



Stafford Cricket Club Outdoor Net Policy



Stafford Cricket Club 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

You may use the outdoors nets if:

- You are a member of the Stafford Cricket Club or have permission from the Cricket Club. Parents of junior members may also use the net when supervising their children.
- You are following the Net Safety Rules
- You are abiding by the kit and Equipment Rules

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

Kit & Equipment Rules

- All kit bags should be placed on the grass area to the side of the artificial playing surface.
- Suitable footwear must be worn i.e. rubber-soled [non marking] cricket shoes or trainers. [No Spikes, no smooth soles, no non-sports shoes]
- When using hard ball, all Under 18s must bat in a helmet and be wearing all protective equipment
- Only proper leather cricket balls, bowling machine balls, tennis balls or purpose made cricket training balls [incrediballs, swingballs, etc] to be used in nets. No Footballs to be used in the nets
- All rubbish/litter is to be removed and placed in the club house bins. The net area must be left tidy after each session.

Net Safety Rules

- No spectators are to be in the net.
- A loud cry of "STOP" should stop activity in all nets immediately, to address any safety problem.
- Batters should pad up outside the net area and not in the batter's line of sight.
- Bowlers should face the batter at all times and should only bowl when the batter is ready.
- Bowlers should not bowl if there is a loose ball on the artificial pitch area in front of the batter.
- Balls should be returned immediately by the batsman and not left to lie loose in the net.
- Bowlers should take care not to cross into another lane to retrieve a ball.
- Bowling machines should only be used by those qualified and/or authorised to do so.

Use Outside Normal Practice Sessions

- The club will not accept responsibility for unaccompanied children using the nets facility.
- 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.