



Series Events Regulations 24/25

Graded Series

Tournament Regulations

Tournament Structure 22-23

The first season of graded events was comprised of 4 tournaments each run with the 'regular' tournament structure with everyone playing in the same draw with the usual 5 events. The tournament format was left to the tournament organisers discretion to allow for the tournaments to be run as smoothly as possible. This usually comprised of best of 3 (Bo3) to 15 with no extended play.

Tournament Structure 23-24

As the tournaments continued to expand throughout the first season this season allowed us to explore the viability of splitting events into the grades, with each individual tournament running slightly differently. This led to each tournament looking slightly different from each other and resulted in each tournament having its own format. Due to the increasing popularity of the tournaments the entries were capped at 120 to allow the event to be completed. All events ran as Bo3 to 15 with no extended play until the final which was Bo3 to 21 with extended play.

Ebbw Vale – 118 total participants. MS, MD and XD were all split into EF and GH. Whilst the WS and WD remained combined EFGH.

Deeside – 86 total participants. MS, MD and XD were all split EFG and H. WS and WD were not split and remained EFGH.

Neath – 124 total participants. MS, MD and XD were all split EF, G and H. WD was also split however into EF and GH, whilst the WS remained combined with EFGH.

Haverfordwest – 105 total participants. MS, MD, WD and XD were all split EF and GH whilst WS was all combined EFGH.

Due to these slightly different structures each of the events have had useful feedback.

Tournament structure 24-25

As of the 24-25 season the graded series of events will aim to become more unified in format with a greater transparency of the grading and ranking system. This will be achieved using Tournament Software and having an agreed format, structure and regulations for all tournaments throughout the year.

Structure and format

There will be again a total of 4 Events over the 24/25 season 3 of which will be ran as they have this season with the current format of 120 max participants and BO3 to 15 no extended play until the latter stages. 1 of these tournaments which will be run by Huw in Neath as a trial for splitting the event into 2 days. The grades will be split across the 2 days and matches will all be full games bo3 to 21 all with extended play.

Grades will continue to be split as much as possible entries allowing.

Progression from the groups

In the event of an odd number of groups (greater than 3) a best runner up will progress.

Gradings + Rankings

Gradings 24/25

Over the last two years since the Graded series began there has been a lot of confusion surrounding players gradings and rankings, how are individuals placed? How do you move grades? etc

Currently there are four grades with E being the highest and H being the Lowest.

Initial Placements Historically

22/23 season

The 22/23 season was the first season of the Graded Series and gradings were done at the end of the season as objectively as possible with those who regularly reached the later stages of the Graded Series Events and Senior Nationals being awarded higher grades by Badminton Wales.

23/24 season

Players were placed in the H grade unless they were previously graded elsewhere in England for example or regularly played at a high level elsewhere. This was aimed to make the tournaments as fair and competitive as possible. This season saw the first attempt at setting a criteria for Grade placement and Movement.

24/25 season

As of the 24/25 season new player to the Graded series will be placed based on the following:

Players with a prior grading elsewhere

Players will enter the Graded Series at their highest disciplines grading. For example an individual graded E(Singles), G(Level Doubles) and F(Mixed Doubles) in England will be Graded E in Wales.

Players who have a grading else where but do not have any games played will enter as if they do not have a previous grading.

Players with no prior grade but of a known higher standard of play

This applies to league players and individuals who have recently moved to Wales or recently returned to competitions. These individuals would expect to enter the Graded Series at the following grade:

< Bottom Half Div 1 League	H
Top Half Div 1	G
Up to div 3 County Player	F
Above	E

In this situation the Graded Committee will discuss whether or not this is an accurate representation of that individual's level. In the case there is a 'clear' discrepancy between the above criteria and the selection committees overview then an individual may enter at a different grade.

Players who fit into neither of these categories

Players who don't fit into either of the two categories above will enter the Graded series at the lowest possible grade Currently H.

Grade Movement

Historically

22/23 season

As the graded events weren't split graded movement wasn't clear or regulated.

23/24 season

Individuals were allowed to move up from their 22-23 grades based on their results of the 23-24 season. The criteria can be seen below.

In the case that a result would mean a reduction of a grade, the player remained in the grade they are in.

Highest Grades Present at Event	Result	Frequency	Outcome
E	Winner	>3	D grade
E	Final	>1	E grade
E	Final	1	F grade
E	Semis	>1	F grade
E	Out of Box	1	G grade
E	Out of box	0	H grade
F	Winner	1	E grade
F	Finals	>1	E grade
F	Other	Other	F grade
G	Winner	1	F grade
G	Final	>1	G grade
G	Final	1	H grade
G	Out of box	>1	G grade
H	Winner	1	G grade
H	Finals	>1	G grade
H	Other	Other	H grade

Due to the above not being publicly known no individuals will be moved from E to D.

24/25 season

A big change for the 24/25 season. After two full seasons of Graded Series events our gradings are getting more and more accurate. Players will therefore be unable to move grades during the season except during 2 appeal windows. Players will be eligible to move grades at the end of the year based on the following criteria, which will then go to the selection committee for review.

In the case that a result would mean a reduction of a grade, the player remained in the grade they are in.

