



# Like My Drill App



## User Guide



# **Like My Drill**

## Owner's Manual



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*It is our mission to build the most durable, dependable, and player-friendly machines. Quality is assured; from the gear motors and pitching wheels, to the fully programmable control boxes and remote controls.*

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*Sincerely yours,*

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# Introduction

The best way to improve your tennis game is to practice. That may sound like simple advice, but it is advice we take very seriously here at METALTEK. We believe that the best way to practice your game is to spend some quality time on the court with a ball machine. By utilizing a ball machine as a constant partner, you will be able to repeatedly attack all the shots that make up your range as a player, whether that means strengthening your weaknesses or perfecting your strengths. A ball machine is your best choice of practice partner when it comes to developing a well-rounded game.

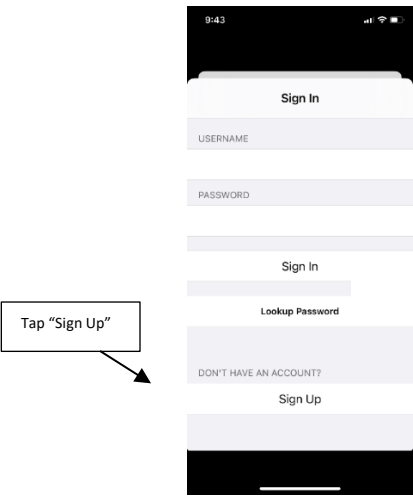
In this age of technological development, we have tried to find a happy balance between technical complexity and ease of operation. We have worked hard to maintain the clean simple appearance of our design and the utility of our controls, while generating machines that can offer full game simulation and programmability. After only a short while with this user guide you should have you're a better understanding of how to use the Like My Drill App!

# How To Create a Like My Drill Account

- 1. Go to the App Store® and Download/Update the Like My Drill App. (Version 1.1.24 or newer is necessary)



- 2. Open Like My Drill and tap “Sign Up”



- 3. Fill out the necessary information and click “Register Now!”. **Note:** Your username will be the email address provided in this signup form.

iPLAYMATE Tennis FREE Account

First Name

Last Name

Email

Your username will be your Email address. **Make sure this is a valid Email address!**  
After pressing "Register Now!", check your email and complete the registration by following the emailed instructions.

Password

Confirm Password

Click “Register Now!”  
after form has been  
filled out



# Quick Start for using Like My Drill App

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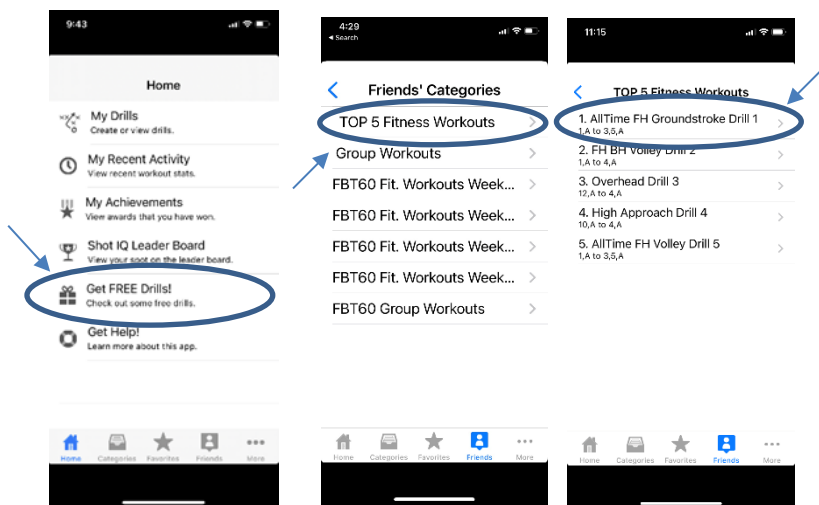
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4. Once at the Home Screen, first tap “Get Free Drills”. This will go to a collection of premade drills. Next, tap “TOP 5 Workouts”. Finally, select “1. AllTime FH Groundstroke Drill 1” by tapping on the drill.

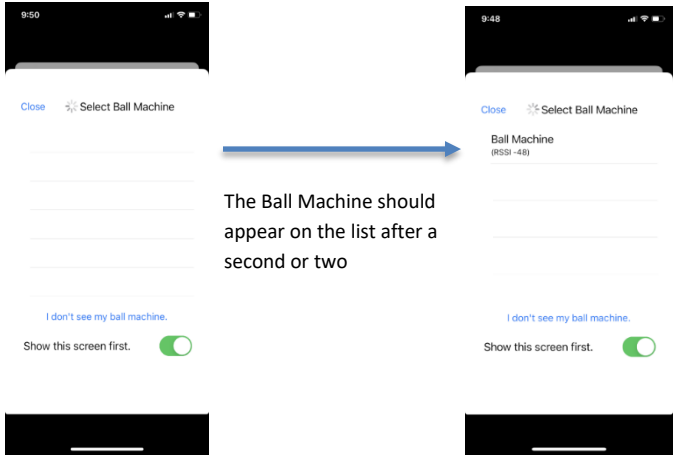
Tap “Get Free Drills!”

Tap “Top 5 Fitness Workouts”

