

# COMPETITION GRADES

WHAT ARE THEY?



Competitions are graded to help ensure you enter the right level competition for you.

If you're just starting out competing, Grades 5-7 are best for you.

Full grading information can be seen online:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/compete/competition-grades>



Grade 1 – National Level

Grade 2 – National Level

Grade 3 – Regional Level

Grade 4 – County Level

Grade 5 – Local Level

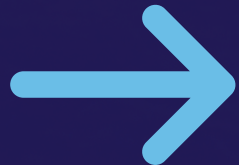
Grade 6 – Matchplays

Grade 7 – Internal club competitions



## Grade 7

- These are competitions taking place at your local venue - including box leagues, ladders, club championships or any other recorded matches.
- All results will count towards your ITF World Tennis Number, but you won't get a ranking from playing in these competitions.
- *Entry is first come, first served.*



## Grade 6

- Perfect for anyone who has never played in a competition before and is new to tennis or experienced players.
- Play people of a similar level to you in one-day competitions – with all results counting towards your ITF World Tennis Number. However, they won't contribute to your overall ranking.
- *Entry is first come, first served.*



## Grade 5

- If you're a club, local or county player looking to compete in your first rankings tournament – these are the competitions for you.
- These events take place over half a day at clubs, parks and schools in your local area.
- You'll get plenty of opportunities to practice your skills.
- All results will count towards your ITF World Tennis Number and you will get a ranking from playing in these competitions.
- *Entry is first come, first served.*



## Grade 4

- These tournaments are for players who consistently get strong results at Grade 5 events and want to test themselves on the next level.
- Usually for players competing at local, county or regional levels.
- Tournaments typically last a day and you'll play a minimum of two matches.
- All results count towards your ITF World Tennis Number and you will get a ranking from playing.
- *Entry for 10U is on recent form, 11-18U is on ranking, Open comps on WTN then ranking.*



## Grade 3

- If you're winning or performing well at Grade 4 events then these tournaments are a great way to take your game up a level.
- Suitable for players competing at a county, regional or national level.
- These typically last two to four days with and minimum of two matches.
- All results will count towards your ITF World Tennis Number and you will get a ranking from playing.
- *Entry for 10U is on recent form, 11-18U is on ranking, Open comps on WTN then ranking.*





## Grade 2

- These competitions are for players who continue to get great results at Grade 3 events and are playing at a regional or national level.
- They typically last two to four days but may last a week – usually taking place in the school holidays.
- Players can expect to play a minimum of two matches.
- Will count towards your ITF World Tennis Number and you will get a ranking from playing.
- *Entry for 10U is on recent form, 11-18U is on ranking, Open comps on WTN then ranking.*



# Grade 1

- These events are highest graded competitions we run for the top players in the country – competing at national or international level.
- They typically last a week and usually take place during the school holidays.
- All results will count towards your ITF World Tennis Number and you will get a ranking from playing in these competitions.
- *Entry for 12-18U is on ranking, Open comps on WTN then ranking.*