

Masters Interprovincial Teams Selection Criteria

For 2023 selection, Munster Branch will continue to use top 4 results as the basis for all team selection. Selection Criteria will be reviewed annually, and The **Irish MASTERS Player Ranking System** will be utilised when and if appropriate.

The top 4 Munster male & female players in each applicable age category with appropriate Grade will be automatically selected for the Inter-provincial team. WTN Ratings will be assessed for next year and may be used as Criteria for selection for 2024.

Players at Masters (over 30) must have a Grading of Grade 2 (WTN Band 3 or better)

Players at Masters (over 35 & 40) must have a Grading of Premier or Grade 1 (WTN Band 2 or better).

Players at Masters (over 45) must have a Grading of 2 (WTN Band 3 or better.)

Players at Masters (over 50, 55) must have a Grading of 2 (WTN Band 3 or better.)

Players at Masters (over 60) must have a Grading of 3 (WTN Band 4 or better.)

Players at Masters (over 65+) need not achieve any particular Grade.

The Calendar in respect of the Selection process for all Teams begins after the Irish Indoors each calendar year. Teams are to be selected based on results of the previous calendar year.

Points are only awarded to Players who are registered and have a valid Tennis Ireland PIN.

Points will be awarded to players who play in a Straight Final. *(when only 2 players or 2 doubles teams enter an event)*

In all other instances, Points will only be awarded once a Player wins a Match.

To receive ranking points in a singles or doubles tournament, a player must reach a round where points are available. The number of points available varies depending upon the grading/level of the tournament and the round reached.

Masters (Over 30,35,40,45):

The best four results (Singles and/or Doubles) in the previous 12-month period in Masters tournaments sanctioned by Tennis Ireland and/or international tournaments sanctioned by the ITF are taken into consideration for the final team selections. These results must be within ones' own age group in the first instance.

Note that Doubles Points are multiplied by 0.7 for the purposes of Team selections.

No other results will be considered for Team Selections.

Masters (Over 50,55, 60):

The best four results (Singles and/or Doubles) in the previous 12-month period in Masters tournaments sanctioned by Tennis Ireland and/or international tournaments sanctioned by the ITF are taken into consideration for the final team selections. These results must be within ones' own age group in the first instance.

Note that Doubles Points are multiplied by 0.7 for the purposes of Team selections.

No other results will be considered for Team Selections.

Masters (Over 65,70,75 & 80):

The best four results (Singles and/or Doubles) in the previous 12month period in Masters tournaments sanctioned by Tennis Ireland and/or international tournaments sanctioned by the ITF are taken into consideration for the final team selections. These results must be within ones' own age group in the first instance.

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Note that Mixed Points are multiplied by 0.5 for the purposes of Team selections.

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Should this fail to fill teams then participation in higher ranked events will also be considered as a criteria for selection.

At least 2 of a players best four results must be within Ireland and a player should have competed in a Munster based competition within the calendar year

If two or more players have equal points, players are ranked based on the ranking of tournaments where points have been won followed by the players next best result if there is still a tie.

All players moving to an older age category take all their ranking points with them.

Walkovers count as a match won.

Byes do not count as a match won.

If a tournament is abandoned, players will receive points for the round reached up to that point. Should any age category in a tournament be amalgamated with a lower age category event, and players in the higher age category are forced to play down, then those players shall be awarded points in his/her own age category.

Players should support Munster Masters events within the calendar year as much as possible.

All above based on ITF procedures.

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