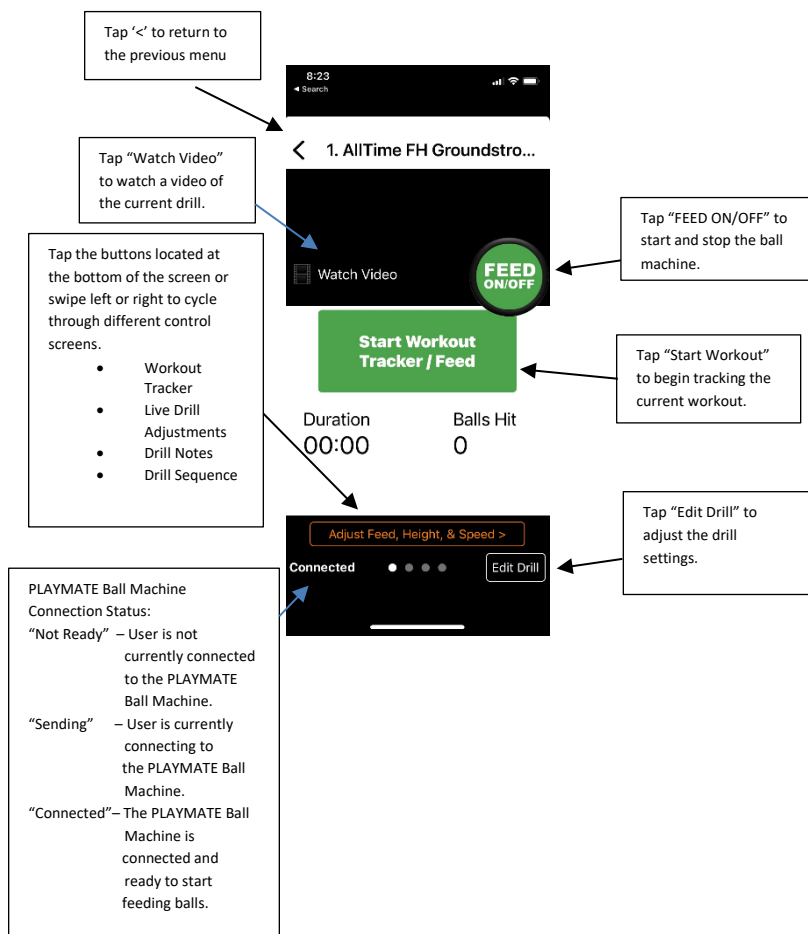
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5. Once the drill is selected, a pop-up menu will appear. The PLAYMATE Ball Machine should appear as “Ball Machine” as default. However, if this machine has been altered due to a number of Ball Machines being in close proximity, the name may be “Ball MachineX” where X is a number between 2-15.

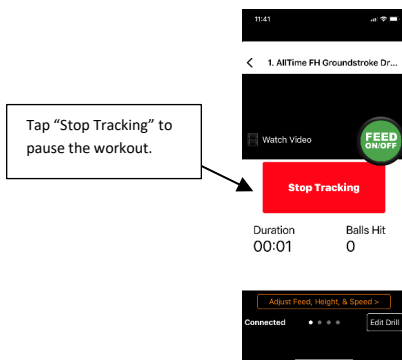


- The drill is now loading into the PLAYMATE Ball Machine. Once the connection status displayed in the bottom-left corner of the screen displays “Connected”, the user can either tap the “FEED ON/OFF” or the “Start Workout Tracker/Feed” buttons to start the Ball Machine.

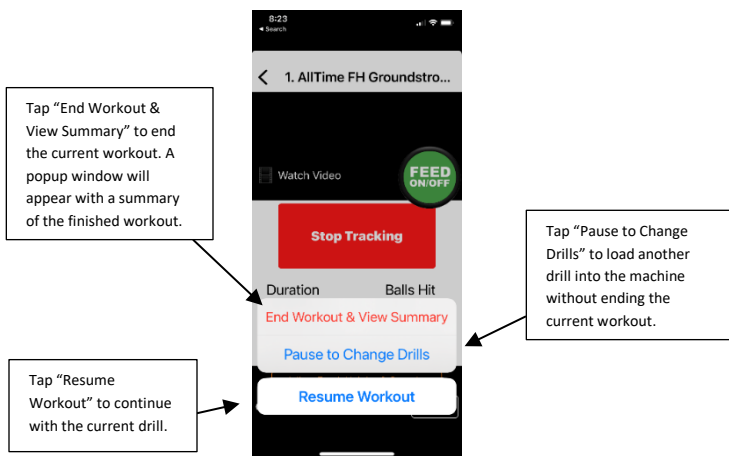


- To start and stop the PLAYMATE Ball Machine during a workout, simply tap “FEED ON/OFF”.

8. To pause the workout, tap “Stop Tracking”. **Note:** This button will stop the machine from feeding more balls until the “FEED ON/OFF” button is tapped or a new workout is started.

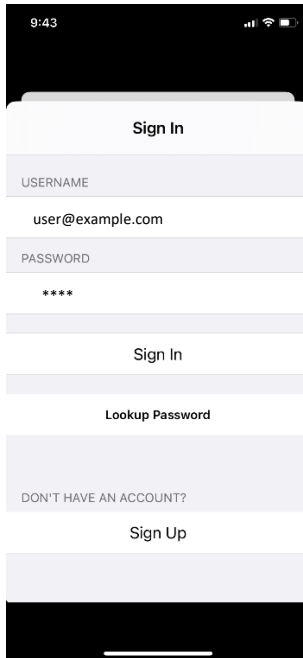


9. Tap one of the three options given to continue. If the background is tapped instead of one of the available options, the 3 options will be dismissed and the workout will resume as if the user had selected “Resume Workout”



