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The Format Formula

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Fitness World Canada

- 15 locations in BC, Canada
- 500+ employees
- 150 Fitness Class instructors
- 150 Personal Trainers
- 15 General Managers
- 500+ fitness classes/week





A GREAT Format Formula Can...

- Cure "gymtimidation"
- Foster culture and connection
- Create repeat customers
- Lift club energy
- Press/media attention
- Better bottom line





The Wild Ride

- New Normal... Silver Linings
- Recognizing our value
- Celebrating our resilience
- The Virtual "Solution"
- Understanding the inactive population
- Where are we now?





What's The Secret Sauce?

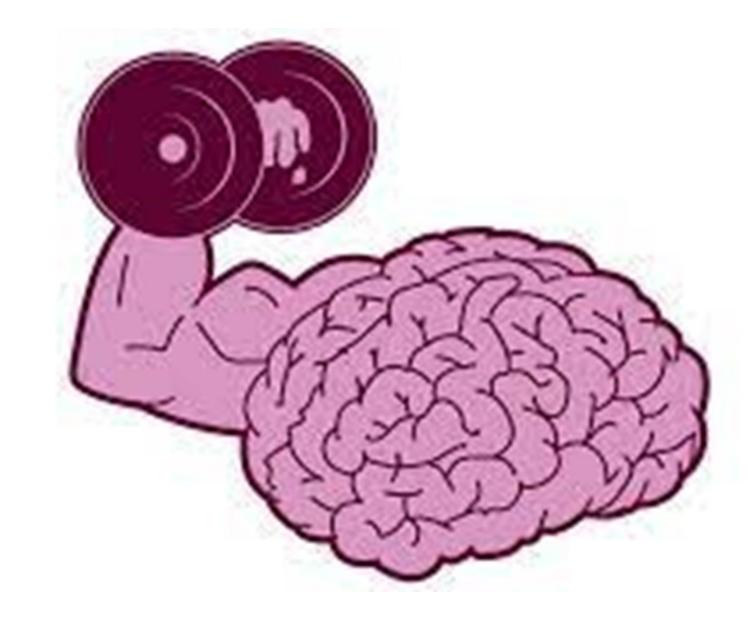
- Current Trends
- Industry Research
- Your Clientele
- Your Available Talent
- Management Details:
 - Budgeting
 - Scheduling
 - Marketing





Top Fitness Trends

- Inclusive fitness
- Mini workouts
- High-intensity interval training (HIIT)
- Mind-body
- Outdoor personal training
- Smart home gyms
- Fun group fitness classes
- Movement as medicine





Top Fitness/Wellness Activities

- Strength Training
- Yoga
- Indoor Cycling
- Pilates
- Barre
- Boxing
- Gym Time
- Livestream Yoga
- Running

