

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

AMATEUR TASK FORCE: FAMILY RULE MEMBER SURVEY
RESULTS

June 8, 2022



Amateur Task Force Purpose

- The environment has changed considerably since the latest version of the rule was approved
- The Amateur Rule needs to be relevant for today's environment
- Member feedback, accessibility to equestrian sport and sport growth are driving the analysis of this rule
- The Amateur Task Force began work in March of 2021
- The scope includes all elements of the Amateur Rule, including the definition of an amateur, whether the current parameters of the rule remain valid, and what may need to be amended



Amateur Task Force Composition

Task Force population covers a range of breed and discipline experience and expertise

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Saddlebreds

Hunters

Arabians

Hunter/Jumpers

Morgans

Paso Fino

Eventing

Dressage

Saddlebreds, Hackneys,
Road Horses

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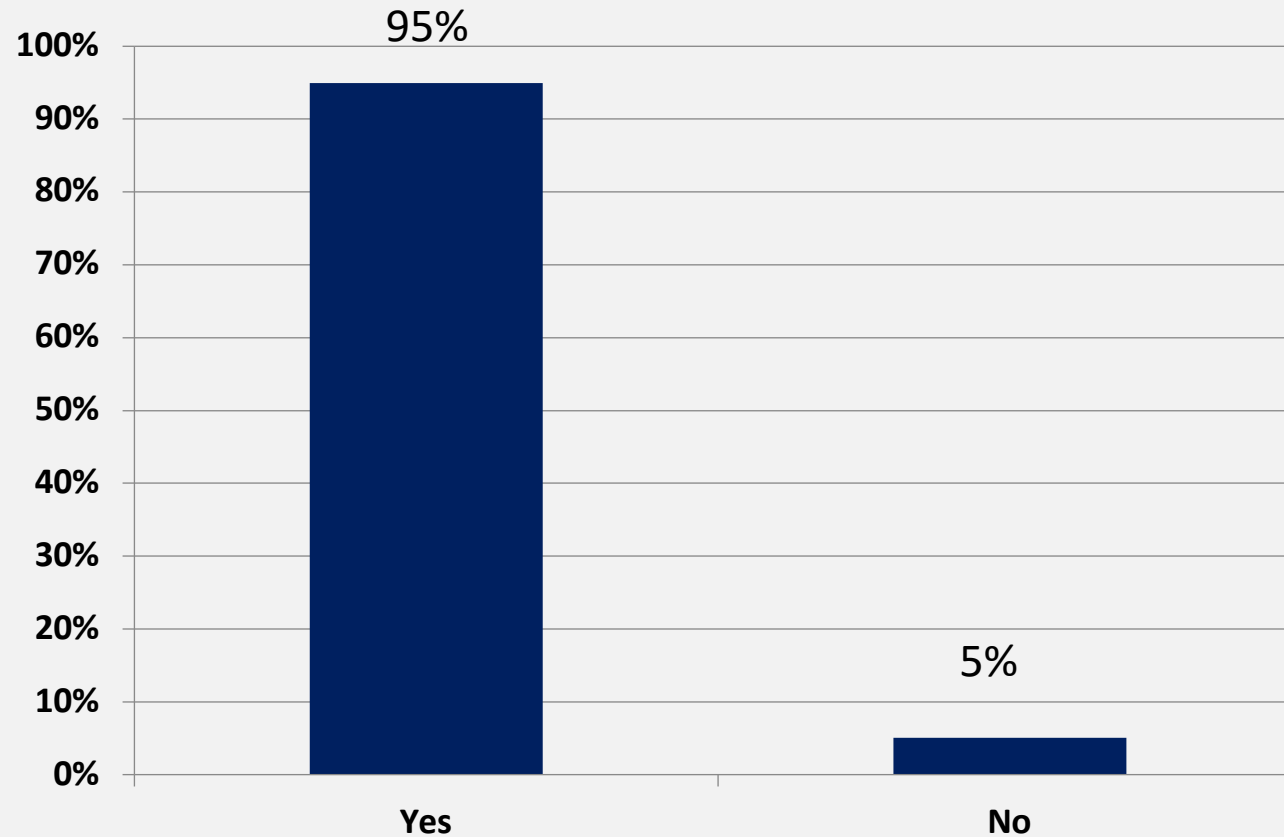
Amateur Task Force Family Rule Survey

- The Task Force determined it was best to address the rule in phases with the second phase focusing on the “Family Rule”
- The Task Force conducted one-on-one interviews with trainers and family members of trainers as well as amateurs to inform the design of the survey
- The survey was distributed to all members – amateurs and professionals across all USEF breeds and disciplines to gain further feedback to inform potential Family Rule modifications
- The overall outcome was there are strong opinions on both sides of the Family Rule, but clarification was needed to simplify the rule and ensure people could understand what family members could do as amateurs.



