Olusoga Ayo



Olusoga Ayo is an 18-year-old, 6-foot-1 Nigerian playmaker and former Kurashiki Suishō standout. As the only international player on the roster, she helped lead the team to the Top 8 of Japan's prestigious 2025 Winter Cup.

POSITION	CLASS	COMMITTED	HOMETOWN
Forward	**Final Year**	**Kurashiki Suishō High School**	**Abeokuta, Nigeria**

THE JOURNEY

2023–2026 Kurashiki Suishō High School

Kurashiki, Okayama Prefecture, Japan

Transitioning to Kurashiki Suisho High School in 2023, Orusoga Ayo immediately established herself as an elite force and the sole international player on the roster, leading her team to consecutive Top 8 national finishes at the Inter-High School Championships and the Winter Cup. Her high school career reached a historic peak on December 26, 2025, when she exploded for 37 points in the Winter Cup quarterfinals to claim the 6th spot on the tournament's all-time single-game scoring leaderboard.

PLACE	YEARS
Kurashiki, Okayama Prefecture, Japan	**2023–2026**

2022–2023 Akaiwa City Sakuragaoka Junior High School

Akaiwa, Okayama Prefecture, Japan

Moved to Japan and attending Akaiwa City Sakuragaoka Junior High School, a public middle school located in Akaiwa City, Okayama Prefecture, Japan.

PLACE	YEARS
Akaiwa, Okayama Prefecture, Japan	**2022–2023**

2008–2022 The Beginning

Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria

PLACE	YEARS
Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria	**2008–2022**

THE STORY

01 MISSION

Playing for Kurashiki Suishō High School, Olusoga Ayo was the focal point of a program that consistently competed deep into the Japanese postseason. Despite playing against taller international prospects, her unique footwork, speed in transition, and elite face-up game set her apart. She led her team to consecutive Top 8 finishes at both the Inter-High School Championships and the Winter Cup.

02 LEADERSHIP

At the SoftBank Winter Cup 2025 (Japan's most prestigious national high school tournament), she cemented her reputation as an elite offensive weapon. On December 26, 2025, during a high-stakes quarterfinal matchup against powerhouse Osaka Kunyei, she exploded for 37 points, leading all players on the floor. This performance ranked 6th overall on the tournament's single-game scoring lead.

03 CULTURAL IMPACT

The Foundation: Junior High School. Before her high school stardom, she integrated into the Japanese schooling system at Akaiwa City Sakuragaoka Junior High School (赤磐市立桜が丘中学校) in Okayama Prefecture. This early start allowed her to develop fluid fluency in the culture, language, and foundational habits of Japanese basketball (which prioritizes extreme conditioning, precision, and team-first mechanics over raw athleticism) giving her a distinct structural advantage.

2. The Breakthrough: Kurashiki Suisho High School. As the star center for Kurashiki Suisho High School (倉敷翠松高等学校), she became a household name in Japanese high school hoops. She led the Okayama Prefecture school to consecutive Top 8 national finishes at the Inter-High School Championships and the Winter Cup. Her high school career peaked on December 26, 2025 when she scored a historic 37 points in the Winter Cup quarterfinals, cementing her place on the tournament's single-game scoring leaderboard.

3. The Collegiate Level: Japan University of Economics. In April 2026 (the start of the Japanese academic year), she moved to Fukuoka to play for the Japan University of Economics (日本経済大学). Competing in top-tier collegiate tournaments and summer showcase camps under jersey #21, Ayo proved her game seamlessly translates to the faster, highly physical university level.