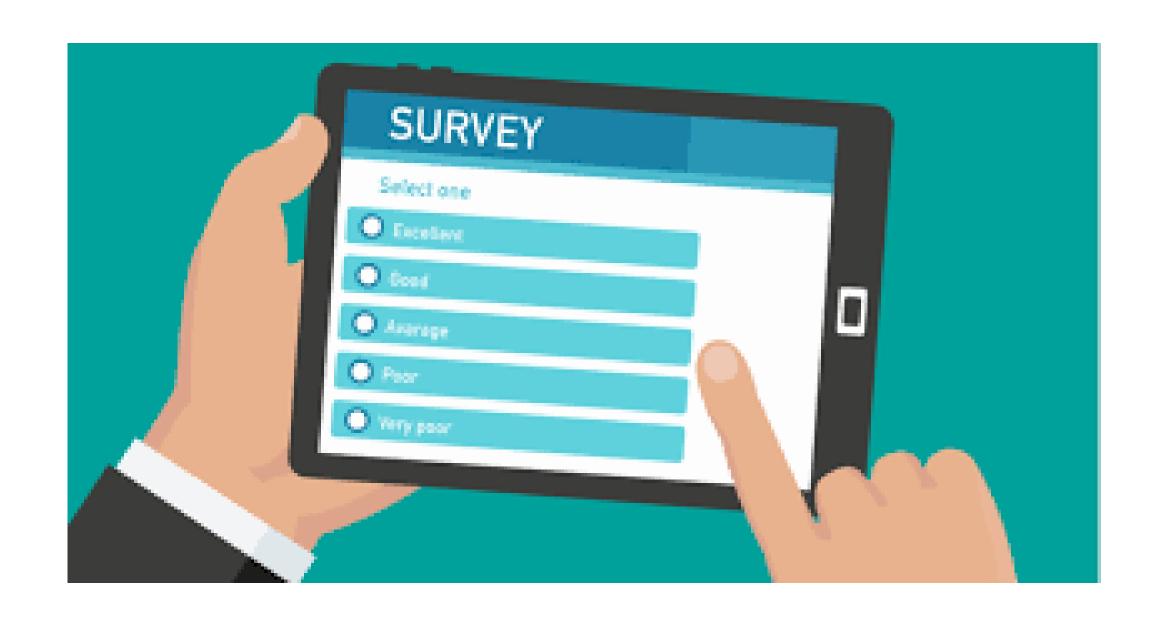
- Massage
- Sauna
- Cryotherapy





Constant Curiosity

- Attendance
- Client Surveys
- Staff Polls/Feedback
- Member Conversations
- Net Promoter Scores
- Google Reviews
- Pilots/Trials
- Ask the right questions!





Classes = Good Business

Class Fans Are:

- 20-25% of big box gym members
- Use club x2 as often
- Retain membership 30% longer
- Refer 10% more friends/family
- Make more in-club purchases
- More likely to purchase virtual offerings
- Trend setting >> media interest

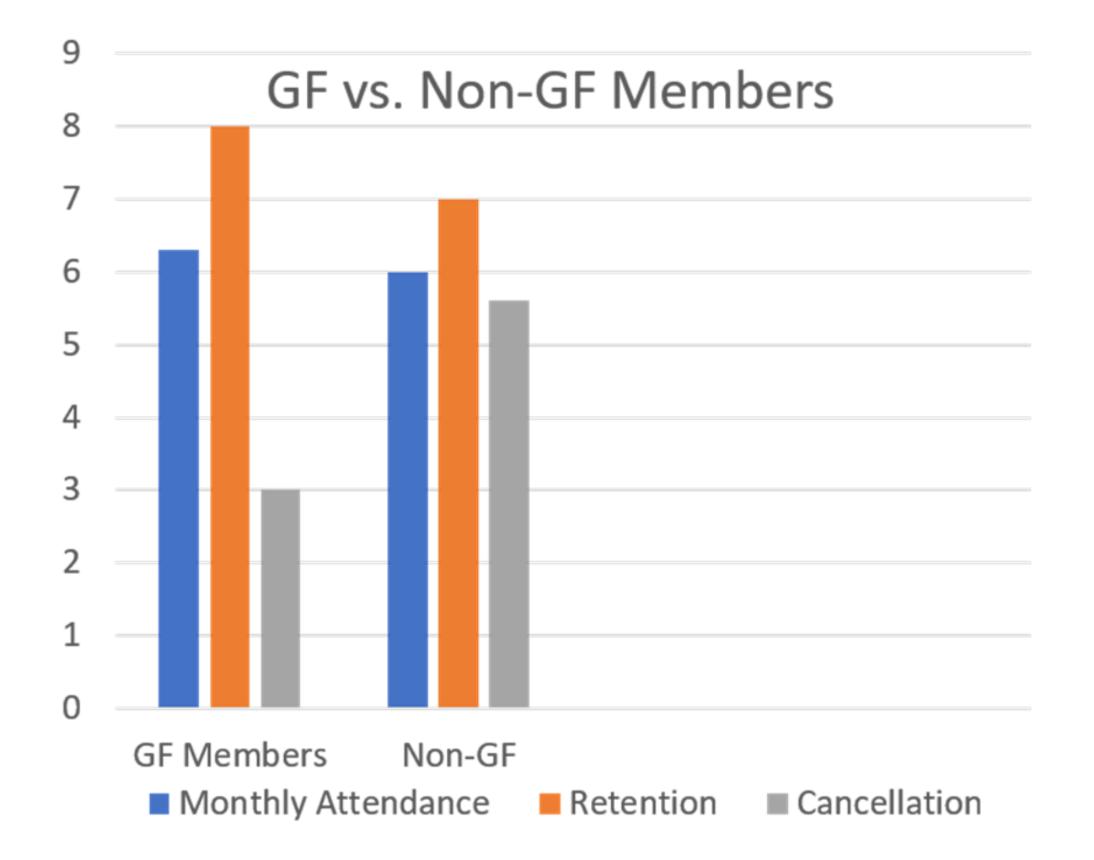




IHRSA/The Retention People Study

Group Fitness Members are:

- 26% less likely to cancel
- 5% higher monthly attendance
- 12% higher retention rate





