



THEME 7

# WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

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# YOU

- You heard about the history of water polo – Yiannis Giannouris
  - You heard where we are right now – Cornel Marculescu
  - You all know about the former conference in Cancun, 2014.  
Either you participated or you know about the topics, more or less
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- Memories
  - Pictures
  - Conclusions (?)





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# CANCUN 2014

- comparison with other sports: Ice hockey, Basketball, Rugby (7 to 7), Beach volleyball
- contributions from experts how to broadcast sport, by television, live stream, social media
- reflections on how water polo is played nowadays and suggestions about rule changes
- ideas how to organize matches in attractive ways, for spectators in pool as well as for television
- input by coaches, athletes, experts in different fields from around the world
- good conference, great atmosphere, full of new ideas, serious intentions to go forward!

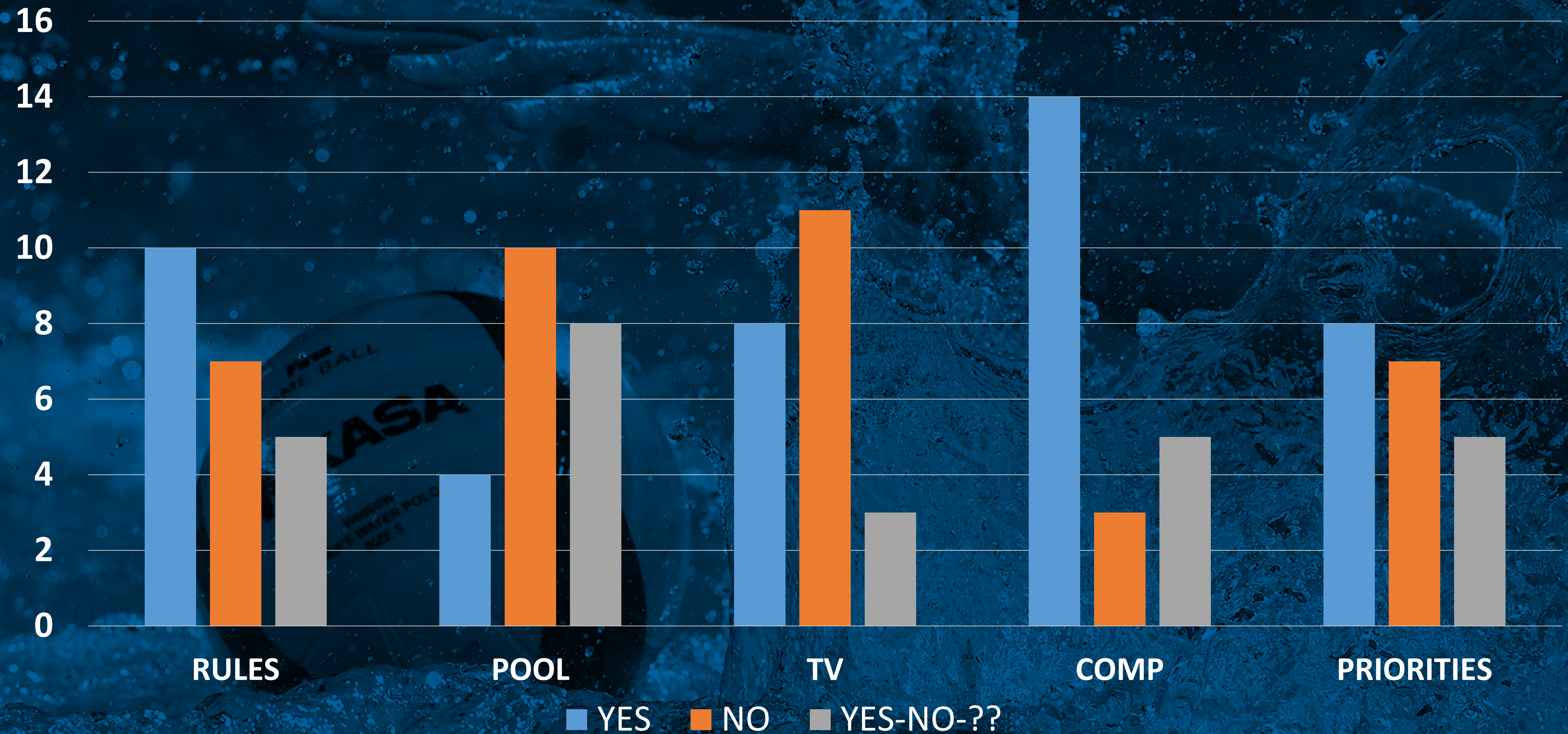


# CANCUN INTERPRETED...?

- Different opinions on many different aspects...
- Different priorities
- How does the field look like?



# ANALYSIS





A blue-tinted background image of a water polo player in a pool, holding a Mikasa water polo ball. The player is wearing a swim cap and is partially submerged in the water. The ball has the Mikasa logo and 'FIBA GAME BALL' printed on it.

# WE AGREE ON – GENERALLY SPEAKING

- Waterpolo is a great sport
- World is changing around us (has changed...)
- It is NOT only about rules, there is a lot more to do
- It should be broadcasted much more!!!!
- But NOW we are HERE ...



# DOUBTS...?

- Though you are here, you might think:
- Again...??
- Another conference...?
- There is no problem, water polo will be a great sport for another 100 years!
- Question: you recognize these questions...?



# DWWWTG?

# DYWTG?

- I come back to the title of this session: “(Where) do we want to go?”
- Who: the FINA family members from all over the world, with different experiences, cultures and levels
- *World variety in an international organisation with 209 member federations*
- Want to go: different motivations, different perspectives
- Where: different opinions. *Eleven experts, twenty five opinions...*



# PERSPECTIVE...

- Complex process, from problem analysis to decision making to implementation. Together.
- Just try to move a team of 7 players... In a democracy.
- With respect for the past!
- Looking back at a long history of discussion or ...
- Looking forward!





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perspective...?



# WATER POLO PLAYERS M/W LIKE TO FIGHT...

- We love fighting
- We want to be the best
- We want to score goals/make the team win

- But today is about

# TEAMWORK!!!!



# THIS IS ABOUT YOU!

- Of course TWPC and FINA office have worked hard in the preparations. There will be a lot on the table. On the screen.
- Your contribution is most important. By listening, thinking and speaking. Each of you is important. Not only the words during the conference but also in the corridors. At dinner. Your words after the conference...
- This is about our game
- Be part of THE TEAM!



A blue-tinted photograph of water polo players in a pool. In the center, a player from Australia (AUST) with cap number 2 is reaching for a ball. To the right, a player from the USA is also reaching. Other players are visible in the background, some with arms raised. The text 'BE PART OF THE TEAM!' is overlaid in yellow.

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