



2024 / MIAA MHSFCA Playoff Survey

Head Coach Results

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The MIAA Football Committee requests you read the proposed amendments to the 2025 tournament and answer the survey below. To best prepare yourself for this survey, please access the full proposal on the MIAA Football Page at this link. The FB Committee has prepared these amendments based on feedback from the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association and has established a joint sub-committee with TMC. Our goal is to gather data from Administrators, Athletic Directors, and Coaches so we can appropriately represent the majority opinion regarding any modifications to the football format and tournament. Any changes would begin in the Fall of 2025.

Please read the proposed plan and complete the survey.

Executive Summary bullets for attention:

- Realign football with the MIAA Tournament Philosophy – maintain the integrity and importance of the regular season.
- Provide an equitable experience for all the student-athletes by eliminating consolation games and bye-weeks in November.
- Establish guidelines to ensure all divisions an equal path to the tournament by limiting the number of teams per division.
- Increase opportunities to schedule divisional opponents to build a team’s power rating.
- Improve seeding accuracy by completing all rivalry and league games before the tournament.
- Create a higher standard to qualify for the tournament.
- Communicate the positive and negative aspects of the modifications.

Thank you for the work you do!

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MHSFCA Head Coaches Survey Results

- 274 Head Coaches were invited to participate via email and text message
- 237 Head Coaches responded from 236 schools (Cardinal Spellman has co-head coaches)
- 7 schools are currently looking for a new head coach
- Response rate was 88.7% (236 of 267)
- The results include the 237 responses we received from active head coaches
- These results have been shared with the MIAA Football Committee, who will publish the total response from all school administrators and Athletic Directors.

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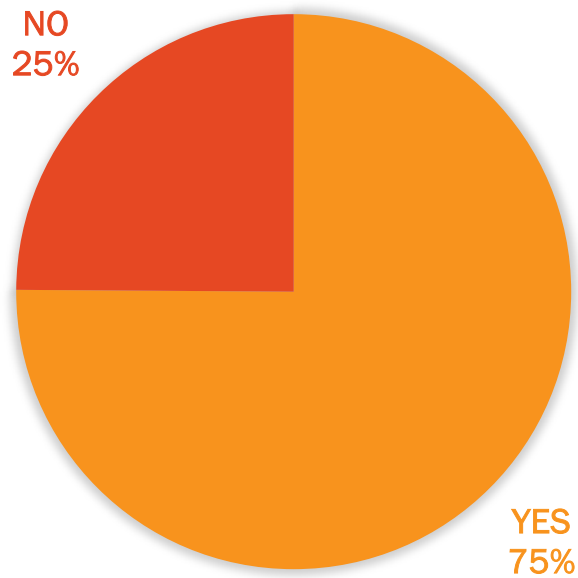
Below is a list of schools who's head coach who did not respond to the survey. * indicates vacancy

Amherst	HS of Commerce	McCann Tech	Putnam Voc	South Hadley
Belchertown	Hoosac Valley *	Minuteman	Roxbury Prep	Southeastern
Boston College	Keefe Tech	New Bedford	St John Paul II	Springfield International
Cambridge Rindge & Latin	Lawrence	Old Colony	Salem	Tewksbury
Dover-Sherborn	Longmeadow*	Oliver Ames *	Saugus	Upper Cape Cod
East Bridgewater *	Lowell	Palmer	Sharon*	
Franklin County Tech	Malden	Pathfinder	Somerset/Berkley	
Haverhill	Martha's Vineyard	Pentucket	Somerville	

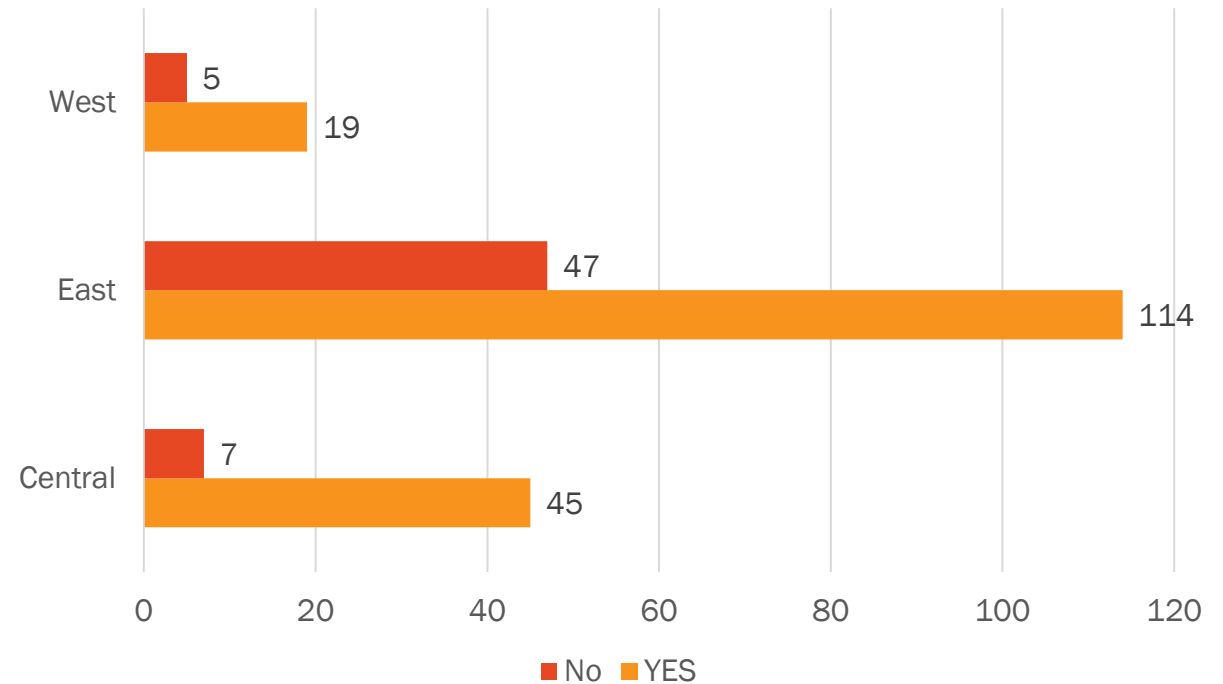
Should all football teams experience a 10-game regular season without consolation games?



