

MUNSTER GRADING DIRECTORY RULES 2009/2010

ABOUT THE DIRECTORY

1. All players playing in all Munster inter-club events must be in the Grading Directory
2. **The grades will be Premier, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.**
3. **Premier will be for National standard players.**
4. **Players who are not national standard will not be promoted higher than Grade 1.**
5. All Tournaments and Munster Branch competitions will be based on Divisions and events matching the grades. For example a Division 3 competition will be for Grade 3 players
6. **Open Tournaments Organisers are asked to run their tournament events according to Grades Premier, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 rather than dividing events as A, B, C, D...**

REGRADING

1. Players will be re-graded at the end of September 2010, following the completion of the Munster Summer Inter-club competitions. That re-grade will be based on results from inter-club and open tournaments over the previous twelve months.
2. Points will apply in accordance with the attached table. Players will be automatically re-graded up according to points allocations.
3. All grade movements are subject to override by Grading Committee.
4. **Any player winning in Winter League finals at ANY GRADE will automatically be upgraded.**
5. Other players may be re-graded by assessment (for example players who only compete in Munster Branch competitions and might not accumulate many points).
6. Downgrading will be by request to the Grading Committee and will be in accordance with rules set out for same.
7. Players upgraded by committee assessment may appeal same and may submit letter from Tennis Ireland qualified coach to support their case(s) in appeal before 31st Oct, '09.

NEW PLAYERS TO THE DIRECTORY

- 1 Clubs may submit players, according to Grading guidelines, for inclusion in the Directory at any time
2. Clubs submitting new ungraded players for inclusion in the Directory must have those players graded with the help of a Tennis Ireland coach.
3. An individual player must follow the same guidelines as above.
4. Junior players who have played interprovincial tennis, coming out of Junior into Senior status, must be classified as Grade 1.
5. Junior players who have not played interprovincial tennis must be graded as per their standard, but not lower than Grade 4 when reaching senior status.

GENERAL

All clubs will be sent a copy of their own updated lists. The full list of all Munster players showing individual grade changes will be made available to all clubs via email and will be posted on the Munster Branch website.

All additions/deletions, general information re the Directory should be sent to:

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POINTS ALLOCATIONS AND REGRADING 2009/2010

1. Point allocations apply to graded open tournaments, to inter-club knock-out and league competitions, and to graded events in veteran competitions
2. 200 plus points gained in the year October 2009 to October 2010 will result in an upgrade
3. ***Any player winning a Winter League Final at ANY GRADE will be upgraded.***
4. Plus points gained by players in a higher grade will be counted as points gained at that higher grade and will count as promotion points to the grade above that. Players will only be promoted to that next higher level if they gain sufficient points.
5. Downgrading will apply from Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 and **will be by request from the player.** There will be no downgrading below Grade 5. **This downgrade request must be supported by the player's current season's results and by a coach. A minimum of 4 first round losses in the player's current grade is required.**

Note: 1st round loss = 1st match played in an event. Any positive results in any grade will negate any 1st round losses.

Players, having been downgraded by request, will be upgraded following a win in one Open Tournament. If close of entries to the next open event precedes the finals of the current event, then the player can remain in the lower grade for this tournament only.

This is to facilitate clubs and tournament committees with seedings and general tournament procedures. **It is the responsibility of players and clubs to comply with rules.**
6. 50 minus points will be allocated to each first round loss. 200 minus points, without gaining any plus points, will entitle a player to downgrading. This must be by request from the player.
7. No minus points are allocated to a player while competing in a grade above his/her official grade
8. Assessed Grading by the Grading Committee may override allocation of plus or minus points

Points Allocations Table on next page

MUNSTER BRANCH GRADING

OCTOBER 2009

POINTS ALLOCATION

(200 Points = Upgrade)

GRADE	OPEN FINAL SINGLES		OPEN FINAL DOUBLES & MIXED		WINTER LEAGUE FINAL		SUMMER CUP FINALS	
	WIN	R/U	WIN	R/U	WIN	R/U	WIN	R-U
Premier								
1								
2	50	25	50	25	200	100	100	50
3	50	25	50	25	200	100	100	50
4	100	75	75	50	200	100	100	50
5	150	75	125	50	200	100	100	50
6	150	100	150	75	200	100	100	50

Note:

The above Rules and Regulations re the Directory will apply from the commencement of the Munster Winter League 2009/2010.