All			World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
5.10	What should the US Team policy be regarding the number of pilots we send to the championships? With limited funds, this will probably mean sending fewer well-funded pilots or more less-funded pilots. Check one only.	Few Well Funded Pilots	38% 87	23%	37%	35%	54%	-	40%	-
		More Less Funded Pilots	26% 59	38%	30%	13%	21%	50%	27%	50%
		As Many As Allowed	24% 55	38%	26%	40%	7%	-	18%	25%
		Don't Know	8% 19	-	5%	8%	11%	50%	12%	25%

There is no real clear trend here. While generally there is support 38% (87) for sending a few well funded pilots, world championship participants 76% (10) want to send as many pilots as possible regardless of funding.

Question 5.20 Send many under funded or few well funded pilots to WSC?

5.00	U.S. Soaring Team Funding:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
5.20	Generally should the U.S. Team policy be to send the maximum number of pilots allowed by the championships organizers or should the number of pilots be based on funding? Check one only.	Send Maximum	41% 94	69%	48%	45%	25%	50%	34%	25%
		Based On Funding	49% 111	23%	45%	48%	61%	-	54%	50%
		Don't Know	6% 14	8%	3%	5%	11%	50%	7%	25%

There is general support 49% (111) for restricting the number of team members based on funding with the DNC participants favoring this approach. Again World Champion participants felt 69% (9) that as many pilots as possible should be sent to WSC.

Question 5.30 How much should team members be expected to pay?

5.00	U.S. Soaring Team Funding:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
5.30	Imagine you are a pilot on a U.S. world team. Championship organizers have allowed for more pilots than can be adequately funded. If it takes \$15,000 per pilot to participate, what percentage should you as an individual U.S. Team pilot be called on to self-fund to participate in your championships? Check one only.	Up To 100% (\$15,000)	20% 45	15%	22%	23%	21%	50%	16%	25%
		Up To 75% (\$11,200)	6% 13	-	7%	8%	4%	-	4%	25%
		Up To 50% (\$7,500)	29% 65	54%	30%	23%	25%	50%	28%	25%
		Up To 25% (\$3,750)	32% 73	31%	26%	35%	39%	-	34%	-
		0% (\$0)	11% 24	-	14%	10%	7%	-	12%	-

Generally there is the realization that team pilots will need to shoulder some of the financial burden with 25% of the total amount being the most popular choice (32% 73 of respondents) Interestingly enough the world championship participants showed more willingness to pay for their participation than the DNC participants.

Question 5.40 Enough financial reporting?

5.00	U.S. Soaring Team Funding:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
5.40	Based on your prior experience and knowledge do you think U.S. Soaring Teams provide enough financial reporting? Check one only.	Yes - Reporting Adequate	11% 26	31%	12%	10%	7%	-	9%	25%
		No - More Reporting	37% 84	69%	48%	28%	32%	-	28%	25%
		Don't Know	49% 111	-	37%	60%	57%	100%	60%	50%

There is strong support for better financial reporting from US teams with 37% (84) specifically indicating that more reporting would be welcome. Almost 70 % of world championship pilots want better financial reporting. The large number of "Don't Know" 49% (111) may be an indication that more reporting is needed. If you do not know how much reporting is being done now how good can the system be?

Question 5.40 Cut funding to classes with low participation?

5.00	U.S. Soaring Team Funding:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
5.50	If funds were sufficiently restricted, would you rather see fewer team pilots in each class or the complete elimination of funding for classes and teams that have low participation at the national level? Check one only.	Fewer Pilots	31% 71	46%	19%	33%	43%	-	37%	25%
		Less Funding	20% 46	46%	22%	18%	18%	-	16%	25%
		Eliminate Funding	30% 68	8%	41%	38%	21%	50%	22%	25%
		Other	5% 11	-	7%	5%	-	50%	3%	25%
		Don't Know	11% 25	-	10%	5%	14%	-	16%	-

Question 5.5 Continued - Generally and by a very small margin the respondents favored cutting back on the number of pilots 31% (71) rather than eliminating funding for specific classes 30% (68) based on participation at the national level. The idea of providing less funding for classes with low national participation was a distant third with 20% (46) of the responses. The world champion participants were strongly against eliminating funding while national participants favored this route. Interestingly the DNC participants favored fewer pilots over the elimination of funding.

Question 5.60 Allocate team funds based on participation?

5.00	U.S. Soaring Team Funding:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
5.60	There is some discussion on how to allocate team funding to the various teams. Some feel that funds should be allocated evenly amongst teams while others think teams with low participation at the national level should receive a lower level of funding than teams with high national participation. Check one only.	Allocate Funds Evenly	19% 42	15%	16%	28%	14%	-	18%	25%
		Allocate On Participation	49% 111	46%	51%	50%	57%	50%	43%	50%
		Let Management Allocate	18% 40	31%	16%	18%	7%	-	22%	-
		Other	5% 12	8%	7%	-	4%	50%	6%	25%
		Don't Know	7% 15	-	7%	3%	14%	-	6%	-

When asked directly there is strong support for allocating team funds based on participation at the national level with nearly 50% (111) of participants generally and across the demographic groups.

Question 5.70 Dividing up team funding. See Open Ended Responses

5.00	U.S. Soaring Team Funding:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
5.70* *	If the total U.S. Team budget was \$100,000 - How would you divide this funding up between the teams? Multi-Class (Open, 15-Meter, Standard), 18-Meter, Club, World, Feminine, Junior. Fill in blank below.	69%		77%	81%	70%	50%	50%	61%	50%
		156		10	59	28	14	1	41	2

Question 5.80 Is a Team Treasurer important?

5.00	U.S. Soaring Team Funding:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
5.80	Should a US Team Treasurer position be created to plan and manage US Team finances?	Yes	70% 158	92%	75%	65%	57%	50%	70%	50%
		No	5% 12	-	5%	5%	7%	-	6%	-
		Don't Know	20% 45	8%	16%	23%	29%	50%	18%	50%

Question 5.80 Continued - Overwhelming support 70% (158) for the creation of a team treasurer especially amongst the world championship participants 92%.

Question 5.90 Comments on team funding. See the Open Ended Report.

5.00	U.S. Soaring Team Funding:	All	World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
5.90* *	Your Comments on team funding. Fill in blank below.	39% 88	54% 7	47% 34	35% 14	32% 9	50% 1	30% 20	50% 2

Section 5 Summary – U.S. Team Funding

While the number of U.S. Teams has grown the teams financial resources have not kept pace. Team management is faced with finding ways to allocate the resources available. Questions in section five were asked about team size, funding levels and financial reporting.

There were few clear cut statistically significant winners in this section. Generally participants favored sending a few well funded pilots 38% (87) to world championships and establishing team size based on funding 49% (111). World Championship participants favored sending more less well funded pilots or as many pilots as possible to championships.

Generally and by a very small margin the respondents favored cutting back on the number of pilots 31% (71) rather than eliminating funding for specific classes 30% (68) based on participation at the national level. The idea of providing less funding for classes with low national participation was a distant third with 20% (46) of the responses. The world champion participants were strongly against eliminating funding while national participants favored this route. Interestingly the DNC participants favored fewer pilots over the elimination of funding.

When asked directly there is strong support for allocating team funds based on participation at the national level with nearly 50% (111) of participants generally and across the demographic groups.

Generally most participants 61% (138) felt that team members should pay for up to 50% (\$7,500) of the cost of participating in world championships with 32% (73) of respondents favoring pilots providing funding to 25% (\$3,750) of the total bill. World championship participants had a stronger willingness to self fund that the general population with 85% indicating a willingness to spend up to the 50% (\$7,500) level compared with 62% of the do not compete participants.

There is strong support for better financial reporting from US teams with 37% (84) specifically indicating that more reporting would be welcome. Almost 70 % of world championship pilots want better financial reporting. The large number of “Don’t Know” 49% (111) may be an indication that more reporting is needed. If you do not know how much reporting is being done now how good can the system be?

There is overwhelming support 71% (158) for the creation of a team treasurer especially amongst the world championship participants with 92%.

Section 6 – U.S. Team Fundraising

United States soaring teams are funded exclusively through personal contributions. No government grants, SSA or other funds are used. How should US Soaring Teams go about raising these funds?

Question 6.10 Preferred way to contribute to the team.

