



DIRECTORY RULES 2023/2024

1. Players will be graded in one of the following grades according to their ability:- ITN3/Premier, ITN4/Grade 1, ITN5/Grade 2, ITN6/Grade 3, ITN7/Grade 4, ITN8/Grade 5, ITN9/Grade 6. The players with the highest skill level will be in the Premier Grade ranging down to ITN9/Grade 6 for players whose skills have not yet developed.
2. The designation of any player as ITN3/Premier will be at the discretion of the Directory Committee.
3. The grading of Players designated ITN3/Premier and ITN4/Grade 1, will be reviewed twice each year as follows:- On completion of the Winter League Competition and at the end of September. Players acquiring in excess of 200 points following the Winter League finals will be immediately upgraded and points returned to zero. All other Players will be upgraded immediately on acquiring 200 points in Open competitions and points returned to zero. If the published closing date for receipt of entries for the next open tournament precedes the date of the final of the current tournament where they have achieved their 200 points then they may play at the lower grade in the said next open tournament only. Whilst Players should be cognisant of their own points, official notification will be sent to a Player's Club and this will be deemed to be the official date of upgrade.
4. Points will be awarded to players based on their results in various competitions. The points gained by reaching the various states of any competition or tournament are set out in Table 1. Please note that all points received return to zero on the 1st October of any given year prior to the commencement of the Winter League Competition.
5. All re-grading is subject to the approval of the Grading Committee.
6. Irrespective of the number of points gained in competitions it shall be open to the Directory Committee at any time to review a player's grading by recourse, but not limited to, an assessment of the Player's ability carried out by an approved tennis coach who is a member of Tennis Coach Ireland. Any player so re-graded will be notified of his/her new grade.



7. It is open to players graded ITN4/Grade 1, ITN 5/Grade 2, ITN6/Grade 3 and ITN7/Grade 4 to apply to the Directory Committee to be re-graded to a lower grade once a year at the end of September. Such an application should be accompanied by a list of all competitions entered in the current or previous season together with an assessment of the player's ability carried out by a coach who is a member of Tennis Coach Ireland. All applications for down-grading should reach the Munster Tennis Administrator (admin@munstertennis.ie) no later than October 7th in the current year. Players who are graded ITN4/Grade 1 and are over 50 years of age may apply for a downgrade on completion of the Winter League competition and at the end of September. The application will be considered as part of the overall directory review. No down-grading will be carried out at any other time.

No player may be downgraded to Grade 6.

8. The decision to up-grade a player may be appealed to the Branch Council. Such an appeal should be lodged with the Administrator of Munster Tennis within 14 days of the date of the publication of the Directory in which the player is first upgraded or the date on which the automatic upgrade referred to in Rule 16 occurs. Such an appeal should be accompanied by supporting documentation including, as a minimum, an assessment supporting the appeal carried out by a coach who is a member of Tennis Coach Ireland.
9. Any player who is not in the current Directory may apply to Munster Tennis for inclusion in the Directory. The online application form is available on the Munster Branch Website (www.munstertennis.ie). A player is deemed to be included in the directory once a bona fide application as per Rule 10 has been received by the Branch Administrator. It is the responsibility of the Player's Club to ensure that all players competing in Munster Branch team events are on the Directory.
10. All applications for inclusion in the Directory must be accompanied by an assessment of the Player's ability carried out by a coach (minimum level 2) who is a member of Tennis Coach Ireland. This online assessment form is available on the Munster Branch Website (www.munstertennis.ie).