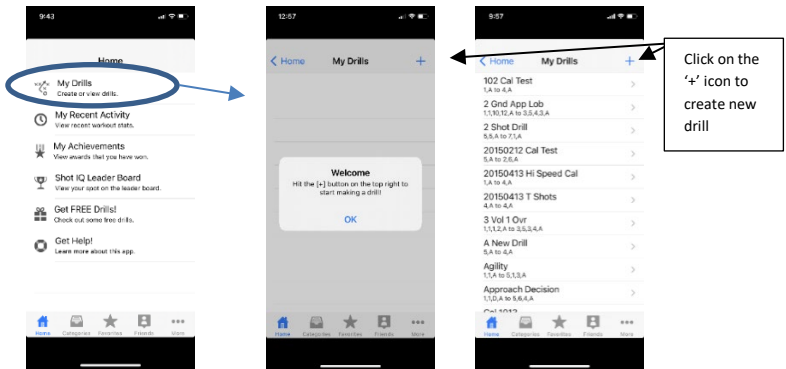
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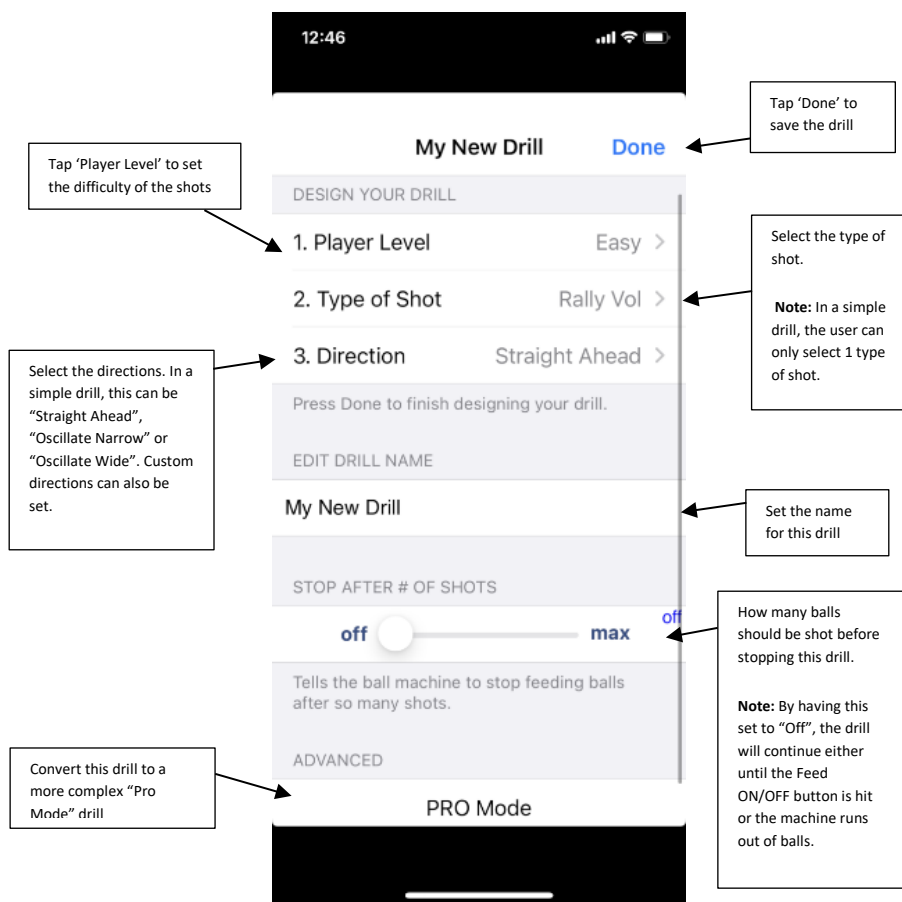
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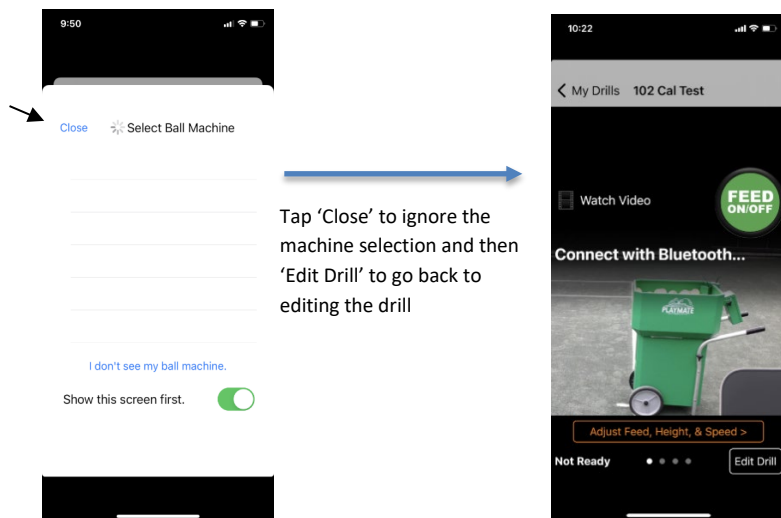
5. A new window will appear (as shown below). If this is a simple (single shot) drill, tap 'Done' and the drill will be saved. Once the 'Done' button is pressed, the screen will continue to the normal drill operation screen where the user can begin using their ball machine.

**Note:** To make a more complex drill or to turn a simple drill into a complex one, continue to step 6.





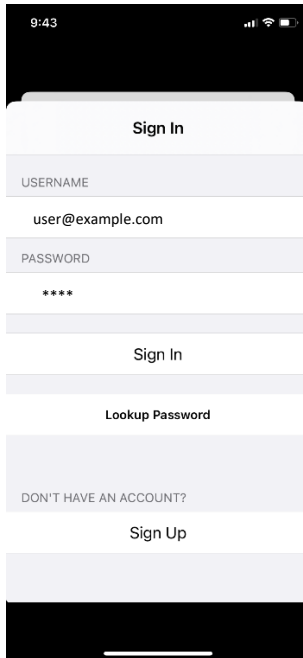
6. To create a more complex drill, tap the 'PRO Mode' button at the bottom of the screen. (See previous page). If this is being done on a new drill, the user may be taken out of the drill and will need to tap "Close" (Right) and then "Edit drill" on the resulting screen (Left).



7. The new "Pro Mode" drill will be displayed. Users can customize much more about the drill including having multiple different shots in a single drill as well as more advanced features like randomization and create custom shots in the drill.

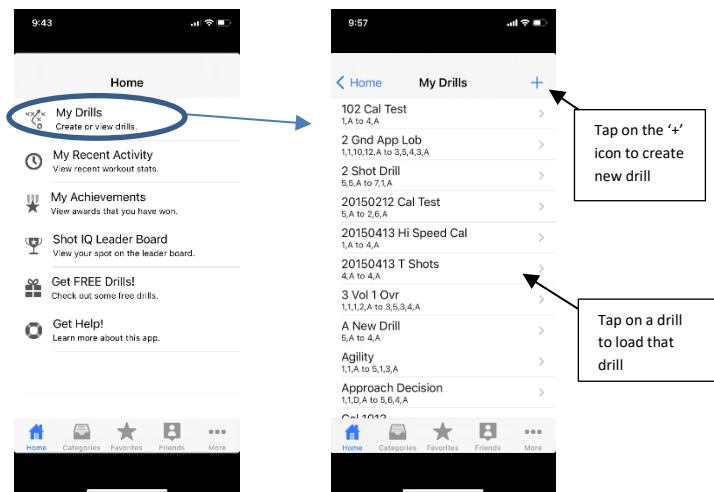
# How to Randomize a Drill

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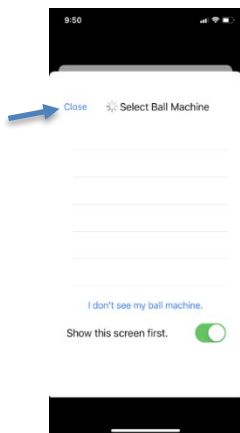
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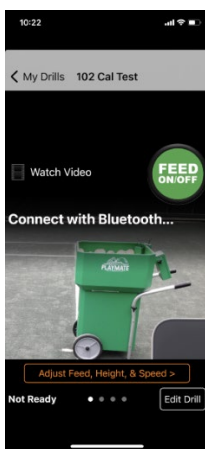
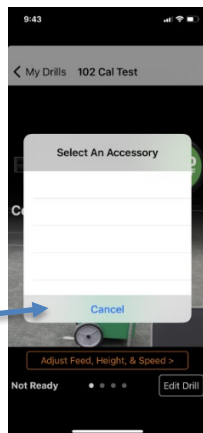