6.00	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising: All			World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
6.10	There are several ways to contribute to the U.S. Soaring Teams. Which of the ways presented appeals to you the most? Check one only.	General Team Fund	43% 98	46%	37%	38%	57%	50%	48%	50%
		Team Specific Fund	11% 24	23%	14%	10%	11%	-	4%	-
		Class Specific Fund	8% 18	8%	8%	8%	7%	-	9%	-
		Pilot Specific Fund	4% 8	8%	1%	5%	7%	-	3%	-
		Robertson Trust Fund	24% 54	15%	32%	25%	11%	-	22%	-
		Other	6% 13	-	1%	5%	4%	50%	10%	50%

Generally contributors prefer 43% (98) funding the general team fund over any other method. The Robertson Trust is a distant second with 24% (54) of the respondents. Contributions to specific classes and pilots have little appeal.

Question 6.20 Should sanction fee funding be used to fund teams?

6.00	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
6.20	Over the years the idea of using a portion of contest entry fees to help fund U.S. Soaring Teams has been discussed. How much, if any, would you support raising contest entry fees to provide for U.S. team funding? Check one only.	None	18% 41	23%	21%	15%	18%	50%	15%	50%
		\$10	19% 42	23%	11%	18%	21%	-	25%	-
		\$20	20% 46	31%	22%	13%	21%	50%	19%	50%
		\$30	12% 28	15%	21%	13%	7%	-	6%	-
		\$40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		\$50	18% 40	8%	18%	28%	14%	-	15%	-
		More Than \$50	4% 10	-	4%	3%	11%	-	4%	-
		Don't Know	8% 18	-	4%	10%	4%	-	15%	-

This controversial method of partially funding US Soaring teams has wide support amongst participants with fully 73% (166) favoring sanction fee funding of teams in some amount. Thirty nine percent favored a \$20 to \$30 range.

Question 6.30 Too many funding campaigns?

6.00	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
6.30	Do U.S. Soaring Teams run too many fundraising campaigns?	Yes	7% 17	23%	8%	5%	4%	-	6%	-
		No	62% 140	69%	68%	73%	50%	50%	51%	75%
		Don't Know	29% 66	8%	23%	20%	43%	50%	40%	25%

The door is open for teams to run more fundraising efforts based on 91% (206) of the participants indicating that the teams do not currently run too many campaigns or not knowing.

Question 6.40 Who should be running team fundraising campaigns?

6.00	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
6.40	Should individual teams be put in charge of developing and running their own fundraising efforts or should this be a function of the overall U.S. Team organization and the SSA? Check one only.	Individual Teams	7% 15	-	7%	5%	11%	-	7%	-
		Team Organization	42% 96	46%	42%	43%	43%	-	43%	25%
		SSA	12% 28	15%	12%	10%	14%	-	12%	-
		Combination	31% 71	38%	26%	40%	25%	50%	31%	50%
		Other	2% 4	-	4%	-	-	-	1%	-
		Don't Know	4% 10	-	7%	-	4%	50%	4%	25%

There is clear support for a team organization to run fundraising efforts with 42% (96) of the respondents selecting this option. The next most popular 31% (71) method was a combination between the SSA and the team organization. The SSA only option was 12% (28).

Question 6.50 Seek corporate sponsorship?

6.00	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
6.50	Should U.S. Soaring teams be seeking Corporate sponsorship?	Yes	85% 194	85%	86%	90%	89%	100%	79%	100%
		No	4% 10	8%	5%	-	-	-	7%	-
		Don't Know	7% 17	8%	8%	5%	4%	-	10%	-

Everyone loves the idea of big corporate checks with 85% (194) of respondents selecting this option.

Question 6.60 Any bright ideas? See Open Ended Report

6.00	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising:	All	World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
6.60* *	Thinking creatively what kind of fundraising opportunities can US Teams develop or improve? Fill in blank below.	38% 87	38% 5	38% 28	40% 16	29% 8	50% 1	39% 26	50% 2

Question 6.70 Educational opportunities to raise team funds?

6.00	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
6.70	If your club hosted a day long soaring seminar entitled -Performance and Cross Country Soaring - put on by U.S. team pilots would you attend if the price was \$75? Check one only.	I Would Attend	61% 138	62%	62%	65%	75%	50%	54%	50%
		I Might Attend	25% 56	23%	22%	23%	21%	-	31%	-
		I Would Not Attend	8% 19	8%	12%	8%	4%	50%	4%	50%
		Don't Know	4% 10	-	1%	3%	-	-	10%	-

There looks to be good interest in attending educational opportunities sponsored by US soaring teams with 62% (138) indicating they would attend such an event. An additional 25% (56) said they might attend.

Question 6.80 Do teams need financial reports?

6.00	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
6.80	Do you consider it important that U.S. soaring teams provide a financial report at the end of the team cycle? Check one only.	Important	87% 197	100%	92%	95%	75%	100 %	81%	75%
		Not Important	4% 8	-	1%	3%	14%	-	1%	25%
		Don't Know	7% 16	-	3%	-	11%	-	15%	-

Over 87% (197) respondents think a financial report at the end of the team cycle is a good idea. All the world championship participants think so along with 81% of the DNC participants.

Question 6.90 Preferred way team should be funded – direct or perpetual?

6.00	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
6.90	Our teams are funded by two types of personal contributions - Direct and Perpetual. Direct contributions are normally cash contributions used by the team in the period contributed while perpetual trust contributions are invested and provide annual financial support for the teams. Overall what kind of team funding makes the most sense to you? Check one only.	Direct Contributions	6% 14	-	10%	5%	-	-	6%	25%
		Perpetual Contributions	12% 28	15%	16%	5%	7%	-	13%	25%
		Combination of Both	70% 158	85%	62%	80%	71%	50%	72%	25%
		Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-
		Don't Know	7% 16	-	4%	8%	14%	50%	6%	25%

Seventy percent (158) of participants indicated that a combination of direct cash contributions combined with perpetual trust income makes the most sense for funding US soaring teams. Only 6% (16) felt that a direct contribution alone makes sense.

Question 6.10 Your fundraising comments in open ended form. See the Open Ended report.

6.00	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
6.10* *	Your comments on U.S. Team fundraising? Fill in blank below.	22% 51		38% 5	25% 18	23% 9	7% 2	-	22% 15	25% 1

Section 6 Summary – U.S. Team Funding

Generally contributors prefer 43% (98) funding the general team fund over any other method. The Robertson Trust is a distant second with 24% (54) of the respondents. Contributions to specific classes and pilots had almost no support.

Sanction fee funding while a controversial method of partially funding US Soaring teams has wide support amongst participants with fully 73% (166) favoring sanction fee funding of teams in some amount. Twenty dollars is the most chosen level of support. Thirty nine percent favored a \$20 to \$30 range.

The door is open for teams to run more fundraising efforts based on 91% (206) of the participants indicating that the teams do not currently run to many campaigns or not knowing.

There is clear support for a team organization to run fundraising efforts with 42% (96) of the respondents selecting this option. The next most popular 31% (71) method was a combination between the SSA and the team organization. The SSA only option was selected by 12% (28) of participants.

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Section 7 – U.S. Team General Questions

There are a number of general questions that the U.S. Team Task Force would like your thoughts on.

Question 7.10 What about team flying?

7.00	U.S. Soaring Team Overall: All			World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
7.10	In recent years many of the successful European teams have emphasized team flying. This type of flying is highly specialized and requires a good deal of training and practice. U.S. pilots tend to be individualists and have proven success in a system that does not encourage or promote team flying. Some have suggested that the tightly integrated team flying as now practiced is not appropriate for U.S. Teams. What should team policy be here? Check one only	Emphasize Team Flying	16% 36	8%	22%	25%	14%	-	7%	-
		Encourage Team Flying	29% 65	31%	23%	30%	21%	50%	36%	50%
		Team Fly As Appropriate	45% 103	62%	47%	38%	54%	-	42%	25%
		Don't Know	9% 20	-	7%	5%	11%	50%	13%	25%

Most participants felt U.S. Teams should team fly as appropriate 45% (103). Encouraging team flying was 29% (65) while only 16% (36) felt that an emphasis should be placed on team flying. Sixty five percent of world championship participants felt that team flying should be done only when appropriate.

Question 7.20 Should the USA take a stand on team flying?

