Football Tournament Amendments Survey for 2025 Season

Should all football teams experience a 10-game regular season without consolation games?			
ROLE	No	Yes	Grand Total
Athletic Director	39	57	96
Coach	58	173	231
Principal	10	14	24
Grand Total	107	244	351

Do you think it is fair to require 76% of teams to play at least one consolation game or take a bye in				
November so others can advance to the tournament?				
ROLE	No Yes Grand Total			
Athletic Director	53	43	96	
Coach	156	75	231	
Principal 12 12 24				
Grand Total 221 130 351				

Has your program experienced a negative impact in participation, attitude and/or interest when					
confronted with playing consolation	on games?				
ROLE	No Yes Grand Total				
Athletic Director	49	47	96		
Coach	107	124	231		
rincipal 14 10 24					
Grand Total 170 181 351					

Should the football tournament begin after the regular season (Thanksgiving), consistent with other				
MIAA sports?				
ROLE No Yes Grand Total				
Athletic Director	52	44	96	
Coach	61	170	231	
Principal	13	11	24	
Grand Total 126 225 351				

Would it benefit your program to play traditional league or rivalry games in November and have the					
flexibility to schedule additional no	flexibility to schedule additional non-league games earlier in the season, as opposed to a November				
ROLE	DLE No Yes Grand Total				
Athletic Director	46	50	96		
Coach	66	165	231		
Principal	l 11 13 24				
Grand Total 123 228 351					

Understanding a 16-team tournament requires consolation games and/or bye weeks for teams that					
are not participating in the playoffs, should consolation games/byes be part of the football playoff					
ROLE	No Yes Grand Total				
Athletic Director	56	40	96		
Coach	136	95	231		
Principal 16 8 24					
Grand Total 208 143 351					

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Should teams be required to have a winning record to qualify for the playoffs?					
ROLE	No	Yes	Grand Total		
Athletic Director	39	57	96		
Coach	59	172	231		
Principal 10 14 24					
Grand Total 108 243 351					

Do you support the recommendation to establish a policy to limit the number of teams in each division to maintain an equal path and percentage of teams participating in the post-season?					
ROLE	No	Yes	Grand Total		
Athletic Director	25	71	96		
Coach	41	190	231		
Principal 6 18 24					
Grand Total 72 279 351					

If teams play a 10-game regular season and the maximum number of teams in a division is 40, would you support an 8-team tournament?				
ROLE No Yes Grand Total				
Athletic Director	41	55	96	
Coach	70	161	231	
Principal	7	17	24	
Grand Total 118 233 351				

Should Thanksgiving Day games be eliminated to offer a 10-game regular season and post-season				
tournament?				
ROLE No Yes Grand Total				
Athletic Director	64	32	96	
Coach	181	50	231	
Principal	16	8	24	
Grand Total 261 90 351				

Which regular season and tournament format is best for Massachusetts high school football?			
ROLE	All teams complete a full 10 or 11 game regular season with an 8-team post- season tournament.	Continuing with the 8- week qualifying period, with a 16- team in-season tournament with consolation games.	Grand Total
Athletic Director	51	45	96
Coach	154	77	231
Principal	14	10	24
Grand Total	219	132	351

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