

# LEINSTER ENTRY RANKING POINTS

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- The Entry Ranking should be used as a **guide for seeding and acceptance** of players into draws (higher ranked players accepted directly, lower ranked into qualifying draws)
- All Leinster **OPEN** tournaments sanctioned by Tennis Ireland will be included.
- All players participating in Leinster Tournaments will be awarded points, independent of the province they live in.
- The points' allocation will depend on the **Grade** of the Tournament.
- The Grade of the Tournament will reflect:
  - the **size of the draw**,
  - **the quality** of the draw (number of top players in it),
  - and the **facilities** of the Club running it.
- The Grade of all Tournaments will be **announced at the beginning of each tennis year** -November/December).
- At the end of each year all tournaments will be **reviewed** and Grades decided. A tournament would be automatically upgraded if it fulfills the minimum requirements. If a tournament did not reach the minimum requirements of the grade it had been allocated, a warning may be issued, and if the requirements are not reached for a second year, the tournament could be downgraded.
- NATIONAL MATCHPLAY points and PROVINCIAL MATCHPLAY points are exclusive. The higher value of the two will be given to a player after each National Matchplay.
- All points will be **kept for a year**, and dropped after that.
- **Only the TOP 7** tournament points earned by each player will count.

## 2. LEINSTER GRAND PRIX

- The Grand Prix Prize will be given to the top Leinster boy and girl in each age category at the end of the Year.
- Only Leinster players can be considered for the Leinster Grand Prix.
- NATIONAL MATCHPLAY points will not be included as the number of players in them is restricted. PROVINCIAL MATCHPLAY points will be included
- **Only the TOP 7** tournament points earned by each player will count.

## 3. GRADE ALLOCATION

**NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS:** National Matchplays  
National Indoors  
Irish National Championship (Fitzwilliam)

**ALL OTHER OPEN TOURNAMENTS:** The Grade of a Tournament will be based on the minimum requirements specified in the following table:

Minimum Requirements			
Tournament Grade	No. of entries	Players	
		Top 20	Top 10
Grade A	more than 24 (16)	8	4
Grade B	more than 24 (12)	8	2
Grade C	more than 16 (8)	4	0
Grade D	more than 8	0	0

(in brackets minimum for under 18 Tournaments)

Note: Under 12 and 14 events should meet all requirements and Under 16 and 18 at least two of them.

#### 4. QUALIFYING ROUNDS and MAIN DRAWS.

Most international tournaments have qualifying draws that feed into their main draw. Their use helps to avoid very uneven matches.

The suggested draw size depending on the number of entries is:

Number of entries	Main Draw Size	Direct entries	Seeds	Wild Cards	Qualifiers
Over 56 (48 Grade A)	48	28/32	16*	4/0	16
41 to 56	32	22/24	8	2/0	8
24 to 40	24	15/16	8*	1/0	8
up to 23	16	12	4	0	4

\* Seeds brought forward (bye in first round)

All National Tournaments should have a Draw Size of 32 (Direct entries 22/24, Wild Cards 2/0, and 8 qualifiers)

If the number of entries is high and courts and time are an issue, Qualifying Round matches could be "short format", ie: 3<sup>rd</sup> set tie-break (third set first to 10 points, 2 in between). This way a player could have 2 matches in one day.

Qualifying draws could be carried to the end as a B event (players that lost in last qualifying round). Or otherwise, losers in last qualifying round could be joined by losers of main draw 1<sup>st</sup> round in a Consolation Draw.

#### 5. POINT ALLOCATION: OPEN TOURNAMENTS

The points awarded to a player in the **MAIN DRAW** will be based on the following table:

GRADE	Main Draw Size	Category	Round Reached in Main Draw					
			Wr	RU	SF	QF	R16	R32
National	32	National	380	260	165	85	30	15
Grade A	32	Provincial	250	170	110	60	20	10
Grade B	16 to 32	Regional	175	120	75	45	12	
Grade C	16 to 32	Regional	100	70	45	25	7	
Grade D	8 to 16	Regional	50	35	15	7		

Points will be awarded only after a player **has won at least one match** (ie, if a player reaches round 16 after he is given a walk-over he does not get any points).

Note: Recently some tournaments have had small draws in Under 16 and 18 events (particularly girls) but still attracted strong players. These tournaments have been graded as a subcategory of National, Grade A, B, or C. Points have been adjusted to the number of rounds and will be awarded as follows:

GRADE	Main Draw Size	Category	Round Reached in Main Draw				
			Wr	RU	SF	QF	R16
National 2	16	National	300	200	100	40	-
Grade A 2	16	Provincial	200	135	75	30	-
Grade B 2	12	Regional	140	90	60	20	-
Grade C 2	8	Regional	80	50	25	10	-

If the draw ended been 24 or more for Under 12 and 14s events, or 16 or bigger for Under 16 and 18s, the players would be awarded full points instead of subcategory points. If more than 1/3 of the players are under age (ie, under 16 in an under 18 draw) this will not apply.

Players that participate in **QUALIFYING DRAWS** will get:

- 3 points if they win 1 match
- 5 points if they win 2 matches, and
- 7 points if they win 3 matches

If they get into the main draw and win one match in it, they will be awarded main draw points only.

Players that participate in **CONSOLATION DRAWS** will be awarded:

- **National and Grade A Tournaments (Plate 1):**
  - Winner: 10 points
  - Runner-Up: 7 points
  - Semifinalist: 3 points
- **Grade B and C Tournaments (Plate 2):**
  - Winner: 5 points
  - Runner-Up: 3 points

## 6. POINT ALLOCATION: MATCHPLAYS

The points awarded to a player in **MATCHPLAYS** will be based on the following table:

Position	National MP Points	Leinster <sup>1</sup> MP Points	Position	National MP Points	Leinster MP Points
1	380	250	7	105	70
2	300	200	8	75	50
3	260	170	9-10	55	37 (32)
4	210	140	11-12	40	27 (32)
5	170	110	13-14	20	15 (13)
6	135	90	15-16	10	10 (13)

(In brackets points for 9 to 12 and 13 to 16 if there is no play for these positions)

- Points for winning two matches in the Regional Matchplays: 10
- Points for winning one match in the Regional Matchplays: 8
- Points for winning two matches in the Pre-regional Matchplays: 6
- Points for winning one match in the Pre-regional Matchplays: 5

## 7. PENALTIES

Players that **withdraw** from a tournament after the draw has been made for no medical reason will have a **penalty of -10 points**.

Players who **fail to turn up** to a tournament without notice will be given a penalty of **-20 points**.

<sup>1</sup> If the ranking is extended to all Ireland provincial matchplay points will be awarded according to the number of entries.