7.00	U.S. Soaring Team Overall:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
7.20	Some say that team flying as currently practiced at the world level does not provide a true test of soaring skill and disadvantages teams that are not strong team flyers. Should the USA take an active roll with the International Gliding Committee (IGC) internationally to encourage or discourage team flying in World Soaring Championships? Check one only.	Encourage Team Flying	18% 40	23%	12%	23%	29%	-	16%	-
		Discourage Team Flying	53% 120	69%	66%	58%	36%	-	42%	25%
		Take No Roll	14% 31	8%	14%	10%	18%	-	16%	-
		Don't Know	15% 33	-	8%	8%	14%	100%	24%	75%

Generally 53% (120) of respondents thought that the USA should take an active role with the IGC to discourage team flying at world championships with 18% thinking that encouraging team flying should be the USA role.

Question 7.30 Pre-worlds anyone?

7.00	U.S. Soaring Team Overall:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
7.30	The contest held at the championship site the year prior to World Soaring Championships is referred to as the pre-worlds and allows pilots and organizers to become familiar with the site. Should attendance at the pre-worlds be a requirement for all pilots selected in time to go? Even if there no team funds are available? Check one only.	Require If Funded	23% 52	23%	23%	33%	21%	-	18%	25%
		Require	11% 26	15%	12%	5%	11%	-	13%	25%
		Do Not Require	56% 127	62%	60%	60%	46%	-	54%	-
		Don't Know	8% 19	-	4%	-	18%	100%	13%	50%

The consensus was not to require pilots to attend the pre-worlds 56% (127) with across the board support for this position.

Question 7.40 Team size?

7.00	U.S. Soaring Team Overall:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
7.40	In general do you favor large teams with additional support staff beyond the normal Team Captain or small teams with a minimum of support staff? Check one only.	Large Team	11% 25	8%	16%	13%	7%	-	7%	-
		Small Team	39% 88	54%	44%	43%	29%	-	31%	25%
		Management Decision	37% 84	38%	30%	35%	39%	-	46%	25%
		Don't Know	10% 23	-	10%	5%	18%	100%	10%	50%

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Section 8 – U.S. Team Communications

U.S. soaring teams ability to communicate has followed the dramatic communication revolution of the last ten years with Internet, e-mail and more traditional communication and reporting capability.

Question 8.10 Communication a priority?

8.00	U.S. Soaring Team Communication:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
8.10	Should U.S. Soaring teams make communication a priority? Check one only.	High Priority	52% 119	69%	66%	50%	50%	-	36%	50%
		Priority	38% 86	27%	45%	95%	36%	50%	49%	25%
		Low Priority	3% 7	-	4%	-	4%	50%	3%	25%
		Not A Priority	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Don't Know	4% 9	-	1%	3%	4%	-	9%	-

A full 90% (205) of participants felt that teams should make communication a priority or a high priority.

Question 8.20 Follow the action form South Africa on the SSA US Team web?

8.00	U.S. Soaring Team Communication:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
8.20	Did you follow the U.S. Team reports from South Africa on the U.S. Team web site?	Yes	81% 185	92%	92%	93%	71%	50%	67%	50%
		No	17% 38	-	8%	5%	29%	50%	30%	50%
		Don't Know	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-

There is a role for on line contest coverage as provided by U.S. Team in South Africa with 81% (185) of participants indicating that they followed these reports. There is also a strong correlation between contest level and interest in following WSC's on the web with less experienced participants having less interest in the coverage.

Question 8.30 E-Mail team bulletins?

8.00	U.S. Soaring Team Communication:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
8.30	Would you like to receive team bulletins via e-mail?	Yes	63% 144	92%	63%	65%	61%	50%	61%	50%
		No	29% 65	8%	29%	28%	32%	50%	28%	50%
		Don't Know	7% 15	-	8%	5%	7%	-	7%	-

There was relative interest in receiving team bulletins 63% (144) of participants indicating an interest in this form of communication.

Question 8.40 How about a team e-newsletter with monthly e-mailings and contest coverage?

8.00	U.S. Soaring Team Communication:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
8.40	Would you sign up for an online team newsletter that would be e-mailed at least every several months and daily during championships?	Yes	77% 174	100%	77%	78%	75%	50%	75%	50%
		No	16% 37	-	15%	15%	21%	50%	18%	50%
		Don't Know	6% 14	-	8%	5%	4%	-	6%	-

Participants warmed to the idea of having a team newsletter e-mailed and contest coverage with 77% (174) indicating that they would be interested.

Question 8.50 How about Soaring magazine?

8.00	U.S. Soaring Team Communication:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
8.50	Do you read and find interesting the U.S. Team report that appears in Soaring Magazine?	Yes	83% 189	100%	86%	83%	75%	50%	84%	50%
		No	11% 25	-	7%	8%	21%	50%	12%	50%
		Don't Know	4% 14	-	5%	5%	4%	-	1%	-

The traditional WSC article in soaring retains its vital importance in team communication with 83% (189) of participants reading this coverage.

Question 8.60 So what is your preferred way to receive team communication?

8.00	U.S. Soaring Team Communication:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
8.60	What would be your preferred way to receive information and reporting about U.S. Soaring Teams? Check one only.	Team Web Site	52% 117	77%	56%	58%	46%	-	40%	25%
		Receive E-Mail	24% 55	23%	22%	28%	29%	-	25%	-
		Article In Soaring Magazine	19% 43	-	19%	10%	21%	50%	27%	25%
		Other	1% 3	-	-	-	4%	-	1%	25%
		Don't Know	2% 5	-	1%	-	-	50%	4%	25%

The SSA US Team web site is the preferred way to receive information on the US team 52% (117) with e-mail a distant second 24% (55) and the article in soaring in third 19% (43).

Question 8.70 What should teams be doing? See open ended report

8.00	U.S. Soaring Team Communication:	All	World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
8.70	What would you like to see U.S. Soaring teams doing with regard to communication? Fill in the blank below.	31% 70	23% 3	37% 27	33% 13	25% 7	50% 1	25% 17	25% 1

Section 8 Summary – U.S. Team Communication

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Section 9 – U.S. Team Selection

The US Team selection process has been established based on pilot's performance in U.S. National championships.

Question 9.10 Change in selection process?

9.00	U.S. Soaring Team Selection: All			World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
9.10	The current approach to team selection is based on two years performance at U.S. Nationals. Should the basic approach of the current selection system be modified?	Yes	24% 55	23%	27%	38%	29%	50%	10%	25%
		No	48% 108	62%	58%	50%	43%	-	34%	50%
		Don't Know	23% 53	15%	10%	10%	25%	50%	48%	25%

Generally 48% (108) of participants felt that no changes were needed in the current approach to team selection.

Question 9.20 Change team selection process? See open ended report

9.00	U.S. Soaring Team Selection:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
9.20 **	If the current selection process needs modification, how? Fill in the blank.	26%		23%	38%	30%	25%	50%	12%	25%
		60		3	28	12	7	1	8	1

Question 9.30 When to select team pilots?

9.00	U.S. Soaring Team Selection:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
9.30	If only one pilot will be sent to championships, should the pilot be selected as far ahead of time as necessary to allow them to attend the pre-worlds? Check one only.	Before Pre-Worlds	67% 153	62%	73%	63%	71%	50%	64%	75%
		After Pre-Worlds	10% 23	31%	10%	18%	7%	-	3%	-
		Other	1% 2	-	1%	3%	-	-	-	-
		Don't Know	19% 43	8%	15%	13%	18%	50%	30%	25%

There is substantial agreement 67% (153) that team pilots should be selected before the Pre-world events.

Question 9.40 Multiple nationals an unfair advantage?

9.00	U.S. Soaring Team Selection:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
9.40	Do you consider pilots who have the time and resources to fly in two or more nationals each year to have an UNFAIR advantage in U.S. Team Selection?	Unfair Advantage	29% 65	31%	37%	28%	36%	50%	15%	50%
		No Unfair Advantage	56% 126	54%	55%	65%	50%	-	55%	25%
		Other	5% 11	8%	3%	5%	4%	-	7%	-
		Don't Know	9% 21	8%	5%	-	7%	50%	19%	25%

Generally participants did NOT consider flying more than one national to be an unfair advantage 56% (126) in team selection.

