

North Suburban Junior Tennis Association

Grading Guidelines

(as at November 2018)

All teams entered in the NSJTA Friday night and Saturday morning competitions are graded on merit. The following process is followed by the Match Committee when grading teams:

1) Teams will be graded into grades of eight teams. Where the number of team entries does not correspond to a multiple of eight, Byes will be placed in a sufficient number of grades to make all grades comprise eight teams. Byes will be placed in grades that ensure the greatest evenness of standard within each grade. In exceptional circumstances, the Match Committee may grade teams into grades of six teams.

2) A provisional team grading score is assigned to each team. The following process is used to determine the provisional score –

(a) each player is given an initial score based on the grade played by the player in the previous season;

(b) this score is then adjusted up or down based on the games difference score of the player;

If a player played D Grade 1 and was +16 after 10 games, their score is:

$$21 (\text{Grade score for D1}) + (16 \div 10) = 22.6$$

(c) as players in A Grade can score a maximum of +14 each match, B and C Grade +12 and D Grade +18, a weighting factor is used to adjust each player's score accordingly.

For example, if a player played B Grade 1 and was -20 after 10 games, their score is:

$$72 (\text{Grade score for B1}) - (20 \div 10) \times 1.5 = 69$$

The provisional team grading score is then calculated by taking an average of the individual scores of each player in the team.

Note: A player must have played at least 3 matches for their score to count towards the team average and at least three players in the team must have played 3 matches in the NSJTA competition the previous season for a team to be allocated a provisional grading score.

3) This provisional team grading score **does not** take into consideration the following factors –

(a) ladder positions of teams in the previous season;

(b) finals results;

(c) players who do not have a score (including new players, players who did not play in the previous season and players who played less than 3 matches, such as injured players).

(d) ages of the players;

(e) history of the players in seasons other than the previous season; and

(f) grade requested by the Club.

4) All teams are initially sorted into an order of merit based on the provisional team grading score.

5) Each grade is reviewed by the Match and Permit Committee and adjustments will be made where, in the opinion of the Committee, any one or more of the factors listed in (3) indicate teams are not in the correct order or merit. Adjustments may also be made in the following circumstances:

(a) teams that have performed particularly well may be moved up additional grades;

(b) teams that have performed particularly poorly may be moved down additional grades;

(c) teams that are unbalanced (mix of high scoring and low scoring players) will be paid particular attention and the grade may be adjusted;

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- (d) teams with a large number of players and teams with players who have particularly high or low scores that have only played close to the minimum number of matches and may be unfairly influencing the team score will be paid special attention and the grade may be adjusted; and
 - (e) for new players, tournament results (if applicable), age and information provided by the Club on the ability of the player will be taken into consideration.
- 6) Where a Club has requested two of its teams to be placed in separate grades, and during the grading process a decision needs to be made between two teams that, in the opinion of the Match Committee, are of very similar standard, the decision will be made that results in the two teams being placed in separate grades.
- 7) When a Club has nominated two teams for different grades but the Match Committee is of the view that based on merit the two teams must be placed in the same grade, the Club will be given the opportunity to rearrange the two teams.

Grade Scores

A Special	102
A Grade 1	97
A Grade 2	94
A Grade 3	91
A Grade 4	89
A Reserve 1	87
A Reserve 2	84
A Reserve 3	81
A Reserve 4	78
A Reserve 5	75
B Grade 1	72
B Reserve 1	66
C Special 1	64
C Grade 1	58
C Grade 2	55
C Grade 3	52
C Grade 4	49
C Reserve 1	46
C Reserve 2	43
C Reserve 3	41
C Reserve 4	38
C Reserve 5	36
C Reserve 6	33
D Special 1	31
D Special 2	29
D Special 3	27
D Special 4	24
D Grade 1	21
D Grade 2	18
D Grade 3	15
D Grade 4 & 5	12

Grade Adjustment Weightings

A Grades	$(18 \div 14) = 1.285$
B and C Grades	$(18 \div 12) = 1.5$
D Grades	1