



Directory Rules 2016/17

1. Players will be graded in one of the following grades according to their ability - ITN 3/*Premier*, ITN 4/*Grade 1*, ITN 5/*Grade 2*, ITN 6/*Grade 3*, ITN 7/*Grade 4*, ITN 8/*Grade 5* and ITN 9/*Grade 6*. The players with the highest skill level will be in the Premier Grade ranging down to ITN 9/*Grade 6* for players whose skills have not yet developed.
2. The designation of any player as ITN 3/*Premier* will be at the discretion of the Directory Committee.
3. The grading of each player will be reviewed twice each year as follows. On completion of the Winter League Competition and at the end of September. Points gained in tournaments and competitions over the course of each of these periods will be allocated to each player. Players acquiring the required points in any of those periods will be re-graded at the time of the next review to a higher grade in accordance with these rules and as set out in Table 2. Points gained in the period up the first review after the Winter League will be retained until the completion of the September review.
ITN 9/Grade 6 players will be upgraded immediately on acquiring 200 points in Open competitions.
4. Points will be awarded to players based on their results in various competitions. The points gained by reaching the various stages of any competition or tournament are set out in Table 1.
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 ITN 4/*Grade 1*, ITN 5/*Grade 2*, ITN 6/*Grade 3* and ITN 7/*Grade 4* to apply to the Directory Committee to be re-graded to a lower grade twice a year, on completion of the Winter League competition and at the end of September. Such an application should be accompanied by a list of all competitions entered in the previous 2 years 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 Branch Administrator within 1 week of the Winter League finals being played and no later than September 1st in the current year. The application will be considered as part of the overall directory review. No down-grading will be carried out at any other time.
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 the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland 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 the Munster Branch for inclusion in the Directory. An application form is available from the Administrator of the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland or can be downloaded from the Munster Branch website (www.munstertennis.com). 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.
10. All applications for inclusion in the Directory must be accompanied by an assessment of the player's ability carried out by a coach who is a member of Tennis Coach Ireland plus the player's results in any competitions in the previous 2 years if available.
11. All players applying to be included in the Directory who have at any time played on an inter-provincial team at u-14 or u-18 level will be automatically graded as ITN 4/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 ITN 7/Grade 4.
13. Each club will be issued with a list of the members of the club who are listed in the Directory as at October 31st in the current year together with their grading as of that date.

The full Directory is available to download from the Munster Branch website (www.munstertennis.com).
14. Any correspondence relating to the Directory should be sent to the Administrator of the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland - **Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland, Unit 4, Eastgate Avenue, Little Island, Co. Cork.**
15. Points will be allocated in respect of all Tennis Ireland approved Senior Graded Open Tournaments and Munster Branch inter-club Competitions.
16. With the exception of players graded ITN 4/Grade1 and ITN 5/Grade 2, if a player who has been down-graded 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. 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. Players are required to comply with Rule 16 irrespective of whether or not they have received any correspondence from the Munster Branch regarding the up-grading.

Table 1. Points Allocation

Grade of Event	Event	Winner	Runner-up
ITN 5/ Grade 2	Singles	40	20
	Doubles	30	15
ITN 6/ Grade 3	Singles	50	25
	Doubles	40	20
ITN 7/ Grade 4	Singles	100	75
	Doubles	75	50
ITN 8/ Grade 5	Singles	150	75
	Doubles	125	50
ITN 9/ Grade 6	Singles	150	100
	Doubles	150	75
Note: Only winners will be awarded points in Round Robin events.			
Players will be awarded double the points they would get for a win/runner-up in their own grade if they are winner/runner-up in a higher grade			
<p>Winter League. Players will be awarded 10 points for every match won in a Winter League fixture up to but not including the quarter-final round of the knock-out stage of the competition. Players will be awarded 20 points for every match won in the quarter-final. Players will be awarded 30 points for every match won in the semi-final of the knock-out stage of the competition. Players will be awarded 40 points for each match won in the final of the knock-out stage of the competition. Double points for playing above your grade will NOT apply. No points will be awarded for super-doubles.</p>			
<p>Summer Cup. Players will be awarded 10 points for every match won in a Summer Cup fixture up to but not including the quarter-final round of the competition. Players will be awarded 20 points for every match won in the quarter-final, semi-final and final of the competition. Double points for playing above your grade will NOT apply. No points will be awarded for super-doubles.</p>			

Table 2. Re-grading Points

Grade	Points	Re-graded to	Remarks
ITN 5/Grade 2	200 or more	ITN 4/Grade 1	Re-grade will be at the discretion of the Directory Committee.
ITN 6/Grade 3	200 or more	ITN 5/Grade 2	Automatic re-grade.
	400 or more	ITN 4/Grade 1	Re-grade will be at the discretion of the Directory Committee.
ITN 7/Grade 4	200 or more	ITN 6/Grade 3	Automatic re-grade.
	400 or more	ITN 5/Grade 2	Re-grade will be at the discretion of the Directory Committee.
ITN 8/Grade 5	200 or more	ITN 7/Grade 4	Automatic re-grade.
	400 or more	ITN 6/Grade 3	Re-grade will be at the discretion of the Directory Committee.
ITN 9/Grade 6	200 or more	ITN 8/Grade 5	Automatic re-grade.
	400 or more	ITN 7/Grade 4	Re-grade will be at the discretion of the Directory Committee.