

WHEN CAN A PERSON CHOOSE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM GRADING?
WHAT ACTION SHOULD THEY TAKE?

NGS allows one player (or one pair) in an event to choose in advance not to be graded for that event. This was introduced to allow hosts or mentors to opt-out when partnering a particularly weak or unfamiliar player. This is limited to a maximum of one pair in a session, though either or both players in the pair can opt-out.

The use of this facility is not encouraged, as a player's NGS grade is not adversely affected just by playing with a weaker partner and our analysis has shown that the negative effect of playing with an unfamiliar partner is very small. However if a host or mentor does wish to exclude the session from their grade, it is recommended that their partner's results are still graded as this will allow a new member gradually to get enough graded boards to have an official grade.

To use the exemption the host **must** use a form on each member's MyEBU members area which, in addition to selecting the appropriate option in the scoring program, must be filled on each occasion that they wish to be exempt. This has to be done as soon as the host knows they will be playing and in any case no more than 30 minutes after the start of the game (this 30-minute leeway is only offered for the benefit of hosts who are not confirmed to be playing until the end of the first round of the game), the use of this form becomes mandatory on 1st August 2017.

The form can be found On-line in 'MY EBU', 'Utilities', 'Register NGS Exemption'

Note: If playing at Ripley, be aware that there is no Internet access so the form must be completed prior to arrival unless you have 'Mobile Data' on your device. At Riddings, the TD can use the computer using the Clubs EBU number.