Question 9.50 Timely publishing of the team selection ranking lists?

9.00	U.S. Soaring Team Selection:	All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
9.50	How important is it to have the U.S. pilots team selection ranking published publicly soon after the completion of each nationals? Check one only.	Very Important	32% 73	54%	41%	35%	21%	-	22%	-
		Important	46% 105	38%	49%	45%	36%	50%	49%	50%
		Unimportant	9% 21	8%	7%	13%	18%	-	6%	25%
		Don't Know	10% 22	-	1%	3%	21%	50%	19%	25%

Generally 78% (178) participants felt that publishing the team pilot rankings in a timely manner is important to very important.

Section 9 Summary – U.S. Team Selection

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Section 10 – U.S. Team e-Survey Wrap Up

Thank You! For participating in the first ever U.S. Team Poll. Your responses will help put our soaring teams on the right track for the future. Results to be posted on the U.S. Team Web when the poll concludes.

Question 10.10 What questions for next time? See open ended report.

10.00	U.S. Soaring Team Poll Wrap Up: All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
10.10 **	What question or questions should we ask on the next poll? Fill in the blank.	15% 35	15% 2	22% 16	18% 7	14% 4	-	9% 6	-

Question 10.20 Final comments? See open ended report.

10.00	U.S. Soaring Team Poll Wrap Up: All		World Champ	National	Regional	Fun Contest	Other Contest	Do Not Compete	Other
10.20 **	Any final comments on United States Soaring Teams?	26% 59	23% 3	26% 19	35% 14	29% 8	-	21% 14	-



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		All	WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
Analysis Categories									
Total respondents as spread across respondents for question 1.1.		227	13	73	40	28	2	67	4
1	Team Poll Demographics & Background: Welcome! Can you tell us a little about your flying and soaring experience?	All	WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
1.1	Do you fly competitively? What is the highest level soaring contest, if any, have you competed in over the last 5 years? Check one only.	WorldCha	13	13	-	-	-	-	-
			6%	100%	-	-	-	-	-
		National	73	73	-	-	-	-	-
			32%	100%	-	-	-	-	-
		Regional	40	-	40	-	-	-	-
			18%	-	100%	-	-	-	-
		FunConte	28	-	-	28	-	-	-
			12%	-	-	100%	-	-	-
		OtherCon	2	-	-	-	2	-	2
			1%	-	-	-	100%	-	50%
		DoNotCom	67	-	-	-	-	67	-
			30%	-	-	-	-	100%	-
		Other	4	-	-	-	2	-	4
			2%	-	-	-	100%	-	100%
1.2	In what class, if any, do you most often compete? Check one only.	DoNotCom	59	-	-	1	-	58	-
			26%	-	-	4%	-	87%	-
		Open	9	2	6	1	-	-	-
			4%	15%	8%	3%	-	-	-
		18-Meter	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
			1%	8%	1%	-	-	-	-
		15-Meter	47	6	24	12	3	1	1
			21%	46%	33%	30%	11%	1%	25%

		Standard	41	2	28	6	4	-	1	-
			18%	15%	38%	15%	14%	-	1%	-
		Sports	46	-	8	18	18	1	1	1
			20%	-	11%	45%	64%	50%	1%	25%
		World	8	1	4	2	1	-	-	-
			4%	8%	5%	5%	4%	-	-	-
		Junior	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Motorgli	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-
		Senior	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		1-26	5	-	1	1	1	-	1	1
			2%	-	1%	3%	4%	-	1%	25%
		Other	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
			-	-	-	-	-	50%	-	25%
1.3	Thinking about the sailplane you normally fly, do you own it, use club equipment, have a partnership or rent? Check one only.	OwnMyGli	156	10	64	33	19	1	27	3
			69%	77%	88%	83%	68%	50%	40%	75%
		UseClubG	31	-	1	1	3	1	25	1
			14%	-	1%	3%	11%	50%	37%	25%
		Partners	22	2	8	4	5	-	3	-
			10%	15%	11%	10%	18%	-	4%	-
		Rent	7	-	-	1	-	-	6	-
			3%	-	-	3%	-	-	9%	-
1.4	Thinking about the primary activity you undertake when you fly sailplanes, what is your main interest in soaring? Check one only.	Competit	86	12	52	15	1	-	5	1
			38%	92%	71%	38%	4%	-	7%	25%
		Records	8	1	5	1	-	-	1	-
			4%	8%	7%	3%	-	-	1%	-
		Badges	6	-	-	-	1	-	5	-
			3%	-	-	-	4%	-	7%	-
		CrossCou	91	-	16	20	22	1	31	2
			40%	-	22%	50%	79%	50%	46%	50%
		Instruct	10	-	-	3	1	-	6	-
			4%	-	-	8%	4%	-	9%	-
		Rides	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
			1%	-	-	-	4%	-	3%	-
		ClubFlyi	14	-	-	1	1	-	11	-
			6%	-	-	3%	4%	-	16%	-
1.5	Have you ever been a member of a U.S. soaring team including as a pilot, crew, captain or manager?	NeverTea	185	-	59	35	25	2	63	3
			81%	-	81%	88%	89%	100%	94%	75%
		Pilot	18	13	5	-	-	-	-	-
			8%	100%	7%	-	-	-	-	-
		Crew	17	2	6	2	3	-	3	1
			7%	15%	8%	5%	11%	-	4%	25%

		Manager/	7	1	1	4	-	-	1	-
			3%	8%	1%	10%	-	-	1%	-
		Other	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
			1%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%	-
1.6	Have you ever attended or visited a World Soaring Championships?	Yes	77	13	32	7	8	-	14	2
			34%	100%	44%	18%	29%	-	21%	50%
		No	149	-	41	33	20	2	53	2
			66%	-	56%	83%	71%	100%	79%	50%
		Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.7	What is the highest FAI badge you hold? Check one only.	Diamond	68	8	41	10	2	-	6	1
			30%	62%	56%	25%	7%	-	9%	25%
		Gold	42	3	15	12	7	-	5	-
			19%	23%	21%	30%	25%	-	7%	-
		Silver	49	2	12	14	7	1	13	1
			22%	15%	16%	35%	25%	50%	19%	25%
		A,B,C,Br	33	-	-	3	9	1	19	2
			15%	-	-	8%	32%	50%	28%	50%
		NoBadges	29	-	3	1	3	-	22	-
			13%	-	4%	3%	11%	-	33%	-
		Other	3	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
			1%	-	1%	-	-	-	3%	-
1.8	Where do you normally soar? Check one only.	USA	222	13	73	39	27	2	65	4
			98%	100%	100%	98%	96%	100%	97%	100%
		Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Europe	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-
		Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

2	U.S. Soaring Team Benchmarks: The following questions will help to establish a basis for comparison to future US Soaring Teams. Please answer the following questions based on what you know or feel about US Soaring Teams.	All		WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
2.1	Thinking about U.S. Soaring Teams generally, do you consider U.S. teams to be competitive at World Soaring Championships?	Yes	143	11	48	29	19	1	33	2
			63%	85%	66%	73%	68%	50%	49%	50%
		No	63	2	24	11	6	-	19	1
			28%	15%	33%	28%	21%	-	28%	25%
		DontKnow	20	-	1	-	3	1	15	1
			9%	-	1%	-	11%	50%	22%	25%
2.2	Thinking about U.S. Soaring Teams generally, do you consider U.S. Soaring teams to be well	Yes	116	5	45	25	14	-	25	1
			51%	38%	62%	63%	50%	-	37%	25%
		No	30	7	14	2	1	-	5	1

