

Badminton Ireland Grading Questions and Answer

Please find below an array of questions and answers which we hope you find helpful with any queries on the new grading system:

1. I am a member of Badminton Ireland and I do not have a Badminton Ireland grade. How do I get information on grading and get a grade for myself?

If you are an affiliated member with a Non-Classified (NC) grade, new member or existing member, you can request to be graded through your club. Your club can then send a request to the County Committee and will go through the Grading Process.

2. How do I find out my grade?

To check your grade [please sign in to your account here](#). You can also activate your Badminton Ireland account if not done so already here – [Badminton Ireland online membership account information](#).

Alternatively, your club secretary has access to the same information for the club's members. The [Branch grading representative](#) can also provide your grade.

3. How does the grading system work?

Badminton Ireland events run across 9 different grades. The highest grade is Premier grade followed by A, B, C, D, E, F G, and H which is the bottom grade.

Players are graded based on their previous league results, branch competitions and All-Ireland events. The grading of a player goes through a [grading process](#).

Once graded the player can enter tournaments in their grade or above.

For example, a player who is grade C, can play any event or for a team grade C or above. They cannot play a grade D event or on a graded team.

4. Can I appeal my grade?

Once the grades are published members have one month to appeal their grade. The appeal must be made in writing via the [change request form](#), stating the reason for your appeal, using results from the previous 12 months. The Appeals Committee will review your request and can either accept or reject your appeal. The deadline for the change request form is 26th September 2019.

5. I am graded lower than I think I should be.

If you feel your Grade is too low for your level contact your [Branch grading contact](#), as the Branch is the first point of contact regarding any query on your grading.

If you would like to appeal your grade in the allocated appeal period, download the [grade change request form](#) and give this to your Club who will then pass it to the County Committee and furthermore to your Branch Committee.

You will need to include results over the past 12 months in any events or leagues where have beaten players with a higher grade for upgrade; results where you have lost to lower players, to be downgraded.

6. Why do I need a grade?

Badminton Ireland events are graded by level. All-Ireland Inter club, county and league teams are played by grade. This allows players to play at their appropriate level creating a competitive structure throughout all levels of badminton.

7. Can I play in a lower grade competition than my currently allocated grade?

A player may not play in a lower grade than the grade they have been issued with for the season, but may play in a higher grade e.g. if you are graded D and there is a B tournament event, you may play in this B event – if you have any queries regarding this please contact your Branch Rep or Badminton Ireland Events officer - events@badmintonireland.com.

8. How long does my grade last once it is issued?

A player's grade is issued for the season. During June players grades are reassessed and published for the new season in September.

The Branch representative will amend your grade, and this will be approved by the National Grading Committee.

9. I have a point's grade in Leinster – how do I know what this grade is in BI grading?

The Leinster Rep will have issued the corresponding BI Grade for you to the BI Grading Group. Please note you need to be on the BI Grading system to partake in BI events. The Branch Rep for Leinster is Seamus Halpin. [Click here to view all Branch Reps](#).

10. What is the difference between my grade and my rank?

Grading is the level of standard you play; players are generally grouped in to 9 grades for competition purposes.

Ranking is dependent on how well you do in certain ranking events. Ranking events can be found on the Badminton Ireland calendar.

[Please click here for more information on grading.](#)

[Please click here for more information on ranking.](#)

11. If I am losing badly in my league for the first half of the season, can I be re graded lower?

Grades are set for the season and cannot be changed after the initial appeals period (deadline 26th September 2019 for the 'change request form'). Please see 'question 4' on 'how to appeal your grade' via the Appeals Process.

12. Is my Grade based on results or discretion of Branch representation?

A player's Grading will be based on results in leagues, Branch competitions and All-Ireland events. The Branch representative will be responsible for grading players within their respective Branches.

13. My playing partner is in a higher grade than I am, can I still play with him?

Yes, you may play in a higher-grade event with your partner, but your partner may not play down a grade.

E.g. Player X is grade B and player Y is grade C they can play Premier, A and B events but cannot play together in events grade C or below.

14. What does NC mean?

NC is the holding place for anyone new who is affiliated. It stands for Non-Classified. The Branch representative will grade these players over the course of the season.

15. If I am a social player (not in league) do I need a grade and if so, what should it be?

It is envisaged that all players will be given a Grade in the Badminton Ireland grading system. This would allow social players to progress into any graded event at a local or national level when ready. This is part of the benefit of your affiliation. If you have not been graded and have been playing a few years socially you will be given an 'S' indicator for 'Social'. If you would like a Badminton Ireland grade, please request this from your Club.

16. I am a Juvenile player and mainly play socially, what is my grade?

If you are playing socially as with adults, you will be given an indicator in the system to mark you as a juvenile player. This would be a 'J'. When you are old enough to play in Leagues and events you can request a grade from your Club.