



RAYLEIGH CRICKET CLUB

CRICKET NETS POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

This policy aims to provide a framework for the safe use of the nets facility at Rayleigh Cricket Club. All members, including parents of colt members (under-18), are encouraged to read this policy. Using the nets is deemed as acceptance of this policy.

2. USE OF THE NETS

Use of the nets is subject to availability. The committee reserves the right to withdraw cricket net privileges from members who do not follow the enclosed rules.

Members must not pass the combination code for the nets on to any other individual. The club reserves the right to change the combination on a regular basis.

The club will not accept responsibility for unaccompanied children using the nets facility and members using the nets without the supervision of a qualified coach do so at their own risk.

You may only use the outdoor nets if:

- You are a paid-up playing member of Rayleigh Cricket Club - parents of colt members (under-18) may also use the net when supervising their children
- Safety rules for the nets are followed, including wearing appropriate protective equipment (as outlined in sections 2 and 3)
- Individuals under the age of 18 are supervised by a responsible adult

3. EQUIPMENT RULES

The below rules should be followed when using the nets:

- No kit bags should be inside the enclosed artificial playing surface
- Suitable footwear must be worn i.e., rubber-soled (non-marking) shoes or trainers. Cricket spikes and non-sport shoes are not permitted
- Batters working with a hard ball must wear adequate protection
- All under 18s must bat in a helmet and full protective equipment
- Please refrain from tapping bats excessively at the crease
- 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

- Only proper leather cricket balls, bowling machine balls, tennis balls or purpose made cricket training balls may be used in nets.
- Loose balls should be collected to minimise accidents or damage
- No climbing, leaning, or bouncing off the nets
- All rubbish/litter is to be placed in the bin
- There is to be no foul language in or around the nets. This is to respect other club members and uphold the image of the club.

4. SAFETY RULES

The below rules should be followed when using the nets:

- The net is only to be used with the gate closed but not locked
- No spectators are to be in the net
- Batters must pad up outside the net area.
- Bowlers must only bowl when the batter is ready and always face the batter
- Loose balls should be removed before bowling in the net.
- A loud cry of “STOP” should stop activity in all nets immediately to address any potential safety problem. The nearest first aid point can be found in the clubhouse (when open)
- Balls should be returned immediately by the batsman and not left to lie loose
- Bowlers should take care not to cross into another lane to retrieve a ball
- Bowling must be in accordance with the laws of cricket, e.g., from a legal distance, legal action, no deliberate excess of short bowling, etc.
- The bowling machine should only be used by those qualified and/or authorised to do so by the management committee
- Under 18s must always be supervised by a responsible adult
- The nets must be locked after use

5. USE OUTSIDE OF SCHEDULED CLUB TRAINING SESSIONS

Use of the nets is permitted outside of scheduled training sessions; however, priority will be given to pre-arranged training sessions (e.g., colts training). Details of pre-arranged sessions can be found on the club’s website, play cricket site and social media pages.

6. GOVERNANCE

Any issues or concerns should be brought to the attention of a committee member.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Date of next review: June 2023