	managed?		13%	54%	19%	5%	4%	-	7%	25%
		DontKnow	80	1	14	13	13	2	37	2
			35%	8%	19%	33%	46%	100%	55%	50%
2.3	Do you think U.S. Soaring teams spend contributions in a responsible way?	Yes	113	9	36	22	14	-	30	1
			50%	69%	49%	55%	50%	-	45%	25%
		No	25	4	13	1	1	1	4	2
			11%	31%	18%	3%	4%	50%	6%	50%
		DontKnow	88	-	24	17	13	1	33	1
2.4	Have you ever visited the US Team Web Site?	Yes	192	13	67	36	22	1	50	3
			85%	100%	92%	90%	79%	50%	75%	75%
		No	33	-	6	4	6	1	16	1
			15%	-	8%	10%	21%	50%	24%	25%
		DontKnow	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
2.5	Have you made a financial contribution to U.S. Soaring teams in the last five years?	Yes	152	13	56	32	15	2	31	4
			67%	100%	77%	80%	54%	100%	46%	100%
		No	69	-	14	8	13	-	34	-
			30%	-	19%	20%	46%	-	51%	-
		DontKnow	4	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
2.6	If you have made financial contribution to U.S. teams in the last five years, how did you make your contribution? Check all that apply.	Sweepsta	106	10	35	21	10	-	28	1
			47%	77%	48%	53%	36%	-	42%	25%
		DirectTo	50	6	21	9	2	1	10	2
			22%	46%	29%	23%	7%	50%	15%	50%
		Robertso	29	4	14	4	1	-	6	-
			13%	31%	19%	10%	4%	-	9%	-
		ContestF	50	10	23	6	3	-	8	-
			22%	77%	32%	15%	11%	-	12%	-
		TeamMerc	58	6	30	7	4	1	9	2
			26%	46%	41%	18%	14%	50%	13%	50%
		NoContri	44	-	6	6	7	-	25	-
			19%	-	8%	15%	25%	-	37%	-
		Other	12	3	2	5	-	-	1	-
			5%	23%	3%	13%	-	-	1%	-
2.7	What is the number one thing you would like to see changed about U.S. Soaring teams?	DontKnow	6	-	3	-	1	-	2	-
			3%	-	4%	-	4%	-	3%	-
2.8	Would you like to see more U.S. pilots participate internationally in World Soaring Championships as members of U.S. Soaring Teams? Check one only.	MorePart	106	5	30	21	11	1	38	1
			47%	38%	41%	53%	39%	50%	57%	25%
		AboutThe	80	6	29	15	11	-	17	1
			35%	46%	40%	38%	39%	-	25%	25%
		LessPart	16	2	9	2	1	-	1	1
			7%	15%	12%	5%	4%	-	1%	25%
		DontKnow	20	-	4	1	5	1	9	1

			9%	-	5%	3%	18%	50%	13%	25%
2.9	Should US Soaring Teams be a priority for the Soaring Society of America (SSA)? Check one only.	HighPrio	78	8	37	13	5	-	15	-
			34%	62%	51%	33%	18%	-	22%	-
		MidPrior	104	4	27	22	16	1	33	1
			46%	31%	37%	55%	57%	50%	49%	25%
		LowPrior	37	1	9	5	5	1	14	3
			16%	8%	12%	13%	18%	50%	21%	75%
		NoPriori	5	-	-	-	2	-	3	-
			2%	-	-	-	7%	-	4%	-
2.1	Do you consider U.S. Soaring Teams participation in World Soaring Championships to be important to the sport? Check one only.	VeryImpo	105	11	42	17	10	1	24	1
			46%	85%	58%	43%	36%	50%	36%	25%
		Importan	80	1	19	20	8	-	30	1
			35%	8%	26%	50%	29%	-	45%	25%
		Unimport	32	1	11	2	7	-	10	1
			14%	8%	15%	5%	25%	-	15%	25%
		VeryUnim	5	-	-	-	3	1	1	1
			2%	-	-	-	11%	50%	1%	25%
2.11	Why or why not are U.S. Soaring Teams important to the sport? Fill in answer below.	150		7	48	28	18	2	45	3
		0%		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2.12	Over the long term and based on what you know do you think U.S. soaring teams are generally moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?	RightDir	101	10	39	20	9	-	23	-
			44%	77%	53%	50%	32%	-	34%	-
		WrongDri	38	2	20	6	2	-	7	1
			17%	15%	27%	15%	7%	-	10%	25%
		DontKnow	82	1	13	12	17	2	35	3
			36%	8%	18%	30%	61%	100%	52%	75%
2.13	Why do you consider U.S. soaring teams to be moving in the right direction or wrong direction?	100		7	45	18	4	-	25	1
		75%		75%	75%	75%	75%	-	75%	75%
2.14	Have you read through the U.S. Soaring Team Task (USTTF) Force documents as posted on the USTTF web site?	Yes	66	11	27	10	6	-	10	2
			29%	85%	37%	25%	21%	-	15%	50%
		No	150	2	41	27	21	2	56	2
			66%	15%	56%	68%	75%	100%	84%	50%
		DontKnow	6	-	3	2	1	-	-	-
			3%	-	4%	5%	4%	-	-	-

3	U.S. Soaring Team Committee & Organization: With more teams and championships it may be time to establish a more robust organizational structure to facilitate team organization and management.	All	WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
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3.1	Under consideration is a U.S. Team Committee that would be formed under the SSA Board of Directors and consist of the Team Chairman, Contest Chairman and three elected positions. The role of the five person committee would be to provide oversight and support to U.S. Soaring Teams. Generally, do you favor the formation of a U.S. Team Committee as described? Check one only.	Strongly	48	6	20	7	3	-	12	-
			21%	46%	27%	18%	11%	-	18%	-
		Favor	105	6	33	20	13	1	32	1
			46%	46%	45%	50%	46%	50%	48%	25%
		Disfavor	15	1	1	3	1	-	7	1
			7%	8%	1%	8%	4%	-	10%	25%
		Strongly	13	-	5	1	2	1	4	1
			6%	-	7%	3%	7%	50%	6%	25%
3.2	Why do you favor or disfavor the creation of a U.S. Team Committee? Fill in answer below.		125	7	42	20	13	1	40	2
			25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%
3.3	As part of the proposed changes to the U.S. Team structure Team Captains would be responsible for organizing each team's participation in their respective championships with support provided by the SSA and the U.S. Team Committee. Do you favor this new way of organizing teams? Check one only.	Strongly	28	2	10	5	2	-	9	-
			12%	15%	14%	13%	7%	-	13%	-
		Favor	106	10	38	18	12	-	27	-
			47%	77%	52%	45%	43%	-	40%	-
		Disfavor	18	-	6	3	1	-	7	1
			8%	-	8%	8%	4%	-	10%	25%
		Strongly	11	-	3	-	2	1	5	1
			5%	-	4%	-	7%	50%	7%	25%
3.4	It has been proposed that several new support positions be created including Fundraising Manager, Document Manager and Team Treasurer. Do you favor the creation of these new volunteer support positions? Check one only.	Strongly	36	5	12	4	2	-	13	-
			16%	38%	16%	10%	7%	-	19%	-
		Favor	122	6	43	27	15	1	28	3
			54%	46%	59%	68%	54%	50%	42%	75%
		Disfavor	13	1	2	2	1	-	6	-
			6%	8%	3%	5%	4%	-	9%	-
		Strongly	10	1	2	-	3	-	4	-
			4%	8%	3%	-	11%	-	6%	-
3.5	One of the principals guiding the changes in the structure of the U.S. Team organization is task sharing so that no single job is unmanageable. Generally would you consider volunteering to help future U.S. Soaring Teams?	Yes	89	10	32	15	9	1	21	1
			39%	77%	44%	38%	32%	50%	31%	25%
		No	32	1	8	4	5	1	13	1
			14%	8%	11%	10%	18%	50%	19%	25%
		Maybe	80	2	30	15	11	-	20	2
			35%	15%	41%	38%	39%	-	30%	50%
		DontKnow	20	-	2	4	2	-	12	-
			9%	-	3%	10%	7%	-	18%	-

