



Prestwich Cricket Club



Net Safety Policy

You may only use the nets if:

1. You are a paid up member of Prestwich Cricket Club or persons who have permission from the Committee. Parents of junior members may also use the net when supervising their children.
2. You follow the net safety rules
3. You use the correct kit in the nets and abide by the equipment rules
4. Use of the nets is subject to availability with booked sessions taking priority
5. Nets are not to be used before 9am to respect local neighbours

The committee reserves the right to withdraw the privilege of using the nets from members who do not follow these rules

Kit & Equipment rules

1. No kit bags should be inside the enclosed artificial playing surface
2. Suitable footwear must be worn i.e. rubber-soled (non marking) cricket shoes or trainers. [No Spikes, no smooth soles, no non-sports shoes]
3. Batsmen working with a hard ball must wear adequate protection, helmet, box, pads etc
4. All Under 18s must bat in a helmet.
5. The surface of the nets must not be marked with chalk or any other material. Cones, discs or similar non marking items should be used instead.
6. Only proper leather cricket balls, bowling machine balls, tennis balls or purpose made "incrediballs" to be used in nets.
7. Ball loose between the netting system should not be hit clear with a bat, but removed by hand to minimise damage
8. No Footballs to be used in or against the nets
9. No climbing, leaning or bouncing off the nets
10. All rubbish/litter is to be placed in the bin and the net area left tidy after each session
11. There is to be No foul language in or around the nets – This is to respect other club members and neighbouring houses that are close to the nets.

Net Safety rules

1. The net is only to be used with the gate closed but not locked
2. No spectators are to be in the net
3. Batters must pad up outside the net area.
4. Bowlers must only bowl when the batter is ready and face the batter at all times. Loose balls should be removed before bowling in the net.
5. A loud cry of "STOP" should stop activity in all nets immediately to address any potential safety problem. The nearest First Aid point is behind the Bar, when Bar / Clubhouse is open
6. Balls should be returned immediately by the batsman and not left to lie loose in the net
7. Bowlers should take care not to cross into another lane to retrieve a ball
8. Bowling must be in accordance with the laws of cricket. (From legal distance, legal action, no deliberate excess of short bowling)
9. Bowling machines. These should only be used by those qualified and/or authorised to do so

Use outside normal schedule club training sessions

1. All children using the net facility must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
2. The club will not accept responsibility for unaccompanied children using the nets facility.
3. People using the nets without the supervision of a qualified coach do so AT THEIR OWN RISK.

Any issues of concern should be brought to the attention of the Cricket Club Chairman (Brian Lorenzini) or the Club Welfare Officer (Steve Ward) immediately. Details can be found at

www.prestwicksport.com