5. To randomize shots, skip to step 9.

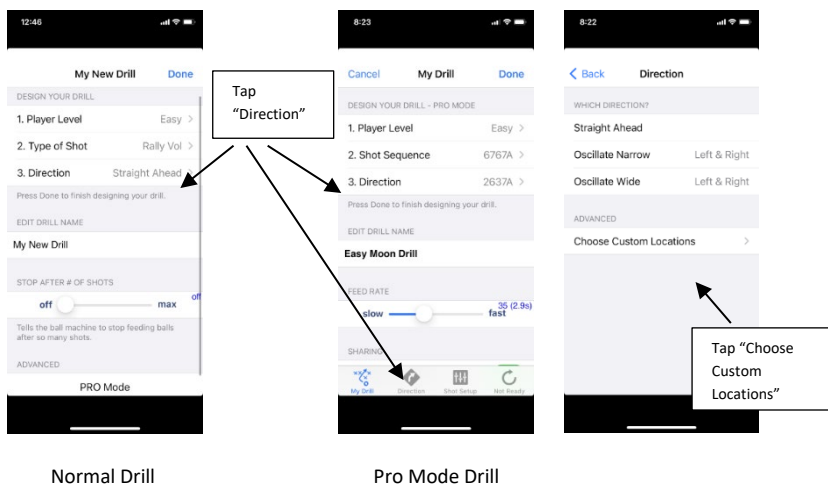
6. If necessary, close the “Select Ball Machine” or “Select an Accessory” screens. Tap “Edit Drill” on the bottom right corner of the screen.



Close these screens if necessary

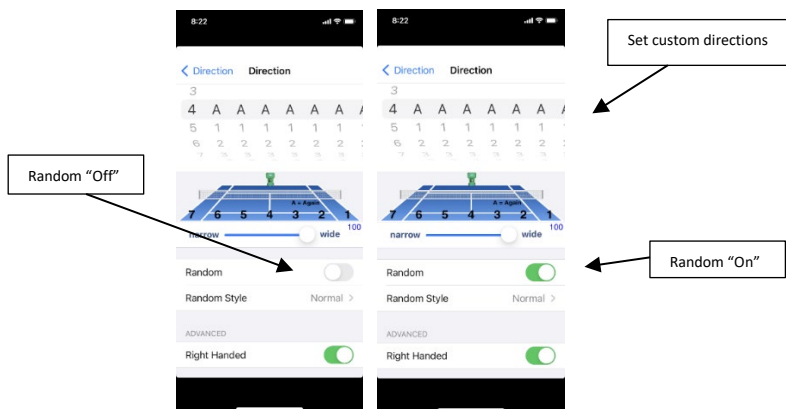


7. Tap on “Direction” and then tap on “Choose custom locations”



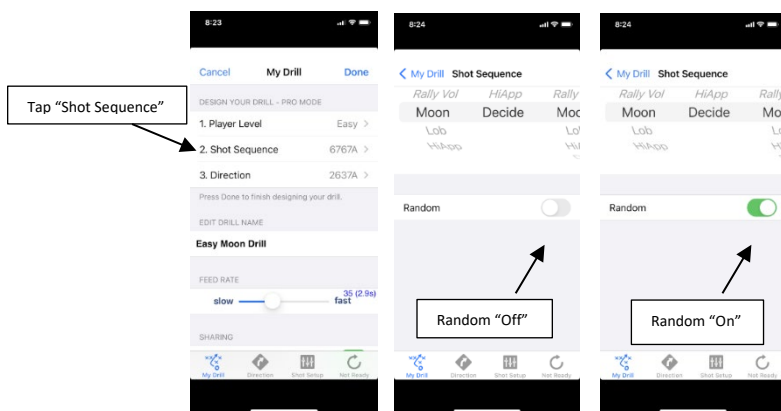
8. On this screen, it is both possible to set custom directions and turn on “Random”.

**Note:** Random style only has two options, “Normal” and “Balanced”. Only advanced users should mess with this setting.

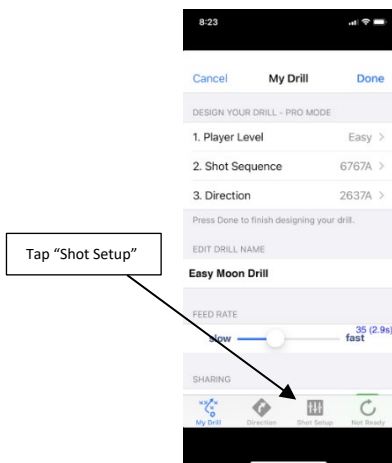


9. There are two ways to randomize shots. The drill can simply randomize the shots in the same way as it randomizes the direction or the drill can do a set drill and then “Decide” what shot to have next. To make the drill simply randomize the selected shots, tap “Shot Sequence” and then toggle the “Random” option.

**Note:** The ability to randomize shots can only be done on a drill that is in Pro Mode. See “How to Create a Drill” for reference if there is any confusion on this process.