4	U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies: With more teams and classes participating in World Soaring Championships (WSC) what goals should U.S. Soaring Teams be pursuing? While winning is the most obvious goal of any competitive undertaking there may be other legitimate goals for specific US teams to undertake. What do you want our teams to do? Aim for the best individual pilot performances or emphasize the highest overall team placing? Should there be different goals for different classes say to encourage participation, reward performance and develop new talent?	All		WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
4.1	What should the goals be for the traditional FAI classes: Open, 15-Meter, & Standard? Check all that apply.	BestPilo	139 61%	12 92%	49 67%	27 68%	14 50%	1 50%	34 51%	2 50%
		BestTeam	133 59%	8 62%	39 53%	24 60%	16 57%	1 50%	45 67%	1 25%
		Encourag	77 34%	4 31%	21 29%	15 38%	9 32%	1 50%	25 37%	2 50%
		RewardUS	39 17%	4 31%	9 12%	5 13%	7 25%	- -	14 21%	- -
		DevelopN	89 39%	3 23%	23 32%	18 45%	10 36%	1 50%	31 46%	3 75%
		Other	6 3%	- -	2 3%	1 3%	- -	- -	3 4%	- -
		DontKnow	10 4%	- -	- -	1 3%	4 14%	- -	5 7%	- -
4.2	What should the goals be for the 18-Meter class? Check all that apply.	BestPilo	131 58%	10 77%	48 66%	24 60%	13 46%	1 50%	34 51%	2 50%
		BestTeam	115 51%	6 46%	34 47%	21 53%	13 46%	1 50%	40 60%	1 25%
		Encourag	68 30%	3 23%	16 22%	14 35%	9 32%	1 50%	24 36%	2 50%
		RewardUS	37 16%	3 23%	9 12%	6 15%	7 25%	- -	12 18%	- -
		DevelopN	76 33%	2 15%	21 29%	15 38%	9 32%	1 50%	26 39%	3 75%
		Other	8 4%	1 8%	3 4%	2 5%	- -	- -	2 3%	- -
		DontKnow	21 9%	- -	3 4%	2 5%	6 21%	- -	9 13%	- -
4.3	What should the goals be for the Club class? Check all that apply.	BestPilo	85 37%	7 54%	32 44%	16 40%	8 29%	- -	21 31%	1 25%
		BestTeam	93 41%	6 46%	24 33%	18 45%	13 46%	1 50%	30 45%	1 25%

		Encourag	99	5	27	18	10	1	35	3
			44%	38%	37%	45%	36%	50%	52%	75%
		RewardUS	40	3	9	9	4	-	15	-
			18%	23%	12%	23%	14%	-	22%	-
		DevelopN	128	8	34	27	15	2	41	3
			56%	62%	47%	68%	54%	100%	61%	75%
		Other	10	1	4	1	2	-	2	-
			4%	8%	5%	3%	7%	-	3%	-
4.4	What should the goals be for the World class? Check all that apply.	DontKnow	16	-	5	1	3	-	7	-
			7%	-	7%	3%	11%	-	10%	-
		BestPilo	93	5	30	19	7	1	30	2
			41%	38%	41%	48%	25%	50%	45%	50%
		BestTeam	102	5	27	22	12	1	34	1
			45%	38%	37%	55%	43%	50%	51%	25%
		Encourag	87	5	20	22	8	1	29	2
			38%	38%	27%	55%	29%	50%	43%	50%
		RewardUS	42	3	7	9	6	-	16	1
			19%	23%	10%	23%	21%	-	24%	25%
		DevelopN	115	8	28	26	14	1	37	2
			51%	62%	38%	65%	50%	50%	55%	50%
		Other	14	2	7	1	2	-	2	-
			6%	15%	10%	3%	7%	-	3%	-
		DontKnow	15	-	5	-	3	-	7	-
			7%	-	7%	-	11%	-	10%	-
4.5	What should the goals be for the Junior class? Check all that apply.	BestPilo	84	5	25	20	8	1	23	2
			37%	38%	34%	50%	29%	50%	34%	50%
		BestTeam	92	7	22	19	12	1	31	1
			41%	54%	30%	48%	43%	50%	46%	25%
		Encourag	95	5	22	22	11	1	32	2
			42%	38%	30%	55%	39%	50%	48%	50%
		RewardUS	47	4	8	7	7	-	21	-
			21%	31%	11%	18%	25%	-	31%	-
		DevelopN	157	10	48	31	14	1	50	3
			69%	77%	66%	78%	50%	50%	75%	75%
		Other	9	1	4	1	1	-	2	-
			4%	8%	5%	3%	4%	-	3%	-
		DontKnow	13	-	3	1	4	-	5	-
			6%	-	4%	3%	14%	-	7%	-
4.6	What should the goals be for the Feminine class? Check all that apply.	BestPilo	101	5	32	24	11	-	29	-
			44%	38%	44%	60%	39%	-	43%	-
		BestTeam	87	4	22	14	14	1	32	1
			38%	31%	30%	35%	50%	50%	48%	25%
		Encourag	88	6	19	22	9	1	28	3
			39%	46%	26%	55%	32%	50%	42%	75%
		RewardUS	38	2	9	5	8	-	14	-
			17%	15%	12%	13%	29%	-	21%	-
		DevelopN	115	7	32	24	12	1	37	2
			51%	54%	44%	60%	43%	50%	55%	50%

		Other	17	2	9	2	-	1	3	1
			7%	15%	12%	5%	-	50%	4%	25%
		DontKnow	20	-	6	3	4	-	7	-
			9%	-	8%	8%	14%	-	10%	-
4.7	It has been proposed that the overall U.S. Team organization adopt four founding policies. These are organizational accountability, transparency, competitiveness and sustainability. Do you favor these policies be adopted by the U.S. Team Organization? Check one only.	Strongly	78	7	30	12	8	-	21	-
			34%	54%	41%	30%	29%	-	31%	-
		Favor	98	5	29	22	11	1	29	2
			43%	38%	40%	55%	39%	50%	43%	50%
		Disfavor	5	1	2	-	-	-	2	-
			2%	8%	3%	-	-	-	3%	-
		Strongly	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
			1%	-	-	-	-	-	3%	25%
		DontKnow	30	-	10	2	6	1	10	1
			13%	-	14%	5%	21%	50%	15%	25%
4.8	Comments on U.S. Soaring Team Goals & Policies. Fill in blank below.	71		4	32	8	3	1	21	1
		25%		25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%

5	U.S. Soaring Team Funding: Our soaring teams are funded exclusively by personal contributions. No government grants, SSA or other funds are used. While the number of U.S. Teams has grown due to the recent expansion in eligible FAI classes the team's financial resources have not kept pace. Team management is faced with finding ways to allocate the resources available.	All		WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
5.1	What should the US Team policy be regarding the number of pilots we send to the championships? With limited funds, this will probably mean sending fewer well-funded pilots or more less-funded pilots. Check one only.	FewWellF	87	3	27	14	15	-	27	-
			38%	23%	37%	35%	54%	-	40%	-
		MoreLess	59	5	22	5	6	1	18	2
			26%	38%	30%	13%	21%	50%	27%	50%
		AsManyAs	55	5	19	16	2	-	12	1
			24%	38%	26%	40%	7%	-	18%	25%
5.2	Generally should the U.S. Team policy be to send the maximum number of pilots allowed by the championships organizers or should the number of pilots be based on funding? Check one only.	SendMaxi	94	9	35	18	7	1	23	1
			41%	69%	48%	45%	25%	50%	34%	25%
		BasedOnF	111	3	33	19	17	-	36	2
			49%	23%	45%	48%	61%	-	54%	50%
5.3	Imagine you are a pilot on a U.S. world team. Championship organizers have allowed for more pilots than can be adequately funded. If it takes \$15,000 per pilot to	UpTo100%	45	2	16	9	6	1	11	1
			20%	15%	22%	23%	21%	50%	16%	25%
		UpTo75%(	13	-	5	3	1	-	3	1
			6%	-	7%	8%	4%	-	4%	25%
		UpTo50%(	65	7	22	9	7	1	19	1

