



# Tintwistle Cricket Club

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## Document Purpose

This document is in place to ensure the safety of all users of the clubs outdoor net facilities. Any junior practice sessions in the nets should always be supported by a suitable adult.

### Pre-Use Checks

- Check that the lighting is suitable to safely practice.
- The netting is tight nets (with canvas or heavy netting at batter's end) with no holes.
- Crease markings (bowler and batter)
- Ensure that the surfaces are fit to practice on.
- Net area is clear of any debris that could cause injury or damage to equipment.

### Batter's/bowler's equipment including protective equipment.

- Batter wearing suitable protective equipment.
- Batter padding up in safe area.

### Net Organisation.

- Ideally, each net should have no more than 6–8 participants, comprising: 1–2 batters and 4–6 bowling. This ensures that individuals are able to practise purposefully and with less likelihood of accidents.
- All participants must be aware of how to remove a ball from the side netting and must never be allowed to place their head into or near netting.
- Batters should always return the ball to the bowler by lobbing the ball gently.
- Only one ball, the bowler and the batter should be in the main part of the net at any one time.
- All participants must face the batter when a ball is in play.
- Bowlers should come out of the net on the opposite side to the next bowler, watching the batter at all times.

### Bowling Machine

- The person who is operating the bowling machine and leading the session should be experienced using the machine (ideally a qualified coach).
- The session leader will always have overall responsibility for the operation of the bowling machine.
- All necessary regulations concerning the supply of electricity to bowling machines and manufacturer's recommendations relating to its use must be strictly adhered to.
- Batters should take the opportunity of observing several deliveries before taking strike.
- During practice, no adjustment to the machine should be made without the batter being informed of the result before receiving another delivery.
- Adjustments to the machine should be made only under the supervision of the coach.
- The feeder should ensure the batter is ready and indicate to him that s/he is about to feed for each delivery.
- Balls should be inspected prior to use and rejected if worn or damaged.
- When practising certain strokes, it may be advisable for the feeder to have some form of physical protection.
- Do not increase the speed above that which the individual batter can play effectively.