10. To allow the drill to decide the next shot, tap “Shot Setup” on the tab bar at the bottom of the screen.

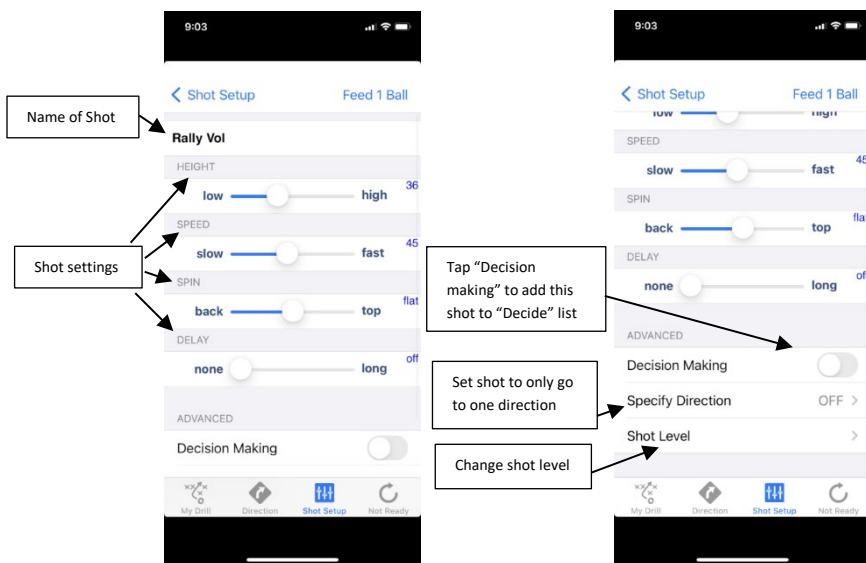


11. Select the shot that will be included in the random decision making.

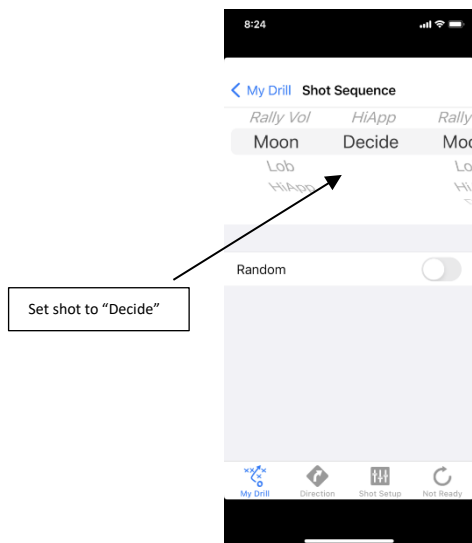


12. In this screen, the shot can be changed in many ways. This includes setting the direction override for this particular shot, setting the shot level, changing the general settings of the drill including its name, and turning on "Decision making". For randomizing this shot, toggle the "Decision making" option.

**Note:** This document refers to a "Decide" list as a list of all shots in a given drill that have had their "Decision Making" setting set to "On".



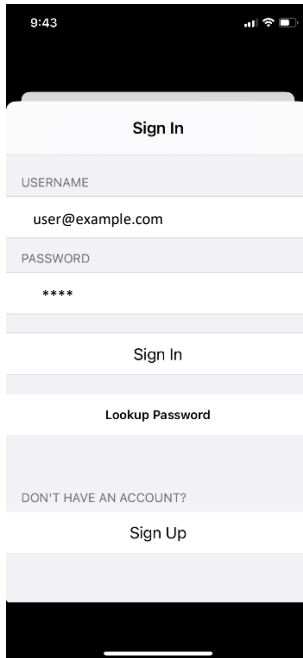
13. Go back to "Shot Sequence" (as described in step 9) and set a shot to "Decide". This will shoot a random shot in the "Decide" list in that shot of the sequence. **Note:** It is possible to both have decide and random shot on the same drill.





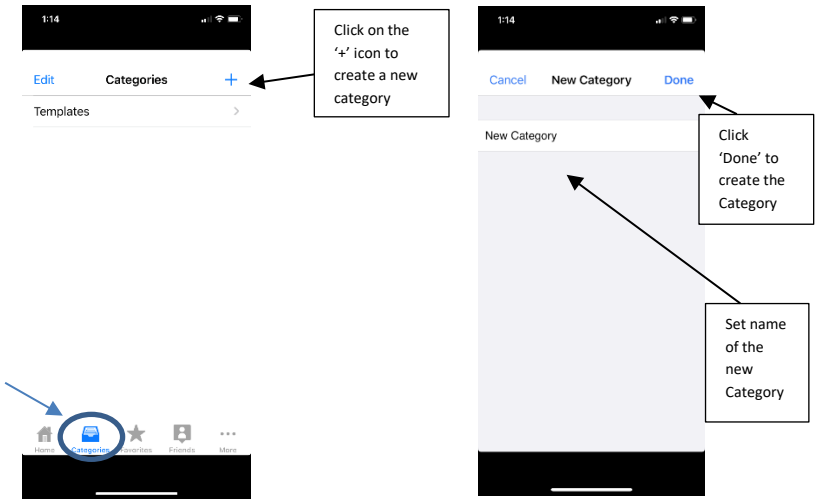
# How to Categorize a Drill

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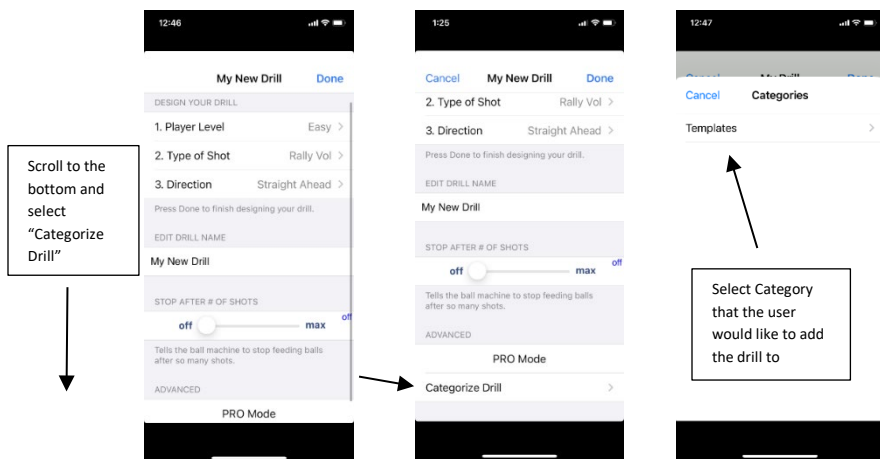


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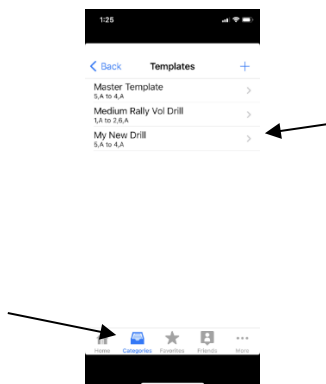
4. Once at the Home Screen, click “Categories”. This will display all previously created categories as well as allow the user to create a new category. To create a category drill, tap the ‘+’ icon.



5. Once the new category has been created, a user can either create a new drill directly within the category (See 'How to Create a Drill') or they can assign a old drill to it though editing an existing drill. This can be done by editing the old drill, scrolling down, and selecting "Categorize Drill".

