

Tewantin Tennis Club

Player Gradings

The weekly social tennis sessions and the annual Club Championships both rely on a player grading system to determine which social sessions players may attend and which grade they can enter in the Club Championships.

Each member of the Club is assigned a grade by the Management Committee in consultation with the Club Captain:

A grade

B or B+ grade

C or C+ grade

D grade

Gradings are based upon the **relative** playing skills of the members of the club, i.e. an individual's grading is based upon their ability to play competitively within the assigned playing group. This grading assessment will take into account general court mobility and any injuries that may impact the skill and playing level. The gradings will not relate to gradings in other tennis clubs that the member may currently be involved with or formerly have been involved with.

Grading assessments will take place annually or more often as required. It is anticipated that the annual assessments will take place following the Club Championships. The assessment will be completed by a sub-committee comprising the Club Captain and at least one representative from each of A, B and C grades.

New members will be assigned a grading as soon as practicable after joining the Club based upon observations of their playing standard by the Club Captain and/or nominated Committee members.

Any member who disagrees with their grading should consult the Club Captain who will make a recommendation to the Committee at their next scheduled meeting.

The weekly **Social Tennis Sessions** have three different levels of play on different days of the week:

A grade sessions – minimum standard is A.

B grade sessions – minimum standard is B grade (A grade players may also attend).

Open sessions – minimum standard is C grade (A and B grade players may also attend).

Note: Players graded B+ may attend A grade sessions, and players graded C+ may attend B grade sessions, by invitation of the Club Captain.

Players with a D grading are not entitled to attend any social sessions.

The annual **Club Championships** is a graded tournament with members competing in either A, B or C grade. Members may compete in a grade higher than their own grading at the discretion of the Club Captain, but cannot compete in a lower grade. In events where there are only 2 entrants, both entrants must have the same grading in order to play for the title.

In **doubles** events where partners have different gradings, the doubles pair must compete in the grade of the highest graded partner.

Any issues regarding player gradings should be addressed to the Committee in writing, whereupon the Committee will request the Club Captain to make a determination.