

Match practice guidelines

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Team Practice night (March-September)

On the night organisation

- The organiser (Club Captain) or his / her deputy (Vice Club Captain) will organise the **first three / four** rounds of play
 - *In final games of the evening members will be expected to mix in*
- In as much as it is possible, squad members will be selected to play against others one squad level above or below them
- Balls to be provided by the club
- Club to cover cost of floodlights
- Start time of 6:30pm; end 9:30pm
- All six courts to be used no squad preference over courts
- 30-minute games played.
- We will look to run support to include doubles drills and tactics.

How will it work?

- Need to identify individuals prepared to organise the sessions (Club Captains), distribute balls and collect any money.
- There will need to be input from team captains prior to each weekly match practice session to prioritise play and partnerships
 - *Team captains should propose to the organiser(s) pairings at start of evening from those that have confirmed their availability*

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- **The organiser(s) will, with input from the respective team captains, schedule all games during the evening. Scores will be noted and fed back to the team captains at the end of the night.**
 - *Emphasis should be on determining team squads thus pairings / persons from different squads should be played against each other*
 - **Members wishing to participate in a team practice night but have opted out of team tennis, should be prepared to make way for team-playing members during the evening**

What if no organisers are present?

If no 'organisers' are present the following format and guidelines for the evening should be followed (if possible):

- The first rounds of games (three, 8 game, first to 6 sets) should be organised (by team captain/ vice captains) to make sure that they are competitive
 - *The expectation (although there will need to be some flexibility) is that squad members can play against players one squad level above / below them*
- In the final games of the evening members will be expected to mix in if numbers are odd

Team Practice night (October-February)

- During the off season the ethos for team practice nights will be competitive play
 - *There will be no requirement for play with established partners / squads and individual performance / results will not be taken into consideration*
- There should not be a requirement for an 'organiser' to be present and as such the above guidelines when an organiser is not present should be followed