

*Elbows Squad, 2011*  
Event pre game preparation

**Player Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Event:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rink:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Start Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Player Goals for Game (2 examples, insert your own)**

**Team goals (2 examples, insert your own)**

• <b>get first bowl per end within mat length</b>	• <b>win a minimum 4 ends per set, an average of an end every 3 ends</b>
• <b>get 45% of bowls assessed as ML/ effective over the entire game</b>	• <b>win the second set</b>
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**Pre Game strategy preparation**

- **diet** eat appropriately and at normal times; take food in case it is unavailable
- **equipment:** checklist have spares of everything and account for the extreme weather
- **travel:** arise well in time for breakfast and bus departure
- **arrive** early to venue to reduce anxiety
- focused, yet relaxed, breathe and be **patient** in the period before the event
- **emotional** – ensure you are at peace with all the people important to you

**Game plan**

know your winning strength  
stay relaxed, be patient yet flexible to your game plan  
use affirmation such as caterpillar  
know when to attack and defend  
grind opposition into the ground when chance arises  
relish and enjoy the thrill of the contest  
'last' bowl is always your first bowl

**Match starts prior to the day**

- The battle is won before the war has begun
- **Drinks** and other essentials ready
- Prepare **mind**  
Relax body & mind, Focus on one point  
Visualize perfect delivery and result
- know exactly how we/I will play game (**game plan**)
- Encourage each others performances especially when you are struggling
- Walk onto the rink as a **team** and behave as a team
- **enjoy** despite everything; you are special just being here
- find your own space to **relax**

**Roll up**

- Look at rink and assess condition of Surface, Weather?
- Develop line and feel; know your body, know your bowl
- keep toey, stretch, walk around

**Debrief** (four brief responses in positive words where suitable)

<b>What did we/I do well?</b> • •	• •
<b>What do we/I need to improve upon?</b> • •	• •
<b>What caused the win/ loss?</b> • •	• •

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