

## FB 4A Cross Bracket Survey

### Class 4A Cross Bracketing Survey - Football 2017

The Board of Control has asked that the member schools in Classes 2A, 3A and 4A be surveyed regarding playoff pairings. The Board members have received much positive feedback from member school representatives following their decision to "cross bracket" the football playoffs in Class 5A, much as the Class 6A (formerly 4A) has been done for many, many years.

With cross-bracketing, the districts are paired with different districts each year to form the first round of the playoffs. The current listing of cross-bracketing and its matchups can be found at <http://khsaa.org/regional-football-cross-bracketing/>

Feedback and points in favor have included -

- Football is already the only sport that doesn't play its early round postseason "in district" and as such, travel isn't as big an issue.
- Provided geographic extremes are prevented (i.e. preventing district 1 from pairing with district 8), the variety of pairings and "new" opponents keeps interest high
- The cross-bracketing prevents the same annual matchups from occurring which in some cases, has been an improvement over the same team always defeating the same team.
- Over the course of time, travel evens out
- Getting a chance to play "new" teams is a favorable point with the playoffs already, and this improves the situation

There are also opposing views that believe-

- Travel costs should be minimized
- Change is not good in this case
- Historically successful teams could be paired against historically successful teams earlier in the playoffs

Different schools will have different feelings and for that reason, each school's opinion is very important.

The Board will determine at its May meeting whether or not to cross-bracket Classes 2A, 3A and 4A in a similar manner to Classes 5A and 6A for the 2017 and 2018 playoffs. This survey will also guide the discussion of that topic as the Board begins its review of football for the 2019 statewide realignment.

Each school should submit only one united answer. Duplicate answers will prioritize the Principal's response first per Bylaw 1.

Please submit your response prior to April 28, 2017 at midnight ET.

\* 1. Pull down this menu to select your school-

\* 2. Does your school favor cross-bracketing the playoffs in Class 4A beginning in 2017?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)