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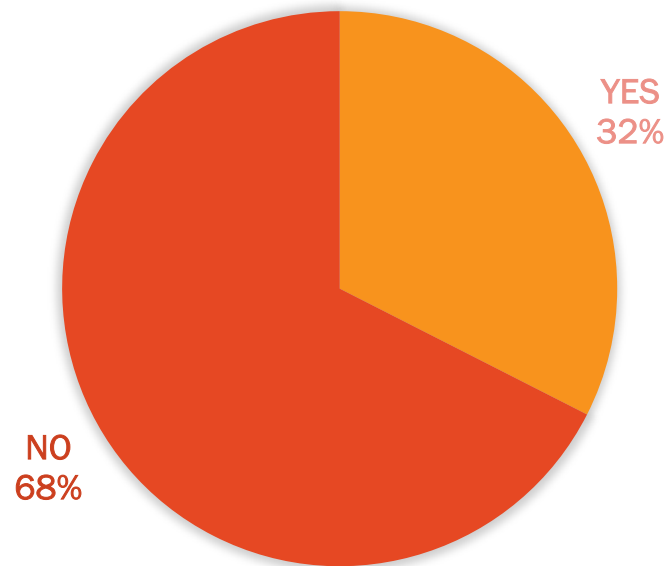
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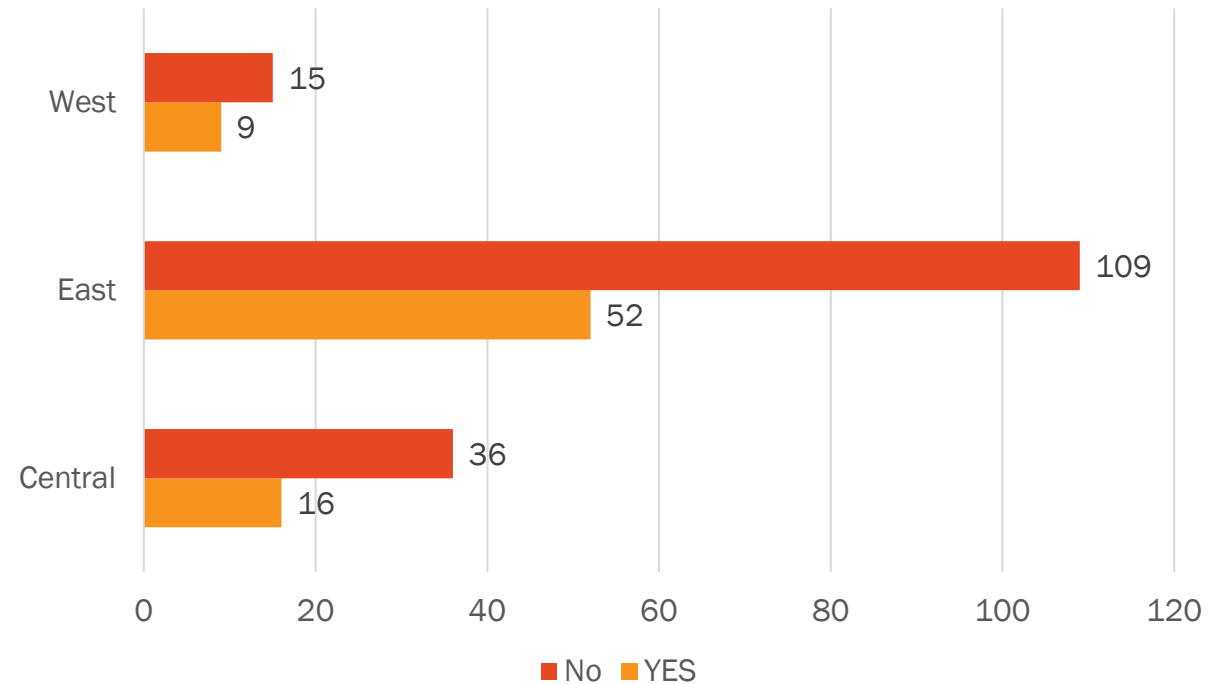
Do you think it is fair to require 76% of teams to play at least one consolation game or take a bye in November so others can advance to the tournament?



