



## Child Friendly Community Survey

# Sports Council Brief

Enclosed please find information about our Child Friendly Community Survey. We have included information about the survey, its general findings, and all the responses that specifically pertain to Sports.

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# Survey Background

**Who:** DeltaKids is a coalition of the non-profit and government partners who work with Delta children and families. Together we plan, implement, and support opportunities for the optimum development of children from conception to age twelve.

**What:** DeltaKids conducted a Child-Friendly Community Survey. The survey was inspired by the work of the Society for Children and Youth of BC and was funded by the United Way. Information about the general findings and specific results about Sports is enclosed.

**Why:** We offer this data in the hope that it will assist you in your work with Delta children and families, and in the spirit of prompting further discussion, research, and collaboration. Together we can make Delta an even more family friendly community than it is already.

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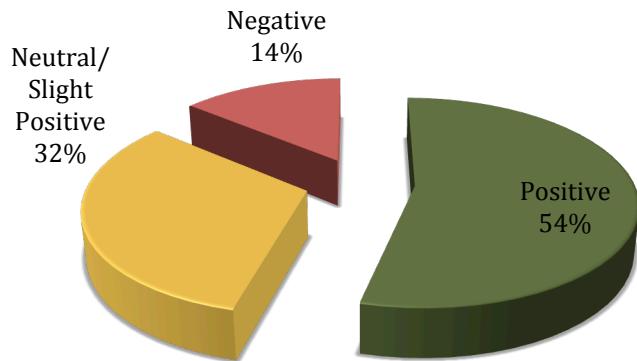
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About the Survey	Results
Where: The survey was conducted online, at community programs, events, and in schools during 2015	 <b>500 Parent Responses</b> (majority collected at programs and recreation centres)
What: Qualitative questions with three possible responses and the option to add comments.	 <b>54% of the time parents selected the most positive option</b> (community factors)
Who answered: Results are representative of Delta families, geographically and by child's age group	 <b>Responses from 1- 2 % of families in each of the Delta neighbourhoods</b> <b>2.5% of each age cohort represented, newborn to 12 years old, based on 2011 census</b>
Were kids asked? Yes!	 <b>54 responses to age 3-5 interview</b> <b>31 responses to age 6-12 survey</b>
<b>2 questions about kids opportunity to try and participate in sports</b>	 Similar to survey average but showed there is an opportunity to improve access to sport

# General Survey Findings: Community Factors

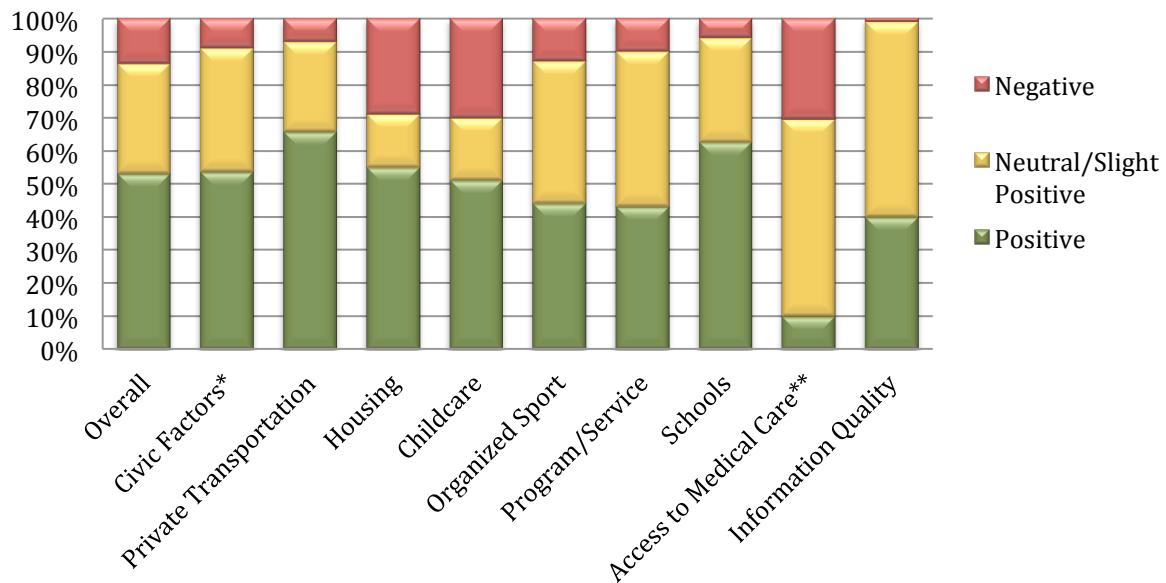
The survey included questions about the children's home environment/parent beliefs, and questions about the wider community. There were 29 questions covering a broad range of factors that impact families' experience of living in Delta. The choice of answers included a positive, negative and neutral/slight positive answer.

