



BASKETBALL RANKINGS INFORMATION PACKAGE - 2025/26

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2A Boys	Josh Majoros North Region	Lee Woodward Central Region	AJ Bergenhenengouwen South Region	
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4A Boys	Lynden Nummi South Region	Mike Sera South Central	Owen Martin Edmonton Region	
5A Boys	Brett Ralph South Region	Sunny Minas Calgary Region	Joshua McJannet Edmonton Region	Sam Aiello Rural Region
1A Girls	Cody Magneson Central Region	TBD South Region	Josh Majoros North Region	
2A Girls	Michael Greeno South Region	Jonathan Bell Central Region	Brad Harrop North Region	
3A Girls	Peter Saik Central Region	Janice Laing South Region	Wade Hicks North Region	
4A Girls	Aimee Wilson South Region	Jill de Jonge Central Region	Mike Shipley Edmonton Region	
5A Girls	Chris Harris South Region	Sheldon Brady Calgary Region	Lauren Green Edmonton 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 1 - Dec 16, 2025

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

SECOND RANKINGS: Dec 17, 2025 - Feb 3, 2026

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

**Please note that the Opt-Up Deadline is January 8, 2026. Teams will be ranked in the Classification (1A, 2A, 3A, 4A or 5A) as indicated to date in the SRS.*

FINAL RANKINGS: Feb 4 - Feb 24, 2026

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, 2026

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 August, 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3A, 4A or 5A Team• Ranked 2A Team• Ranked 1A Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4A or 5A Team• Ranked 3A Team• Top 5 Ranked Zone Team• Top 10 Ranked 1A Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ranked 3A, 4A or 5A Team• Top 5 Zone Ranked Team• Top 10 2A Team• Top 5 1A Team

4A	5A
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ranked 4A Team• Top 7 Zone Ranked Team (Edmonton or Calgary)• Ranked 3A Team• Top 5 1A or 2A Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ranked 5A Team• Top 5 Zone Ranked Team<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ (Zone strength considered)• Ranked Top 10 4A Team• Ranked Top 3 3A Team

RANKING TIMELINE

Period	Description	All Classes
Nov 1 - Dec 16	Rankers review SRS for game results for the first period (Nov 1 - Dec 16) 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 17, 2025
	Ranker to choose their Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions from among the regional selections.	Dec 18, 2025
	Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions for all classifications are posted on the School Sport Alberta website.	Dec 19, 2025
Dec 17 - Feb 3	*OPT UP DEADLINE* <i>Please be sure to confirm your team's classifications in SRS before the deadline. Teams will be ranked as indicated in SRS.</i>	Jan 8, 2026
	Rankers review SRS for game results for the second period (Dec 17 - Feb 3) 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 4, 2026
	Ranker to choose their Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions from among the regional selections.	Feb 5, 2026
Feb 4 - Feb 24	Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions for all classifications are posted on the School Sport Alberta website.	Feb 6, 2026
	Rankers review SRS for game results for the final period (Feb 4 - Feb 24) 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 25, 2026
	Ranker to choose their Provincial Top 10 and honourable mentions from among the regional selections.	Feb 26, 2026
Appeals Process	Provincial top 10 and honourable mentions for all classifications are posted on the SSA website.	Feb 27, 2026
	Wildcard allocations are posted on the School Sport Alberta website.	Feb 27, 2026
Seeding Calls	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 3, 2026
	Noon deadline for commissioner(s) to communicate a verdict on appeals	Mar 5, 2026
Seeding Calls	1A: Sunday, March 15, 2025 - 11:00am 2A: Sunday, March 15, 2025 - 12:00pm 3A: Sunday, March 15, 2025 - 1:00 pm 4A: Sunday, March 15, 2025 - 2:00 pm 5A: Sunday, March 15, 2025 - 3:00pm	Mar 15, 2026
SCHOOL SPORT ALBERTA BASKETBALL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: MARCH 19 - 21, 2026		