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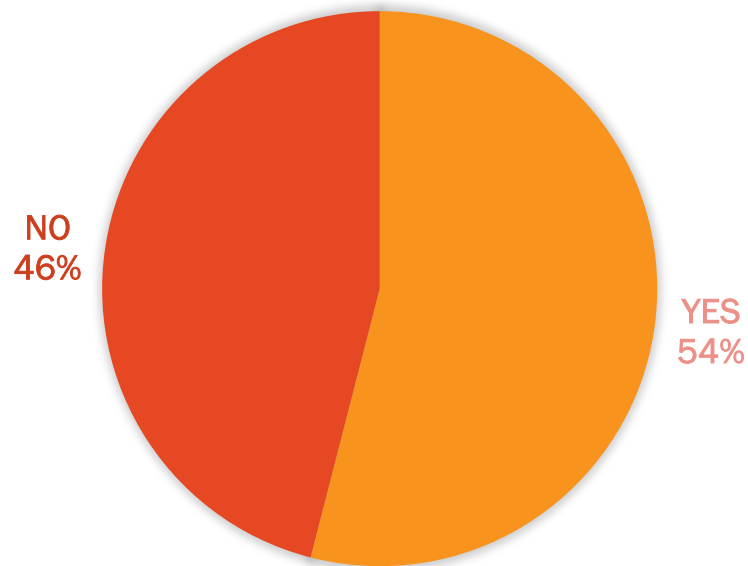
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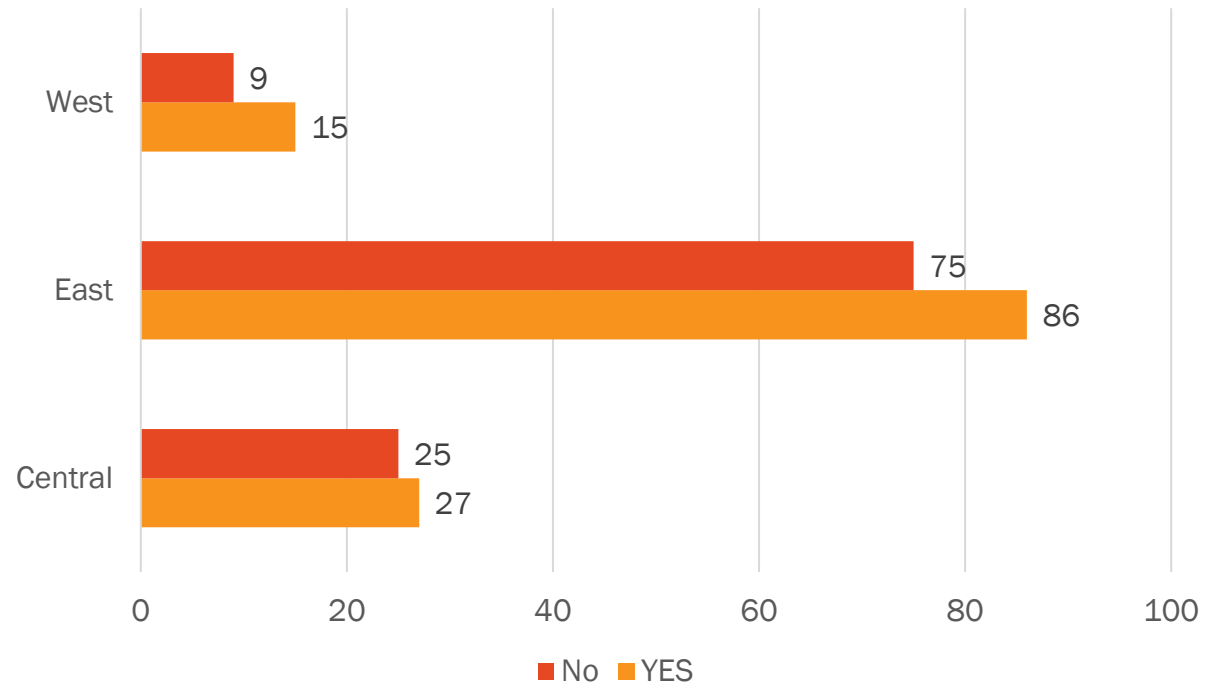
Has your program experienced a negative impact in participation, attitude and/or interest when confronted with playing consolation games?



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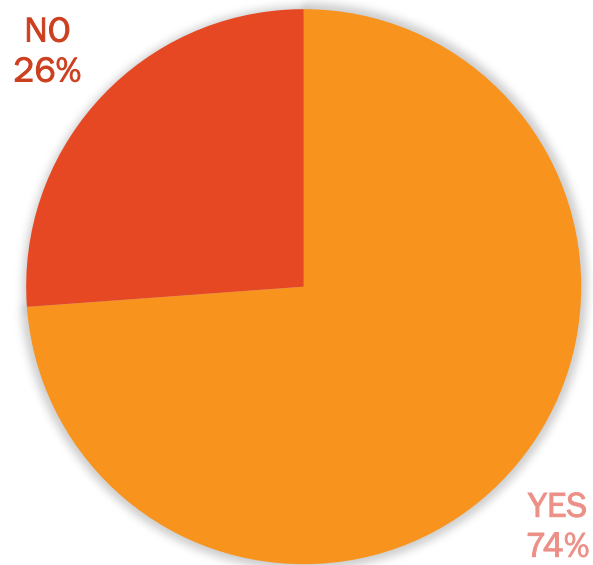
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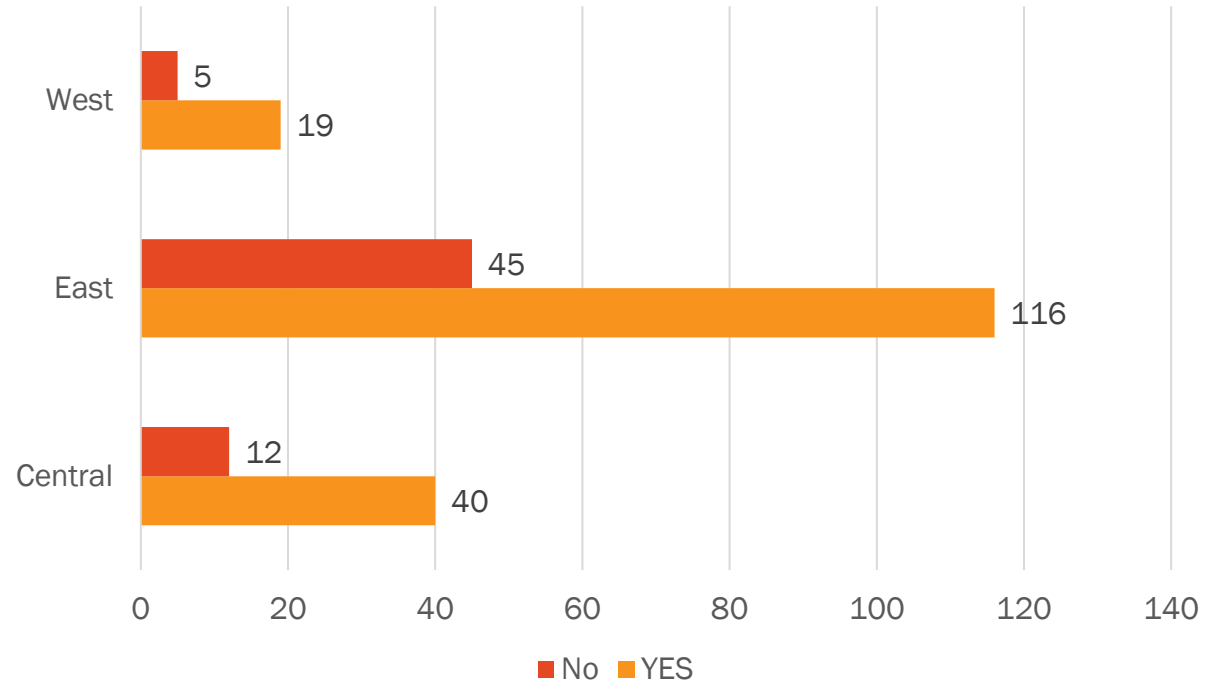
Should the football tournament begin after the regular season (Thanksgiving), consistent with other MIAA sports?