## Community Factors



These 29 questions can be grouped into 9 categories. Questions specific to sport are in the Organized Sport section. Recreation programs are in the Program/Service section

## Community Factors by Section



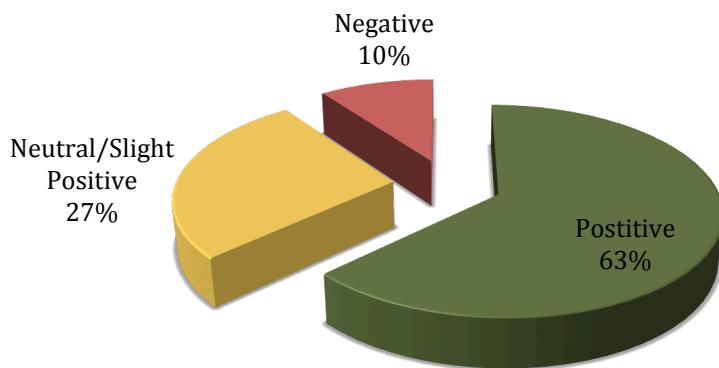
\* Civic Factors include access to play and outdoor spaces, feelings of safety, media coverage, involvement of children in decision-making, and experiences with local businesses.

\*\* The questions in 'Access to Medical Care' did not follow the typical question format. For most of those questions, the most positive response was a neutral one.

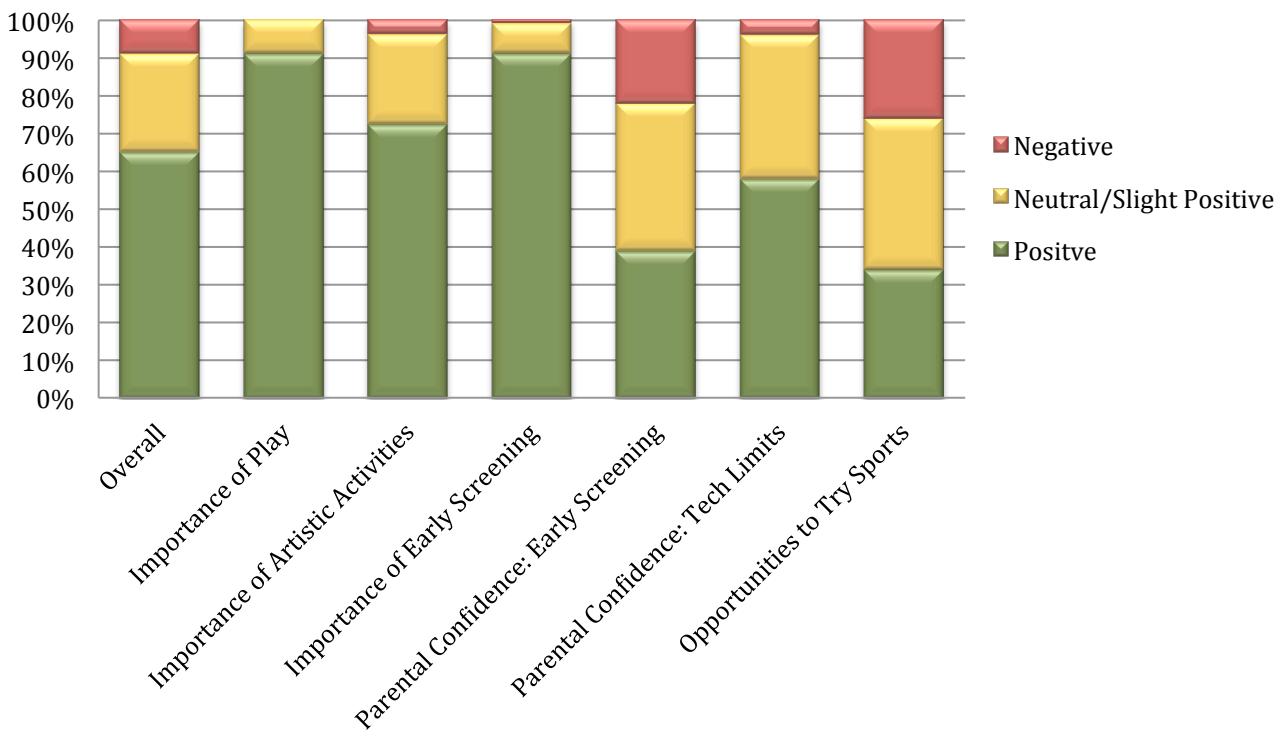
## General Survey Findings: Home Factors

