Tennis Gradings

In order to facilitate the participation of tennis players in competitions, players are graded from 6 (beginner) up to grade 1. Players move up the grades on the basis of their performance in various competitions.

Points are awarded to players based on their results in competitions as set out below:

**OPEN COMPETITIONS**

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| **TABLE 1 – POINTS ALLOCATION GRADE**  | **EVENT**  | **WINNER**  | **RUNNER-UP**  | **Semi Final**  |
| ITN5/Grade 2  | Singles Doubles  | 40 30  | 30 20  | 20 10  |
| ITN6/Grade 3  | Singles Doubles  | 50 40  | 40 30  | 30 20  |
| ITN7/Grade 4  | Singles Doubles  | 100 75  | 75 50  | 50 25  |
| ITN8/Grade 5  | Singles Doubles  | 150 125  | 90 75  | 60 40  |
| ITN9/Grade 6  | Singles Doubles  | 150 150  | 100 90  | 50 60  |

Note – Winners will be awarded full points in Round Robin Events &

Runners Up will be awarded 50% of available points.

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| **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

**WINTER LEAGUE**

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| **TABLE 2 – WINTER LEAGUE STAGE OF COMPETITION**  | **POINTS ALLOCATED PER FIXTURE 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 Grades 3-6: Winner of F- automatic upgrade  Runner Up of F-50  |

Note- Points allocated is for Fixture.

Note - No points awarded for Super Doubles

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

**SUMMER CUP**

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| **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.

Procedure for the Upgrading of Players in the Munster Branch area of Operation

**Purpose:** To allow for the streamlining of upgrades concerning players who have reached the correct amount of points or who are deemed too strong for the grade they are playing based on observation by a member of the directory committee.

**Scope:** The scope of this procedure covers all Munster Branch sanctioned events in which points are earned by players. This covers Winter League, Summer Cup and Open tournaments throughout Munster.

This procedure covers Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6

**Procedure:**

**Observation:** Any player can be upgraded at any time during the season. This procedure can be triggered on foot of complaints from members of the draw that the person is competing in, results in previous tournaments or players winning tournaments at Grades above their own. Any member of the Directory and Grading Committee could observe such a player play and recommend to the rest of the committee that the person should be immediately upgraded.

Any upgrade is effective from the date of notification but if the official closing date of the next tournament has passed, then they can play that tournament at their previous Grade.

The player in question would have recourse to appeal but this would only be heard at the end of the season. The player in question would have to send in the appeal by email or letter for it to be looked into- showing results since the upgrade and including a Coach’s appraisal of their standard.

**Winter League**

Winning the winter league in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will result in automatic upgrading to the Grade above which a player is playing. There points are zeroed, and they begin the season in the new grade at zero points. Should you not be ungraded the points earned during the Winter League will carry forward to the Summer Season.

**Summer Season**

Once a player has reached 200 points, they will automatically be upgraded to the next grade with immediate effect.
Once a player is upgraded at this time, all points earned to date would be zeroed and the player would start afresh on zero points in their new grade.

**Conclusion**

Rules for Upgrades and Downgrades can be found in the Directory Rules on the [Munster Tennis Website](https://www.munstertennis.ie/). This article is for guidance and to assist players and clubs in understanding these rules.

It should be noted that the [Player Directory](https://www.munstertennis.ie/directory.html) can be found on the [Munster Tennis Website](https://www.munstertennis.ie/). It is up to each player to keep track of their own points to ensure they enter the correct grading based on their points even if they have not been officially notified of their upgrade.

Registering with Munster Tennis & Tennis Ireland

Players who wish to play competitively*(Either entering Open Competitions or Representing Monkstown in the Winter League or Summer Cup)*are required to Register both with Munster Tennis (Player Directory) and Tennis Ireland (TI Pin Number)

Please find the below links for instructions and guidelines to complete the Registration process.

[Tennis Ireland getting Set up](https://www.tennisireland.ie/competitions/players/starting-to-compete)

[Tennis Ireland PIN](http://ti.tournamentsoftware.com/member/createorganizationaccount.aspx)

[Tennis Ireland Login](https://ti.tournamentsoftware.com/)

[Tennis Ireland desktop](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CDell%5CDesktop%5CTennis%20Ireland.lnk)

[Munster Tennis Player Application Form](http://www.munstertennis.ie/uploads/1/0/1/6/101627434/directory-application-form-2016-2017.pdf)

[Munster Player Directory](https://www.munstertennis.ie/directory.html)