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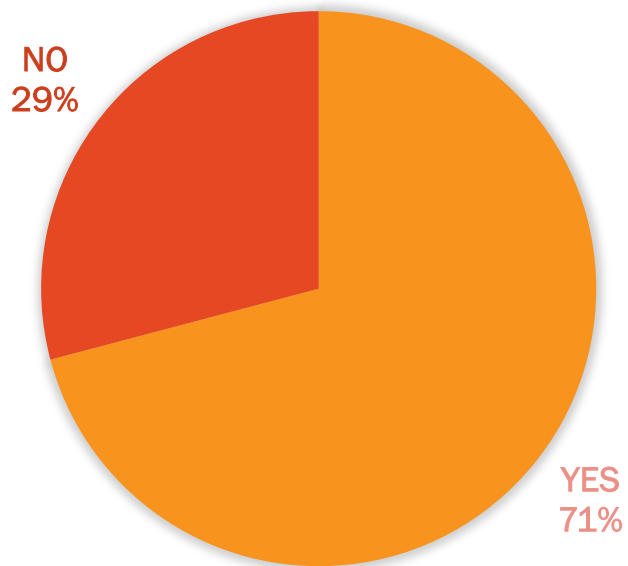
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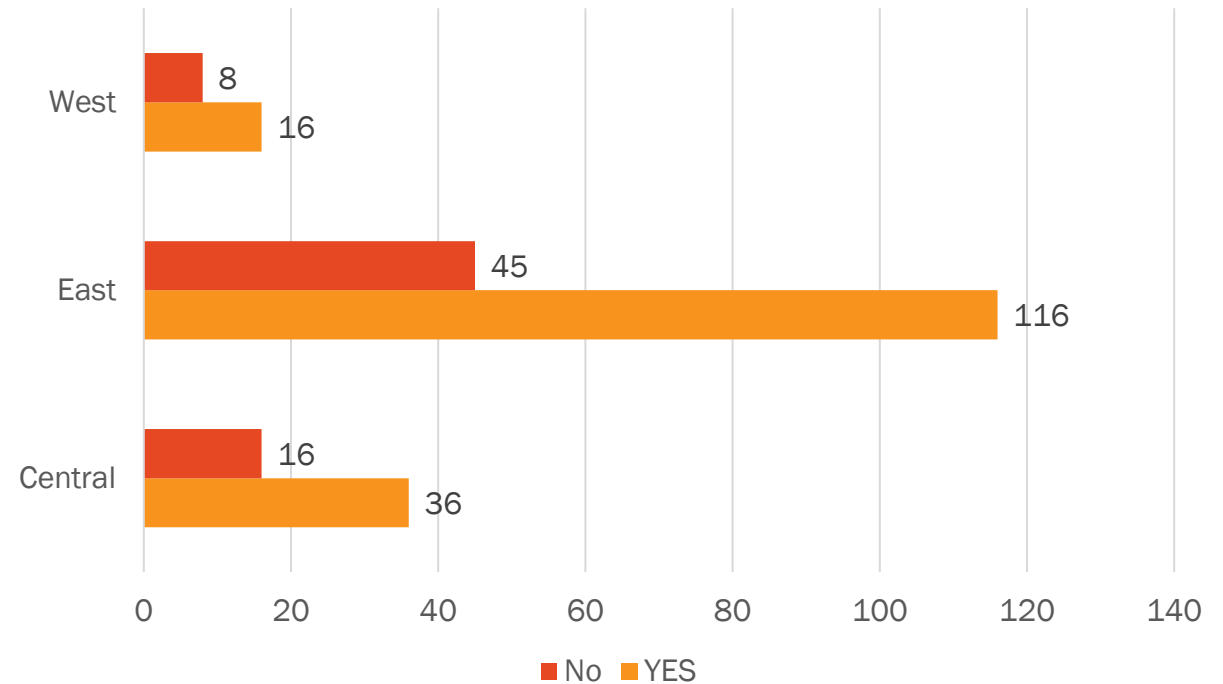
Would it benefit your program to play traditional league or rivalry games in November and have the flexibility to schedule additional non-league games earlier in the season, as opposed to a November tournament and/or consolation games?