Six Home Factors were surveyed. The survey asked about the importance of play, the importance of artistic/creative opportunities for children, the importance of early screening, parental confidence knowing when to access early screening, parental confidence setting limits on technology, and whether children had opportunities to try various sports activities. There were three possible answers: a positive response, a neutral/slight positive response, and a negative response.

### Home Factors



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# 10 Highest Rated Community Questions

On average, parents responded to questions about their community with the most positive response available 54% of the time. These are the top ten community factors.

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Response</i>
1		How convenient is it to drive a car around your community with children? 84% : Convenient
2		How welcome do you feel at your child's school? 78% : Very Welcome
3		My child has regular access to outdoor spaces where he/she can explore, create and interact with the environment. 77% : Agree
4		How welcome do you feel with children in Delta stores, restaurants and other businesses? 76% : Very Welcome
5		There are lots of different places in my community for children to play. 69% : Agree
6		How convenient is it to walk around your community with children? 67% : Convenient
7		My community is a safe place to raise children. 67% : Safer than Average
8		How available are recreation programs for children? 62% : Many Programs are Available
9		There are many community/cultural events for my family to participate in. 59% : Agree
10		How difficult was it to get your current home? 58% : Relatively Easy

## 10 Lowest Rated Community Questions

On average, parents responded to questions about their community with the least positive response available 14% of the time. These are the ten lowest rated factors.

<i>Rank</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Response</i>
1		How easy has it been to access Doctors in the community while living in Delta? 46% : Difficult
2		How easy has it been to access Mental Health Workers in the community while living in Delta? 40% : Difficult
3		Compared to other family activities, how stressful is it to shop, eat out, or take care of family business when you are with your children? 30% : More Stressful
4		My community involves children and youth in making decisions that affect the whole community. 20% : Disagree
5		How easy has it been to access pre-natal care in the community while living in Delta? 18% : Difficult
6		How hard has it been to make arrangements for the care of your children when you as parents are not able to provide care? 18% : Very Hard
7		How easy has it been to access Public Health Nurses in the community while living in Delta? 16% : Difficult
8		How available are groups and services that offer help to parents when they want it? 15% : Few Programs are Available
9		How convenient is it to ride bicycles around your community with children? 15% : Not Convenient
10		Is your child able to participate in the sports that you would like him/her to? 13% : No

## Sport Specific Survey Findings

The parent survey asked about children's opportunity to try sports. It also asked parents if their children had opportunities to participate in the sports they would like them to.

*Q1: How many opportunities has your child had to try team or individual sports?*

