



Outdoor Nets Policy

Yateley Cricket Club's policy is that all official 'net sessions' are wherever possible, and always for juniors, supervised by a qualified coach who will enforce the net policy.

Use of the nets is subject to availability with the club and other booked sessions take priority.

The committee reserves the right to withdraw the privilege of net use from members who do not follow these rules.

You may only use the outdoor nets if:

- ✓ You are a paid up member of Yateley Cricket Club or have permission from the Committee. Permission is given to the members of any organisation who has booked the facility for the time slot that it has been booked for. Parents of Junior members may also use the nets when supervising their children.
- ✓ You are following the net safety rules.
- ✓ You are abiding by the kit and equipment rules.

Kit & Equipment Rules

1. No kit bags should be placed on the artificial playing surface, or within the hitting direction of the batsman.
2. Suitable footwear must be worn i.e. rubber-soled (non-marking) cricket shoes or trainers. **No** spikes, no smooth soles, no non-sport 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. No footballs to be used in the nets.
8. All rubbish/litter to be placed in the bin and the net area left tidy after each session.



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Net Safety Rules

1. No spectators are to be in the net.
2. Batters should pad up outside the net area and not in the batter's line of sight.
3. Bowlers should only bowl when the batter is ready and face the batter at all times. They should not bowl if a loose ball is in the net.
4. A loud cry of "STOP" should stop activity in all nets immediately to address any safety problem.
5. Balls should be returned immediately by the batsman and not left to lie loose in the net.
6. Bowlers should take care not to cross into another lane to retrieve a ball.
7. Bowling must be in accordance with the laws of cricket. (From legal distance, legal action, no deliberate excess of short bowling).
8. Bowling machines. These should only be used by those qualified and/or authorised to do so.

Use outside normal practice sessions

1. The club will not accept responsibility for unaccompanied children using the nets facility.
2. 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 or the Club Welfare Officer immediately



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