	participate, what percentage should you as an individual U.S. Team pilot be called on to self-fund to participate in your championships? Check one only.		29%	54%	30%	23%	25%	50%	28%	25%
		UpTo25%(	73	4	19	14	11	-	23	-
			32%	31%	26%	35%	39%	-	34%	-
		0%(\$0)	24	-	10	4	2	-	8	-
			11%	-	14%	10%	7%	-	12%	-
5.4	Based on your prior experience and knowledge do you think U.S. Soaring Teams provide enough financial reporting? Check one only.	Yes-Repo	26	4	9	4	2	-	6	1
			11%	31%	12%	10%	7%	-	9%	25%
		No-MoreR	84	9	35	11	9	-	19	1
			37%	69%	48%	28%	32%	-	28%	25%
		DontKnow	111	-	27	24	16	2	40	2
			49%	-	37%	60%	57%	100%	60%	50%
5.5	If funds were sufficiently restricted, would you rather see fewer team pilots in each class or the complete elimination of funding for classes and teams that have low participation at the national level? Check one only.	FewerPil	71	6	14	13	12	-	25	1
			31%	46%	19%	33%	43%	-	37%	25%
		LessFund	46	6	16	7	5	-	11	1
			20%	46%	22%	18%	18%	-	16%	25%
		Eliminat	68	1	30	15	6	1	15	1
			30%	8%	41%	38%	21%	50%	22%	25%
		Other	11	-	5	2	-	1	2	1
			5%	-	7%	5%	-	50%	3%	25%
		DontKnow	25	-	7	2	4	-	11	-
			11%	-	10%	5%	14%	-	16%	-
5.6	There is some discussion on how to allocate team funding to the various teams. Some feel that funds should be allocated evenly amongst teams while others think teams with low participation at the national level should receive a lower level of funding than teams with high national participation. Check one only.	Allocate	42	2	12	11	4	-	12	1
			19%	15%	16%	28%	14%	-	18%	25%
		Allocate	111	6	37	20	16	1	29	2
			49%	46%	51%	50%	57%	50%	43%	50%
		LetManag	40	4	12	7	2	-	15	-
			18%	31%	16%	18%	7%	-	22%	-
		Other	12	1	5	-	1	1	4	1
			5%	8%	7%	-	4%	50%	6%	25%
		DontKnow	15	-	5	1	4	-	4	-
			7%	-	7%	3%	14%	-	6%	-
5.7	If the total U.S. Team budget was \$100,000 - How would you divide this funding up between the teams? Multi-Class (Open, 15-Meter, Standard), 18-Meter, Club, World, Feminine, Junior. Fill in blank below.	156		10	59	28	14	1	41	2
		0%		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5.8	Should a US Team Treasurer position be created to plan and manage US Team finances?	Yes	158	12	55	26	16	1	47	2
			70%	92%	75%	65%	57%	50%	70%	50%
		No	12	-	4	2	2	-	4	-
			5%	-	5%	5%	7%	-	6%	-
		DontKnow	45	1	12	9	8	1	12	2
			20%	8%	16%	23%	29%	50%	18%	50%
5.9	Your Comments on team funding. Fill in blank below.	88		7	34	14	9	1	20	2
		50%		50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

6	U.S. Soaring Team Fundraising: United States soaring teams are funded exclusively through personal contributions. No government grants, SSA or other funds are used. How should US Soaring Teams go about raising these funds?	All		WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
6.1	There are several ways to contribute to the U.S. Soaring Teams. Which of the ways presented appeals to you the most? Check one only.	GeneralIT	98	6	27	15	16	1	32	2
			43%	46%	37%	38%	57%	50%	48%	50%
		TeamSpec	24	3	10	4	3	-	3	-
			11%	23%	14%	10%	11%	-	4%	-
		ClassSpe	18	1	6	3	2	-	6	-
			8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	-	9%	-
		PilotSpe	8	1	1	2	2	-	2	-
			4%	8%	1%	5%	7%	-	3%	-
		Robertso	54	2	23	10	3	-	15	-
			24%	15%	32%	25%	11%	-	22%	-
		Other	13	-	1	2	1	1	7	2
			6%	-	1%	5%	4%	50%	10%	50%
6.2	Over the years the idea of using a portion of contest entry fees to help fund U.S. Soaring Teams has been discussed. How much, if any, would you support raising contest entry fees to provide for U.S. team funding? Check one only.	None	41	3	15	6	5	1	10	2
			18%	23%	21%	15%	18%	50%	15%	50%
		\$10	42	3	8	7	6	-	17	-
			19%	23%	11%	18%	21%	-	25%	-
		\$20	46	4	16	5	6	1	13	2
			20%	31%	22%	13%	21%	50%	19%	50%
		\$30	28	2	15	5	2	-	4	-
			12%	15%	21%	13%	7%	-	6%	-
		\$40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		\$50	40	1	13	11	4	-	10	-
			18%	8%	18%	28%	14%	-	15%	-
		MoreThan	10	-	3	1	3	-	3	-
			4%	-	4%	3%	11%	-	4%	-
6.3	Do U.S. Soaring Teams run too many fundraising campaigns?	Yes	17	3	6	2	1	-	4	-
			7%	23%	8%	5%	4%	-	6%	-
		No	140	9	50	29	14	1	34	3
			62%	69%	68%	73%	50%	50%	51%	75%
		DontKnow	66	1	17	8	12	1	27	1
			29%	8%	23%	20%	43%	50%	40%	25%
6.4	Should individual teams be put in charge of developing and running their own fundraising efforts or should this be a function of the overall U.S. Team organization and the SSA? Check one only.	Individu	15	-	5	2	3	-	5	-
			7%	-	7%	5%	11%	-	7%	-
		TeamOrga	96	6	31	17	12	-	29	1
			42%	46%	42%	43%	43%	-	43%	25%
		SSA	28	2	9	4	4	-	8	-
			12%	15%	12%	10%	14%	-	12%	-
		Conbinat	71	5	19	16	7	1	21	2

			31%	38%	26%	40%	25%	50%	31%	50%
		Other	4	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
			2%	-	4%	-	-	-	1%	-
		DontKnow	10	-	5	-	1	1	3	1
			4%	-	7%	-	4%	50%	4%	25%
6.5	Should U.S. Soaring teams be seeking Corporate sponsorship?	Yes	194	11	63	36	25	2	53	4
			85%	85%	86%	90%	89%	100%	79%	100%
		No	10	1	4	-	-	-	5	-
			4%	8%	5%	-	-	-	7%	-
		DontKnow	17	1	6	2	1	-	7	-
			7%	8%	8%	5%	4%	-	10%	-
6.6	Thinking creatively what kind of fundraising opportunities can US Teams develop or improve? Fill in blank below.	87		5	28	16	8	1	26	2
		0%		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
6.7	If your club hosted a day long soaring seminar entitled -Performance and Cross Country Soaring - put on by U.S. team pilots would you attend if the price was \$75. Check one only.	IWouldAt	138	8	45	26	21	1	36	2
			61%	62%	62%	65%	75%	50%	54%	50%
		IMightAt	56	3	16	9	6	-	21	-
			25%	23%	22%	23%	21%	-	31%	-
		IWouldNo	19	1	9	3	1	1	3	2
			8%	8%	12%	8%	4%	50%	4%	50%
		DontKnow	10	-	1	1	-	-	7	-
			4%	-	1%	3%	-	-	10%	-
6.8	Do you consider it important that U.S. soaring teams provide a financial report at the end of the team cycle? Check one only.	Importan	197	13	67	38	21	2	54	3
			87%	100%	92%	95%	75%	100%	81%	75%
		NotImpor	8	-	1	1	4	-	1	1
			4%	-	1%	3%	14%	-	1%	25%
		DontKnow	16	-	2	-	3	-	10	-
			7%	-	3%	-	11%	-	15%	-
6.9	Our teams are funded by two types of personal contributions ? Direct and Perpetual. Direct contributions are normally cash contributions used by the team in the period contributed while perpetual trust contributions are invested and provide annual financial support for the teams. Overall what kind of team funding makes the most sense to you? Check one only.	DirectCo	14	-	7	2	-	-	4	1
			6%	-	10%	5%	-	-	6%	25%
		Perpetua	28	2	12	2	2	-	9	1
			12%	15%	16%	5%	7%	-	13%	25%
		Combinat	158	11	45	32	20	1	48	1
			70%	85%	62%	80%	71%	50%	72%	25%
		Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-
		DontKnow	16	-	3	3	4	1	4	1
			7%	-	4%	8%	14%	50%	6%	25%
6.1	Your comments on U.S. Team fundraising? Fill in blank below.	51		5	18	9	2	-	15	1
		25%		25%	25%	25%	25%	-	25%	25%