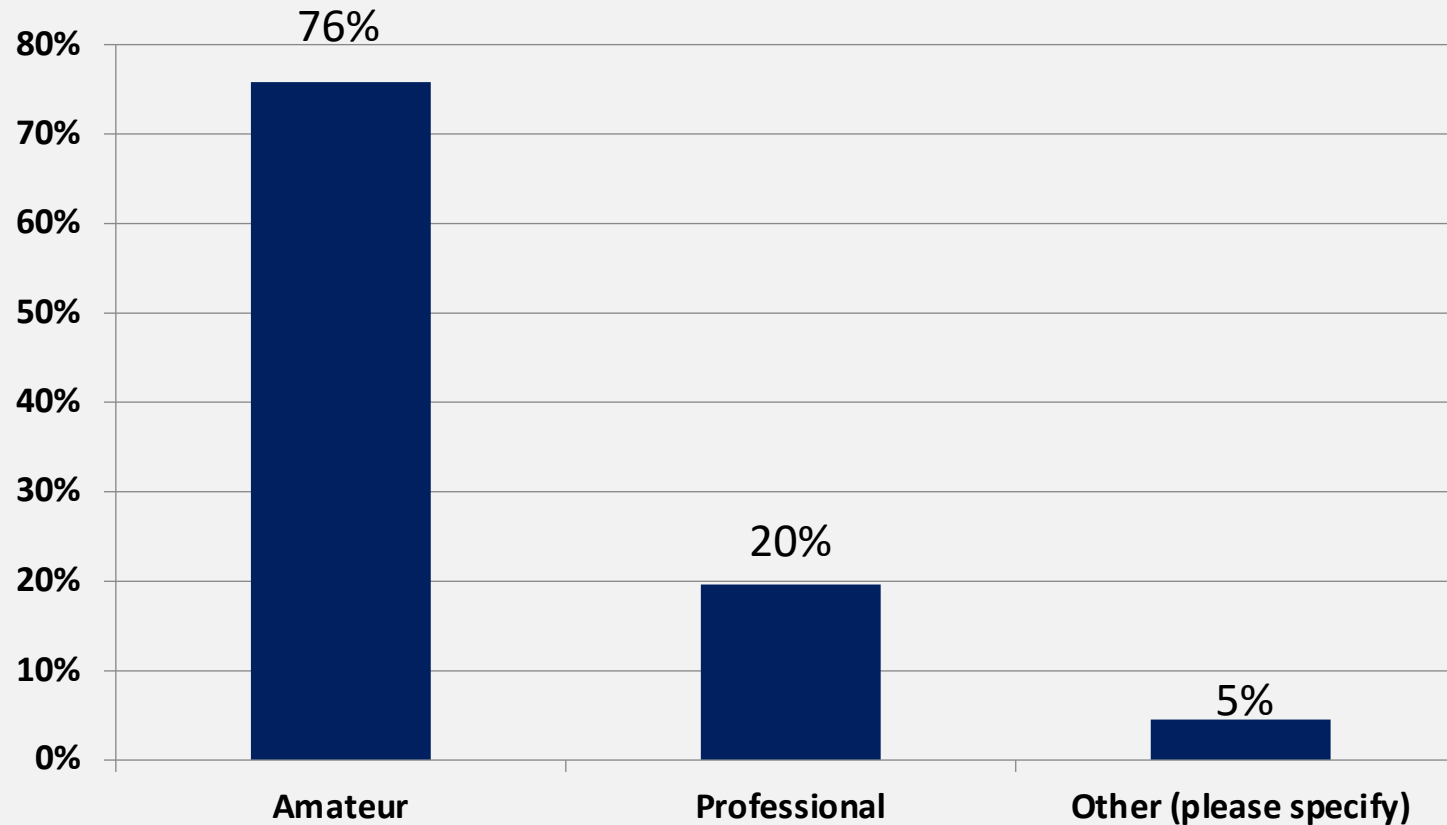
The survey had over 4600 responses!

Q1: Are you a USEF Member?



Amateurs and professionals participated

Q2: What is your current USEF Member status?



Virtually every breed and discipline responded

Q3: What is your primary breed or discipline?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Dressage	21.67%	1006
Hunter	17.53%	814
Arabian	13.89%	645
Jumper	11.22%	521
Hunter/Jumper Seat Equitation	9.82%	456
Saddlebred	5.86%	272
Eventing	5.34%	248
Morgan	4.35%	202
Western Dressage	3.55%	165
Paso Fino	1.83%	85
Hackney	1.36%	63
Combined Driving	0.45%	21
Western	0.41%	19
Saddle Seat	0.39%	18
Friesian	0.34%	16
Andalusian/Lusitano	0.34%	16
English Pleasure	0.28%	13
Roadster	0.28%	13
Carriage Pleasure Driving	0.19%	9
Connemara	0.17%	8
Vaulting	0.15%	7
Endurance	0.13%	6
Welsh Pony/Cob	0.13%	6
Reining	0.09%	4
Shetland	0.09%	4
Western/Reining Seat Equitation	0.06%	3
Parade Horse	0.02%	1
National Show Horse	0.02%	1
Para-Equestrian	0.02%	1



