



BAWA GRADING RULES (updated Oct 2020)

INTRODUCTION

- The aim of the Grading Rules is for players to be playing in their correct grade i.e. against players of a similar level – which makes matches far more enjoyable. One-sided matches offer no challenge and/or can be disheartening.
- The Grading Rules provide an opportunity for players to demonstrate their improved playing ability by moving up the Grading Levels.
- Tournament players may come from overseas / interstate where standards may be different. First-time participants determine their own grade based on the guidelines provided below. There is no opportunity for pre-assessment of players, but if unsure a player can phone BAWA to get advice.
- First time entrants determine their grade on entry based, and they probably will be given this grade for future tournaments, (unless first time post tournament results suggest the grade entered was not appropriate).
- Only results from Badminton WA tournaments and tournaments sanctioned by Badminton WA, with 130 participating players or more and BAWA tournaments which have a good spread of entrants for each grade will be considered for grading purposes.

➤ These are BADMINTON WA grades.

RULES

1. DISCIPLINES

Players will be graded for each discipline: Men's Singles (MS); Women's Singles (WS); Men's Doubles (MD); Women's Doubles (WD); and Mixed Doubles (XD)

A player will have a grade for each event

i.e. a player not currently graded for XD but is graded for MD and MS then they will be given a XD grade one below their lowest other grade. For example, Player Fred Smith is a first-time entrant and enters MS A, MD B for the first time and has ok results, his grade post tournament would be MSA MDB and XDC. Or Fred Smith is graded MSA MDB from past tournaments – he would be given XDC for future events as well.

2. ADULT GRADES WILL BE:

A Grade (open events) = International player, National player, State player, top club player

A Reserve Grade = Good club player

B Grade = Sound competitive player

C Grade = Social, but competitive player

D Grade (Recreational) = Adult social player (entry level)

3. JUNIOR GRADES MAY VARY AS:

Under-age Groups or Ability Groups, e.g. Division 1, 2, 3. Determined by Event committee for specific tournaments.

4. FIRST TIME ENTRANT

The FIRST time a player enters a Badminton WA event he/she determines his/her own grade and a BAWA number to be used for future tournaments. Following the tournament, first time participants may request a downgrade according to the process described in Rule 12 below. However, first time entrants if they had a reasonable tournament will be given the grade they entered with for future tournaments

5. GRADING PROCESS

At the conclusion of every event the Grading Committee considers results. Winners in each grade and each discipline will be assessed for Upgrading. Any change to a grade is advised in email to the player(s).

6. UPGRADING

Players who have WON a Grade event (in their Grade) are considered for an upgrade.

a) If their results are outstanding, e.g. they won all their matches easily they may be upgraded to the next grade immediately. This may particularly apply to first time entrants

b) A player shall be upgraded after he/she has won on two occasions in a 24-month period.

c) If a player wins the event in a higher Grade than he/she is graded, e.g. a B grade player wins an A Res event then he/she is immediately upgraded.

d) If a player finishes in second position two grades above his / her grade, e.g. a C grade player achieves runner-up in an A Res event then he/she is immediately upgraded to the next grade above their current grade.

e) If a player finishes in second position on two occasions in a 24-month period in a higher Grade than he/she is graded, e.g. a B grade player is runner-up twice in an A Res event then he/she is upgraded.

7. UPGRADE ADVICE

Players who are upgraded will be advised and their new grading will be shown on the Grading List at least 2 weeks before the closing date of the next event. The players will be required to enter in the new grade at the next event.

8. PLAYING ACROSS GRADES

Players can play across grades, but not above their grade in any event

9. GRADING FOR DOUBLES

No player may play BELOW their 'official' grade so in doubles the pair must play in the grade of the highest graded player. E.g. Player Red is C Grade and his partner is B Grade, the pair must play B Grade

10. AUTOMATIC GRADING

State Team Players will be automatically placed in these Grades for all disciplines on selection in the relevant team.

- Players in the Under 15 State Team shall be graded C Grade
- Players in the Under 17 State Team shall be graded B Grade
- Players in the Under 19 State Team shall be graded A Res Grade
- Players in the Senior State Team shall be graded A Grade or OPEN

11. DOWNGRADING

- A Player may request a downgrade
- This must be in writing and sent to the Grading Committee of Badminton WA (grading@badmintonwa.org.au or PO Box 39, Kingsway WA 6065).
- Requests must be done prior to the closing date of any event and no consideration will be given to any requests once the entries have closed.
- Reasons for downgrade requests may include:
 - No longer in a State team
 - Reduced playing ability due to age or injury, or have rarely played for past few years
 - Consistently poor results
- Downgrading decisions are at the discretion of the Grading Committee.
- The Grading Committee will inform the applicant of the result of the request within 10 working days of it being received.

12. GRADING DATA EXPIRY

The grading database does not expire but if a player is coming back from a long break – it is recommended to check their grade and if required request a down grade

13. PARA-BADMINTON

Para-badminton players are classified according to BWF classification rules and are not subject to grading. Para-badminton players who choose to participate in mainstream events shall enter in such events in accordance with the Grading Rules.

14. APPEALS

Only appeals contesting decisions based on incorrect process may be considered. The appeals must be in writing and sent to the Grading Committee of Badminton WA (grading@badmintonwa.org.au or PO Box 39, Kingsway WA 6065).

15. REMEMBER

The grading database is there for players to have good matches in an appropriate grade/level of their standard of play for each BAWA tournament. If there are any issues, please email BAWA and the grading committee