Compelling Class Stats

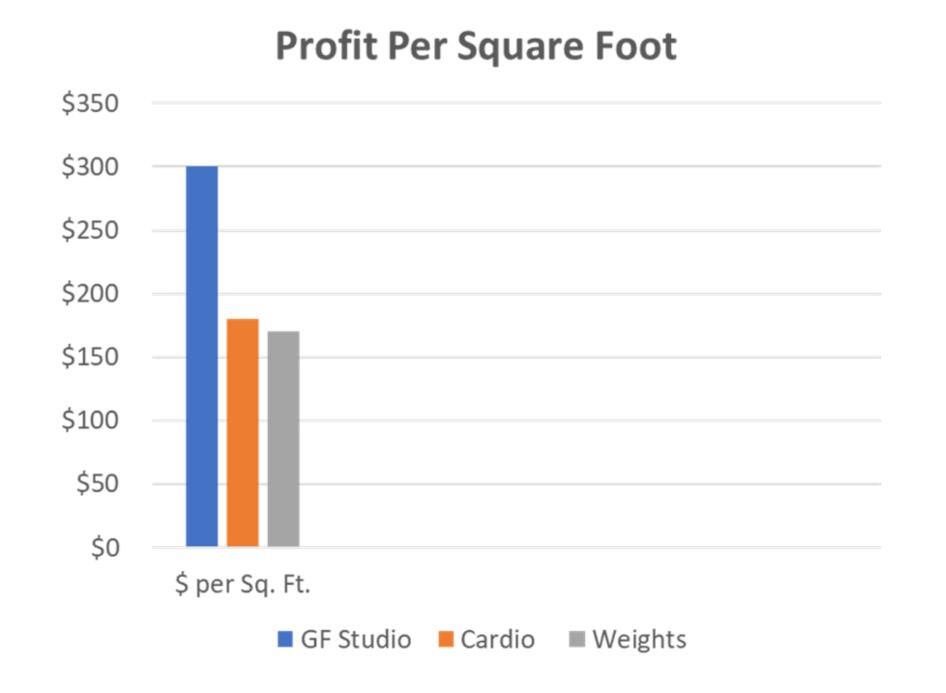
- 90% prefer to workout in groups
- 60% site as Classes as joining reason
- 63% more frequent club usage
- 84% recommend club to friends/family
- 33% reduced cancellation risk





Studio \$\$\$

- Typical contribution per square foot based on IHRSA Data, Capacity Evaluation Workbook
- GF combination Live and Virtual Classes
- Each extra weekly GF visit = 132% profitability increase based on anticipated subsequent visits





Ripple Effect

Great Classes/Formats:

- Combats loneliness
- Reduces stress of decision making
- Achieves faster results
- Enhances workout enjoyment
- Higher membership satisfaction





What Makes a Great Format?

- Dynamic influencing instructor
- Ambience/Experience/Exertainment
- Buzz
- Scarcity
- Consistency
- Social glue
- Inclusivity





But What About...

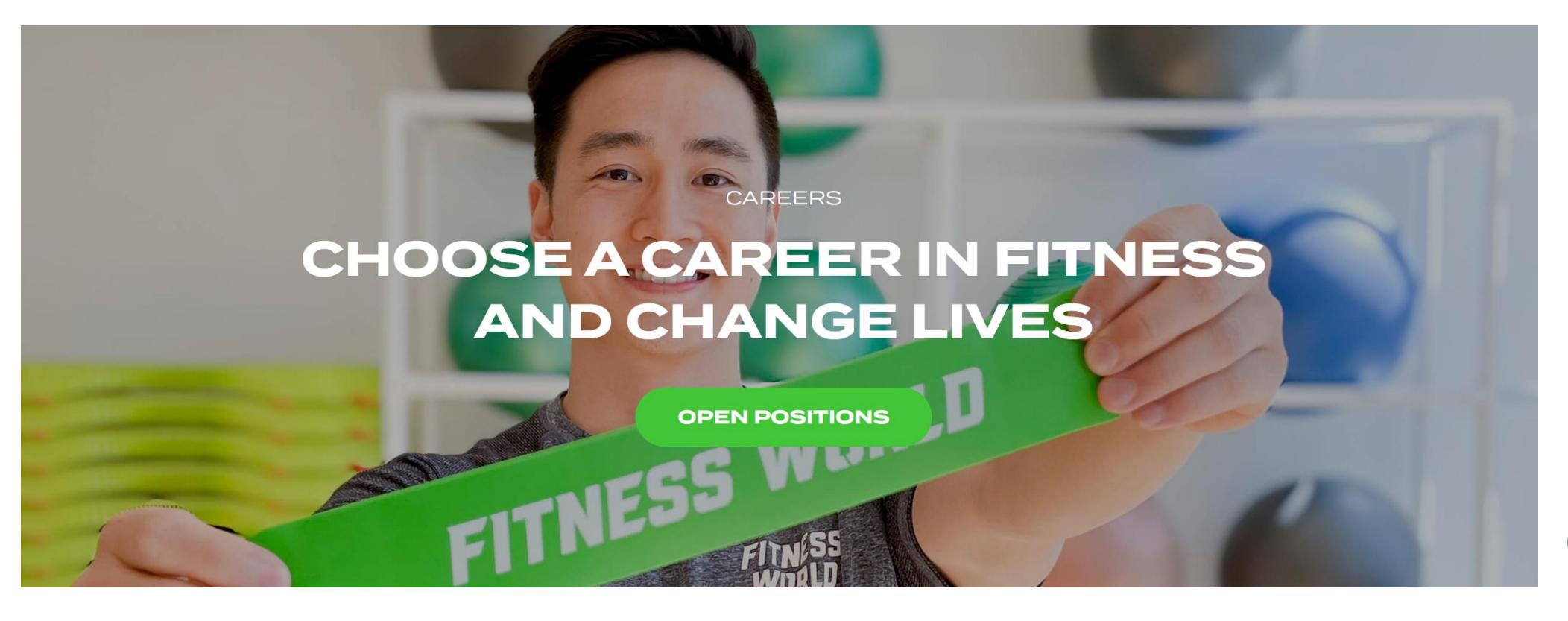
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Instructors...Where Are They...?