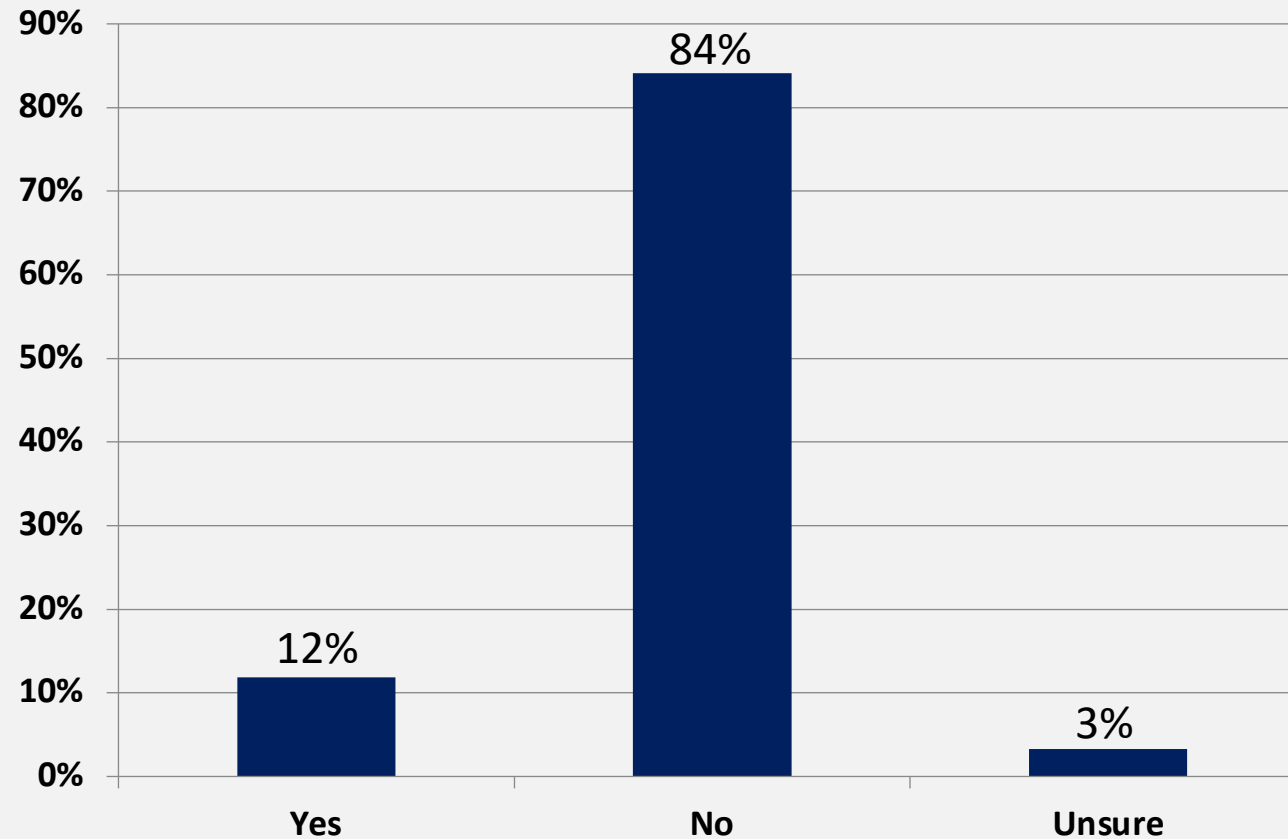
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Q4: Please indicate your affiliate organization:

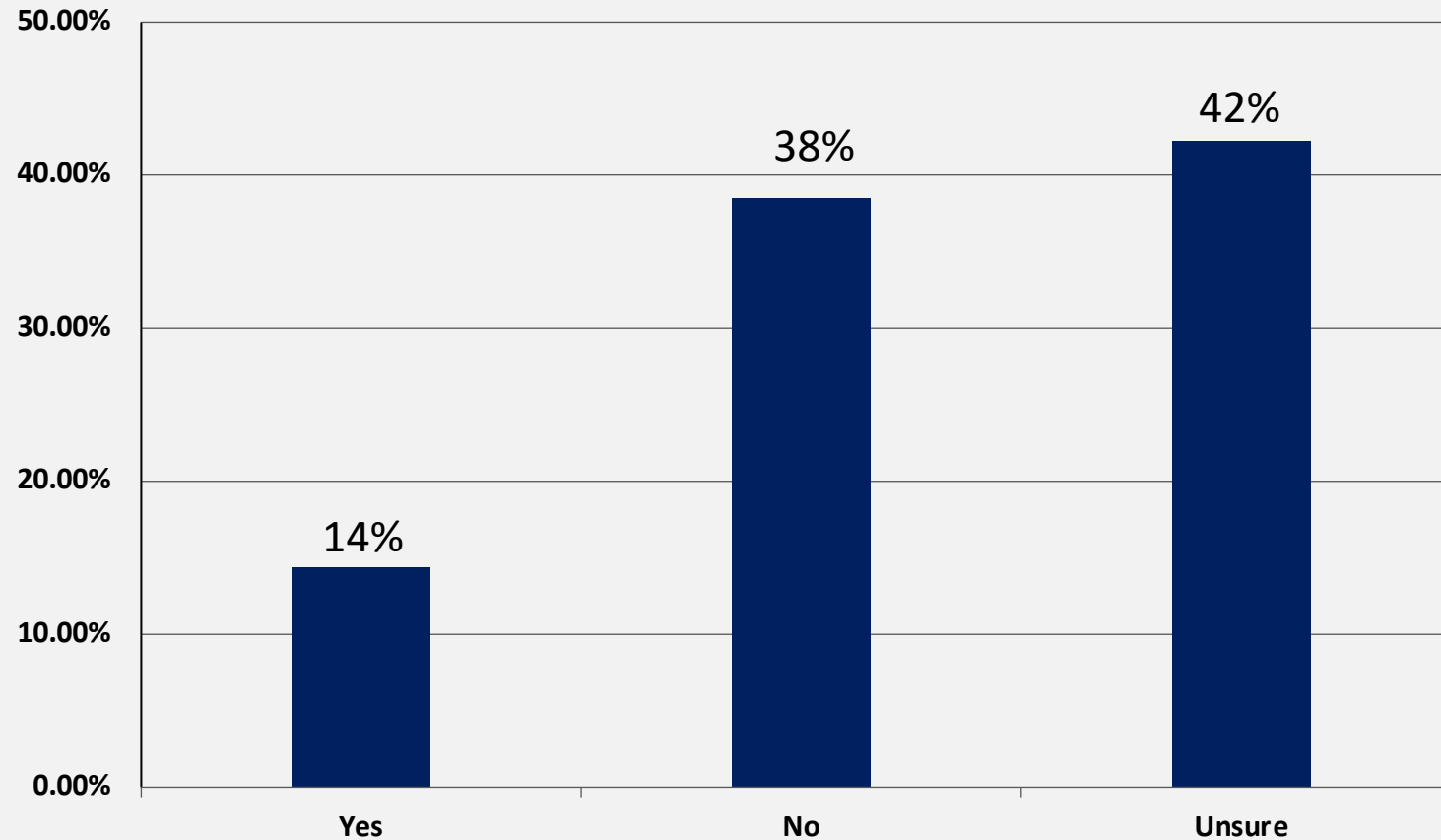
Answer Choices		Responses
United States Hunter Jumper Association	35.88%	1655
United States Dressage Federation	19.81%	914
Arabian Horse Association	14.65%	676
American Saddlebred Horse Association	6.09%	281
United States Eventing Association	5.25%	242
American Morgan Horse Association	4.53%	209
Western Dressage Association Of America	4.10%	189
Paso Fino Horse Association, Inc.	1.80%	83
American Hackney Horse Society	1.52%	70
International Andalusian & Lusitano Horse Association	0.56%	26
International Friesian Show Horse Association	0.46%	21
Welsh Pony & Cob Society Of America	0.35%	16
American Road Horse & Pony Association	0.28%	13
American Connemara Pony Society	0.24%	11
American Vaulting Association	0.15%	7
National Show Horse Registry	0.09%	4
American Shetland Pony Club	0.09%	4
United States Para-Equestrian Association	0.09%	4
USA Reining	0.04%	2



