

QUESTION OF THE WEEK, WEEK 17 (26-30.4.2023)

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 694

The margin of error is 4 percent and thereby the answers are considered to reflect the opinions of the population in Jakobstad.

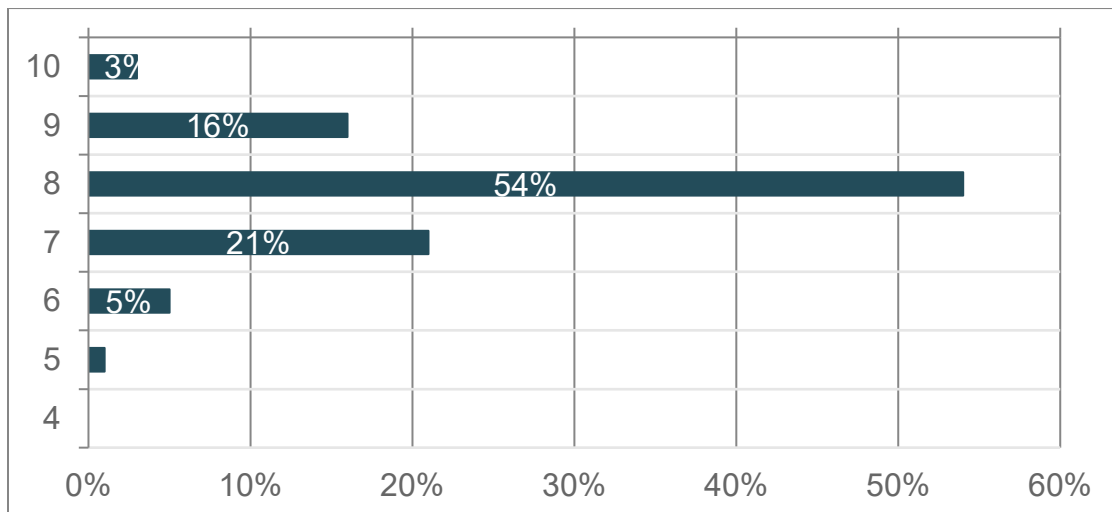
GENDER: 65,9% women; 33,4% men; 0,7% other.

EVALUATION OF EXERCISE/SPORTS CONDITIONS

The residents were asked how pleased they are with the town's exercise and sports conditions:

	Very pleased	Quite pleased	Quite displeased	Very displeased	No opinion
Ice rinks	9,80 %	37,60 %	11,80 %	3,90 %	36,90 %
Skiing tracks	29,10 %	32,30 %	4,20 %	1,40 %	33,00 %
Running trails	32,80 %	51,60 %	4,50 %	1,30 %	9,80 %
Swimming hall	17,10 %	51,30 %	12,00 %	3,20 %	16,40 %
Outdoor Gyms	29,70 %	34,10 %	4,90 %	2,20 %	29,10 %
Pitches for ballgames (grass and gravel)	14,00 %	28,50 %	7,60 %	3,50 %	46,40 %
Frisbee golf tracks	9,00 %	20,00 %	8,20 %	5,30 %	57,50 %
Track and field	6,20 %	25,10 %	6,80 %	2,30 %	59,60 %
Dance halls	5,30 %	18,70 %	6,10 %	2,70 %	67,20 %
Indoor ball game halls	12,20 %	28,00 %	5,80 %	1,00 %	53,00 %
Multifunctional pitches (situated near schools)	14,60 %	33,70 %	7,80 %	1,40 %	42,50 %

The residents got to evaluate the state of exercise and sports services in Jakobstad with school grades (4-10):



The residents were encouraged to give suggestions for improvement, partly on existing and partly on new exercise and sport services.

ICE RINKS: Many wish that the town's ice rinks would be better attended to, every rink should have at least one bench (preferably with a roof) where you can change to skates. Longer season when the ice-skating hall is open.

SKIING TRACKS: A lot of people wish that the skiing tracks would be prepared on weekends and suggest that associations would take more responsibility in attending to the skiing tracks.

EXERCISE TRACKS: The respondents request better lighting by the exercise tracks and by the workout stairs at Roskisbacken.

SWIMMING HALL: A lot of people wish for a new swimming hall or that the existing swimming hall would be renovated or improved. Many also wish that the swimming hall could open at 6 am a few days a week, others wish for earlier opening hours during weekends and summer. People wish for a separate pool for water aerobics and diving, and warmer water in the pool. Some also want to have the cold pool back.

OUTDOOR GYMS: People would like to see instructions/tips on what exercises you can do on the existing outdoor gym equipment, and many are suggesting outdoor gyms in more places in town and that they are planned together with those using them.

PITCHES FOR BALLGAMES: A lot of people wish that Project Liv arena will be built, artificial turf is suggested for Mässplan for juniors to practise on, and more artificial turf pitches overall are requested.

FRISBEE GOLF COURSES: A lot of people want more frisbee golf courses, and many want a frisbee golf course with 18 holes.

TRACK AND FIELD: Better training possibilities in the winter (track and field hall or indoor running track). The track and field equipment needs an update, the tracks and equipment at Centralplanen are also considered in bad shape.

DANCE HALLS: Better spaces for dance and gymnastics/TeamGym.

INDOOR BALL GAMES: It is difficult for futsal players to book times anywhere.

MULTIFUNCTIONAL PITCHES: Some needs a touch up and people wish for more multifunctional pitches. There is none in Vestersundsby, it was also suggested that one would be built by the Segelsund/Pursisalmi field.

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NEW EXERCISE AND SPORTS SERVICES:

A lot of people welcome further development of Roskisbacken with, among other things, a pump track, MTB track, outdoor gym, another workout staircase, frisbee golf, larger parking, fire pit area and benches, plants, rubbish bins, water point, and lighting.

Many want marked tracks for MTB.

Some also mention Mässplan as a place for further development. Skaters want a bigger skateboard ramp. Many also wish that Mässplan would be covered with artificial turf.

Some would want to be able to ski with the dog in the prepared skiing tracks, at least occasionally.

A few would like to be able to lend exercising equipment.

More beach volleyball nets in Gamla Hamn and Fäboda are requested.

Those playing Boule/Petanque wish for another place for competitions and a possibility to play during the winter.

A lot of people are suggesting a climbing-wall.

Touch up of the beaches and the changing rooms (possibility to lock them), changing rooms are wanted for the beach in Björnholmen.

LOTTERY WINNER

334 persons participated in the lottery and the winner of a roundtrip ticket to Mässkär with the Mässkär-boat has been notified via email.

NEXT STEP

Approximately 54 percent gives the town a grade of 8 and 73 percent 8–10, which is good.

There were most comments about the swimming hall. A swimming hall for many different purposes is wanted. Second most comments were given about the preparation of the skiing tracks during weekends. A lot of people are also wanting a full-sized frisbee golf course.

Several give feedback on sports that the town is not providing, but are organised by associations, such as racket games and bowling. Opportunities to participate in a basketball, volleyball, handball, or cheerleading association are also being sought.

It was also suggested that Tellus, Centralplanen, and Kristallen could be open for youth when there are free hours.

This report and the residents' ideas will be shared with the Culture and Leisure Sub-committee and the town management.

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