BASKETBALL RANKINGS INFORMATION PACKAGE - 2026/27

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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1A Boys	**Daryn Galatiuk** North Region	**TBD** South Region	**Ian Murdoch** Central Region	
2A Boys	**Josh Majoros** North Region	**Lee Woodward** Central Region	**AJ Bergenhenengouwen** South Region	
3A Boys	**Brandon Stroki** North Region	**Rob Cross** Central Region	**BJ Melle** South Region	
4A Boys	**Lynden Nummi** South Region	**Mike Sera** Central Region	**Owen Martin** North Region	
5A Boys	**Brett Ralph** South Region	**Sunny Minas** Central Region	**Joshua McJannet** North Region	**Sam Aiello** Rural Region
1A Girls	**Dallas Bjornson** North Region	**Cody Magneson** Central Region	**TBD** South Region	
2A Girls	**Brad Harrop** North Region	**TBD** Central Region	**Michael Greeno** South Region	
3A Girls	**Wade Hicks** North Region	**Peter Saik** Central Region	**Janice Laing** South Region	
4A Girls	**Aimee Wilson** South Region	**Kathy Lalor** Central Region	**Don Finlayson** North Region	
5A Girls	**Chris Harris** South Region	**Sheldon Brady** Central Region	**Lauren Green** North Region	

RANKING GUIDELINES

ROLE OF THE RANKER

- Communicate with the other rankers and the Commissioner during each ranking period to ensure their region is represented accurately in the rankings
- Present an unbiased view of the results. Be able to defend their rankings to the Commissioner
- Construct regional rankings that best represent the results
- Determine an overall provincial ranking based on results
- Create the final seedings with the other rankers and the Commissioner
- Create a provincial draw that is fair

RANKINGS

All five classifications (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A) will have the same ranking schedule.
The goal of creating rankings is to:

- Create the most balanced/competitive provincial draw ensuring each team and zone is represented fairly
- Inform teams where they stand in relation to their competition
- Create buzz surrounding performance in our province

FIRST RANKINGS: Nov 25 - Dec 15, 2026

The first ranking period will look at scores from the beginning of the season to before the holiday break. These rankings are intended to build a solid foundation. The order of criteria will be:

- Body of Work
- Strength of Schedule
- Head to Head
- Common Opponents

**Please note that the Opt-Up Deadline is December 14, 2026. Teams will be ranked in the Classification (1A, 2A, 3A ,4A or 5A) as indicated to date in the SRS.*

SECOND RANKINGS: Dec 16, 2026 - Feb 2, 2027

The second rankings will be cumulative rankings of the season to the end of January.

FINAL RANKINGS: Feb 3 - Feb 23, 2027

The final rankings will be the cumulative rankings of the season. The criteria for the final rankings are:

- Body of Work
- Recent Results
- Strength of Schedule
- Head to Head
- Common Opponents

**Wildcards will be given to zones based on these rankings and the provincial seeding process will rely heavily on these rankings.*

CHAMPIONSHIP SEEDINGS: Mar 15, 2027

The provincial seeding call is not a ranking call. In order of priority, the following will guide the seedings:

- Body of work, including all games played after the final ranking period
- Placing in Zone Championship

Every effort will be made to prevent teams from the same zone meeting in their first game of the provincial competition. Due to the short timeframe involved, tournament seedings may not be appealed.

RANKING CRITERIA

BODY OF WORK

The following components, not in order of importance, are factored when looking at a team's body of work:

- Overall Record - team's win/loss record
- Strength of Schedule
    - Does the team's overall record include games against quality opponents?
    - Record against quality teams?
    - Did the team make an effort to play teams from outside of their zone?
    - Were the teams quality wins at the beginning of the season or near the end?
    - What bad losses did the team suffer?

HEAD TO HEAD RESULTS

Head to head matchups are critical when comparing teams. However, they do not trump everything else that occurs during the season. If Team A defeats Team B in November, that result will be used when ranking the teams during the first ranking period. During the final rankings, the result will count towards a team's body of work and will be used to break a tie for teams.

COMMON OPPONENTS

Similar to head to head results, common opponents will be used when comparing two teams. It is too difficult to start with head to head results and common opponents when completing the rankings. They are useful though when determining where a team deserves to be ranked after evaluating the body of work and strength of schedule.

QUALITY OPPONENTS

1A	2A	3A
• 3A, 4A or 5A Team • Ranked 2A Team • Ranked 1A Team	• 4A or 5A Team • Ranked 3A Team • Top 5 Ranked Zone Team • Top 10 Ranked 1A Team	• Ranked 3A, 4A or 5A Team • Top 5 Zone Ranked Team • Top 10 2A Team • Top 5 1A Team

4A	5A
• Ranked 4A Team • Top 7 Zone Ranked Team (Edmonton or Calgary) • Ranked 3A Team • Top 5 1A or 2A Team	• Ranked 5A Team • Top 5 Zone Ranked Team ○ (Zone strength considered) • Ranked Top 10 4A Team • Ranked Top 3 3A Team

RANKING TIMELINE

Period	Description	All Classes
First Ranking **Nov 25 - Dec 15**	**OPT UP DEADLINE* *Please be sure to confirm your team's classifications in SRS before the deadline. Teams will be ranked as indicated in SRS.*	**Dec 14, 2026**
	Rankers review SRS for game results for the first period (Nov 25 - Dec 15) and submit their regional top 10 and honourable mentions into the ranking system for viewing by other rankers; discussion among rankers to take place.	**Dec 16, 2026**
	Ranker to choose their Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions from among the regional selections.	**Dec 17, 2026**
	Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions for all classifications are posted on the School Sport Alberta website.	**Dec 18, 2026**
Second Ranking **Dec 16 - Feb 2**	Rankers review SRS for game results for the second period (Dec 16 - Feb 2) and submit their regional Top 10 and honourable mentions into the ranking system for viewing by other rankers; discussion among rankers to take place.	**Feb 3, 2027**
	Ranker to choose their Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions from among the regional selections.	**Feb 4, 2027**
	Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions for all classifications are posted on the School Sport Alberta website.	**Feb 5, 2027**
Final Rankings **Feb 3 - Feb 23**	Rankers review SRS for game results for the final period (Feb 3 - Feb 23) and submit their regional Top 10 and honourable mentions into the ranking system for viewing by other rankers; discussion among rankers to take place.	**Feb 24, 2027**
	Ranker to choose their Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions from among the regional selections.	**Feb 25, 2027**
	Provincial top 10 and honourable mentions for all classifications are posted on the SSA website.	**Feb 26, 2027**
	Wildcard allocations are posted on the School Sport Alberta website.	**Feb 27, 2027**
Appeals Process	Schools or zones wishing to appeal the final rankings will be able to in accordance with the guidelines established in the SSA Policy Handbook. Appeals will not be considered unless the applicant has submitted by the deadline, along with a suggested alternate ranking and rationale. Noon deadline for schools/zones to appeal final rankings.	**Mar 2, 2027**
	Noon deadline for commissioner(s) to communicate a verdict on appeals	**Mar 4, 2027**
Seeding Calls	4A: Thursday, March 11, 2026 - 3:00 pm 5A: Thursday, March 11, 2026 - 4:00pm 1A: Sunday, March 15, 2026 - 11:00am 2A: Sunday, March 15, 2026 - 12:00pm 3A: Sunday, March 15, 2026 - 1:00 pm	**Mar 11, 2027** **Mar 15, 2027**
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