- a. Many
- b. Some
- c. Few

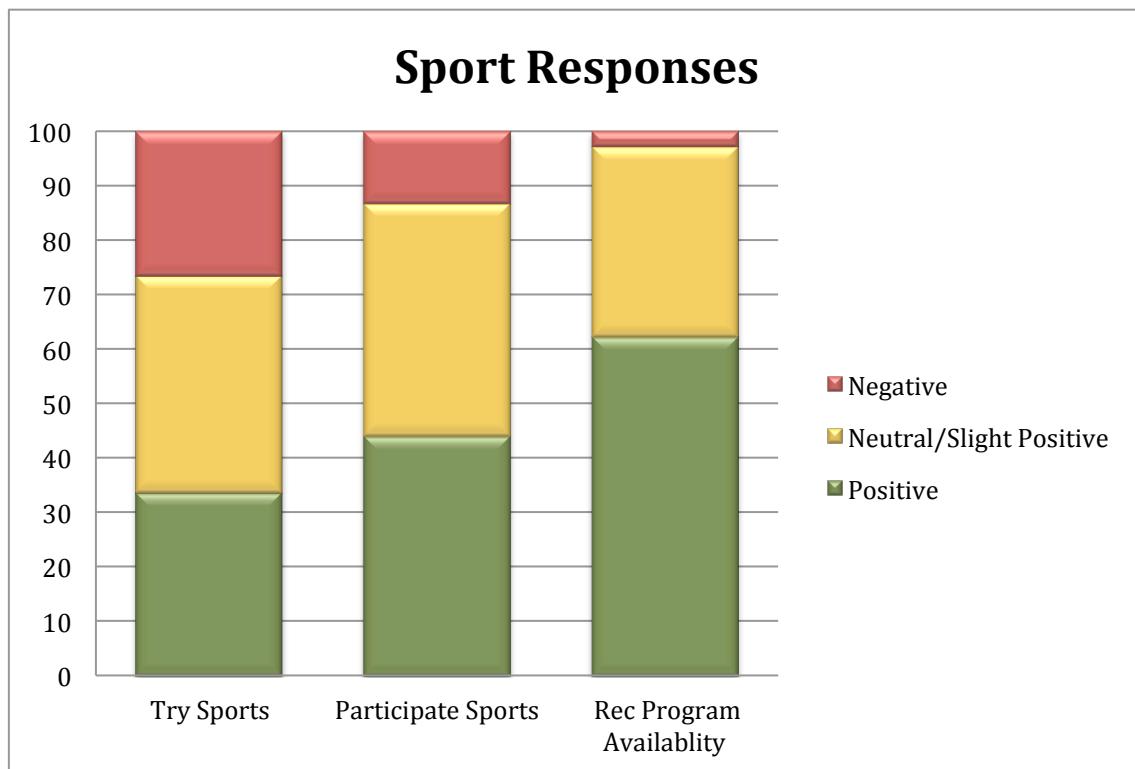
*Q2: Is your child able to participate in the sports that you would like him/her to?*

- a. Yes
- b. For the most part
- c.. No

We've also provided data on the availability of recreation programs for comparison and because of the heavy overlap with sport

*Q3: How available are recreation programs for children?*

- a. Many
- b. Some
- c.. Few



Comments suggest that the age of the child is the primary barrier to children trying sports (perhaps influenced by parents perception of what trying a sport could look like for younger children). As well cost and scheduling appears to be significant barriers to children participating regularly in sport.

## Appendix I: Parent Survey Comments

Question: *How many opportunities has your child had to try team or individual sports?* (page 1 of 2)

Under 1 year old

too young

We have not started organized sports.

Too young

Too young at this time

Times too early for our schedule

still preschool aged

Too young

Can't afford it

not relevant. he's 1 year old

Through school program

Still a little young

we chose not to put our older son in organized sports until he was older

we cannot afford at this time

He's only 3yrs

Still young one year old

-challenger baseball and previously to Vancouver for Soccer Dogs, specialty skating,

he is not very interested in them

n/a

too young

Need more groups for younger children.

too young to try sports

My kids are 2 and 4 years old. Time constraint a factor too.

Lack of time prevents more sports activities, also, childcare is needed for afterschool. It would be good if activities were offered at schools for after-school programs

cost prohibitive

again parental schedule dictates

He is still young, but Delta sports seems to have many options

1st child is in soccer I don't have time for the second one she is 4 we had her in one set of swimming and I'm trying to figure out the time to try gymnastics I don't think it will happen

Most are too expensive

Soccer, karate, dance.

My child is 8 months only

We had to sign our daughter out for female hockey in Richmond due to lack of interest and support for female hockey in the community

Not in delta

Costly

N/a

Too young still

Swimming only. Gymnastics registered

It's a cost thing

Ages

## Appendix I: Parent Survey Comments

Question: *How many opportunities has your child had to try team or individual sports?* (page 2 of 2)

we haven't pursued this as a family

They are a little young, will do so in the future

soccer - didn't like; swimming and will play baseball

too young

not old enough

3.5 years old

N/A

not applicable my child is 6 months old

baseball, soccer

Question: *Is your child able to participate in the sports that you would like him/her to?* (page 1 of 2)

but not in Delta - we have to go to Richmond for synchronized swimming

In the sport that they want to, not what I want them to

too young

Not sure yet

Too young

Very limited options in North delta lots in south delta

Too young at this time

Time is the biggest issue

I would like him to try rowing and fencing.

not relevant

No fencing or volleyball avail in North Delta

Son is only 22 months

Times do not work for us

he needs programs that are geared to a lower level of development

doesn't want to anymore

n/a

18th on the waitlist for rec. program

Classes not offered at times that work for us, as far as I know.

