

### SEEDING GUIDELINES PROPOSAL

This section details a seeding methodology based on the revised 2023 conference berth allocations. For consideration by the sub-committee.

#### **Seeding Principles and Considerations**

- Results of Conference playoffs are respected (i.e. A conference Champion shall always be seeded higher than the Conference Runner-up)
- Conference match ups between the Champion and Runner-up of the same conference will be avoided. In the event a conference has three berths, the third berth may have a conference match-up with the Conference Champion and Runner-Up.
- Previous year's final seedings will be taken into consideration such that a Conference Champion shall be seeded higher than a lower finishing Conference finisher from the previous year. For clarity, in the previous year's Championship, if the top Quebec finisher finishes above the top Ontario finisher, then RSEQ 1 must be seeded higher than OUA 1 at the current Championship.
- Conference Runner-ups and Conference third berths (if allocated) shall be seeded by taking into consideration previous year's Championship results and interconference play.

Using 2022 Final standings example:

- UBC
- McGill
- Guelph
- TWU
- UVic
- Memorial
- Calgary
- Laurier

Therefore, preliminary conference seedings for 2023 Conference Champions would be:

- BC 1
- RSEQ 1
- OUA 1
- Atlantic 1
- Prairies 1

The committee would then be responsible for slotting in BC2, BC3 and OUA2/RSEQ2, while avoiding conference match-ups for 1 and 2. The 2023 Seeding **might** then look something like:

1. **BC 1**
2. **RSEQ 1**
3. *BC 2 → slotted in*
4. **OUA 1**
5. *BC 3 → slotted in*
6. **Atlantic 1**
7. *OUA2/RSEQ 2 → slotted in*
8. **Prairies 1**