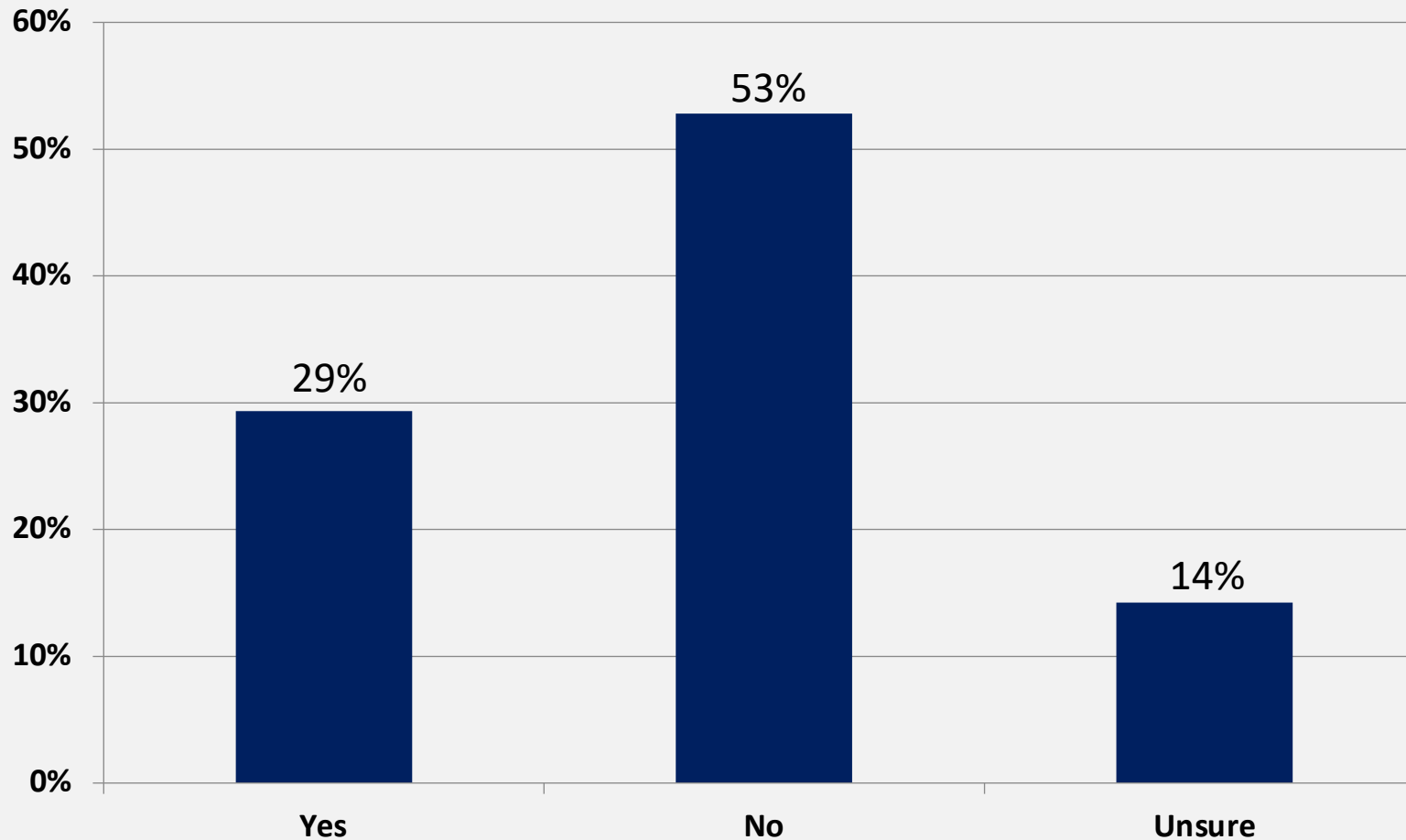
Q5: Are you a member of a family that operates a horse training business for whom the Family Rule applies?