I'd like him to try ice hockey but it is too expensive

Would love dance for 3-4 year olds on say a Monday morning

Again it comes down to price

Currently too young for most sports

## Appendix I: Parent Survey Comments

Question: *Is your child able to participate in the sports that you would like him/her to?* (page 2 of 2)

some time conflicts

Scheduling is impossible for our family when things start so early.

swimming classes at Sungod are too expensive for low income ppl

No good basketball programs

N/a

Now yes, but come fall the cost at the next level is too expensive.

I have a child with chronic kidney disease and there are not many sports he can play.

Ringette

Not all - have to limit to one child at a time for time and financial reasons.

cost

she's 2...not really into sports yet

programs outside of school all start before 6:30pm during the week, and I can't get my son to any of them before that time as I am working and commuting.

Only have limited time. We work full time

Swimming and triathlon are most important & running

too young

some is too expensive

not old enough

3.5 years old

not yet

not applicable my child is 6 months old

baseball, soccer

Baby

N/A

our kids are still quite young

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Question: *How available are recreation programs for children?*

Have registered for lots only to have them cancel  
arts and crafts programs are not free

We look to Surrey to meet our needs

My daughter is 8 months and too young for many activities  
there is way more offered in south delta than north

Not very many options for kids age 3 & 4

We love North Delta Family Place (Boys and Girls Club)

Child is young

But often program I want is in Ladner or Tsawwassen

Again this deals with timing. Its great that there are stay at home moms, but what about  
the working ones?

I wish our school had a bus to take my son to a program at the rec centers, and then I  
could pick him up there. I can never use after school programs as I am at work until 5pm  
they are available but costs are many times too high, especially with two children

lots of opportunity. Terrible advertising. Lots of cancellations. Delta advertises how  
"great" they are programming but cancel many due to lack of interest due to little  
harder as kids get older

Especially for ages of less than 4. I could only take my son for swimming until now.

Few in Ladner. Most are in North Delta and it's too far away. I'd rather go to Richmond.  
We need more community centre programs/classes in Ladner.

Limited offers for a 2 year old.

When I was working it was hard to access activities for toddlers - all were offered on  
weekdays, mid-day.

Sungod recreation center needs updating. The libraries need updating & better children  
programs. The libraries lack options for children activities. Mother goose program in  
north delta is held at a very dingy building.

not a lot for the little guys

The times are crazy. A working person cannot get their kids to these.

there are many but do not work with a parents working schedule

Again, Harris Barn has awesome kids activities, better than North Delta's options...but it's  
further and the times don't work for us as both parents work. Super frustrating! Why  
doesn't North Delta have something like Harris Barn?

For toddlers not a ton of drop in options. Lots of registered programs get cancelled which  
means either too expensive or no one knows about them

## APPENDIX II: 3-5 year old Interview:

### Sport Mentioned Comments page 1 of 1

Question: *What is your favourite thing about where you live?*

Close to swimming, playground, gym (*3 year old*)

Is that I can play soccer with my friends (*5 year old*)

Playing with brother and ice skating (*3 year old*)

I live in Canada, going swimming (*4 year old*)

Close distance to Sungod and North Delta Rec. Centre (*5 year old*)

Question: *Where do you like to play?*

Sunbury park, roaming rascals, family place, Corey park and park at end of Davis street. Plus nature research, Gray elementary, Chalmers and library (*3 year old*)

At the park, swimming pool and riding my bike. I really like playing dolls with my sister <3 (*5 year old*)

In Grandpa's backyard, the sandbox and Sungod gym (*3 year old*)

In my back yard or swimming (*5 year old*)

Gymnastics. Hub. Strong Start. the Well. The parks (*4 year old*)

Sungod (*5 year old*)

School, library, swimming, friends (*4 year old*)

Question: *What do you play outside?*

House, soccer (*4 year old*)

I play soccer, I ride my bike, I play tag with my sister and neighbourhood friends. Also Hide n Seek with my mom (*5 year old*)

Running, sandbox, making bubbles to chase, kicking soccer ball (*3 year old*)

Soccer (*5 year old*)

Hockey (*5 year old*)

Hockey, in the bushes. in the sand (*3 year old*)

On the cul de sac, hockey (*4 year old*)

Tag, playcentre, trampoline, catch, hockey (*4 year old*)

Soccer, and mostly just running around or playing on a playground. (*3 year old*)

Soccer (*4 year old*)

Soccer (*4 year old*)

Soccer (*4 year old*)

Soccer (*5 year old*)

Hockey, trampoline, swing set, playground, bike riding, our chickens and bunnies, tag, hide and seek (*5 year old*)

Question: *Where do you feel safe?*

At swimming lessons, at the library, playing with my Mom, at Strong Start.

