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KFWC MS Weight-Class Update for 2025-2026 Season (Option C)

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Coaches,

The KFWC Board has voted to **implement Option C (17 weight classes)** for the **2025–2026 middle school season**. As part of this decision, the **70 lb. weight class will be evaluated at season's end** with emphasis on **middle school participation** numbers. With an additional weight class being added we will also look at overall participation to evaluate if we need to scale back to 16 weight classes.

New Middle School Weight Classes (Option C)

70, 77, 83, 89, 95, 101, 108, 115, 122, 129, 138, 144, 150, 165, 185, 205, 260

70 lb. Class — Season Evaluation

To ensure the 70 lb. class serves middle school participation (not elementary overflow), we'll review:

- **Entries per event** at 70 lb. (by grade when available)
- **Average bracket size & dual events** (byes, forfeits)
- **Comparisons to adjacent classes** (77/83)

Results snapshot from poll:

- **Most popular single choice:**
 - 1) **Option C (17 classes)** — 34 votes (31.5%)
 - 2) **Option A (16 classes, starting @ 75)** — 28 (25.9%)
 - 3) **Option B (16 classes starting @77)** — 25 (23.1%)
 - 4) **Option D: No change** — 21 (19.4%)
- **Ranked-choice (Borda style point system) winner:**
 - 1) **Option C** with the highest total score (296) and best average rank (2.26)
 - 2) **Option A** (283; 2.38)

3) **Option D** (256; 2.63),

4) **Option B** (254; 2.65).

- **“Most likely” (Rank-1):**

1) C 31.5% (≈34)

2) A 27.8% (≈30)

3) D 25.0% (≈27)

4) B 23.1% (≈25)

What do the numbers mean:

- **Overall:** Option **C (17 classes)** is the clear winner across all metrics — most single-pick votes (31.5%), best ranked-choice total (296), and the highest “most likely” share (31.5%).
- **If 17 classes were not offered:** Between the two 16-class proposals, a **majority prefer Option A (starts at 75) over Option B (starts at 77)**.
 - Head-to-head using coaches’ rankings: **~59% chose A over B**
 - Single-pick votes: **A 28 vs. B 25**.
 - Ranked-choice totals: **A 283 vs. B 254**; average rank **A 2.38 vs. B 2.65**
- **No change (current weight-classes) drew a consistent minority:** **19.4%** of single-pick votes and lower ranked-choice support than Options C and A.

Bottom line: Coaches favored **Option C** overall; and **if 17 classes were off the table, Option A is the preferred 16-class configuration.**

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