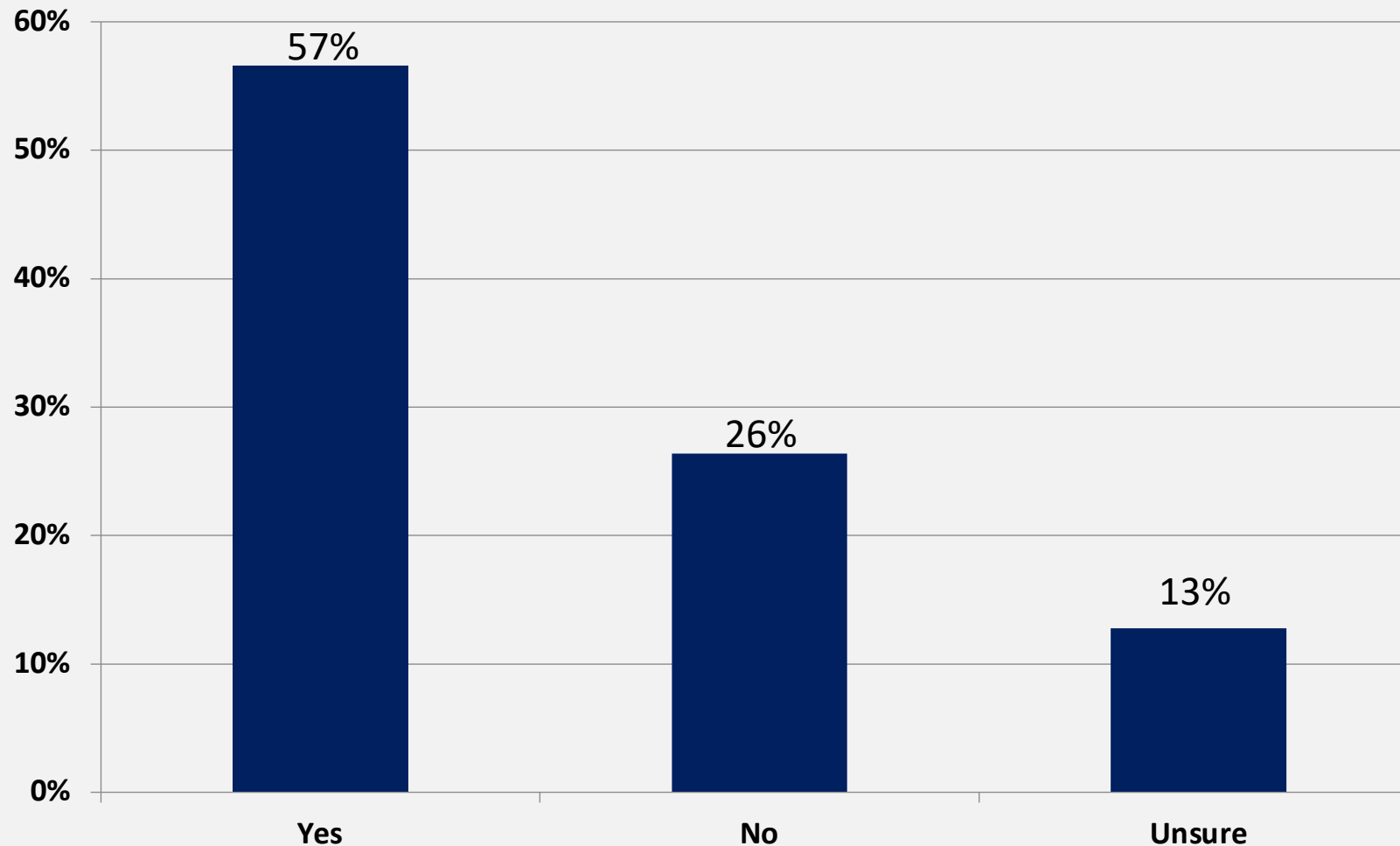
Q6: Do you feel that the current Family Rule needs modifications?



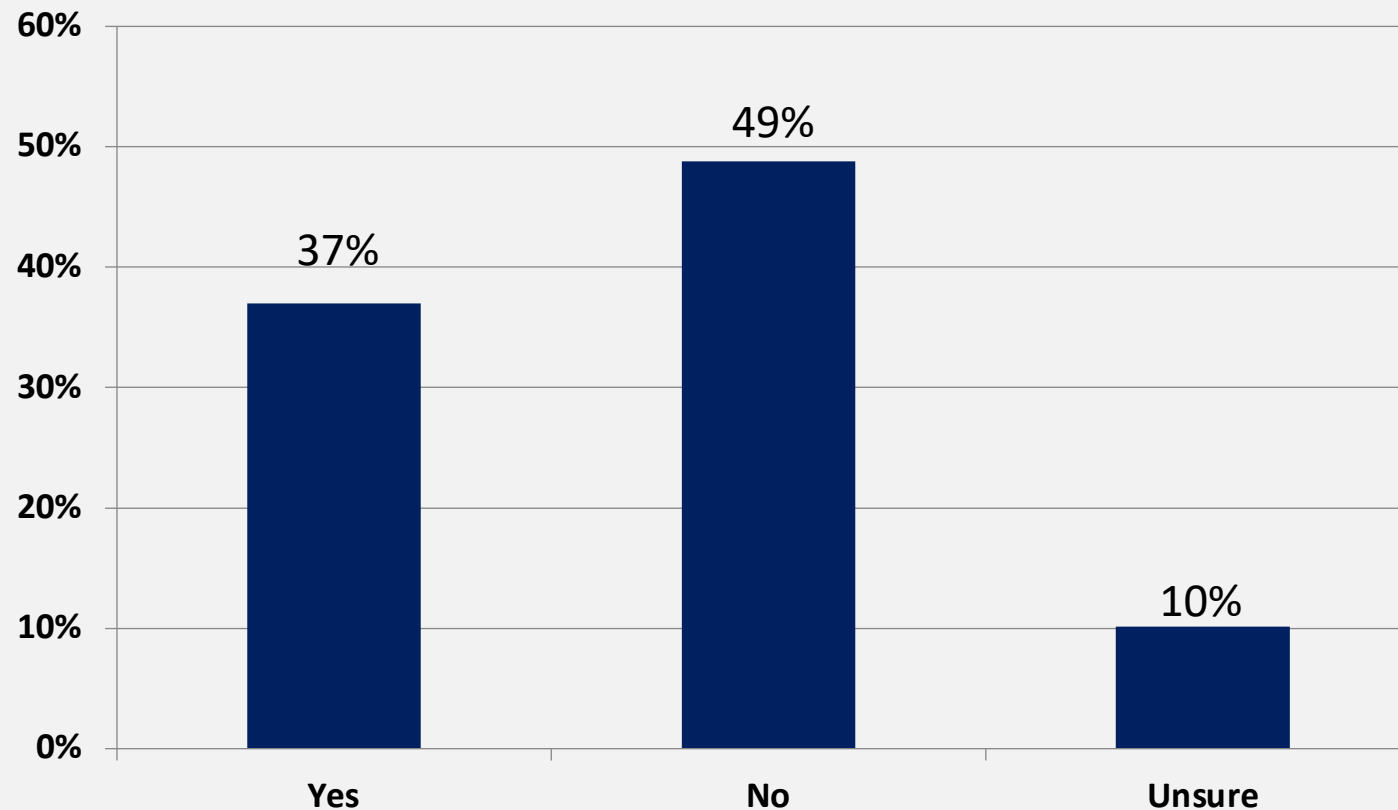
Q7: Do you feel that the current Amateur rule which does not allow a spouse or family member compete on a customer's horse who is trained by a family member is too strict?



