

IRFU Disability & Inclusion Survey 2020/21



Of the respondents (170), 117 were male and 53 female. 38% were from Leinster, 28% from Ulster, 26% from Munster, and 8% from Connacht

Of those with a visual impairment, 53% wanted to join a new adapted team for players with similar impairments, 33% wanted to integrate into an existing team within a local club, 14% did not know.

Of those with a hearing impairment, 14% wanted to join an adapted team, 67% wanted to integrate into an existing team, 19% did not know.

"Think an adapted team is a great idea. Would love to try it out"

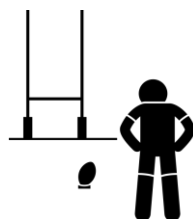
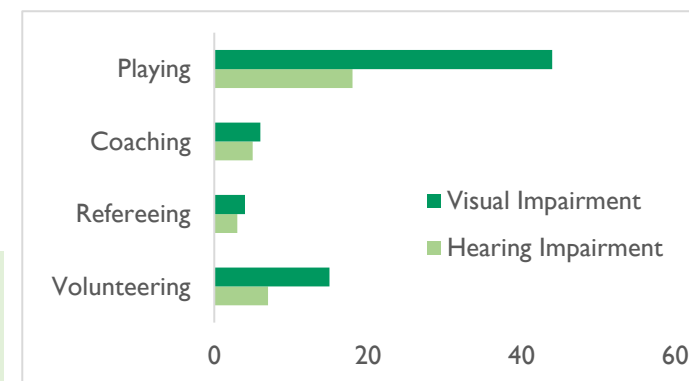


82% of respondents were interested in participating in rugby. Of those who were interested, 65% had a visual impairment and 35% had a hearing impairment.

"I'm really glad to see this explored, not being able to play sport is one of the most difficult things about sight loss"

A greater number of respondents with visual impairments were more interested in getting involved with all aspects of rugby, particularly playing and volunteering.

"A great idea especially at grass roots level, would be amazing for younger children... As someone who got into rugby late having visual issues can be hurdle but by no means a road block"



80% were interested in attending an adapted taster session

35% prefer this to be a weeknight and 46% prefer the weekend

52% would require the use of public transport to attend

"Thank you for thinking of this, it is great to see, and so important for people who have a disability to be able to have hope of participating in a sport they love"

