

Bromley Cricket Club Net Policy

Kit & Equipment Rules

- 1. No kit bags on the artificial playing surface, or within the hitting direction of practice.**
- 2. Wear suitable footwear i.e. rubber-soled (non-marking) cricket shoes or trainers. *NO Spikes, NO heels, NO smooth soles, NO street shoes.***
- 3. Batters working with a hard ball must wear adequate protection, helmet, box, pads etc.**
- 4. All Under 18's must bat in a helmet.**
- 5. Only proper leather cricket balls or bowling machine balls to be used in nets. Tennis balls or purpose made “incrediballs” may be used in appropriate circumstances.**
- 6. No footballs, rugby balls etc to be used in the nets**

Net Safety Rules

- 1. No spectators are to be in the nets.**
- 2. Batters should pad up outside the net area.**
- 3. Bowlers should only bowl when the batter is ready and should 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. Balls must be retrieved from the side netting by the Safe Method. The Safe Method is:**
 - a. Check no one is bowling in the net next to you.**
 - b. Once safe remove the ball from the net with your foot.**
 - c. When the ball is away from the net pick the ball up.**
 - d. Walk back to the back of the net keeping your eyes on the net at all times.**
- 7. Bowling must be in accordance with the laws of cricket — from legal distance, legal action, no deliberate excess of short bowling.**
- 8. Training in the play of short bowling must be coach supervised.**
- 9. Bowling machines: These should only be used by those qualified and/or authorised to do so during arranged practice session.**

Nets used for ARRANGED practice sessions

For the safety of our youth members (those under the age of 18) the following procedures are in place.

- 1. The sessions MUST be conducted under the supervision of an ECB qualified coach.**
- 2. When batting facing a hard ball the proper protective items, including helmet MUST be worn.**
- 3. Before practice commences coaches MUST check the cage and netting to ensure a safe environment.**
- 4. Any equipment including kit bags is to be stored away from the nets.**
- 5. All players using the net practice must behave in a proper and correct manner.**
- 6. After each practice session the equipment MUST be stored away properly.**

Nets used by members outside normal practice sessions

Anyone wishing to use the nets MUST have prebooked using the club website

- 1. The club will not accept responsibility for unaccompanied children using the nets facility.**
- 2. Members under the age of 18 using the net facility are the responsibility of their parents/guardians/carers.**
- 3. People using the nets without the supervision of a qualified coach do so AT THEIR OWN RISK.**
- 4. The use of helmets and other protective wear is essential when using a hard ball.**
- 5. The nets must be left in the condition they were found with stumps left in appropriate position and any rubbish removed.**