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## Low-alcohol beer and wine preferences among sports fans

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Zero-alcohol and ultra low-alcohol beers and wines are the newest entrant into the crowded beverages market.

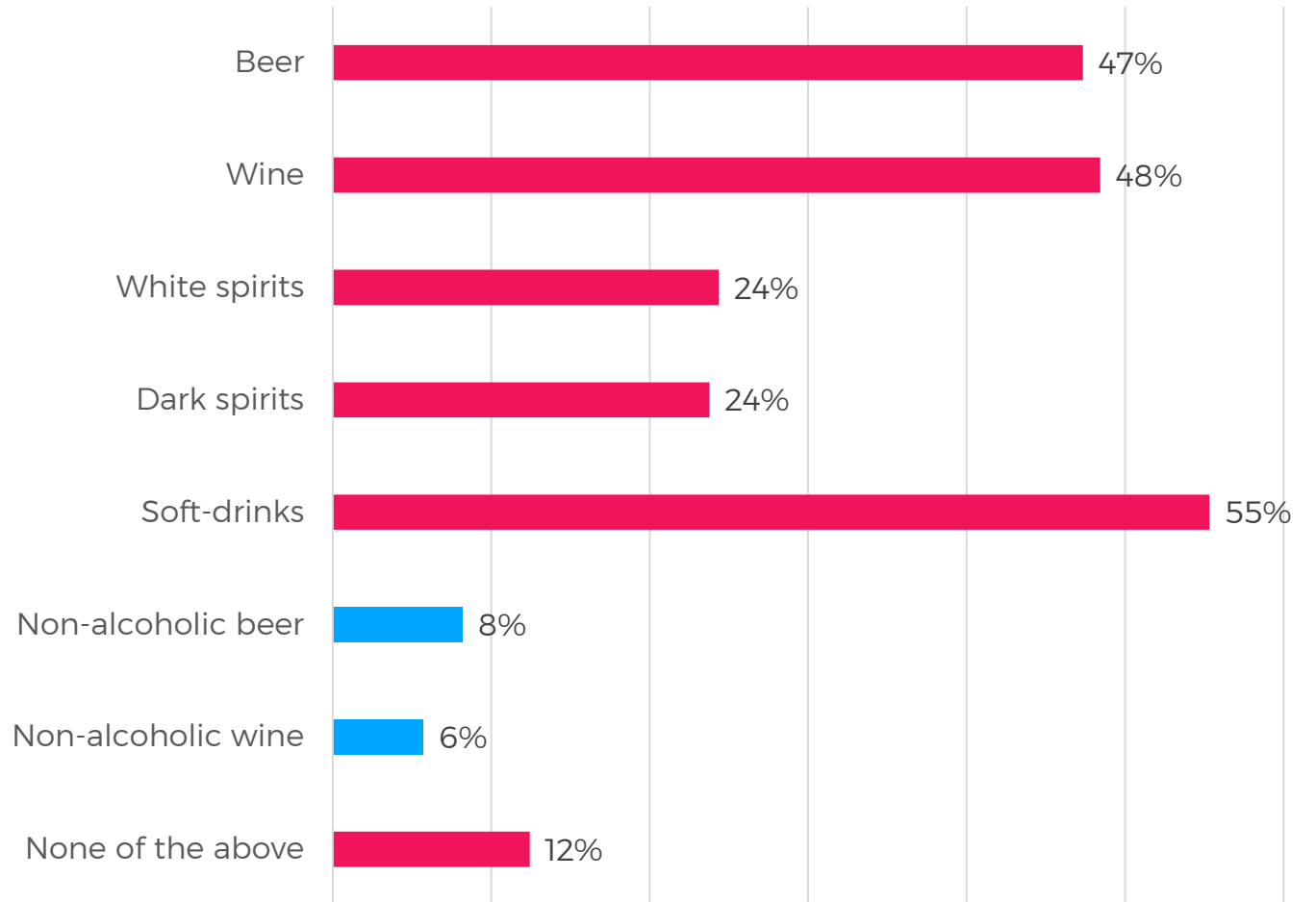
Brands such as Heineken are using including Football (through sponsorship of the Europa League) and Formula 1 to build awareness and drive sales.