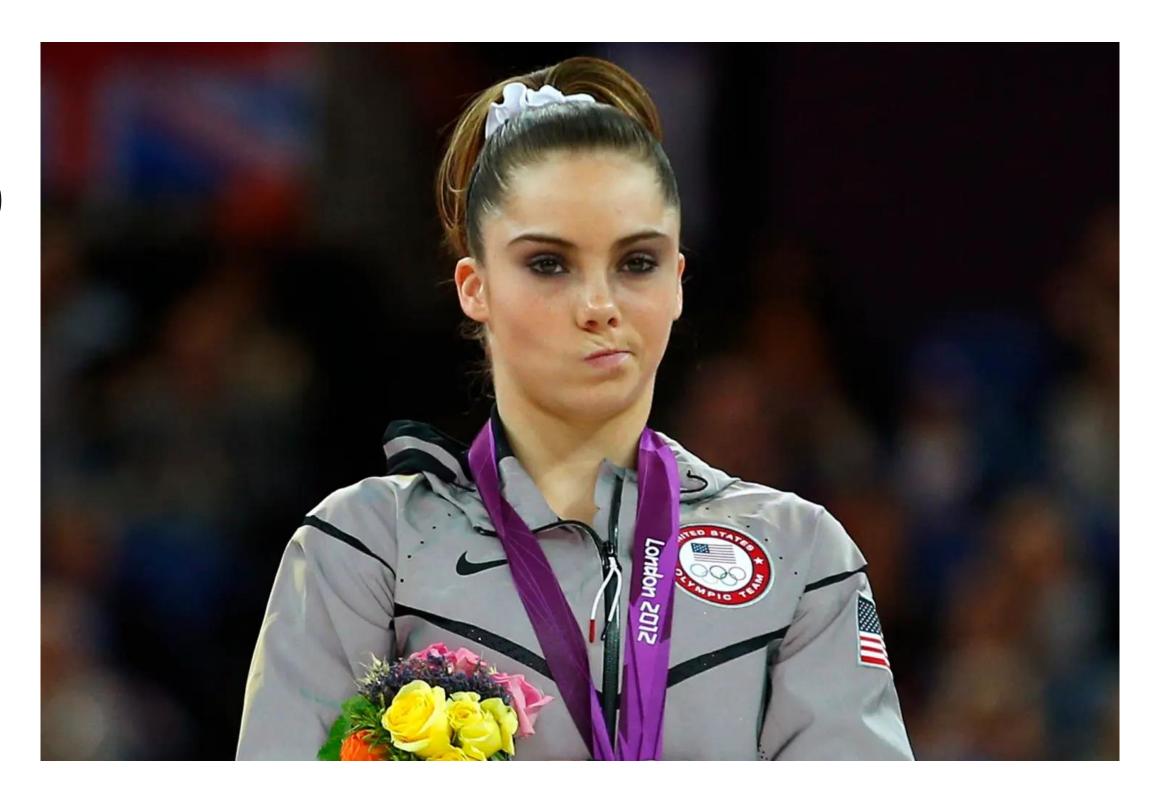
Recruitment ...Engagement ...Pay... Recognition





