



West Hants Tennis Adult Colour Grading Scheme

The West Hants Colour Grading System is a simple measurement of approximate playing standard.

It follows snooker ball colours from their lowest to highest points value:

red, yellow, green, brown, blue, pink and black, the criteria for each colour is described in the table below.

| Technique | Tactical Awareness | Movement and Positioning | Rallying Pace |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| All basic strokes need developing | Working on getting ball 'Over and In' | Struggle to read flight of ball and get in position | Slow |
| Basic swings in place, but need developing | Getting ball 'Over and In', starting to Move Opponent | Understand position on court. Struggle to read flight of ball consistently | Slow to Steady |
| Basic swings in place, starting to understand spin | Over and In, Moving Opponent, starting to Target Weaknesses | Better position at baseline and net. May still struggle to get to some balls | Steady to Medium. |
| Basic swings established. Can demonstrate spin on some shots | More consistently able to get ball 'Over and In', Move Opponent and Target Weaknesses | Good positioning and able to get into position on more balls | Medium. Forehand and serve may be starting to develop more power |
| Most swings solid and using spin | Developing Strengths, able to Move Opponent and Target Weaknesses | Strong and fast or good reader of ball for better positioning on each shot | Medium/Fast |
| All swings solid and using spin where appropriate | All tactical areas solid | Very good position to ball through combination of good movement and reading of game | Medium/Fast to Fast |
| Technically Solid | Tactically solid and able to vary tactics according to opponent | Rarely out of position on a shot | Fast |

What is the purpose of the system?

1. It helps members identify relevant courses and activities in which to participate and find other players of a similar level with whom to play.
2. It sets out a pathway to potentially improve your game to the next level.
3. It helps the tennis team when planning and running events or tournaments.

How is your colour grade monitored and changed?

1. The tennis team monitor your ability if you are on a coaching course and participating in a pay and play, club session or event.
2. In the box leagues, if you beat 3 players of a higher colour over a 6 month period, your colour will go up. You will need at least one win against that new colour in the next 6 months to maintain it.
3. You can sign-up at reception for a re-assessment.

NB – Please be aware that your colour grade can be adjusted down as well as up.

Can I only play with my own colour level?

You should be able to hit in with one colour level up, but would be expected to struggle with someone two colour grades above you.