

Directory Rules

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 each year. 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.
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 the Tennis Ireland Coaches Association (TICA). 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* or ITN 6/*Grade 3* to apply to the Directory Committee to be re-graded to a lower grade. 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 the Tennis Ireland Coaches' Association. The application will be considered as part of the overall directory review in September. 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 30 days of the date of the letter notifying him/her of the re-grading. 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 the Tennis Ireland Coaches' Association.
9. Any player who is not in the current Directory may apply to the Directory Committee 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 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 the Tennis Ireland Coaches Association plus the player's results in any competitions in the previous 2 years.
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 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 TICA coach. In any case such a player may be included in a grade no lower than ITN 7/*Grade 4*.

12. Each club will be issued with a list of the members of the club who are listed in the Directory together with their current grading.

The full Directory is available to download from the Munster Branch website (www.munstertennis.com).

13. Any correspondence relating to the Directory should be sent to the Administrator of the Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland - **Ella McCarthy, Glenara, Carrignafloy, Cobh, Co. Cork.**

14. Points will be allocated in respect of all Tennis Ireland approved Senior Graded Open Tournaments and Munster Branch inter-club Competitions.

15. 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 7 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 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.

16. Players are required to comply with Rule 15 irrespective of whether or not they have received any correspondence from the Directory Committee regarding the up-grading.

Table 1. Points Allocation

Grade of Event	Event	Winner	Runner-up
ITN 5/ Grade 2	Singles	50	25
	Doubles	50	25
ITN 6/ Grade 3	Singles	50	25
	Doubles	50	25
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
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			
Winter League. Players will be awarded 20 points for every match won in a Winter League fixture. Double points for playing above your grade will NOT apply.			
Summer Cup. Players will be awarded 20 points for every match won in a Summer Cup fixture. Double points for playing above your grade will NOT apply.			

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.

Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland
Application to be included in the Munster Players
Grading Directory

Applicant Details.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Contact No.: _____

Club Details.

(Note: In the case of somebody with membership in more than one tennis club please list the club you wish to be noted in the Directory first and any other club (s) after that.)

Club: (for inclusion in the Directory) _____

Other Clubs

Club 2: _____

Club 3: _____

Declaration

I hereby confirm that I have not

- (a) been previously listed in the Munster Branch Players Directory
- (b) been selected on a provincial panel at u-14 or u-18 level. (Note: If you have been selected on such a panel please give details. Year(s) and Age group

Signature: _____ (Applicant)

Signature: _____ (Club Official)

Print Name: _____ Office Held: _____

Date: _____

Munster Branch of Tennis Ireland

Assessment of Player for Grading Purposes.

Name of Player : _____

Tennis Ireland Pin No. _____

Club: (to be listed in the MBPD) _____

Coach Assessor: _____ Contact No. _____

Date of Assessment: _____

Location of Assessment: _____

I confirm that I have assessed the above-named player to establish the appropriate grade at which he/she should be entered in the Munster Players Grading Directory.

The assessment was based on the following:

In my view it would be appropriate to enter this player at **ITN** _____/Grade ____ .

Signed _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

For office Use Only

Date Application received _____

Reviewed by Directory Committee _____