



You may only use the nets if:

1. You are a **paid-up** playing member of Banbury Cricket Club, visiting playing team or persons who have permission from the club. Parents of junior members may also use the net when supervising their children.
2. You follow the net safety rules
3. You use the correct kit in the nets and abide by the equipment rules. The issue of the code for a combination lock to the nets is deemed to be acceptance of these rules. You must not pass the combination on to any other individual who is not a cricket member.
4. Use of the nets is subject to availability with booked sessions taking priority
5. The club reserves the right to withdraw the privilege of using the nets from members who do not follow these rules

Kit & Equipment Rules:

1. No kit bags should be inside the enclosed artificial playing surface
2. Suitable footwear must be worn i.e. rubber-soled (non-marking) cricket shoes or trainers. [No Spikes, no smooth soles, no non-sports 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. Please refrain from tapping bats excessively at the crease
6. 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.
7. Only proper leather cricket balls, bowling machine balls, tennis balls or purpose made "incrediballs" to be used in nets.
8. Balls loose between the netting system should not be hit clear with a bat, but removed by hand to minimise damage
9. No footballs, rugby balls etc to be used in the nets
10. No climbing, leaning, or bouncing off the nets
11. All rubbish/litter is to be placed in the bin and the net area left tidy after each session



12. There is to be no foul language in and around the nets. This is to respect other club members and neighbouring houses that are close to the nets.

Net Safety Rules:

1. The net is only to be used with the gate closed but not locked
2. No spectators are to be in the net
3. Batters must pad up outside the net area.
4. Bowlers must only bowl when the batter is ready and face the batter at all times. Loose balls should be removed before bowling in the net.
5. A loud cry of "STOP" should stop activity in all nets immediately to address any potential safety problem. The nearest First Aid point is behind the Bar, when Bar / clubhouse is open.
6. Balls should be returned immediately by the batsman and not left to lie loose in the net
7. Bowlers should take care not to cross into another lane to retrieve a ball
8. Bowling must be in accordance with the laws of cricket. (From legal distance, legal action, no deliberate excess of short bowling)
9. Bowling machines. These should only be used by those qualified and/or authorised to do so
10. U13s and below must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
11. The nets must be locked after use

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 outside normal scheduled club training sessions:

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.

****Any issues of concern should be brought to the attention of the Cricket Club Chairman or the Safeguarding Officer immediately****