Library, dance class, church, Sungod - swimming and roaming rascals, daycare  
Swimming pool

## APPENDIX III: 6-12 year old Questionnaire:

### Comments Where Sport Mentioned page 1 of 1

Question: *What is the best part about where you live?*

I have lots of neighbours. Playing hockey on the street. (*6 year old*)

I play hockey with my friends. I go to daycare. (*9 year old*)

Question: *Where do you like to play?*

Around town, parks, my school playground, my room, my backyard, baseball fields. (*12 year old*)

School. Backyard/park. Going swimming using the free pass. (*10 year old*)

Winstill (*9 year old*)

Soccer field and park playground (*10 year old*)

Question: *What do you like about school?*

Gym. Watch movies on the screen (*6 year old*)

Gym, friends, music, lunch, recess, snack (*10 year old*)

Question: *If you could change school what would you do?*

I would go to a different class. I would go to gym more times. (*9 year old*)

## APPENDIX III: 6-12 year old Questionnaire:

### Sport Question: Favourite Sports page 1 of 1

Question: *What are your favourite sports?*

Yoga	(8 year old)
i like everything	(12 year old)
Soccer, Volleyball	(10 year old)
Dancing	(7 year old)
basketball, soccer	(10 year old)
Swimming, skating, skiing	(7 year old)
Ice skating, swimming, soccer, baseball	(8 year old)
Soccer	(6 year old)
Soccer and swimming	(10 year old)
Soccer	(9 year old)
Swimming. Soccer.	(6 year old)
Hockey. Lacrosse. Skating.	(6 year old)
Hockey. Karate.	(9 year old)
Dancing. Swimming.	(6 year old)
Soccer, swimming, tennis, basketball, gymnastics and baseball.	(6 year old)
Gymnastics and rock climbing	(8 year old)
Tag	(7 year old)
swimming, martial arts, soccer	(6 year old)
Skating, swimming, basketball, soccer, dancing, tennis, badminton, etc.	(8 year old)
Basketball and swimming	(11 year old)
Soccer and volleyball and basketball	(10 year old)
Karate and Swimming	(10 year old)
Soccer, softball, volleyball	(10 year old)
Soccer. Skating.	(7 year old)
Pilates	(10 year old)
Cricket tennis	(10 year old)
Gymnastics , dance , baseball , basketball , cheerleading	(9 year old)
Dance and softball.	(12 year old)
Soccer, swimming	(8 year old)

## APPENDIX III: 6-12 year old Questionnaire:

### Sport Question: Sport Participation page 1 of 1

Question: *Are there any sports or teams you would like to participate in but can't?*

Yoga, tennis, golf	(8 year old)
I don't really like being on teams because i don't really like playing in front of other people because i have a big huge fear of failure	(12 year old)
Nope	(7 year old)
Fencing and archery =) but that's because these sports are too far from our house.	(10 year old)
Figure skating	(7 year old)
ice skating	(8 year old)
Soccer	(6 year old)
Badminton since no teachers	(10 year old)
My cousin's team.	(6 year old)
No	(6 year old)
No	(9 year old)
Gymnastics. I am done gymnastics.	(6 year old)
Yes, baseball, basketball.	(6 year old)
no	(8 year old)
Yes basket ball	(7 year old)
martial arts dancing	(6 year old)
Dance	(8 year old)
Jazz but mom says it's too expensive, I swim a lot because I have a free pass for the pool because I am in grade six	(11 year old)
I want to be on a paintball team but I can't and archery.	(10 year old)
Figure skating and synchronized swimming and diving	(10 year old)
Soccer, softball, volleyball	(10 year old)
Horseback riding.	(7 year old)
Yes	(10 year old)
no	(9 year old)
Not really I already enjoy what I do for sports.	(12 year old)
Soccer	(8 year old)

## Appendix IV: Neighbourhood and Age Breakdown

While we can be reasonably confident in the accuracy of the Delta wide results (+/- 4.33% at 95% confidence level), the sub-population results for neighbourhoods or children's age have much larger confidence intervals. The following tables include confidence intervals calculated for the most positive response. If a sub-population's percentage is within the confidence interval for the total result a "w" is recorded. If not, an additional confidence interval was calculated for the sub-population result to determine if that range fell within or beyond the range of the overall survey result. As you will see the sub-populations are rarely different enough to be considered statistically different by this method. Nonetheless we wanted to provide the breakdown in the spirit of prompting questions, discussion, and further research.