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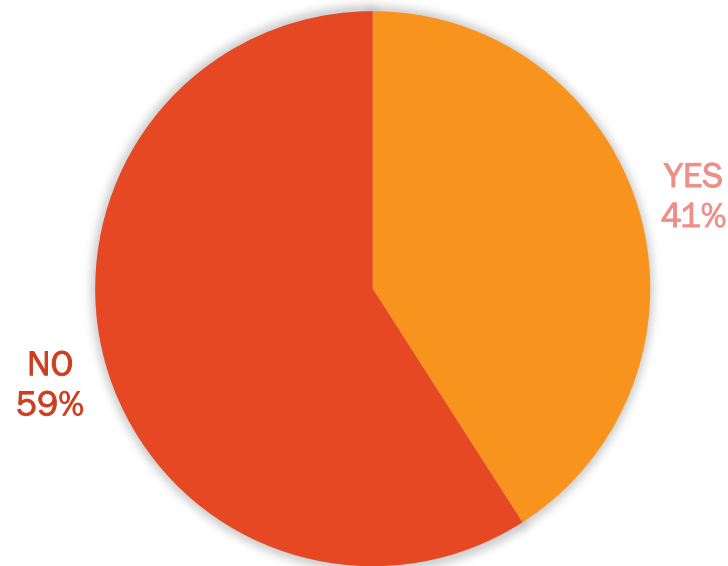
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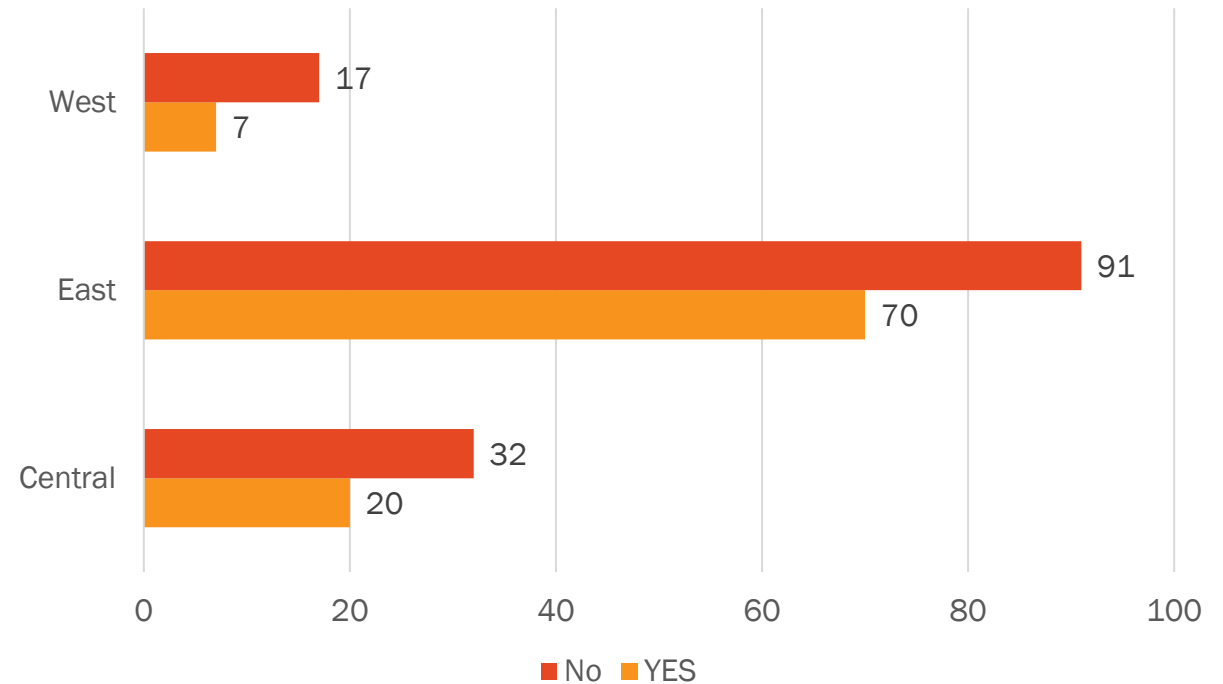
Understanding a 16-team tournament requires consolation games and/or bye weeks for teams that are not participating in the playoffs, should consolation games/byes be part of the football playoff format/tournament?



