

Level-Based Play Survey Results

We had 109 unique responses to our survey. Six individuals completed the survey twice, and the second entry was deleted from the results. The vast majority of respondents were coaches, though we did have a couple of athletic directors respond.

Demographics of Respondents

The respondents came from every type of school, every region of the state, and every classification.

| Reported School Type | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Traditional - defined attendance zone | 88 |
| Traditional - open enrollment policy | 7 |
| Magnet High School | 2 |
| Early College | 0 |
| Charter School | 8 |
| Parochial School | 3 |
| Special Population | 1 |
| Total | 109 |

| 2025-29 Classification | |
|------------------------|------------|
| 1A | 8 |
| 2A | 17 |
| 3A | 13 |
| 4A | 23 |
| 5A | 11 |
| 6A | 15 |
| 7A | 9 |
| 8A | 13 |
| Total | 109 |

Just more than one third of the respondents were NCHSTCA members.

| NCHSTCA Members | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Members | 39 |
| Non-Members | 70 |
| Total | 109 |

Responses Concerning Level-Based Play

The respondents were asked to rate six potential impacts on level-based play.

| Impact of Factors Affecting Athletic Success | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|----|---|----|----|----|----|---------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Average |
| Type of School and Its Attendance Zone | 5 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 15 | 29 | 47 | 5.752 |
| Geographic Setting (urban vs. rural, etc.) | 2 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 25 | 29 | 32 | 5.505 |
| The Quality of Coaching and Athletic Dept. | 5 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 32 | 23 | 27 | 5.266 |
| A Tradition of Athletic Success | 5 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 39 | 26 | 11 | 4.881 |
| The Quality of the County Recreation Department | 8 | 10 | 9 | 16 | 21 | 27 | 18 | 4.697 |
| The Presence of Sports Clubs and Travel Teams | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 19 | 33 | 35 | 5.574 |
| General Socio-Economic Level of the Community | 2 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 20 | 34 | 40 | 5.807 |

The respondents were asked which sports they believed were most impacted by the type of school competing.

| Sports Believed to Be Most Affected by Type of School | |
|---|---------------|
| | # of Mentions |
| Baseball | 51 |
| Basketball | 53 |
| Cross country | 32 |
| Football | 45 |
| Golf | 67 |
| Lacrosse | 55 |
| Soccer | 61 |
| Softball | 36 |
| Swimming | 61 |
| Tennis | 96 |
| Track & field | 28 |
| Volleyball | 46 |
| Wrestling | 21 |

The respondents were asked if they believed it to be fair for traditional schools with defined attendance zones to be playing in playoff brackets with other types of schools.

| Do you believe it is fair to have traditional schools in the same playoff brackets as non-traditional schools? | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| School Type | Yes | No | Not sure |
| T | 2 | 79 | 7 |
| O | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| M | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| C | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| P | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| S | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 12 | 86 | 11 |

Key to chart above (and chart below):

- T = Traditional school with defined attendance zone.
- O = Traditional school in a county with an open enrollment policy
- M = County-wide magnet school.
- C = Charter school
- P = Parochial school
- S = Special population school (NCSSM, etc)

The respondents were asked if they wanted the NCHSTCA to continue working on this issue.

| Should the NCHSTCA invest time and energy addressing this issue? | | | |
|---|-----------|----------|------------|
| School Type | Yes | No | No opinion |
| T | 81 | 1 | 4 |
| O | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| M | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| C | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| P | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| S | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 94 | 7 | 6 |