

AM v. PM TROPHY PLAYOFF PROTOCOL*

When a Riverside Trophy Draw is composed of a morning division and an afternoon division¹, the morning winner plays against the afternoon winner in an AM v. PM Trophy Playoff. The winner of the play-off wins the trophy. Riverside currently has two such Draws: Astrid Kempster and Club Championship.

BEFORE THE GAME

- **ICE:** Match and Rules Committee books ice that is not directly followed, on the same sheet, by another booking; and informs the RA that if necessary, the game might be extended into the next time slot. In the event this cannot be prearranged, Match meets with the skips prior to their game to discuss and agree upon any impact on “Length of Play” (below).
- **SPARES:** Playoff teams are not allowed to choose their own spares; if a spare is needed, the team’s skip must inform Match and Rules Committee. The Committee draws a name from among eligible candidates. Eligible candidates are, in the first instance, curlers whose assessed rating is the same as the position being filled. Match will draw eligible candidates from these pools, in this order: (a) curlers who only spared, chosen in order of regular spares protocol and (b) curlers who did not play in the Draw at any time. If no spare is found who is rated at the same level as the position, the process will be repeated to find a spare who is rated at a lower level.
- **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Match ensures the two skips are made aware of or reminded of this protocol prior to the playoff game. This may be done on or before game day.

THE GAME

- **LENGTH of PLAY:** A playoff game is 8 ends long (unless one team concedes earlier). Teams are urged to complete 8 ends within the normal 2 hours; however, if necessary, play will be extended into the next time slot.
- **TIE:** A tie after the 8th end will be broken by a standard draw to the button; i.e., any player on each team may throw, with sweeping by the throwing team only.

¹ Some Trophy Draws are **not** composed of morning and afternoon divisions. The following Trophy Draws **do not** require a playoff – *Skips' Draw*; *Tartan*; and *Wee Bairn* – and consequently, are not subject to this protocol .