Parents of High School Athletes Speak Out on Performance-Enhancing Drugs: 
Broad Support for Testing, Less for Individual Penalties

Survey Questions

[Parents with children age 14-17, n= 332]

Performance-enhancing drugs are substances (such as steroids, testosterone, and human growth hormone) that are taken specifically for the purpose of improving sports performance.

1. Have you ever talked with your child(ren) about performance-enhancing drugs?
   - Yes
   - No

2. Do you know anyone younger than 18 in your community who has ever tried performance-enhancing drugs?
   - Yes
   - No

3. Does your oldest child’s school have a policy related to performance-enhancing drugs?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unsure

4. Should all middle school and high school coaches be required to communicate with student athletes the dangers of performance-enhancing drugs?
   - Yes
   - No

5. Should high school athletes be randomly tested for performance-enhancing drugs?
   - Yes
   - No
6. If a student tests positive for performance-enhancing drugs, which of the following should take place? (check all that apply)

- Provide the student with a counseling and treatment program
- Ban the student from the sports team for the remainder of the season
- Ban the student from all sports teams for a school year
- Inform the state high school athletic association
- Forfeit any individual win, award or record received
- Forfeit any team win or award received

7. Should schools be required to report the number and percentage of students who test positive for performance-enhancing drugs to the state government?

- Yes
- No

8. Who do you think should pay for the testing of high school athletes for performance-enhancing drugs? (check all that apply)

- Schools
- State government
- Federal government
- Parents/ player fee
- Team funds

Participants were also asked demographic questions on age, gender, health status, annual household income, education, race/ ethnicity, health insurance status and the presence of children in the household. Parents were also asked questions regarding child(ren)'s age, gender and health status.