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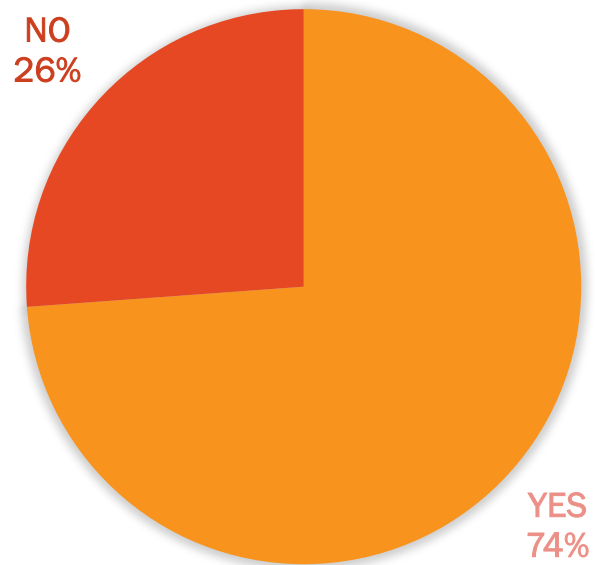
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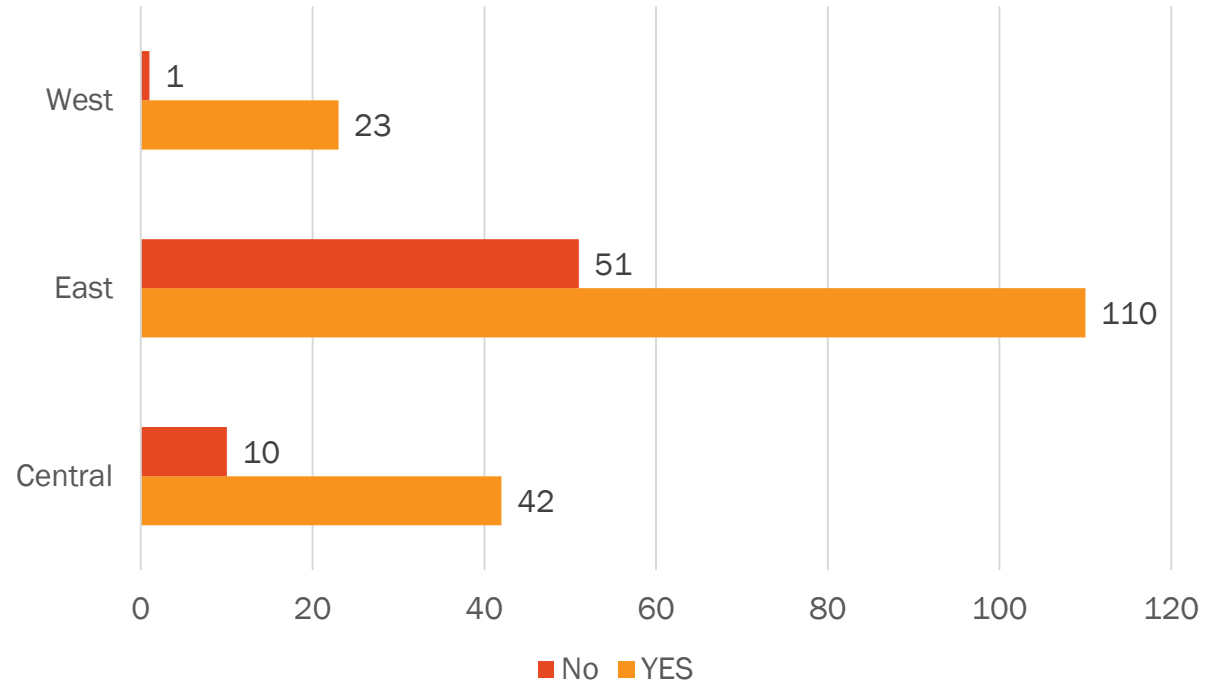
Should teams be required to have a winning record to qualify for the playoffs?



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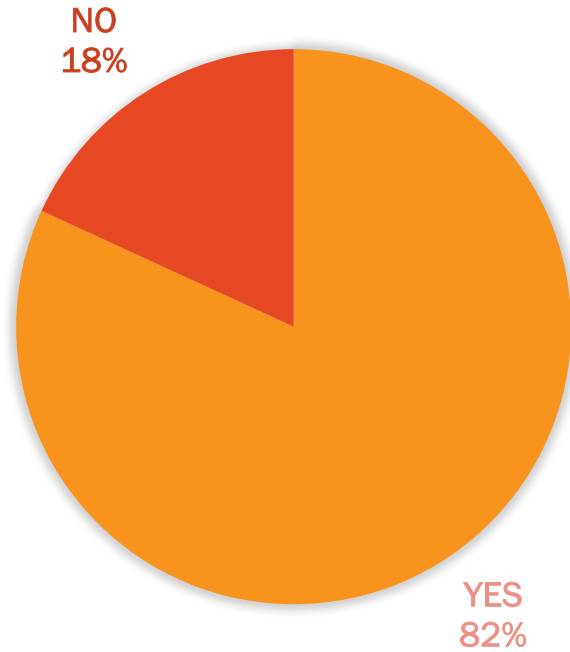
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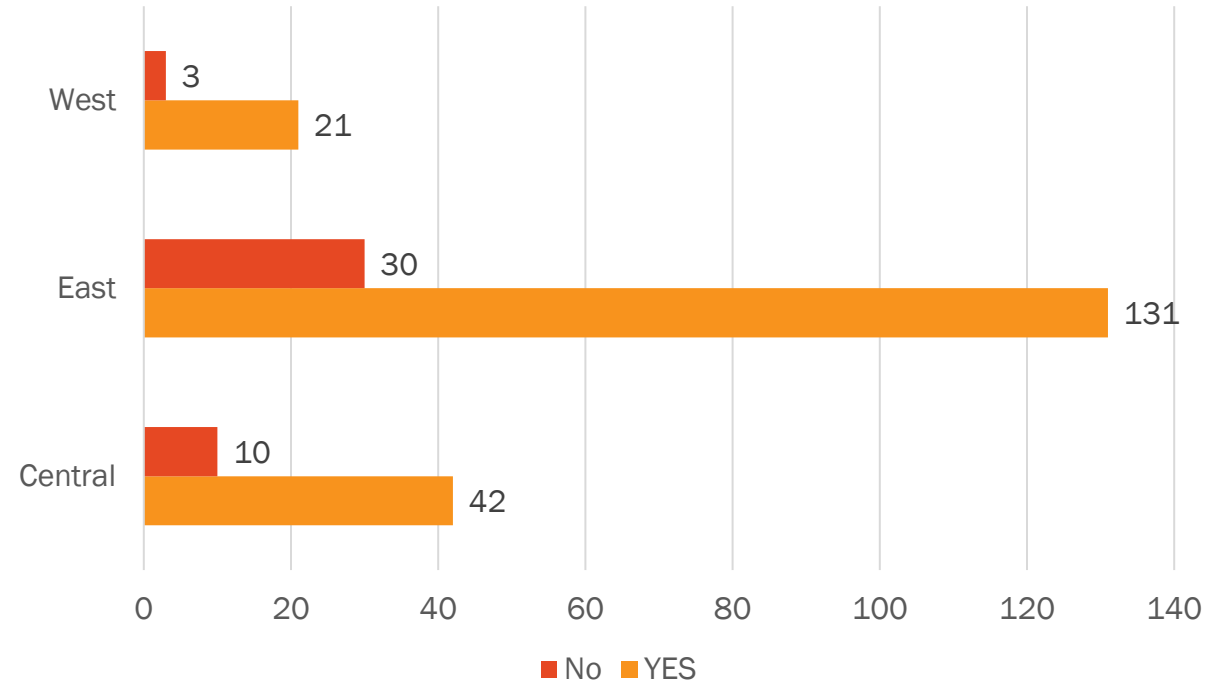
Do you support the recommendation to establish a policy to limit the number of teams in each division to maintain an equal path and percentage of teams participating in the post-season?