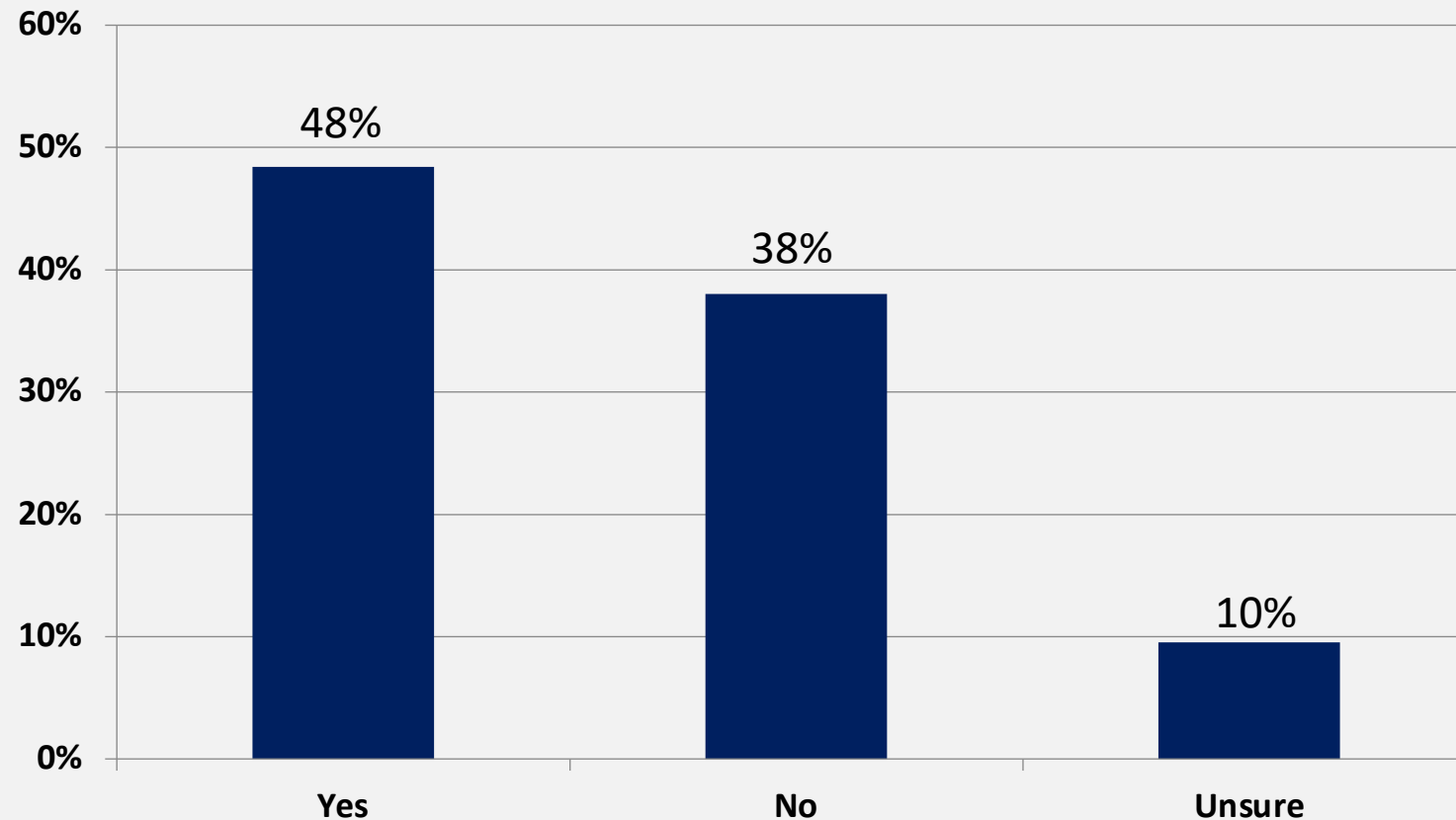
Q8: Do you believe horses which are owned by clients of the family business should be allowed to be ridden off competition grounds by a family member of the professional who is an amateur?



