



**Metropolitan
Bowls
Association Inc.**

Season 2017/18 – reminder re practice before the game Reference 1718/15

Can Club Secretaries remind their Side Managers and Umpires of the changes to the Conditions of Play regarding the drawing of the cards and practice before the game.

As per Rule 3.12.4 players can practice on any rink of the green of play until the cards are drawn and the rinks allocated. Once the rinks are allocated **practice will cease**. Players can move to their allocated rinks to prepare for their roll-up.

Side Managers must not draw the rinks before the designated time (12:45 pm Saturday, 12 noon Wednesday or 9:30 am Thursday). If they do so they will deprive their players of practice time.

A useful summary of all the relevant playing times for all days of competition has been prepared and is available [here](#). Please distribute this to your members.

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On behalf of the Match & Program Committee
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	Rule 4.2 Side Manager Responsibilities	Rule 3.12 Practice		Rule 3.10 Start Times		Rule 3.16 Mid game Break	Rule 3.2 Ends to be Played	Rule 5.8 Incomplete Games	Rule 3.17 Finishing Time	Rule 5.10 Advice of results
	Enter player names on-line by	Practice on any rink from	Draw for rinks begins at	Trial ends begin by	Begin play by	Mid game break at	Number of ends	Minimum number of ends to constitute a completed game	Finish by	Enter results on-line by
Saturday	Friday 10am	*12.15pm	**12.45pm	1.00pm	1.15pm	Premier League & Divisions 1 & 2 - None Divisions 3 - 7 - 2.45pm	All Divisions - 21 ends	Premier League & Divisions 1 to 5 - 56 ends Divisions 6 & 7 - 42 ends	5.45pm	7pm game day
Wednesday	Tuesday 10am	*11.30am	**12.00	12.15pm	12.30pm	2.00pm	Premier League & Divisions 1 & 2 - Pairs 18 ends; Triples 25 ends; 4's 21 ends Divisions 3 & 4 - 21 ends	Premier League & Divisions 1 & 2 - 74 ends Division 3 - 56 ends Division 4 - 42 ends	5.00pm	7pm game day
Thursday	Wednesday 10am	*9.00am	**9.30am	9.45am	10.00am	After 11 ends	All Divisions - 21 ends	Premier League & Divisions 1 to 5 - 42 ends Divisions 6 & 7 - 28 ends	2.30pm	7pm game day
Friday		*5.15pm	**5.45pm	6.00pm	6.15pm	None			10.30pm	12 noon Saturday
Early Start		May not be available	**9.00am	9.15am	9.30am	None (breaks by negotiation)			2.00pm	7pm game day

* Players can practice until scorecards are distributed

** Rinks shall be drawn from the indicated time

** Once scorecards are distributed, practice must cease