7	U.S. Soaring Team Overall: There are a number of general questions that the U.S. Team Task Force would like your thoughts on.	All		WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
7.1	In recent years many of the successful European teams have emphasized team flying. This type of flying is highly specialized and requires a good deal of training and practice. U.S. pilots tend to be individualists and have proven success in a system that does not encourage or promote team flying. Some have suggested that the tightly integrated team flying as now practiced is not appropriate for U.S. Teams. What should team policy be here? Check one only	Emphasiz	36	1	16	10	4	-	5	-
			16%	8%	22%	25%	14%	-	7%	-
		Encourag	65	4	17	12	6	1	24	2
			29%	31%	23%	30%	21%	50%	36%	50%
		TeamFlyA	103	8	34	15	15	-	28	1
			45%	62%	47%	38%	54%	-	42%	25%
		DontKnow	20	-	5	2	3	1	9	1
			9%	-	7%	5%	11%	50%	13%	25%
7.2	Some say that team flying as currently practiced at the world level does not provide a true test of soaring skill and disadvantages teams that are not strong team flyers. Should the USA take an active roll with the International Gliding Committee (IGC) internationally to encourage or discourage team flying in World Soaring Championships? Check one only.	Encourag	40	3	9	9	8	-	11	-
			18%	23%	12%	23%	29%	-	16%	-
		Discoura	120	9	48	23	10	-	28	1
			53%	69%	66%	58%	36%	-	42%	25%
		TakeNoRo	31	1	10	4	5	-	11	-
			14%	8%	14%	10%	18%	-	16%	-
		DontKnow	33	-	6	3	4	2	16	3
			15%	-	8%	8%	14%	100%	24%	75%
7.3	The contest held at the championship site the year prior to World Soaring Championships is referred to as the pre-worlds and allows pilots and organizers to become famillure with the site. Should attendance at the pre-worlds be a requirement for all pilots selected in time to go? Even if there no team funds are available? Check one only.	RequireI	52	3	17	13	6	-	12	1
			23%	23%	23%	33%	21%	-	18%	25%
		Require	26	2	9	2	3	-	9	1
			11%	15%	12%	5%	11%	-	13%	25%
		DoNotReq	127	8	44	24	13	-	36	-
			56%	62%	60%	60%	46%	-	54%	-
		DontKnow	19	-	3	-	5	2	9	2
			8%	-	4%	-	18%	100%	13%	50%
7.4	In general do you favor large teams with additional support staff beyond the normal Team Captain or small teams with a minimum of support staff? Check one only.	LargeTea	25	1	12	5	2	-	5	-
			11%	8%	16%	13%	7%	-	7%	-
		SmallTea	88	7	32	17	8	-	21	1
			39%	54%	44%	43%	29%	-	31%	25%
		Manageme	84	5	22	14	11	-	31	1
			37%	38%	30%	35%	39%	-	46%	25%
		DontKnow	23	-	7	2	5	2	7	2
			10%	-	10%	5%	18%	100%	10%	50%

8	U.S. Soaring Team Communication: U.S. soaring teams ability to communicate has followed the dramatic communication revolution of the last ten years with Internet, e-mail and more traditional communication and reporting capability.	All		WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
8.1	Should U.S. Soaring teams make communication a priority? Check one only.	HighPrio	119	9	48	20	14	-	24	2
			52%	69%	66%	50%	50%	-	36%	50%
		Priority	86	4	20	18	10	1	33	1
			38%	31%	27%	45%	36%	50%	49%	25%
		LowPrior	7	-	3	-	1	1	2	1
			3%	-	4%	-	4%	50%	3%	25%
		NotAPrio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		DontKnow	9	-	1	1	1	-	6	-
			4%	-	1%	3%	4%	-	9%	-
8.2	Did you follow the U.S. Team reports from South Africa on the U.S. Team web site?	Yes	185	12	67	37	20	1	45	2
			81%	92%	92%	93%	71%	50%	67%	50%
		No	38	-	6	2	8	1	20	2
			17%	-	8%	5%	29%	50%	30%	50%
		DontKnow	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-
8.3	Would you like to receive team bulletins via e-mail?	Yes	144	12	46	26	17	1	41	2
			63%	92%	63%	65%	61%	50%	61%	50%
		No	65	1	21	11	9	1	19	2
			29%	8%	29%	28%	32%	50%	28%	50%
		DontKnow	15	-	6	2	2	-	5	-
8.4	Would you sign up for an online team newsletter that would be e-mailed at least every several months and daily during championships?	Yes	174	13	56	31	21	1	50	2
			77%	100%	77%	78%	75%	50%	75%	50%
		No	37	-	11	6	6	1	12	2
			16%	-	15%	15%	21%	50%	18%	50%
		DontKnow	14	-	6	2	1	-	4	-
			6%	-	8%	5%	4%	-	6%	-
8.5	Do you read and find interesting the U.S. Team report that appears in Soaring Magazine?	Yes	189	13	63	33	21	1	56	2
			83%	100%	86%	83%	75%	50%	84%	50%
		No	25	-	5	3	6	1	8	2
			11%	-	7%	8%	21%	50%	12%	50%
		DontKnow	8	-	4	2	1	-	1	-
			4%	-	5%	5%	4%	-	1%	-
8.6	What would be your preferred way to receive information and reporting about U.S. Soaring Teams? Check one only.	TeamWebS	117	10	41	23	13	-	27	1
			52%	77%	56%	58%	46%	-	40%	25%
		ReciveE-	55	3	16	11	8	-	17	-
			24%	23%	22%	28%	29%	-	25%	-
		ArticleI	43	-	14	4	6	1	18	1
			19%	-	19%	10%	21%	50%	27%	25%
		Other	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	1

			1%	-	-	-	4%	-	1%	25%
		DontKnow	5	-	1	-	-	1	3	1
			2%	-	1%	-	-	50%	4%	25%
8.7	What would you like to see U.S. Soaring teams doing with regard to communication? Fill in the blank below.	70		3	27	13	7	1	17	1
		25%		25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%

9	U.S. Soaring Team Selection: The US Team selection process has been established based on pilots performance in U.S. National championships.	All		WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
9.1	The current approach to team selection is based on two years performance at U.S. Nationals. Should the basic approach of the current selection system be modified?	Yes	55	3	20	15	8	1	7	1
			24%	23%	27%	38%	29%	50%	10%	25%
		No	108	8	42	20	12	-	23	2
			48%	62%	58%	50%	43%	-	34%	50%
		DontKnow	53	2	7	4	7	1	32	1
			23%	15%	10%	10%	25%	50%	48%	25%
9.2	If the current selection process needs modification, how? Fill in the blank.	60		3	28	12	7	1	8	1
		25%		25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%
9.3	If only one pilot will be sent to championships, should the pilot be selected as far ahead of time as necessary to allow them to attend the pre-worlds? Check one only.	BeforePr	153	8	53	25	20	1	43	3
			67%	62%	73%	63%	71%	50%	64%	75%
		AfterPre	23	4	7	7	2	-	2	-
			10%	31%	10%	18%	7%	-	3%	-
		Other	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
			1%	-	1%	3%	-	-	-	-
		DontKnow	43	1	11	5	5	1	20	1
			19%	8%	15%	13%	18%	50%	30%	25%
9.4	Do you consider pilots who have the time and resources to fly in two or more nationals each year to have an UNFAIR advantage in U.S. Team Selection?	UnfairAd	65	4	27	11	10	1	10	2
			29%	31%	37%	28%	36%	50%	15%	50%
		NoUnfair	126	7	40	26	14	-	37	1
			56%	54%	55%	65%	50%	-	55%	25%
		Other	11	1	2	2	1	-	5	-
			5%	8%	3%	5%	4%	-	7%	-
		DontKnow	21	1	4	-	2	1	13	1
			9%	8%	5%	-	7%	50%	19%	25%
9.5	How important is it to have the U.S. pilots team selection ranking published publicly soon after the completion of each nationals? Check one only.	VeryImpo	73	7	30	14	6	-	15	-
			32%	54%	41%	35%	21%	-	22%	-
		Importan	105	5	36	18	10	1	33	2
			46%	38%	49%	45%	36%	50%	49%	50%
		Unimport	21	1	5	5	5	-	4	1
			9%	8%	7%	13%	18%	-	6%	25%
		DontKnow	22	-	1	1	6	1	13	1
			10%	-	1%	3%	21%	50%	19%	25%

10	U.S. Soaring Team Poll Wrap Up: Thank You! For participating in the first ever U.S. Team Poll. Your responses will help put our soaring teams on the right track for the future. Results to be posted on the U.S. Team Web when the poll concludes.	All	WorldCha	National	Regional	FunConte	OtherCon	DoNotCom	Other
10.1	What question or questions should we ask on the next poll? Fill in the blank.	35	2	16	7	4	-	6	-
		25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	-	25%	-
10.2	Any final comments on United States Soaring Teams?	59	3	19	14	8	-	14	-
		25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	-	25%	-