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Memo

To: ASAA Member Schools
 Date: March 1, 2024
 From: Brad Van Raalte, Assistant Executive Director
 cc: Suzy Kavanagh & Chad Watson, ASAA Basketball Commissioners
 Re: Basketball Wildcard and Vacant Berth Allocations

ASAA Member Schools,

The Final Rankings were posted yesterday on the [ASAA website](http://www.asaa.ca) and on Instagram. Schools or zones wishing to appeal the final rankings must submit the appeal to the respective commissioner (with a cc to brad@asaa.ca) by Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at noon. The commissioner will consult with the appropriate ranking committee and communicate a verdict by Thursday, March 7, 2024 at noon.

The ASAA awards wildcards and vacant berths in basketball as per Policy Section X.7 & 8.

The 2024 wildcards are awarded to zones as follows:

Wildcard	1A Boys	1A Girls	2A Boys	2A Girls	3A Boys	3A Girls	4A Boys	4A Girls
1	South	Central	Calgary	South	South Central	South Central	South	South
2	North West	South Central	South	South Central	Edmonton	Edmonton	Calgary	Edmonton
3	South Central	South	Vacant*	Calgary	Vacant**	Central	Vacant***	Vacant****
4	Central	North East	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*As per policy, the Edmonton Zone cannot fill this wildcard. Therefore, this becomes a vacant berth.

**As per policy, the North East Zone cannot fill this wildcard. Therefore, this becomes a vacant berth.

*** As per policy, the Edmonton Zone cannot fill this wildcard. Therefore, this becomes a vacant berth.

***No zones can fill this wildcard. Therefore, this becomes a vacant berth.



The 2024 vacant berths are awarded to zones as follows:

1A girls: The Calgary/Edmonton zone has vacated their berth. Based on policy, this berth goes to the Central Zone as the highest ranked zone after the final ranking period. Therefore, the **Central Zone** now receives three berths in 1A girls (one zone berth, one wildcard, one vacant).

2A boys: As the third ranked zone, the Edmonton Zone does not have enough teams in the final rankings to fill the zone champion, host berth and wildcard berth. Based on policy, this berth goes to the Calgary Zone as the highest ranked zone after the final ranking period. Therefore, the **Calgary Zone** receives three berths in 2A boys (one zone berth, one wildcard, one vacant).

3A boys: As the third ranked zone, the North East Zone does not have a second team in the rankings, and therefore the wildcard becomes a vacant berth. Based on policy, this berth would normally go to the South Central Zone as the highest ranked zone after the final ranking period, however, as Strathmore is the host, the South Central Zone already has the maximum three berths allowed in policy. Therefore, the vacant berth goes to the next highest ranked zone, **Edmonton**, which now receives three berths in 3A boys (one zone berth, one wildcard, one vacant).

4A boys:

1. The North East zone has vacated their berth. Based on policy, this berth goes to the South Zone as the highest ranked zone after the final ranking period. Therefore, the **South Zone** now receives four berths in 4A boys (two zone berths, one wildcard, one vacant).
2. As the third ranked zone, the Edmonton Zone does not have a fourth team in the rankings, therefore the wildcard becomes a vacant berth. Policy is unclear on how a second vacancy should be awarded. The ASAA Boys Basketball Commissioner with the support of the ASAA Executive Director has determined that this second vacant berth should go to the South Central Zone as it has two teams in the top 10 and only one berth in provincials. Therefore, the **South Central Zone** now receives two berths in 4A boys (one zone berth, one vacant).

4A girls:

1. The North East zone has vacated their berth. Based on policy, this berth goes to the South Zone as the highest ranked zone after the final ranking period. Therefore, the **South Zone** now receives four berths in 4A girls (two zone berths, one wildcard, one vacant)
2. No zones can fill the third wildcard, which creates a second vacant berth. Policy is unclear on how a second vacant berth should be awarded. The ASAA Girls Basketball Commissioner with the support of the ASAA Executive Director has determined that this second vacant berth should go to the Edmonton Zone as it has six teams in the top 15 versus the South Zone which has five teams in the top 15. Therefore, the **Edmonton Zone** now receives five berths in 4A girls (three zone berths, one wildcard, one vacant)

The relevant policies mentioned above can be found on [pages 53-55 of the ASAA Policy Handbook](#).

Please contact brad@asaa.ca if you have any questions.