



Football Rankings Information Package 2024

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Ranking Guidelines



Rankings

The ASAA does football rankings for the 5A classification only.

The goal of creating rankings is to:

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

First Rankings

These rankings are intended to build a solid foundation. The order of criteria will be:

- Body of Work
- Head to Head
- Common Opponents

Ranking Timeline

First Ranking Period:

Scores are reviewed weekly from the beginning of the season to the end of September.

Communication between rankers commences after the opt-up deadline to confirm eligible teams and to discuss initial observations.

Conference call in early October to determine the top 10.

Final Ranking Period and Provincial Seeding:

Scores continue to be reviewed weekly throughout October with final rankings determined in early November.

Provincial seedings are based on the top 8 teams from the final rankings. Seedings may differ from final rankings to ensure no zone playoff rematches in opening round games.

Final Rankings and Provincial Seedings

The criteria for the final rankings will be:

- Body of Work
- Zone Championship Results
- Head to Head
- Common Opponents

It is the job of the ranking committee to produce the most competitive provincial draw based on the top 8 ranked teams. The goal is to have a balanced draw that best reflects the entire season. The seedings will avoid opening round games matching up two teams from the same league or zone provided that the integrity of the draw is not compromised.

*note: undefeated teams at the time of final rankings are guaranteed a spot in the top 8.

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.
- Determine an overall provincial ranking based on results.
- Create a provincial draw that is fair.

Ranking Criteria



Body of Work

The following components, not in 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? (Top-5 ranked 5A or Top-3 ranked 4A opponent)
 - 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?

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.

***Each ranker will use these 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.**

Ranking Timeline



First Ranking Period: August 15 - September 30

Tuesday, October 1

Deadline for all teams to have submitted game results.

Rankers review SRS for game results for the first period and submit their top 10 into the ranking system for viewing by other rankers.

Wednesday, October 2 @ 8:00pm

Conference call for discussion to attempt to reach consensus on top 10. If no consensus, each ranker will finalize their submission.

Thursday, October 5

Chairperson (commissioner) to finalize the rankings (including breaking any ties) and submit to the ASAA office by noon.

Rankings are posted on the ASAA website by noon.

**Please note that the Opt-Up Application Deadline is September 25. Only teams registered in 5A by October 1 are eligible to be ranked. Schools may not rescind their opt-up decision.*

Final Ranking Period: October 1 - November 2

Saturday, November 2

6:00 pm

Deadline for all teams to have submitted game results, unless they play a game that ends later.

Rankers review SRS for game results for the final period and submit their top 10 into the ranking system for viewing by other rankers by 7:00pm.

7:00pm

Conference call for discussion to attempt to reach consensus on top 10. If no consensus, each ranker will finalize their submission. Chairperson (commissioner) to finalize the rankings (including breaking any ties) and report back to the committee by 8:00pm.

After the final rankings are completed, the ranking committee will create the ASAA provincial draw by seeding the top 8 teams. It is the job of the committee to produce the most competitive draw. The goal is to have a balanced draw that best reflects the entire season. The seedings will avoid opening round games matching up two teams from the same league or zone provided that the integrity of the draw is not compromised.

9:00pm

Bracket posted on the ASAA website

Appeal Process

Schools wishing to appeal the final rankings and/or draw will be able to in accordance with the timeline below:

Sunday, November 3

- 2:00pm - Deadline to submit appeal
- 7:00pm - Pre-scheduled meeting of the committee to review any appeals
- 9:00pm - If the appeal is successful, updated Final Rankings are posted on the ASAA website

Appeals must be accompanied by a \$50 payment. The ASAA Football Commissioner will consult with the rankings committee based on the information available, and, with the approval of the Executive Director, will render a decision to the school. If the appeal results in a change to the rankings and/or draw and the subsequent inclusion of the appellant school, the \$50 will be refunded to that school. Appeals will only be considered if it has been submitted by the deadline and includes a complete season record along with a suggested alternate ranking.