



# ASAA Basketball

## Ranking Guidelines

### First Ranking Period

The first ranking period will look at scores from the beginning of the season to the first 2 weeks of January. This will be the largest ranking period in order to build a solid foundation. The order of criteria will be:

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

### Second Ranking Period

The second ranking period will look at scores from after exam break to the middle of February. This ranking period should reflect a cumulative ranking of the season. The order of criteria will be:

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

### Final Rankings

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

- Body of Work
- Strength of Schedule
- Ranking Period Results
- 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.

### Provincial Seeding

The provincial seeding conference call is not a ranking call. It is the job of the ranking committee to produce the most competitive draw based on the teams that have qualified for provincials and their final ranking standings. The goal is to have a balanced draw that best reflects the entire season for the teams being represented at provincials. Once the ranking committee gets the teams who qualified, they will rank them 1-12 or 1-16. If any 2 teams are from the same zone and matched up in the first round, it will be the ranking committees call whether it is okay to move them.

## Body of Work

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

- Overall Record
  - What was Team A's win/loss record?
- Strength of Schedule
  - Did Team A's overall record include games against quality opponents?
  - What was Team A's record against quality teams?
  - Were Team A's quality wins at the beginning of the season or near the end?
  - Did Team A make an effort to play teams from outside of their zone?
  - What bad losses did the team suffer?
- Ranking Period Results
  - How did Team A fare in each ranking period?
  - Were there any ranking periods where Team A did not appear in the rankings? If so, why?

*\*Each ranker will use the previous guidelines to assess body of work. The individual ranker will bring their own subjectivity to the rankings with emphasis placed more on certain areas of the criteria.*

## Quality Opponents

### 4A

- Ranked 4A opponent
- Top 7 zone ranked opponent (Calgary and Edmonton)
- Ranked 3A opponent

### 3A

- Ranked 4A opponent
- Top 10 ranked 4A opponent
- Ranked 3A opponent
- Top 5 zone ranked opponent
- Top 10 ranked 2A opponent

### 2A

- 4A opponent
- Ranked 3A opponent
- Top 5 ranked zone opponent
- Top 10 ranked 1A opponent

### 1A

- 3A or 4A opponent
- Ranked 2A opponents
- Ranked 1A opponents

## Ranking Criteria

### Head to Head Results

Head to head match ups are critical when comparing teams. However, they do not trump everything else that occurs during the season. If Team A defeats Team B in December, that result will be used when ranking the teams during the first ranking period. For Ranking Period 2 and 3, that result will be used only to break a "tie" between teams. 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 2 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.

## **Rankings**

The goal of creating basketball rankings is to:

- Inform teams from around the province where they stand in relation to opponents in their classification level.
- Create the most balanced and competitive provincial draw ensuring each team and zone is represented fairly.
- Create buzz surrounding basketball in our province.

## **Ranking Timeline:**

**First Ranking Period:** Email communication between rankers to determine provincial top 10 and honorable mention.

**Mid-February Ranking Period:** Email communication between rankers using the second ranking period results to determine provincial top 10 and honorable mention.

**Final Ranking Period:** Email communication between rankers using the third ranking period results to determine provincial top 10 and honorable mention.

**Provincial Seeding:** 45 minute conference call to determine provincial seeding based on final rankings and zone results.

## **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.
- Construct regional rankings that best represent the results.
- Determine an overall provincial ranking based on results and regional rankings.
- Create the final rankings with the other rankers and the commissioner.
- Create a provincial draw to be submitted to the ASAA for approval.

### **Rankers Checklist**

- Can I justify this ranking based on the criteria outlined in the chart:
  - Body of Work
  - Strength of Schedule
  - Head to Head
  - Common Opponents
- Have I ranked each team objectively and without bias?
- Are the rankings reflective of where that team is currently at, not where they were 2 months ago?