

Dear all,

just a reminder of the rules in place for 2026 for Open tournaments in Munster. The aim of these rules is to reduce the likelihood of uneven matches where strong players with a WTN that does not reflect their ability play in lower bands. These rules will be reviewed and may change throughout the year. Munster branch will help you with reviewing the players entered in your tournament to ensure that all are in the correct band.

Can you please include the rules below in your opening tournament software page or within your regulations:

Note for Munster Tournaments: In a transitional phase from the original Munster Grading System to National WTN Bands, Munster tournaments will have different entry restrictions.

Singles:

- Players in grade 1-3 must enter Band 1-3.
- Players in grade 4 may play singles Bands 1-5.
- Players in grade 5 may play singles Bands 1-6.
- Players in grade 6 may play singles Bands 1-7.

Doubles:

WTN band for doubles pairing is based on the average of WTNs from both players. Following rules also apply:

- Where 2 players have different grades within Munster Directory as of 15th Jan 26 or following upgrades from Winter League, the lowest band they can play is highest player's grade plus 2 (e.g.: grade 2 player playing with grade 4 player can only enter Band 4 or above; grade 1 player playing with grade 4 player can only enter band 3 or above).
- Where 2 players have the same grade within the Munster Directory the lowest band, they can play is the grade plus 1 (e.g. grade 3 player is playing with grade 3 player, must enter Band 4 or above)

All other regulations are in accordance with TI competition rules for WTN.”