Volleyball RANKINGS INFORMATION PACKAGE - 2026/27

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2A Boys	Chris Manderson North Region	Darren Dokken Central Region	Leigh Bretzlaff South Region	
3A Boys	Gerry Nickel North Region	Hans Haugen Central Region	Fauve Welsh South Region	
4A Boys	Peter Peraino North East	Troy Bontus Edmonton	Cole Hintz South Central	Matt Hammel South
5A Boys	Brandon O'Dwyer Calgary	Travis Czainski Central	Andrew Bots Edmonton	Dustin McCubbing South
1A Girls	Reuben Baker North Region	Ryan Duffett Central Region	Vacant South Region	
2A Girls	Wade Johnson North Region	Central Region Vacant	Shauna Vaughan South Region	
3A Girls	Trent Kusch North East	Vacant Central	Ethan Redpath South	
4A Girls	Caelin Foulston Edmonton	Calgary - Vacant	Central - Vacant	Jeremy Davies South Central
5A Girls	Vacant Calgary	Danielle Newton Central	Grant Melnyk Edmonton	Derek Usman South

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

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:

Please note that the Opt-Up Deadline is September 25, 2026. Teams will be ranked in the Classification (1A, 2A, 3A ,4A or 5A) as indicated to date in the SRS.
The first ranking period will look at scores from the beginning of the season to the end of September. 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

SECOND RANKINGS:

The second rankings will be cumulative rankings of the season from the beginning of September to middle of October.

FINAL RANKINGS:

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

CHAMPIONSHIP SEEDINGS:

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

4A	5A
• Ranked 4A Team • Top 7 Zone Ranked Team (Edmonton or Calgary) • Ranked 3A 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 **Sept 1 - Sept 27**	**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.*	**Sept 27, 2026**
	Rankers review SRS for game results for the first period (Sept 1 -Sept 27) and submit their regional top 10 into the ranking system for viewing by other rankers; discussion among rankers to take place.	**Sept 27, 2026**
	Ranker to choose their Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions (from among the regional selections for 1A-3A ONLY).	**Sept 29, 2026**
	Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions for all classifications are posted on the School Sport Alberta website (All Classifications).	**Sept 30, 2026**
Second Ranking **Sept 28 - October 18**	Rankers review SRS for game results for the second period (Sept 28 - Oct 18) and submit their regional Top 10 and honourable mentions into the ranking system for viewing by other rankers; discussion among rankers to take place.	**Oct 18, 2026**
	Ranker to choose their Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions (from among the regional selections for 1A-3A ONLY).	**Oct 20, 2026**
	Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions for all classifications are posted on the School Sport Alberta website (All Classifications).	**Oct 21, 2026**
Final Rankings **October 18 - November 8**	Rankers review SRS for game results for the final period (Oct 19 - Nov 8) and submit their regional Top 10 and honourable mentions into the ranking system for viewing by other rankers; discussion among rankers to take place.	**Nov 8, 2026**
	Ranker to choose their Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions (from among the regional selections for 1A-3A ONLY).	**Nov 10, 2026**
	Provincial top 10 and honourable mentions for all classifications are posted on the SSA website (All Classifications).	**Nov 12, 2026**
Wildcard and Provincial Seeding (1A-5A)	Provincial Tournament rankings will be posted on SSA Website **Thursday, November 19 -** Meeting for wildcard selection and Provincial Rankings (4A - 5A) **Sunday, November 22 -** Meeting for wildcard selection and Provincial Rankings (1A - 3A) **Monday, November 23 -** Provincial Tournament rankings will be posted on SSA website **5A will be completed as soon as all the zones have completed their playoffs**	**Nov 19 - 23, 2026**
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