The Rate Debate

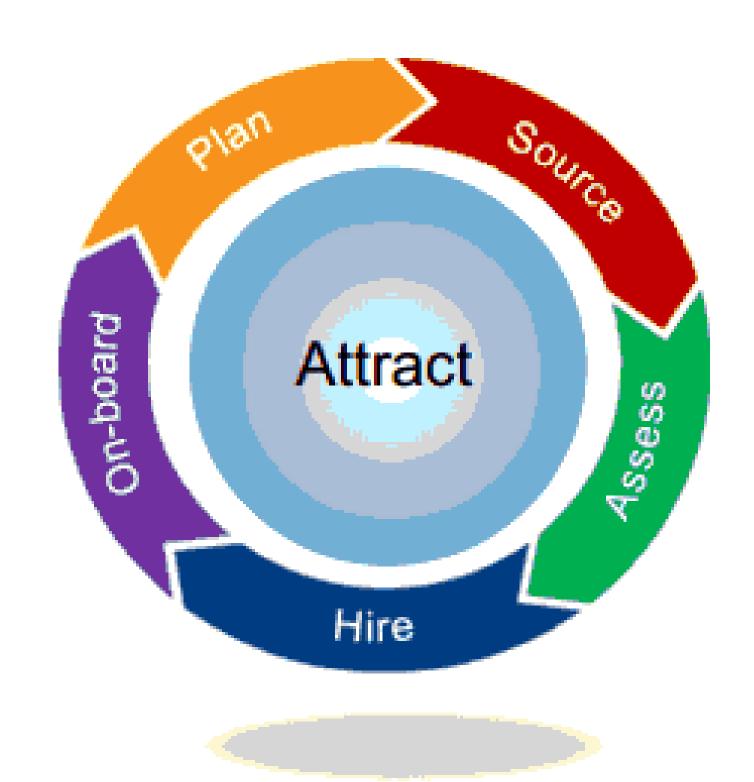
- Class rate average \$27.50/hr
- GF Manager salary average \$40,000
- Boutique class rates:
 - average \$150/hr @ 14 hrs/wk
 - average duration 18 months
- Education, Experience, Evaluation
- Highlight value added
- Flexibility with non-compete
- Provide other roles/opportunities





Talent Acquisition

- Front Row Stars
- Existing staff (Sales/PT)
- Partnerships
- Mentorship Program
- Contests/Teach Payback for Free Certs
- Other Industries:
 - Dancers
 - Actors/Models
 - Police/Fire Fighters





Recognition and Investment

Free Education

- In-House Workshops
- Complimentary courses
- Sponsorship teaching payback

Contests

Build Your Class Challenge

Recognition

- Flowers, card, swag
- Instructor of the Year @IDEA!







Program Management







Unique Leadership

- Teaching + Managerial skills
- Core Values/Mission Statement
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Budget knowhow
- Scheduling insights
- Connected to clientele
- Find Your Eagles!





Licensed vs. Freestyle Formats

- Licensed = Consistency
 - Cost
 - Consistency
 - Coordination
- Freestyle = Creativity
 - Less control
 - Creativity
 - Room to negotiate
- Regardless... you must inspire me to repeat the class habit!

