



Graded Series Regulations 25/26

1.1 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

All Graded Series (GS) events will be on Tournament Software (TS) and the Badminton Wales' Calander by the end of August 25 where possible.

1.2 TOURNAMENT ENTRY

1.2.1 Entries

Entries will be completed through TS where possible.

1.2.2 Event Payment

Where possible payment will be made through tournament software to keep event entry as simple as possible.

Whilst tournament organisers are getting used to the new system payment may be asked for via an alternative format which will be up to the discretion of the tournament organiser

1.3 TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

1.3.1 All graded series events on a single day will follow the same format this year:

All group stages and knockouts up to the final will be Best of 3 to 15, no setting.

Tournament Organisers discretion as to top 1 or top 2 goes through.

There will be no best runner up, with the exception of when there is 3 groups and only top 1 goes through.

Where there is only a single group there will be no final and the group will be played as a round robin with the top of the group being the winners.

Finals will be Best of 3 to 21 with setting.

Grades will be split as much as possible allowing for the best running of the event. This will be left up to the discretion of the tournament organiser and BW Competition Lead.

1.3.2 Graded events over 2 days

Group Stages and Knockouts will all be Best of 3 to 21.

No best runner-up will go through.

Tournament Organisers discretion as to whether the top 1 or 2 go through the box.

Where there is only a single group there will be no final and the group will be played as a round robin with the top of the group being the winners.

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1.4 GRADINGS

1.4.1 Initial Grading

1.4.1.1 Player with a current Badminton Wales Grading

Players who already have a current grading will not be subject to this initial Grading as they are known player and therefore their gradings will be adjusted based on the Grade Movement regulations seen in section 1.3.2.

1.4.1.2 Player with a prior grading outside of Wales

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 elsewhere but do not have any games played will enter as if they do not have a previous grading.

1.4.1.3 Players with no known prior grading outside of Wales 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.

1.4.1.4 Player who does not fit into the above

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

1.4.2 Grade Movement During Season

Players will not move grades throughout the season except in the following circumstances.

1.4.2.1 Higher standard of play than initial placement reflect

In the spirit of the Graded series in the event an individual is placed in the wrong grading, the graded committee may move this individual up to the grading deemed appropriate.

1.4.2.2 Appeal

Individuals will be allowed to appeal their grades throughout the season. This needs to be done via email to Joshua.hart@badminton.wales. Appeals must include your name, current grade, suggested grade and reasoning for appeal. These will then be reviewed by the Graded Committee and adjusted.

1.4.2.3 Effect of movement for selection

Individuals who move a single grade will still be eligible for selection to the 4Nations Graded International at their previous grade. However individuals who move more than a single grade during the season will only be eligible for their new grading.

1.4.3 Grade Movement Off Season

1.4.3.1 Offseason Guidelines

The table below shows a guideline to what criteria from the previous seasons might warrant moving grades.

| 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 |

1.4.3.2 25/26 Preseason Grading Shift

As the GS has continued to grow, we are striving to split the grading at every event and so during the 25/26 preseason the graded committee will be looking to shift the top players from each

grade up increasing the pool of players in the higher grades whilst providing new opportunities for those in the lower grades.

1.4.4 Grading Communication

The most up to date gradings will all be available on the BW website.

1.5 RANKINGS

Ranking points are 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. See table below for the max points:

| Wales | Max Points Available |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Nationals | 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 the maximum 10625 points.

1.6 RANKING VS GRADING

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.

1.7 4NATIONS GRADED INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

Selections will be carried out using the selection criteria below.

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

Each criteria have a different level of priority with Criteria 1 being first. Rankings will be used to help shortlist players, whilst the Results and Commitment will act as deciding factors.

*For selections Nationals will count towards commitment, however ranking points awarded will not be counted.

*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.

*In Addition to the selection criteria to be considered above, the selection committee are empowered to make appropriate judgements based on additional evidence and experience that may affect the order of merit suggested by the previous criteria.

1.8 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.

1.9 SAFEGUARDING

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

1.10 PUBLISHERMENT OF INFORMATION

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

1.10.1 Rankings and Gradings

Ranking and gradings will be published onto the BW website and updated after every event.

1.10.2 Social Media

Photos and videos may be taken during the event to promote and advertise BW, the graded series and the Tournament Organiser. Please ensure that you notify the Tournament Organiser/Referee if this is an issue.