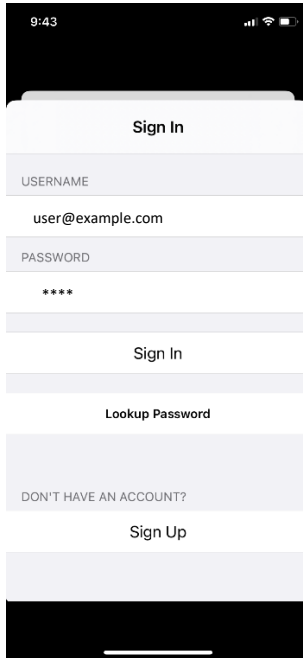


6. The drill will now appear in the category when the user goes to look inside the category in the "Categories" tab.



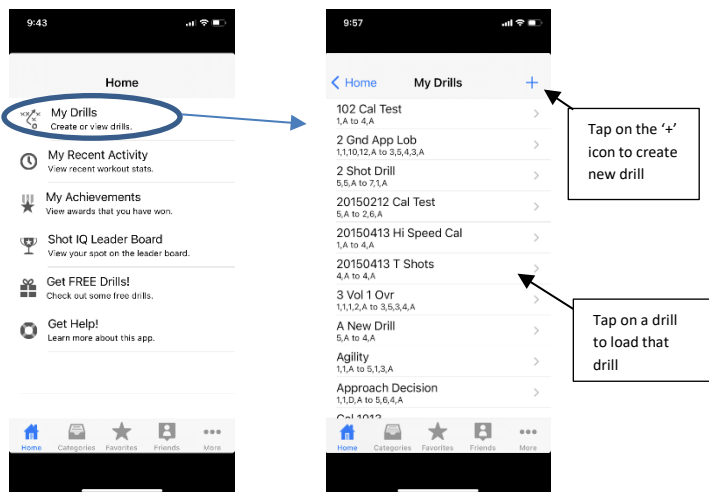
# How to Share a Drill

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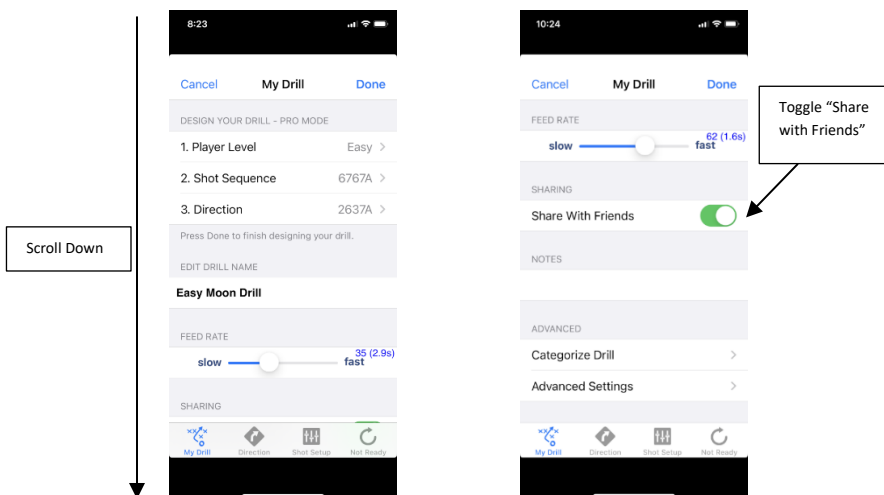


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- Once at the Home Screen, click “My Drills”. This will display all previously created drills as well as allow the user to create a new drill.

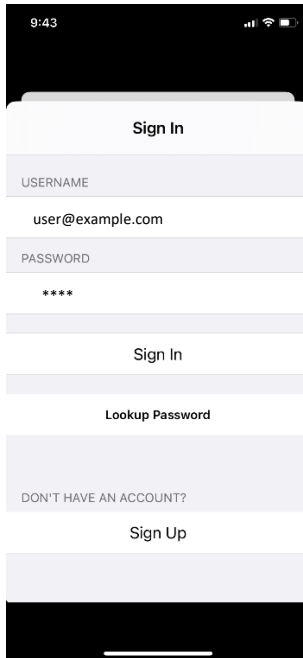


- If this is a new drill, it will first need to be converted to a Pro Mode Drill (See How to Create a Drill).
- Scroll down and toggle “Share with Friends”.

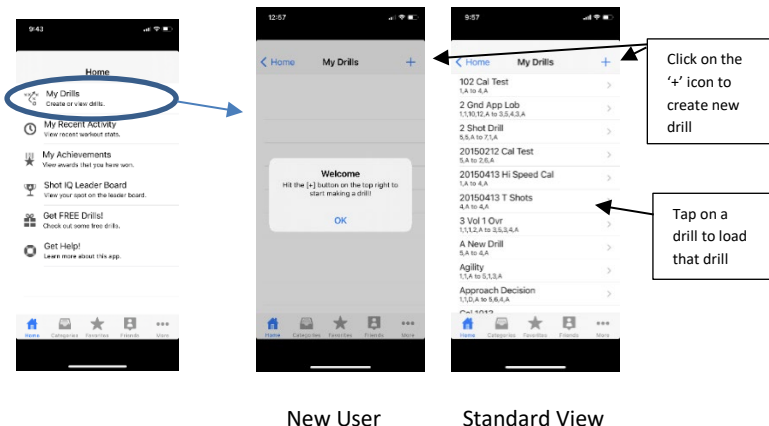


# Connection Instructions for iPlaymate

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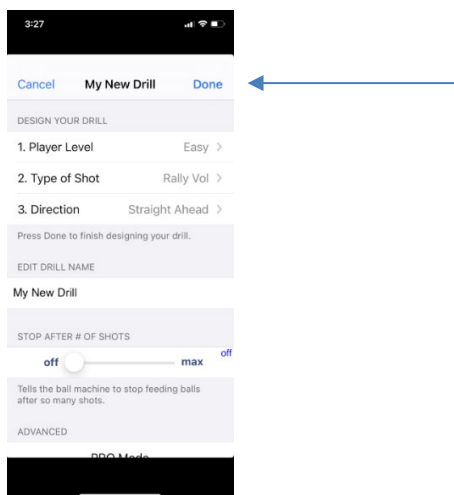
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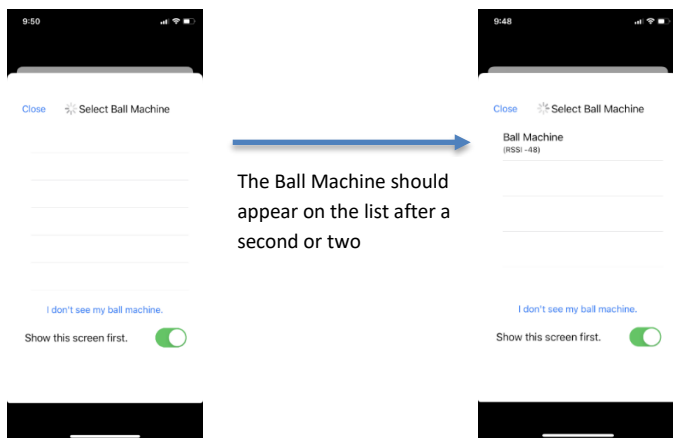
New User