Gemba Insights show that younger sports fans are particularly interested in this category, but barriers exist around awareness and consideration.

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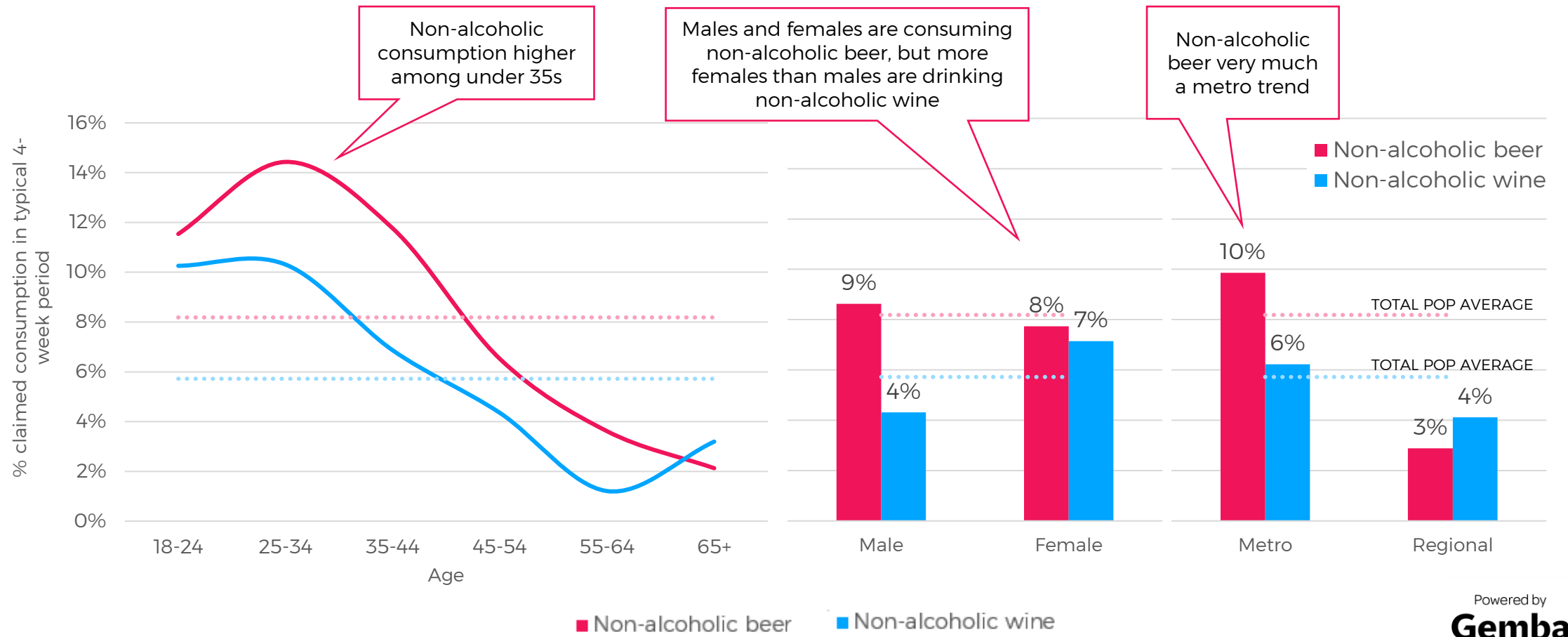
Non-alcoholic  
beer and wine is  
still a relative  
small part of the  
market

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# However, non-alcoholic beer and wine is gaining a foothold among younger men and women in metro areas