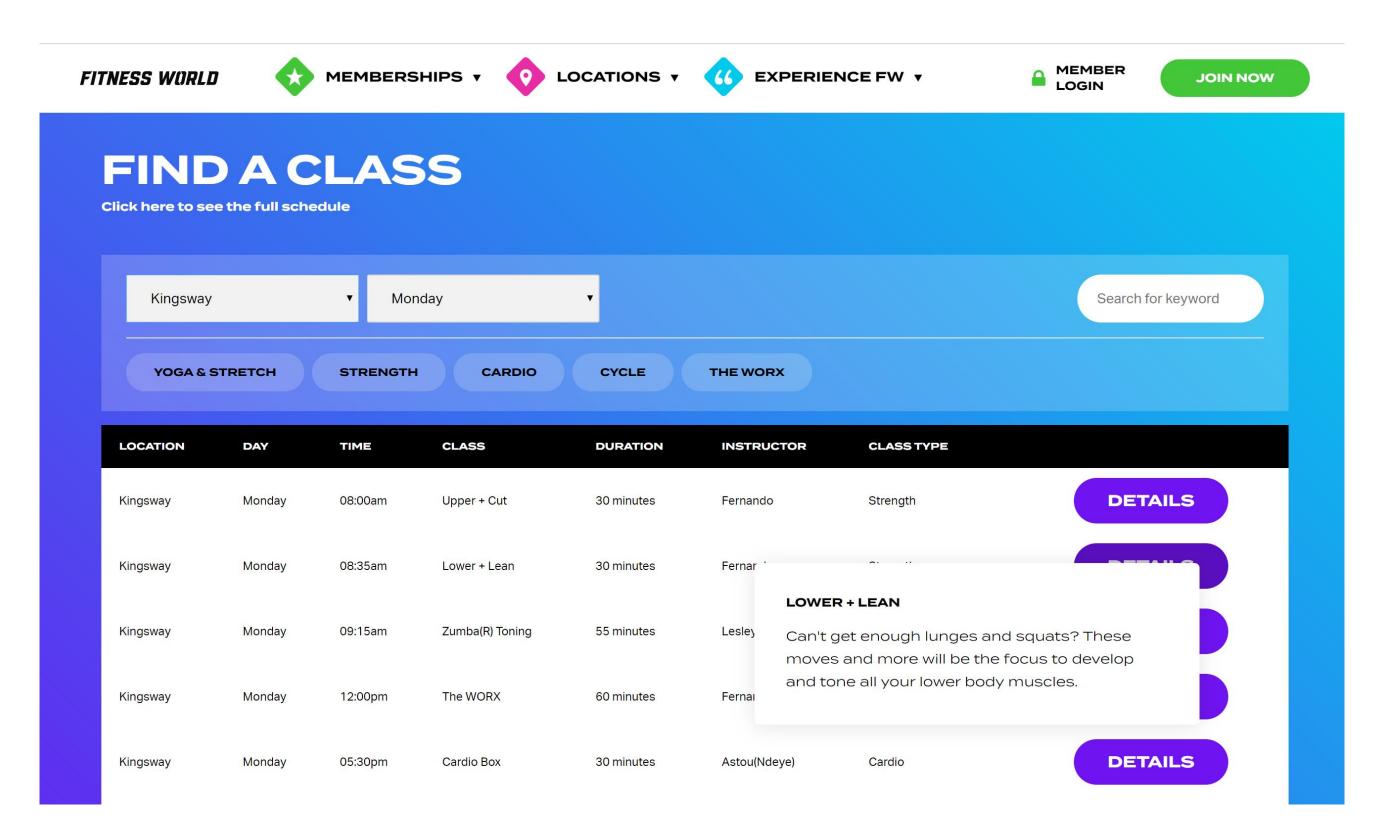






Updated Scheduling

- Easy to Find
- Filters & Icons
- Online reservations
- Punchy descriptions
- Horizontal programming
- Reconsider:
 - Traditional peak hours
 - Traditional durations

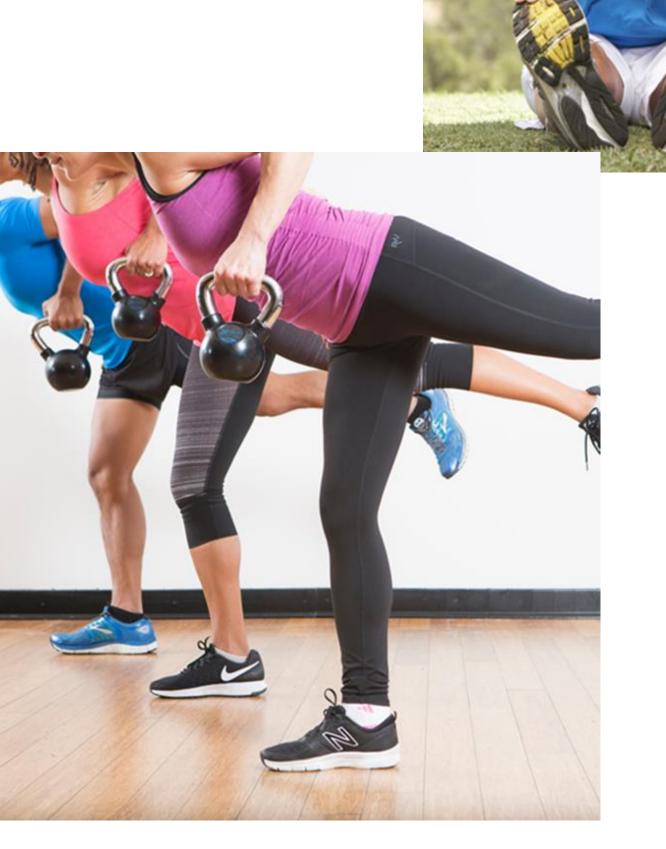




The Art & Science of Scheduling

Balance...