*Survey respondents identified their neighbourhood based on these descriptors:*

*These neighbourhoods are the same used by the Human Early Learning Partnership at UBC for their research  
<http://earlylearning.ubc.ca/>*

### Which community do you live in?

- Annieville residents from 92A to 96 AVE replace 112 St with 114 ST-
- North Delta West of 112th ST (west is closer to Highway 91)
- North Delta East of 112th ST (east is closer to Scott Road/120 ST)
- Sunshine Hills
- Ladner
- Tsawwassen

### How many opportunities has your child had to try team or individual sports?

% Response by Neighbourhood (Tsawwassen statistically significant difference)

	Total	NDE	NDW	SH	LA	TS
Many	33.61	21.43	32.61	33.82	29.67	52.69
Some	39.92	54.46	35.87	41.18	29.67	34.41
Few	26.47	24.11	31.52	25	40.66	12.9
# Responses	476	112	92	68	91	93
Confidence Interval	4.21	(+/- 7.55)	w	w	w	(+/- 10.08)

% Response by Age of Child (12-23 months and 9-11 years significantly different)

	0-11 months	12-23 months	2-3 years	4-5 years	6-8 years	9-11 years	12-14 years	15-18 years
Many	21.15	8.82	22.22	28.22	37.43	51.4	48.65	47.06
Some	34.62	38.24	33.33	43.56	44.69	39.25	35.14	35.29
Few	44.23	52.94	44.44	28.22	17.88	9.35	16.22	17.65
# Responses	52	34	153	202	179	107	37	17
Confidence Interval	(+/- 10.86)	(+/- 9.4)	(+/- 6.37)	(+/- 5.94)	w	(+/- 9.35)	(+/- 16.03)	(+/- 23.69)

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**Is your child able to participate in the sports that you would like him/her to?**

*% Response by Neighbourhood (no statistically significant differences)*

	Total	NDE	NDW	SH	LA	TS
Yes	44	44.83	41.57	42.42	38.04	48.91
For the most part	42.74	38.79	42.7	46.97	45.65	43.48
No	13.26	16.38	15.73	10.61	16.3	7.61
# Responses	475	116	89	66	92	92
Confidence Interval	4.43	w	w	w	(+/- 9.86)	(+/- 10.14)

	0-11 months	12-23 months	2-3 years	4-5 years	6-8 years	9-11 years	12-14 years	15-18 years
Yes	29.09	27.27	30.67	39.5	43.89	61.68	51.35	58.82
For the most part	56.36	42.42	48.67	49.5	44.44	33.64	40.54	29.41
No	14.55	30.3	20.67	11	11.67	4.67	8.11	11.76
# Responses	55	33	150	200	180	107	37	17
Confidence Interval	(+/- 11.73)	(+/- 14.99)	(+/- 15.63)	w	w	(+/- 9.1)	(+/- 16.03)	(+/- 23.36)

**How available are recreation programs for children?**

*% Response by Neighbourhood (no statistically significant differences)*

	Total	NDE	NDW	SH	LA	TS
Many	62.11	59	55	57	68	71
Some	34.95	35	42	39	30	28
Few	2.95	5	2	4	2	1
# Responses	475	111	92	69	91	92
Confidence Interval	4.33	w	(+/- 10.06)	w	(+/- 9.52)	(+/- 9.21)

*% Response by Age of Child (no statistically significant differences)*

	0-11 months	12-23 months	2-3 years	4-5 years	6-8 years	9-11 years	12-14 years	15-18 years
Many	61	50	64	64	62	71	48	59
Some	39	50	33	32	36	24	24	41
Few	0	0	3	4	2	5	28	0
# Responses	61	34	155	197	169	103	50	17
Confidence Interval	w	(+/- 16.57)	w	w	w	(+/- 8.66)	(+/- 13.76)	w