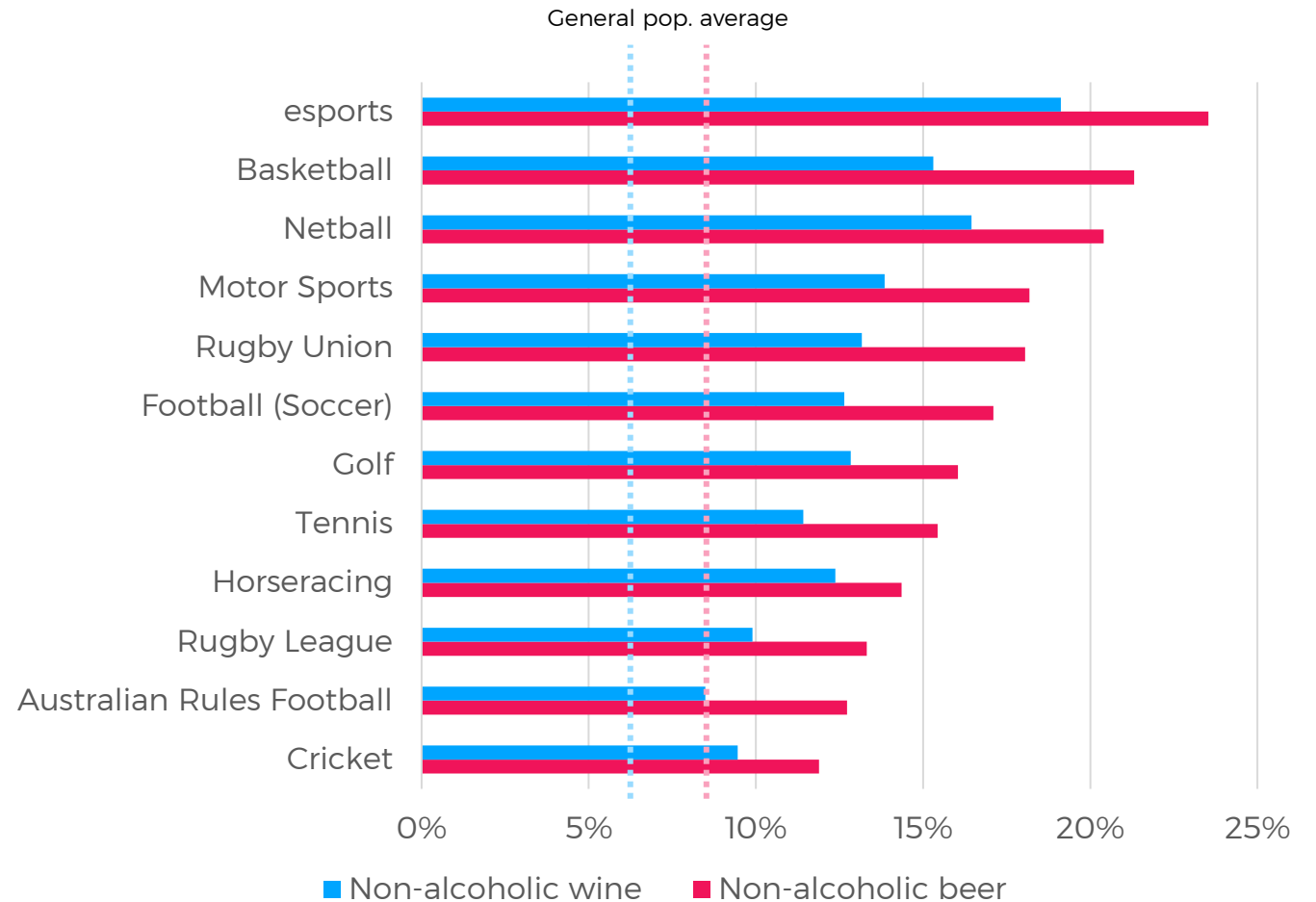
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Sports fans in general over-index on consumption of non-alcoholic beer and wine varieties, with Esports, Basketball and Netball fanatics having the highest likelihood of all sports fans to consume.