Standard View

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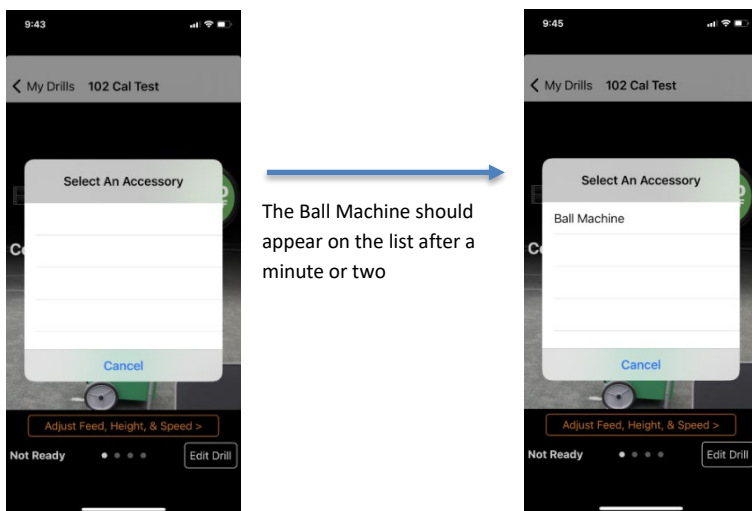


5. If the iPlaymate is an older model, skip to step 7
6. Once the drill is selected or the user is done creating the new drill, a popup menu will appear. The PLAYMATE Ball Machine should appear as “Ball Machine” as default. However, if this machine has been altered due to a number of Ball Machines being in close proximity, the name may be “Ball MachineX” where X is a number between 2-15.

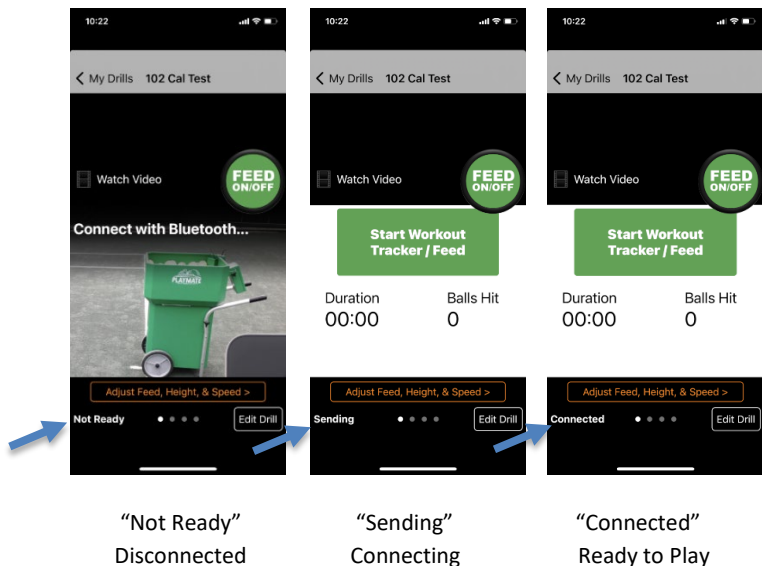




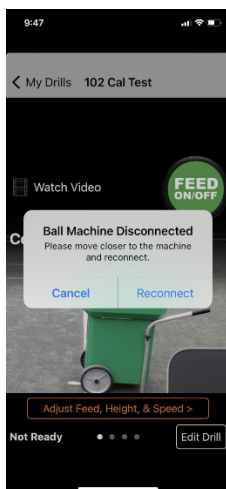
7. If the desired iPlaymate does not appear and the model is an older model (prior to Version 3), the user may need to click on “I don’t see my ball machine”. This will open a legacy connection menu that does not work for the iPlaymate Version 3 and newer. The PLAYMATE Ball Machine should appear as “Ball Machine” as default. However, if this machine has been altered due to a number of Ball Machines being in close proximity, the name may be “Ball MachineX” where X is a number between 2-15. **Note: Due to the older nature of the iPlaymate, this process may take a minute or two for the Ball Machine to appear**



8. Tap the desired “Ball Machine” in the menu and it should disappear. It is advised that you wait until the text in the bottom left corner reads “Connected”. If commands are sent while the text states “Sending”, some errors may occur. Note: If the text reads “Not Ready” for more than a second or two, you will need to either back out of the drill and go back into it or simply click “Feed On/Off” to restart the connection process.



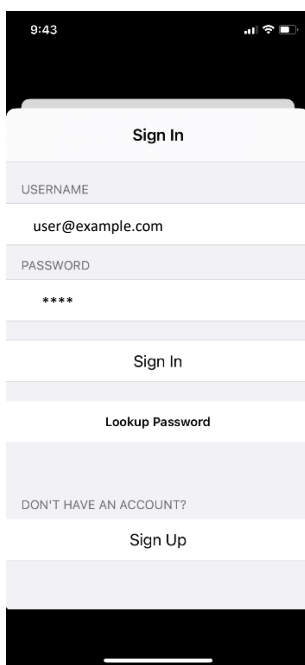
9. If the Ball Machine ever becomes disconnected for any reason, the following alert will appear. Simply click “Reconnect” to start the connection process again.



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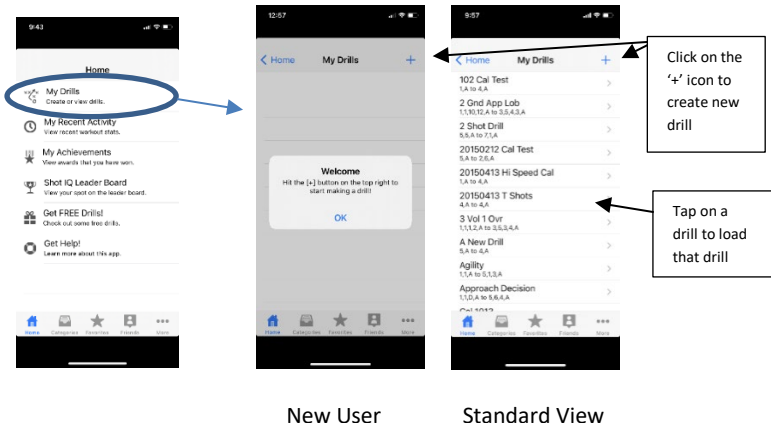
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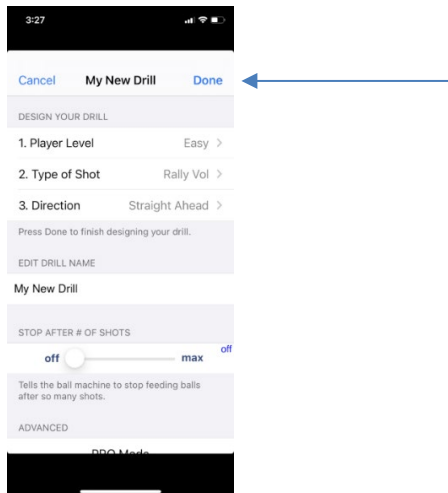