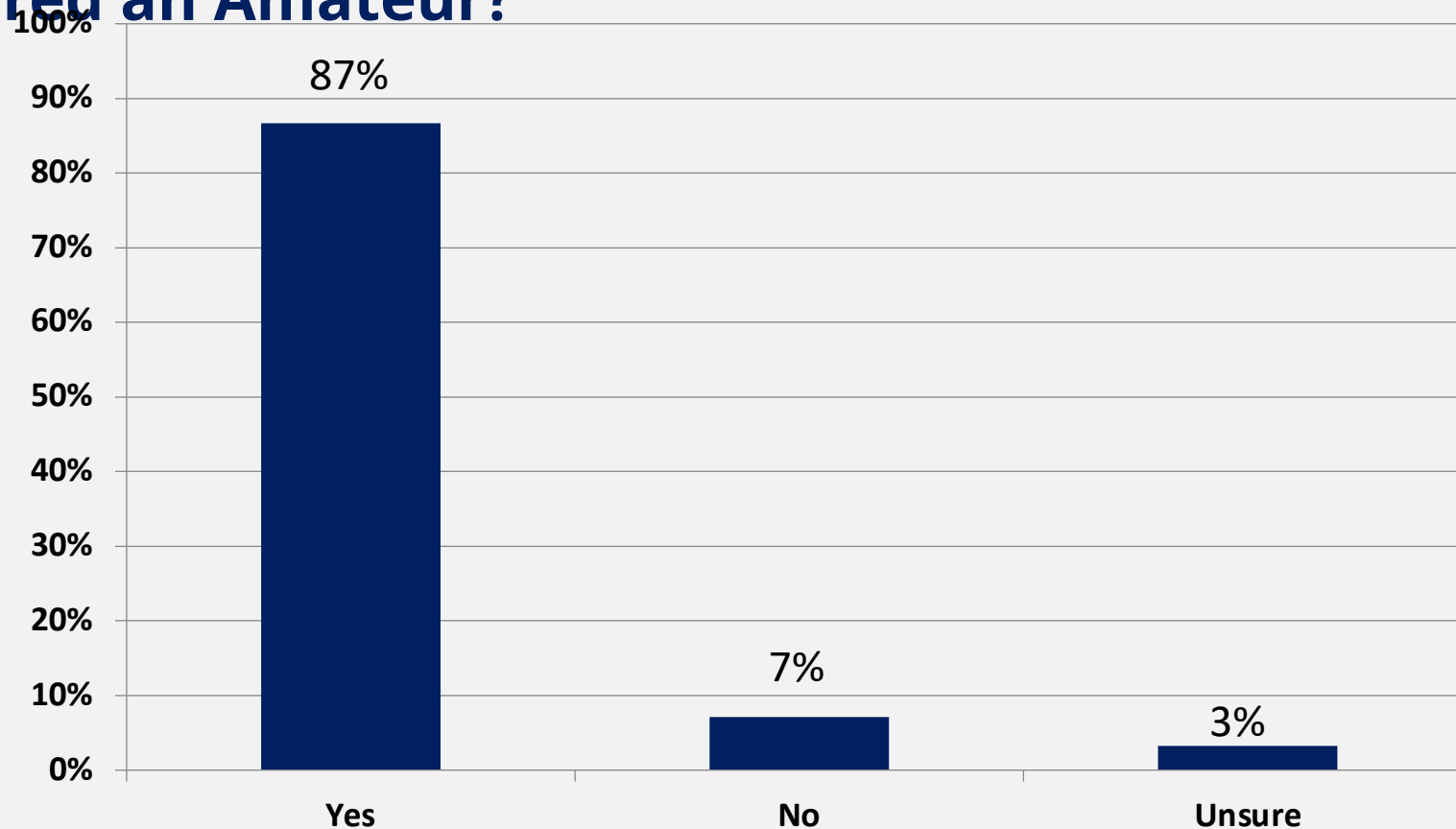
Q9: Do you believe horses which are owned by clients of the family business should be able to be shown at a competition by a family member of the professional who is an amateur at competitions?



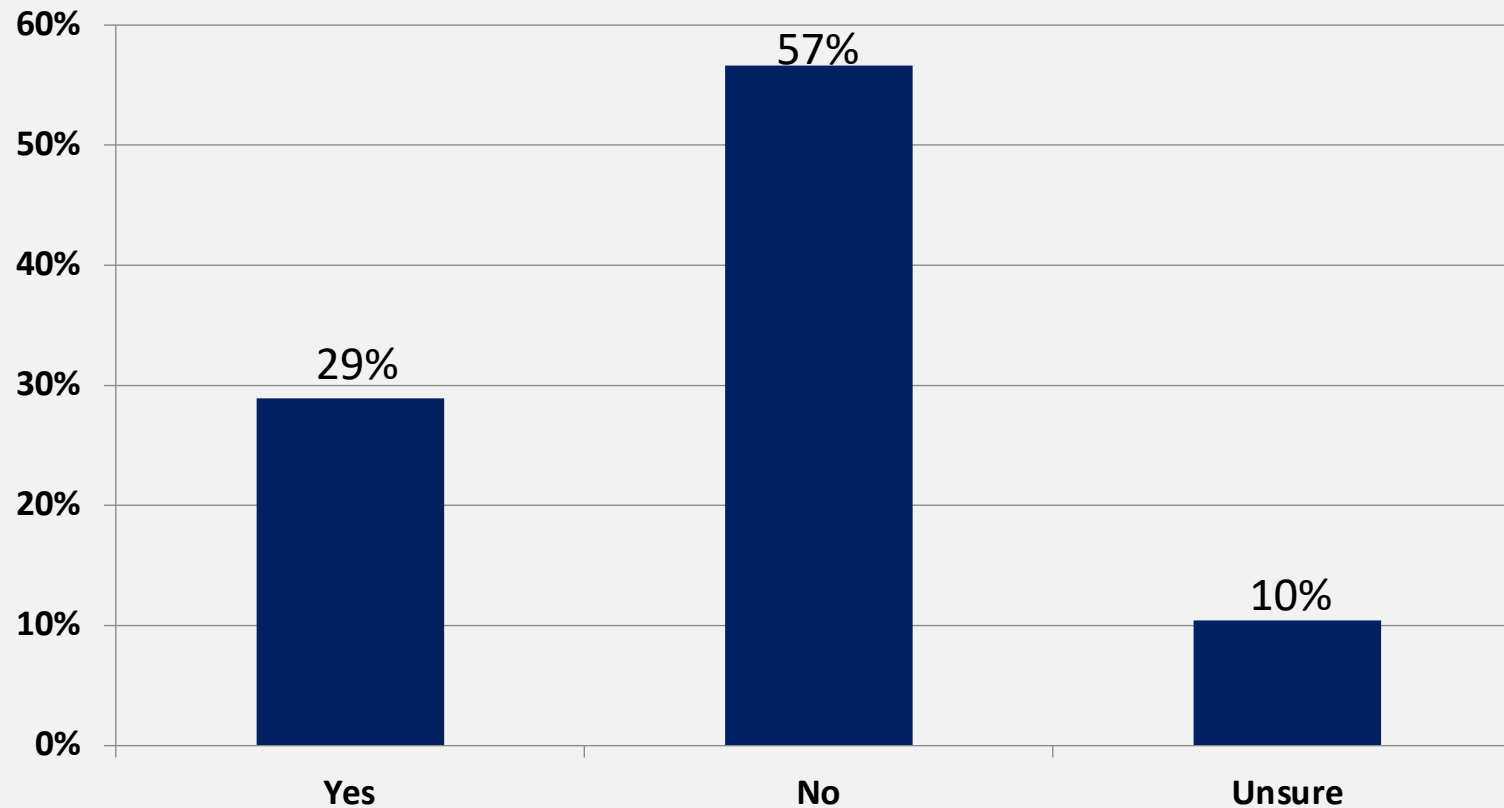
Q10: Do you believe horses which are owned by clients of the family business should be able to be worked at a competition by a family member of the professional who is an amateur at competitions?