- Traditional / Innovative
- Freestyle / Branded/Pre-choreographed
- Consistency / Personality
- Member wants / Member needs
- High intensity / Chill outs
- Regularity / Special Events
- Seasoned / Developing Instructors





Marketing Your Format

- Traditional media
- Social media
 - Education for staff
 - Authentic/in-house
- Website/App
- Advertisements (bus, radio, TV)
- Class-based contests/events
- Community and Club Events





Marketing Your Format

- Goals:
 - Build awareness and visits
 - Gain media attention
 - Reasonable ROI
 - Reach intended demo
- Nurture Powerful Partnerships
- Cast a Wide Net







Creativity Challenge

Themes:

- IDEA 40th Bday
- Summer Fun
- Vegas Baby!
- Top Gun Maverick

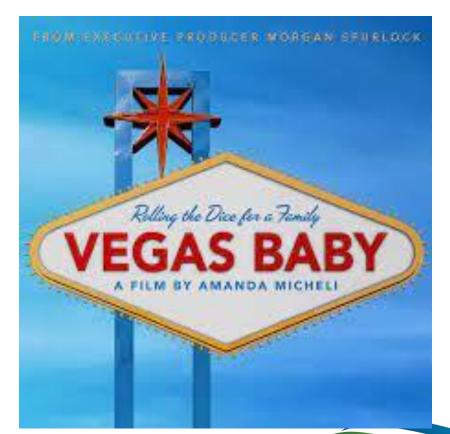
Class Format Questions:

- WIFM?
- Is it FUN?
- Can I do it?













Format Inspiration

- In-house Creativity
- What's Trending
- Partnerships
- Pop Culture
- Visually exciting/intriguing
- Refresh or Retro
- Affordable/Practical
- Edgy, Outrageous, FUN!

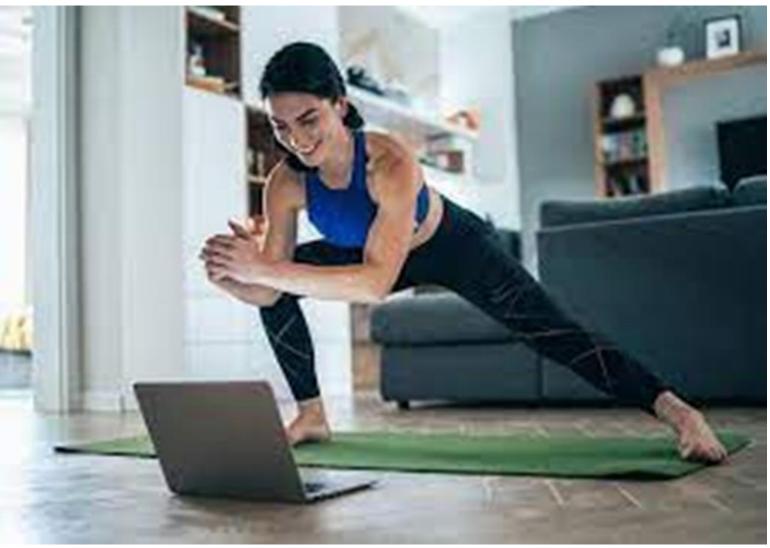




Post-pandemic Considerations...

- Discomfort in a crowd
- Longing for community
- Inclusivity/Accessibility
- Portable or No Equipment
- Outdoor workouts
- Creating experiences
- Uncommon Schedules
- Hybrid in-person/virtual
- Music focused









Simple Structure

Skip + Strength:

- 7min warm-up
- 3min jump rope drills
- 5min booty band
- Repeat x 4
- 6min stretch
- Total 45min

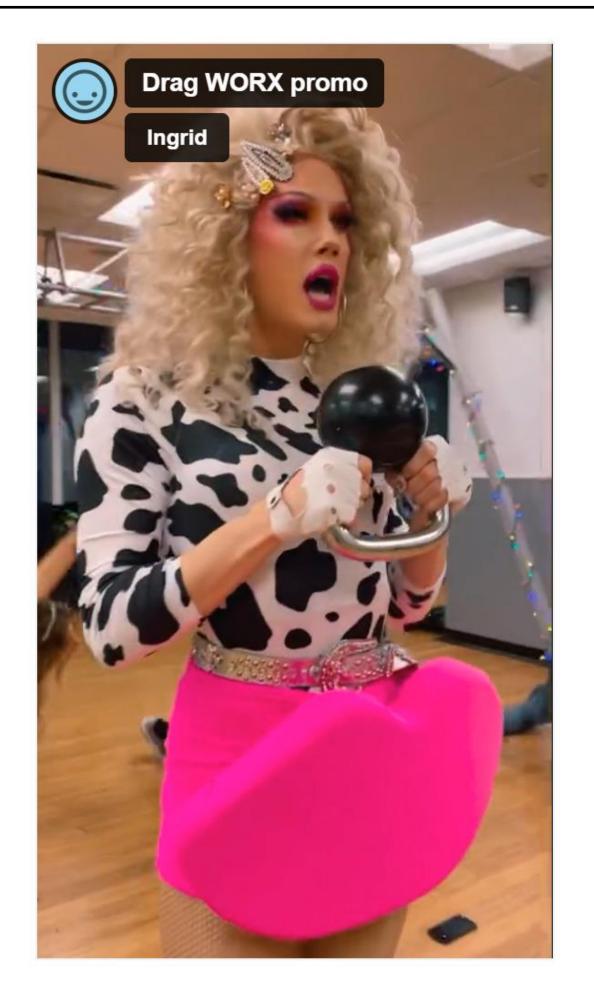
Cardio Box:

- 5min warm-up
- 3min boxing inspired drills x 5 rounds
- 5min core
- 5min stretch
- Total 30min



Memorable Moments



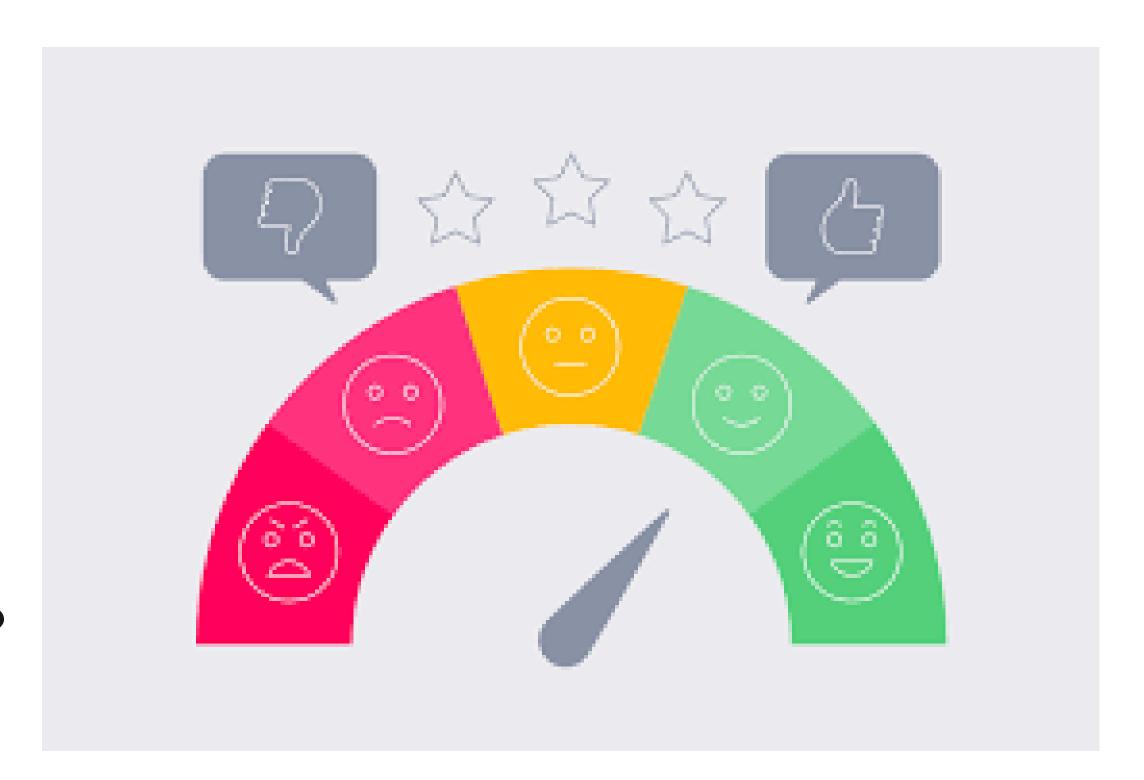






Format Formula Questions...

- Survey results?
- Clear Format means/message?
- Passionate champion?
- Social media/press activity?
- Measure of attendance/reach?
- Instructor training and roll out plan?
- Pilot/test trial feedback?
- All legal items covered?
- A killer launch event!?





Your Own Fantastic Format!

Outline your Parameters

- Identify your GROW model
 - Goal/Reality Check/Obstacles/Will
- What are your SWOTs?
 - Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats
 - What do you need to make your *NEW* format a reality?
- Share/Create/PLAN for September!

