

## **BAWA Grading Rules (updated Mar 2022)**

### **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, 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)

i.e. a player not currently graded for XD but is graded for MD and MS would be encouraged if entering a XD tournament to a similar grade or one below his or her lowest other grade, ie a player graded MD Ares and MS Ares if entering the XD with no grade would suggest entering at XD Ares or XD B , i.e. not D grade as they would be too strong a player

#### **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).

#### **7. 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.

f) If a player in D grade gets through the group stage in D grade in that event, they are upgraded to C grade in that event. The events committee met late last year 2021 to generate this rule, as the D grade was having a few very one-sided matches and the idea for D grade is beginners standard

#### **8. UPGRADE ADVICE**

**Players should check the grading sheet on the BAWA website before entering a tournament**

#### **9 PLAYING ACROSS GRADES**

Players can play across grades, but only one grade across ie OPEN and ARES is ok but OPEN and B is not ok and players cannot enter BELOW their grade in any event

#### **10 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

## **11. AUTOMATIC GRADING**

State Team Players will be automatically placed in these Grades for all disciplines on selection in the relevant team if not already of a higher grade:

- 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

## **12. 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:
  - o No longer in a State team
  - o Reduced playing ability due to age or injury, or have not played much for past few years
  - o 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.

## **13. 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

## **14. 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.

## **15 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).

**16. 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 is any issue please email BAWA and the grading committee