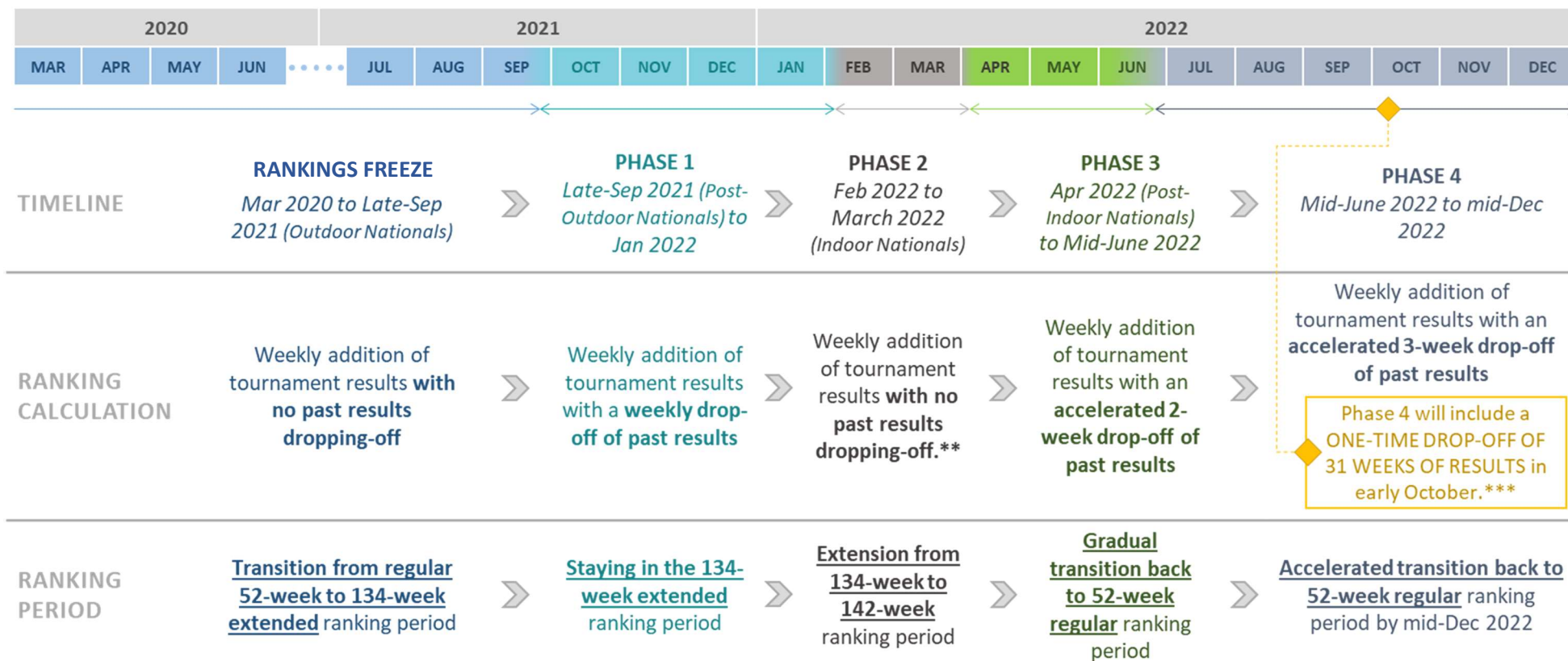


THE RANKING SYSTEM IN 2021-22

The 2021-22 Competitive Structure and Rankings Policy aims to follow a multi-phase approach to managing the National Bank Rankings. The tentative plan is outlined below. Due to the uncertain circumstances surrounding COVID-19 the **timelines presented below are subject to change**. Overall, the plan will place the rankings in an **extended ranking period** to accommodate the multiple stoppages in competition. Once competition permanently resumes to normal, the extended ranking period will transition back to the **regular 52-week** calculation period through an **accelerated drop-off of past results**.



**For the 8 weeks leading up to the 2022 Indoor Nationals the ranking system will pause dropping past results. This will help ensure the seeding for 2022 Indoor Nationals is completed fairly.

***31-week drop will include results from mid-Nov 2020 to mid-June 2021 during which the vast majority of competition across the country was suspended.



FUTURE KEY DATES

<p>Phase 1 Begins – ranking system resumes dropping weekly results. First results to drop will be the 2019 Indoor Nationals.</p>	<p>September 28, 2021</p>	<p>Last results of 2019 drop from the ranking system</p>	<p>June 7, 2022</p>
<p>Phase 2 Begins – 8 weeks leading up to the 2022 Indoor Nationals, the ranking system will pause dropping past results.</p>	<p>February 8, 2022</p>	<p>Phase 4 Begins – ranking system enters a further accelerated drop-off period, dropping 3 weeks of results each week</p>	<p>June 21, 2022</p>
<p>Phase 3 Begins – ranking system begins dropping 2 weeks of results each week. First results to drop will be the 2019 Outdoor Nationals.</p>	<p>April 5, 2022</p>	<p>One-time drop of 31-weeks of results (which include the last 2020 results)</p>	<p>October 4, 2022</p>
		<p>Ranking system returns to the regular 52-week system with a weekly drop-off</p>	<p>December 13, 2022</p>

