

2025 Realignment Survey

In January 2025, the NCHSTCA surveyed its membership, and the coaching community at large, regarding the various issues being discussed as part of the 2025 Realignment.

We had 92 responses in total, as follows:

Respondents By NCHSTCA Membership	
Members	Non-Members
39	53

Respondents By Classification	
Classification	Number
8A	10
7A	13
6A	15
5A	11
4A	16
3A	12
2A	9
1A	6

On the question of the desired size of the individual state tournaments, the coaches surveyed overwhelmingly prefer a 16-entry draw at the state championships.

Size of State Individual Tournaments			
	16 entries	8 entries	No preference
Members	33	3	2
Non Members	41	8	4
Total	74	11	6

Moreover, the coaches who support a 16-entry draw feel very strongly about it, with more than 75% stating that the matter was either “extremely important” or “very important”.

Importance of Keeping 16-entry draw				
	Extremely Important	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not at all Important
Members	11	16	5	1
Non-Members	13	16	11	1
Total	24	32	16	2

Regarding the NCHSTCA Individual Tournament Proposal to create two regional qualifiers for each region, the coaches were overwhelmingly in favor.

Endorse NCHSTCA Proposal on Regional Draws			
	Yes	No	No preference
Members	29	8	2
Non-members	33	13	7
Total	62	21	9

If the NCHSAA insists on an 8-entry state tournament, the coaches prefer having four regionals, each sending two representatives.

Regional Format in 8-entry State Tournament				
	4x2	2x4	8x1	No Preference
Members	23	10	3	3
Non-Members	30	9	5	9
Total	53	19	8	12

As regards the question of combining or keeping separate the 1A and 2A classifications, the coaches favor keeping the classifications separate for both the individual and dual-team championships.

In particular, the 1A and 2A coaches responded by a vote of 13-2 in favor of two state championships.

1A/2A Individual Tournament			
Classification	Combine	Keep Separate	No Preference
8A	1	4	5
7A	0	5	8
6A	4	3	8
5A	1	7	3
4A	1	2	13
3A	4	5	3
2A	1	8	0
1A	1	5	0
Total	13	39	40

1A/2A Dual-Team Tournament			
Classification	Combine	Keep Separate	No Preference
8A	1	4	4
7A	1	6	6
6A	3	4	8
5A	1	7	3
4A	1	1	14
3A	1	8	3
2A	1	8	0
1A	1	5	0
Total	10	43	38