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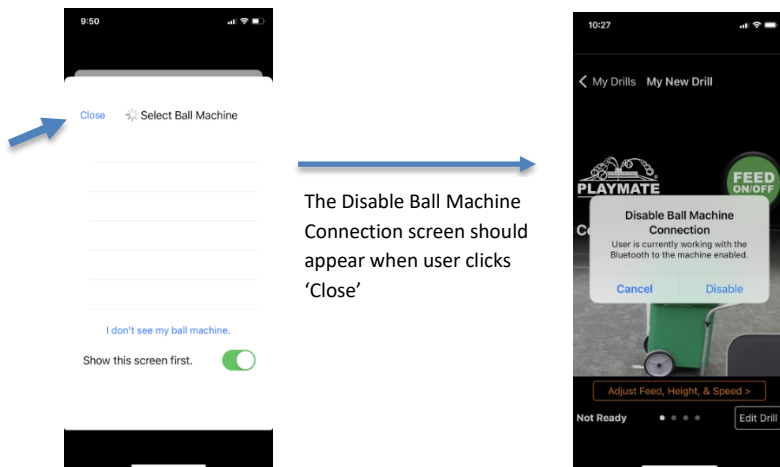
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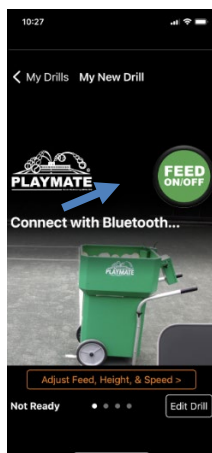


5. Once the drill is selected or you are done creating the new drill, a pop-up menu will appear. To disable this menu from appearing until it is re-enabled the user will need to tap the 'Close' button. This feature is mainly for users who wish to plan drills ahead of time without the ball machine nearby and do not want to be bothered with this menu while editing multiple drills.

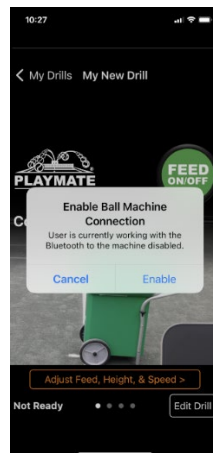


**Note:** If the user swipes down on the Pop-up menu, the Disable Ball Machine Connection alert will not appear. To trigger the pop-up menu again if the user clicked 'Cancel' or swiped down, simply tap the FEED ON/OFF button.

6. Tap 'Disable' to disable the popup menu
7. To re-enable this menu (This will need to be enabled to connect to the Ball Machine), simply click the Feed ON/OFF Button and select "Enable"



The Enable Ball Machine Connection screen should appear when user clicks 'FEED ON/OFF'



# Troubleshooting Playmate Tennis iPlaymate Module

This document has been prepared to help troubleshoot the Playmate Tennis iPlaymate module. Please be aware that not all troubleshooting steps work for both the Playmate Tennis iPlaymate V3 and the Playmate Tennis iPlaymate, however the steps should be similar. If these solutions do not resolve the problem, contact technical support.

## Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Appropriate Action
Never gets past 'Sending' Message	iPlaymate is tested for a range of 100 feet. If the user is either just out of range or there is some interference, the connection becomes unstable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Turn off the PLAYMATE Ball Machine and restart the App.</li> <li>- Move closer and attempt the connection again.</li> </ul>
Ball Machine status says "Connecting" in the popup menu	If commands (such as Feed ON/OFF) are sent during the initial connection process, the App is unable to properly communicate. This is caused by the App knowing that a connection is available but the user has attempted to connect before the machine has agreed to the connection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Click "Close" on the popup menu.</li> <li>- If the user clicks the Ball Machine while it says "Connecting" underneath, it will simply disconnect from the Ball Machine.</li> <li>- If this continues to occur, turn off the machine and close the App. Start the process again but allow a few extra seconds before sending a command after initial connection.</li> </ul>
Cannot see certain parts of the app	The phone may be in 'Dark Mode'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This issue should be resolved in Like My Drill v1.1.25. The user should either update their app or reinstall Like My Drill.</li> <li>- If this is not possible, a workaround is to have the user go to Settings -&gt; Display &amp; Brightness and change the APPEARANCE option to 'Light' mode.</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If this problem continues, contact technical support.</li> </ul>
<b>Problem</b>	<b>Possible Cause</b>	<b>Appropriate Action</b>
Ball Machine is not showing up on "Select Ball Machine"/"Select Accessory" screen.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bluetooth may be turned off on the device.</li> <li>- Using the wrong connection screen.</li> <li>- The phone may not have given Bluetooth permissions to the Like My Drill App.</li> <li>- iPlaymate Bluetooth module may not be receiving power.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure Bluetooth is turned on.</li> <li>- Verify that the correct connection screen is being used (Refer back to Connection Instructions document for appropriate iPlaymate Version)</li> <li>- Verify that the Like My Drill App has been given permission to use Bluetooth. This can be found by going to Settings-&gt;Like My Drill and ensuring the Bluetooth option is turned on.</li> <li>- Verify that the internal LEDs inside the iPlaymate are on. Not all LEDs will be on, however if at least one LED is on, the module is receiving power.</li> <li>- If the problem continues, contact technical support.</li> </ul>
Can connect to Ball Machine but machine is not responding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The retractable cable may be damaged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Replace retractable cable and see if issue persists.</li> <li>- If this problem persists, contact technical support.</li> </ul>
"The connection was working a minute ago with one device but now the next user can't see the machine."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The last user may not have disconnected their device from the iPlaymate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Turn the PLAYMATE Ball machine off and then back on.</li> <li>- If this problem persists, contact technical support.</li> </ul>
"Select Ball Machine"/"Select Accessory" screen does not appear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- User may have disabled the need for a connection to the Playmate Ball Machine in the app</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tap "Feed On/Off" and then select "Enable"</li> <li>- See "Bluetooth Enable/Disable" instructions</li> </ul>

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