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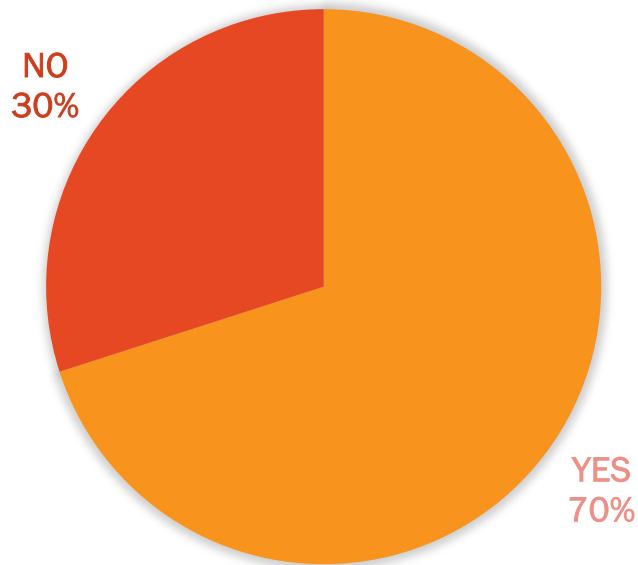
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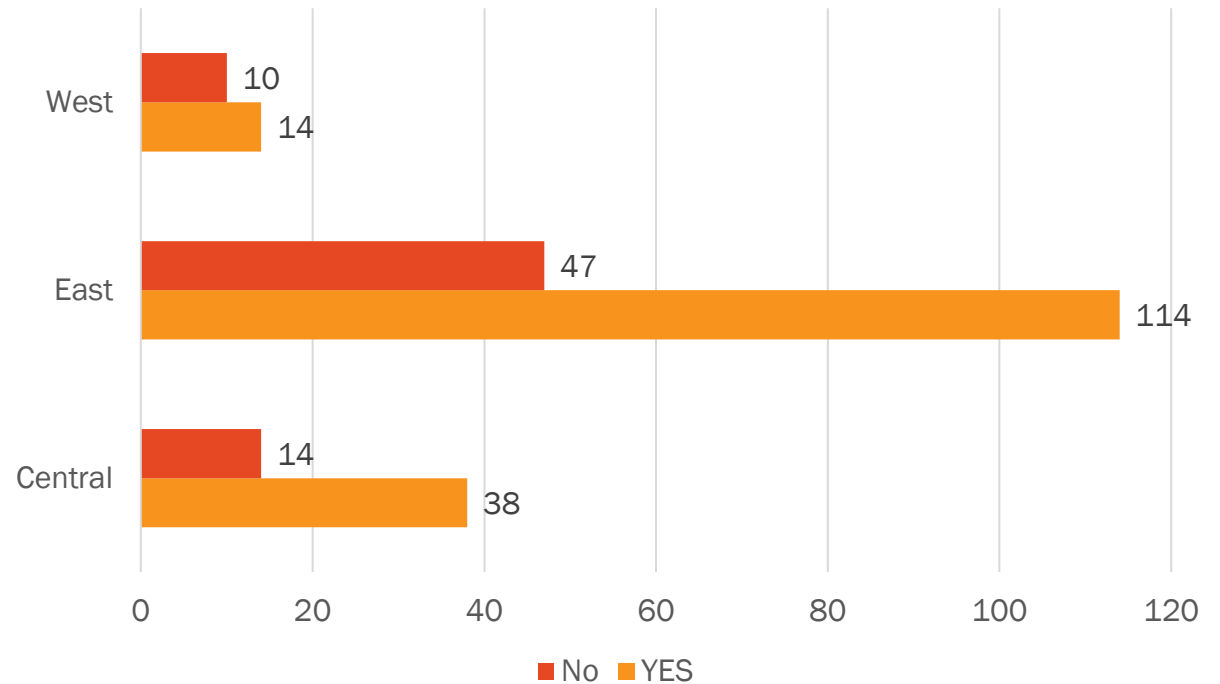
If teams play a 10-game regular season and the maximum number of teams in a division is 40, would you support an 8-team tournament?



