

Remove “Novice” from Practice Chanter grade - Recommended by EC

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Rationale:

This is often confused with the "novice" bass/tenor category but because they do not need the same membership, this leads to confusion.

Additional action: rename "novice" in R2 as practice pad/chanter competitor only.