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11. All players applying to be included in the Directory who have at any time played on an inter provincial team at U14 will be automatically graded as ITN5/Grade 2 or who played on an interprovincial team at U18 level will be automatically graded as ITN4/Grade 1. Such Players may apply to be included in the directory at a lower grade. Such application should be supported by an assessment carried out by a Tennis Coach Ireland Coach. In any case such a player may be included in a grade no lower than ITN7/Grade 3.
12. Any Junior player, over the age of 16 years, who wishes to be graded on a Senior level can do so as follows: -
 - A Junior who competed on an Inter Pro Team U14 to be graded no less than ITN5/Grade 2 or U18 to be graded no less than ITN4/Grade 1
 - A Junior who participated in Munster Squads to be graded no less than ITN6/Grade 3.
 - A Junior club player to be graded no less than ITN8/Grade 5.This application form is available from the Administrator of Munster Tennis (admin@munstertennis.ie) Forms need to be completed by the Club Coach and signed by the Club Tennis Captain. Forms to be submitted on email to the Administrator of Munster Tennis.
13. The full directory is available to download from the Munster Tennis website (www.munstertennis.e)
14. Any correspondence relating to the Directory should be sent by email to the Munster Tennis Administrator (admin@munstertennis.ie).
15. Points will be allocated in respect of all Tennis Ireland approved Senior Graded Open Tournaments and Munster Branch Inter Club Competitions. All upgrades will be notified to a Player's Club by the Munster Tennis Administrator.
16. With the exception of players Graded ITN4/Grade 1 and ITN5/Grade 2, if a player who has been downgraded as per Rule 8 wins an Open Tournament in the 12 months immediately following their down grade they are automatically deemed to be up graded to the next highest grade above their current grade. Alternatively, if a player graded ITN4/Grade 1 who has been downgraded to ITN5/Grade2 as per Rule 7 picks up 200 points in the 12 months immediately following their downgrade, they are automatically deemed to be upgraded to ITN4/Grade1. If the published closing date

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for receipt of entries for the next Open Tournament precedes the date of the final of the current tournament, then they may play at the lower grade in the said next open only. If the published closing date for receipt of entries for the next Open Tournament precedes the date of the final of the current tournament, then they may play at the lower grade in the said next Open Tournament only.

17. The Directory is a manual process, and it is incumbent on both the players and their clubs to ensure that details are correct i.e. name, club, grade. The Directory is constantly being updated and as far as practicable will be published every Tuesday during the summer season and again prior and post winter league.



TABLE 1 – POINTS ALLOCATION

GRADE	EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	Semi Final
ITN5/Grade 2	Singles	40	30	20
	Doubles	30	20	10
ITN6/Grade 3	Singles	50	40	30
	Doubles	40	30	20
ITN7/Grade 4	Singles	100	75	50
	Doubles	75	50	25
ITN8/Grade 5	Singles	150	90	60
	Doubles	125	75	40
ITN9/Grade 6	Singles	150	100	50
	Doubles	150	90	60

Note – Winners will be awarded full points in Round Robin Events. Runners Up will be awarded 50% of available points.

TABLE 2 – RE-GRADING POINTS

GRADE	POINTS	RE-GRADED TO	REMARKS
ITN5/Grade 2	200	ITN4/Grade 1	At the discretion of the Directory Committee
ITN6/Grade 3	200	ITN5/Grade 2	Automatic Re-Grade
ITN7/Grade 4	200	ITN6/Grade 3	Automatic Re-Grade
ITN8/Grade 5	200	ITN7/Grade 4	Automatic Re-Grade
ITN9/Grade 6	200	ITN8/Grade 5	Automatic Re-Grade

Players who win in a grade above their own are automatically re-graded to that grade.

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TABLE 2 – WINTER LEAGUE

STAGE OF COMPETITION	POINTS ALLOCATED PER MATCH WIN
Group/Rounds before QF	0
Quarter Finals	Winner of QF-30 Runner Up of QF-20
Semi Finals	Winner of SF-40 Runner Up of SF-30
Finals	Grade 2 Winners of F- 60 points Winner of F-automatic upgrade Runner Up of F-50

Note- Points allocated from Quarter Final on is for Fixture.

Note - No points awarded for Super Doubles

Note – Double points for playing above your grade will not apply.

TABLE 3 – SUMMER CUP

STAGE OF COMPETITION	POINTS ALLOCATED PER MATCH WIN
Group	0
Quarter Finals	20
Semi Finals	40
Finals	60

Note – no points awarded for Super Doubles

Note – Double points for playing above your grade will not apply.

Note – Players upgraded during the Summer Cup Competition may continue to play in their old grade for the duration of the competition but must enter Senior Open Tournaments at their new grade.

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