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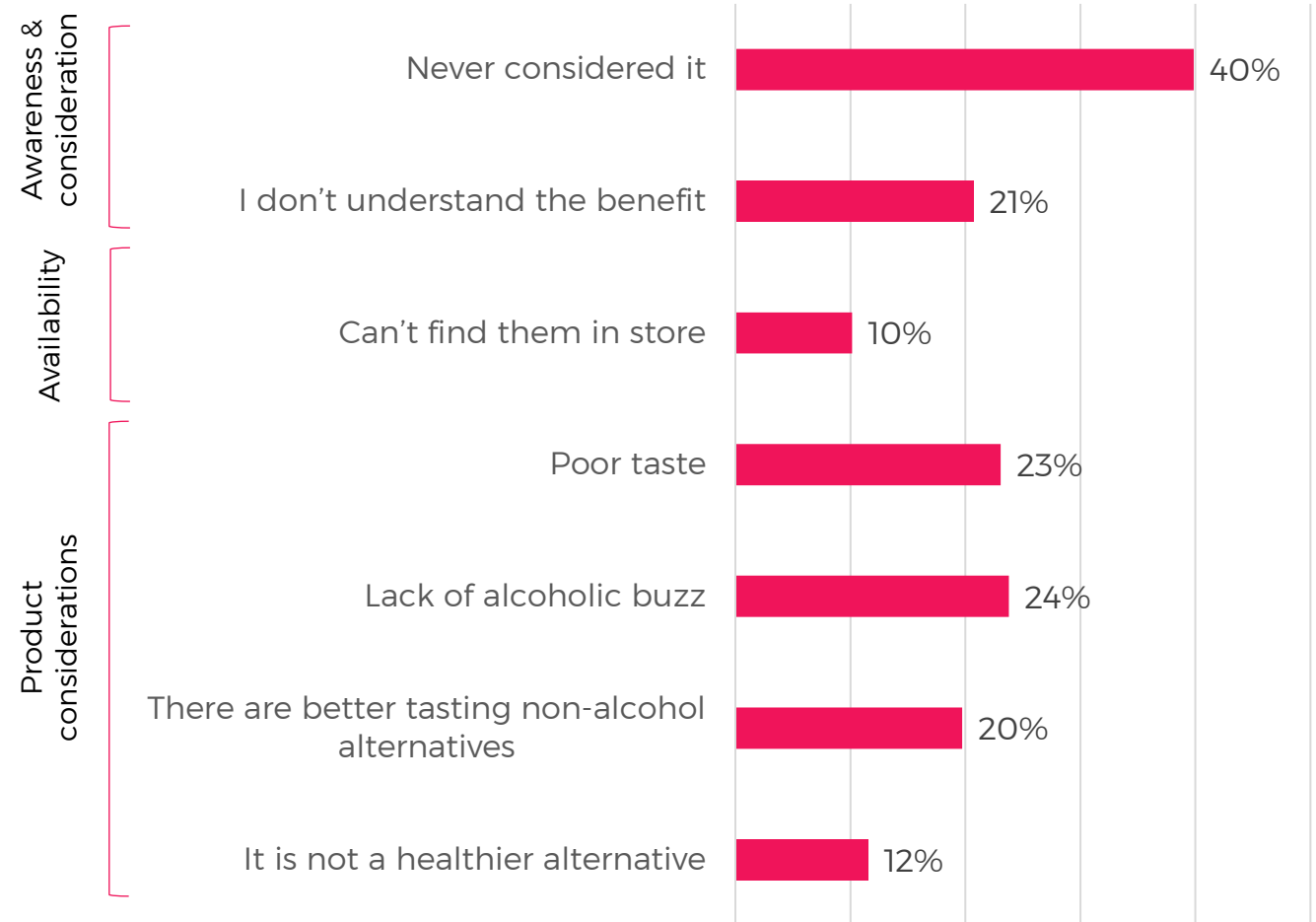


Q. Over a typical 4-week period, which of the following types of beverage do you typically consume?  
 Source: Gemba Insights, March 2021, n=1.014

Awareness, knowledge and consideration of non-alcoholic options are the key barriers to greater uptake. Will brands look to leverage sport sponsorships and pourage rights at venues to grow the category?



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Q. What are the main reasons you would not consider non-alcoholic beer or wine?  
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With the non-alcoholic beverage category growing 12-fold since 2018, its increasing prevalence has the potential to cause issues for rights holders.

### Normalisation of Drinking

- There are growing concerns around the accessibility for under 18s to freely purchase and potentially normalise the consumption of alcohol
- The potential “gateway effect” of non-alcoholic beverages is also considered to potentially be conditioning people to crave the taste of beer, wine and spirits

### Category Definition

- Soft-drink brands typically lock up all non-alcoholic beverages within an exclusive category sponsorship, leaving beer and wine companies excluded from using their sponsorship channels to promote these products
- The increasing popularity and growing awareness of non-alcoholic beverages will increase competitive tension amongst traditional soft-drink brands

### A Healthy Option?

- There is an ongoing debate as to the overall health benefits of non-alcoholic varieties – many low alcohol beers have higher sugar content than full strength beer, for example

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