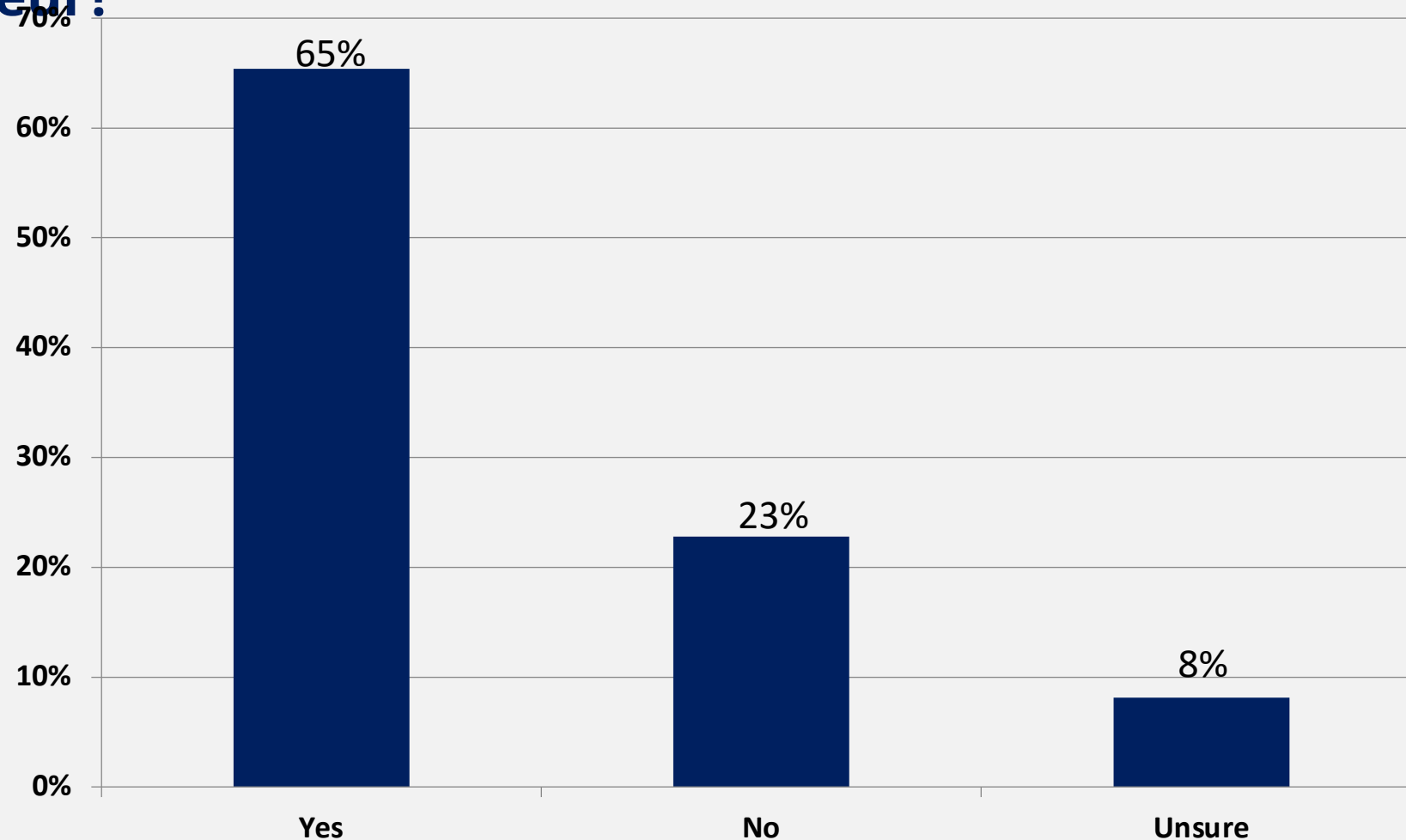
Q11: Do you believe that a family member of a professional should be able to perform barn duties (such as braiding, lunging, grooming) or other duties involved in the business (such as bookkeeping, veterinarian, farrier, or barn manager) at their own family's business but not train or instruct and still be considered an Amateur?



Q12: If the adult child of a professional works full-time in an industry outside of equestrian and lives outside of the family household should the adult child still be considered a professional if the adult child competes on a client's horse from their family's business, and the adult child does not receive remuneration from the family's business or the client?



Q13: Should an amateur family member be able to enter into lease or any other agreement with a client's horse and show it in the amateur division with all expenses for the leased horse paid by the amateur?



**Thank you to all the members who
responded to the survey and gave their
valuable input**

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