ASHLEY Cricket Club

Use of outdoor net facilities.

As the result of a comprehensive risk assessment, the club has formulated a policy for the use of the outdoor net facilities.

- All paid up cricket club members are entitled to use the net facilities providing;
- This takes place as part of an organised practice session on days and times set aside for such.
- The session is managed by a suitably qualified and responsible person.
- In the case of juniors, any organised session must be managed by sufficient and suitably qualified coaches.
- All juniors MUST wear relevant protective equipment when using a hard ball.

Use of nets outside organised days and times.

The club is keen to encourage all members, whether junior or senior, to practice in the nets whenever they can do so, providing;

- Weather conditions are suitable.
- The playing surface will not be adversely affected by usage at that time.
- Any remedial rolling, brushing or watering required to maintain the facility at its optimum is carried out by those using it, and not left to others, in consultation with the ground staff.
- A register or booking system is maintained to avoid unauthorised use.

In the case of juniors, the following will also apply:

- No Under 9s to use the nets outside normal scheduled practice sessions.
- Any under 11s must be accompanied by a responsible adult (ideally a parent), and recognise that overbowling is detrimental to their physical development, and restrict their activity accordingly.
- Under 13s, 15s and 18s, whilst encouraged, must agree that they will conduct themselves in a manner that avoids jeopardising their own safety, and that of others, and that the club cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for incidents occurring during unsupervised practice.

Any misuse of the net facilities (i.e. non cricket related activities such as football) will result in disciplinary action by the club, and may result in suspension or expulsion from the club.

The use of bowling machines can only take place with a suitably responsible or qualified coach in charge.