Highest Grades Present at Event	Result	Frequency (per discipline)	Outcome
E	Winner	>2	D
E	Final	>1	E
E	Final	1	F
E	Semis	>1	F
E	Out of Box	1	G
E	Out of box	0	H
F	Winner	>2	E
F	Final	>1	F
F	Final	1	G
F	Semis	>1	G
F	OoB	1	H
F	OoB	0	H
G	Winner	>2	F

G	Final	>1	G
G	Final	1	H
G	Semis	>1	H
G	OoB	1	H
G	OoB	0	H
H	Winner	>2	G
H	Final	>1	H
H	Final	1	H
H	Semis	>1	H
H	OoB	1	H
H	OoB	0	I

Appeal Process

Individuals will be given the chance to appeal their grading at two separate appeal windows throughout the 24-25 season. The first at the start of the season and the second after the halfway point of the season.

Tournament organisers will provide feedback on the effectiveness of the gradings and highlight any assessments that may need to be revisited.

The selection committee will take into consideration all individuals highlighted to them during the appeal windows.

Appeal Dates

- 1- August 1st 2024 – September 1st 2024
- 2- December 20th 2024 – January 11th 2025

Rankings

Rankings 23/24

The 23/24 season saw the introduction of ranking points to the Graded Series Events and Senior Nationals. Ranking points were allocated depending on the result and the highest allowed grade of player the tournament allows. Individuals must enter and participate in the event for points to be allocated.

Nationals will provide the highest number of ranking points with Tournaments including the E grades automatically being counted as the next highest tier of tournament and provide the most ranking points. With tournaments excluding these grades providing fewer ranking points.

Ranking points were taken in line with roughly the equivalent level of Badminton England Tournament.

*Ranking point allocation was based off Badminton England's Tournament Ranking Sheet

Wales	England
Nationals – A grade	Silver
E grade	Bronze
F grade	
G grade	Tier 4
H grade	

24/25 season

Ranking points will continue to be allocated in the same way however due to the splitting of the grades the number of points for each level of tournament has changed with the maximum Ranking points available for each tournament being seen below.

Wales	Max Points Available
Nationals – A grade	12190
E grade	10625
F grade	8678
G grade	7120
H grade	5505

*Example an individual enters a graded event and competes in the EF XD event making it to the final but losing coming runner up. This individual would therefore earn 9927 points compared to the winner who would earn 10625 points.

Link between Rankings and Gradings

Rankings and gradings are separate with grading looking to focus on an individual's playing standard whilst rankings being based on results and commitment as well.

Tournament Results

Tournament results must be fully recorded and provided back to BW within 2 Working Days of the event, in order for results to be recorded accurately and ranking points be allocated.

Juniors and the Graded Series

Juniors will be eligible to participate in the graded series events, however will be ineligible for selection for the Graded International (Must be aged 18 at the time of the event).

Graded International Selection

The graded international squad will be selected by a group of 6 individuals from across the Badminton Wales Community. Chaired by Josh Hart (North Wales RCM and Domestic Competition Lead). Selection will be completed using the following criteria.

Individuals on the Committee will be ineligible to select individuals within their own grade which may affect their own selection.

Criteria

The criteria below are in no particular order and are viewed as equally as important during selection.

- 1- Results
 - a. How well the individual has performed at the BW sanctioned tournaments they have entered irrespective of the number of tournaments played
- 2- Commitment
 - a. How many BW sanctioned tournaments has the individual competed in
- 3- Rankings
 - a. Combines results and commitment into a metric
- 4- Adherence to code of conduct principles
 - a. Shown good sportsmanship and attitude both on and off court whilst adhering to code of conduct.

*Underlying all of these are the topics of Extenuating Circumstances and Equal Opportunity. Individuals who have for good reason not met Criteria 1-3 will still be taken into consideration as if they had.

Code of conduct and enforcement

All individuals are required to follow Badminton Wales' Code of Ethics and Behaviour policy which can be found attached below:

<https://badminton.wales/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Code-of-Ethics-and-Behaviour.pdf>

By competing in any Badminton Wales Event you agree to abide by this Code of Ethics and Behaviours, and all of Badminton Wales's policies and procedures. Badminton Wales therefore has the right to investigate and take disciplinary action against any alleged or suspected breach of the Code of Ethics and Behaviours which may bring the game of Badminton and Badminton Wales into disrepute.

Safeguarding/Welfare

A named, visible and qualified welfare officer must always be present during the event.

Publishment of information

All of the above will be published onto the BW Website and will be accessible to the whole of the BW community.

Junior Series

Entry Fees

Entry fees are set at £10 for doubles and £15 for singles respectively.

Entries

Entries will be taken by Badminton Wales via the Sport 80 Membership system, this will allow ease of event management and uniformity of event entry.

Tournament Results

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Tournament Format/Structure

The Junior Series will remain Open Gender up to and including the U15 age group. Therefore there will only be two events Single and Doubles. U17 and U19 will remain separate with the 5 disciplines of BS, GS, BD, GD and XD being played.

The exact structure and format of the tournament is up to the discretion of the tournament organiser. However, every effort should and will be made to maximise court time through the use of a plate.

*Ranking points will not be allocated for any plate results.

Individuals can enter up to 3 events across a maximum of 2 age groups. Entering multiple events may result in a reduced rest period between matches.

Scoring systems and draws will be up to the discretion of the tournament organiser with every effort made to maximise court time.

Rankings/Selections

Ranking points will be allocated depending on the result achieved in an event and the age group. Individuals entering multiple age groups within the same discipline and event will only receive ranking points from their highest achieving event. Individuals must enter and participate in the event for points to be allocated.

Selection for Celtic Challenge 2025 and the Quadrangular series 2025 will be primarily based on results obtained in the BW Junior Series events.

Age Group	Max Points
U19	7120
U17	5505
U15	4288
U13	3572

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