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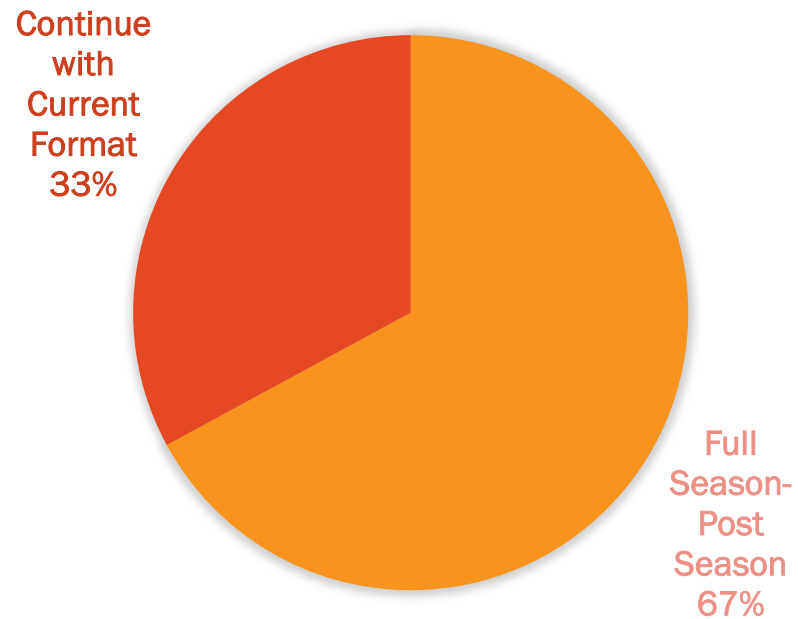
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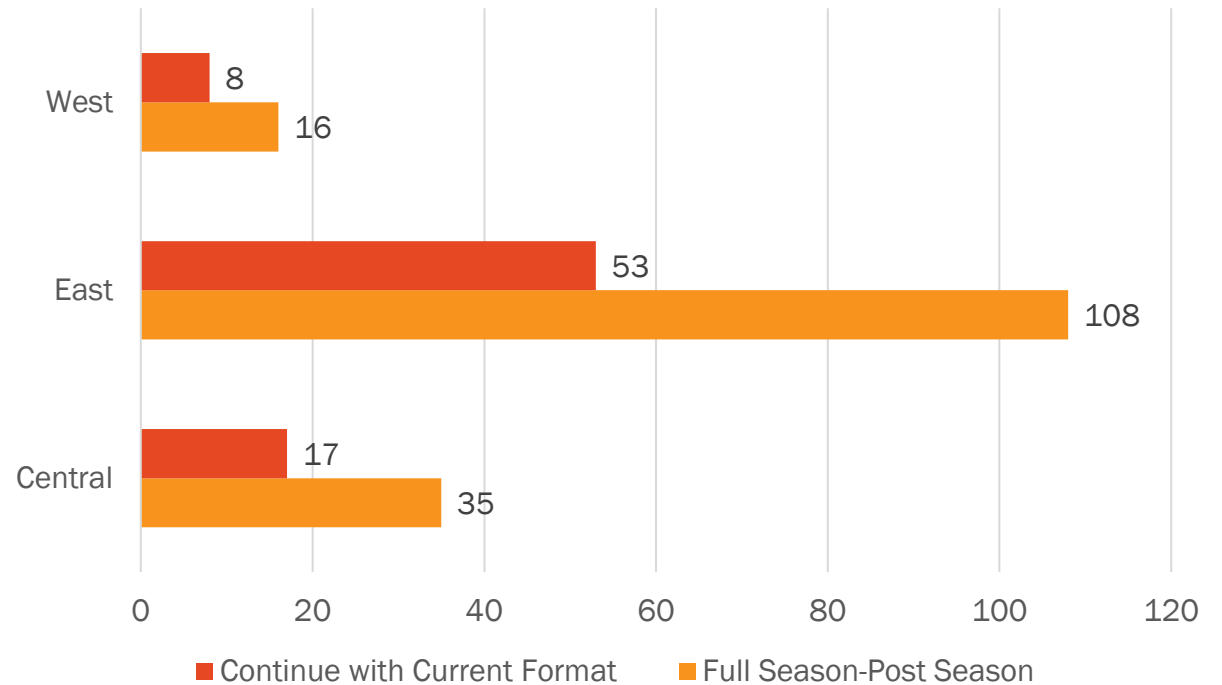
Which regular season and tournament format is best for Massachusetts high school football?



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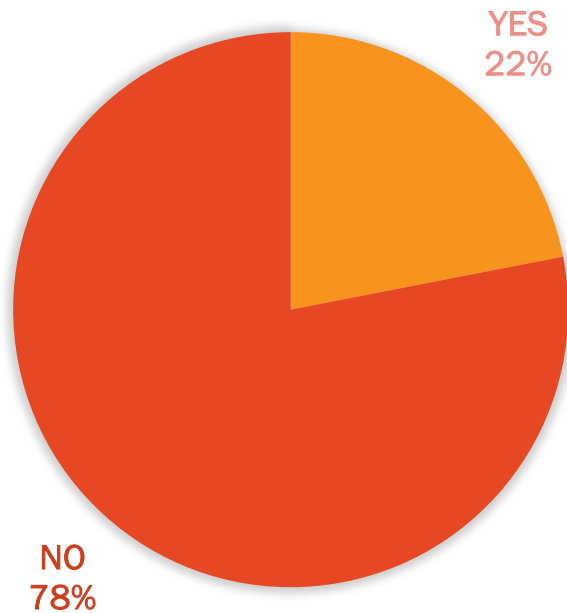
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Should Thanksgiving Day games be eliminated to offer a 10-game regular season and post-season tournament?



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