

Cricket Nets /Equipment Management and Ground Hire – Dunlop Park

POLICY

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1. Who can use the Dunlop Park (DP) nets?

- Members of WSDCC Cricket Club for either an organised Club practice sessions or individual coaching. Please refer to the *Dunlop Park Nets Allocations* for Club coaching arrangements and times
- Non WSDCC member/ individual or organisation who has pre booked with the WSDCC Club Administrator to use the facility and has paid the necessary hire fee, (*Refer to Dunlop ParkNet Hire Charge*) will be granted access to the DP nets in the correct time slot and will be required to adhere to these policy directions. These times will not conflict with Club Training allocations
- Please be advised that the DP Nets are primarily for the Junior Club Members who will get priority for usage. Senior Cricket Nets are located at Graceville Memorial Park. Bookings should generally reflect this.
- It is a requirement that all official 'net sessions' are, wherever possible supervised by a Coach/ Identified Supervisor (Net Captain) who will remain in the nets enclosure at all times and enforce this Policy.
- Anyone using the nets for commercial purposes must pay the advertised hiring rate to the WSDCC via the Club Administrator.

2. All net practice sessions

- Net sessions MUST be conducted under the supervision of a Coach
- Before practice commences Coaches or Identified Supervisor (Net Captain) MUST check the cage and netting to ensure a safe environment
- The Coach or Identified Supervisor (Net Captain) is responsible for communicating the net rules to all those attending the session and supervision of the session from start to finish as per this Policy
- All players using the net practice must behave in a proper and correct manner including use of equipment
- The use of protective wear is essential when using a hard ball. The wearing of helmets is strongly recommended (essential for Juniors).
- No food or drink is to be taken into or consumed in the net area.
- The Coach or Identified Supervisor (Net captain) must complete the Supervisor checklist at the beginning and end of each session.
- Anyone using the nets without the supervision of a Coach does so at their own risk



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3. Kit & Equipment Rules and Checklist

1. All personal equipment, including kit bags, is to be placed outside the security fence.
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, e.g. helmet, box, pads etc
4. All Juniors must bat in a helmet when facing a hard ball.
5. Only proper leather cricket balls or bowling machine balls to be used in nets. Tennis balls or “soft” may also be used for coaching purposes.
6. Only proper cricket stumps or other coaching aids to be used as targets in the nets.
7. No footballs, rugby balls etc. to be used in the nets.
8. The nets must be left in the condition they were found, and any rubbish removed.
9. After each practice session all equipment **must** be stored away properly. This includes use and management of bowling machines. These will be locked away in the equipment shed as per instructions from Coaches and Junior Director of Cricket.
10. In particular, care must be taken to **ensure all practice balls** are accounted for at the end of each training session. This is an expensive item for the Club and effort must be taken to ensure that Club cricket training balls are returned to the Cricket Equipment shed for the next groups usage

4. Net Safety

- No spectators are to be within the nets enclosure.
- Maximum of 8 players per net.
- Batters must pad up outside the net area.
- Bowlers must 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.
- A loud cry of “STOP” should stop activity in all nets immediately to address any safety problem.
- Balls should be returned immediately by the batsman and not left to lie loose in the net.
- 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 or bat.
 - c. When the ball is away from the net pick the ball up.
 - d. Bowlers walk back to the back of the net keeping your eyes on the batsmen at all times.
- Bowling must be in accordance with the laws of cricket — from legal distance, legal action, no deliberate excess of short bowling.



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- For the safety of other site users, batsmen **must** keep the ball within the nets enclosure.
- The play of short bowling must be supervised by a Coach.
- Bowling machines: These must only be used by a Qualified User or if authorised to do so during an practice session.
- Any user in breach of any of this Policy risks suspension from further use and possible disciplinary action.

5. Coaches, Identified /Supervisor or Net Captains

The WSDCC Director of Cricket and Senior/Head Coach will allocate roles to individuals at the commencement of the season. The Director of Cricket and Senior Head Coach will ensure appropriate orientation of requirements is undertaken for nominated individuals. Accountable members for the successful implementation of this policy are as follows

- Monday Afternoon/ Evening - 4.30pm -8.30pm – Coaches, Identified Supervisor/ Net Captain
- Tuesday Afternoon from 4.30pm to 8.30pm - Coaches, Identified Supervisor/ Net Captain
- Wednesday from 4.30pm to 8.30pm – Coaches, Identified Supervisor/ Net Captain
- Thursday from 4.30pm to 8.30pm - Coaches,/Identified Supervisor/ Net Captain
- Friday from 4.30 – 8.30pm - Coaches,/Identified Supervisor/ Net Captain

Please note Private coaching or other coaching not identified here will be required to adhere to this policy to be displayed on the DP nets

6. Bowling Machine Policy

The bowling machine is for the use of all members of the Club. It may be used with prior agreement from the Committee. The Committee has agreed that any user wishing to make use of the bowling machine **must** follow the guidelines set out below:

- You may only use the bowling machine if accompanied by a qualified user (qualified user being someone who has been shown how to use a bowling machine correctly).
- Any member using the machine does so at his/her own risk.
- The qualified user must ensure the safety of all people using the machine whilst in their care. All users must inform people of the importance of health and safety and gain their acceptance of this policy as well.
- Any user that breaches the manufacturers recommended operating procedures does so completely at their own risk and the Club will accept no liability for the users failure to comply.
- Any user found to be using the machine improperly will be suspended from further use and may lead to disciplinary action.



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- The Club reserves the right to introduce hiring charges should the Committee feel the need to.
- Any user causing damage may be liable for repair charges.
- Any user accepts **full** responsibility for the machine and sundries including balls. Any loss will result in the user being liable for replacement charges.
- Any user in breach of any of this policy risks suspension from further use and possible disciplinary action

7. Dunlop Park (DP) Nets Allocations

Day and Times	Booked Session (All nets)	Accountable Person
Monday from 4pm – 8.30pm	WSDCC Junior Coaches	Identified Supervisor/ Net Captain
Tuesday from 4pm – 8.30pm	WSDCC Junior Coaches	Identified Supervisor/ Net Captain
Wednesday from 4pm - 8.30pm	WSDCC Junior Coaches	Identified Supervisor/ Net Captain
Thursday from 4pm to 8.30pm	WSDCC Junior Coaches	Identified Supervisor/ Net Captain
Friday from 4.00pm – 8.30pm	WSDCC Junior Coaches	Identified Supervisor/ Net Captain

8. Dunlop Park (DP) Net Hire for Non WSDCC Members

Day Hourly Hire	Night Hourly Hire	Additional Day Hire
One Net /One hour (Day Hire)	One Net /One hour Night Hire	All Nets – 1 hour (DayHire)
\$20	\$50	\$50
	All nets – 1 hour (Night Hire)	
	\$120	



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	All nets (Night Hire) -Max 3 hours	All nets -Half day hire - nets/1 hr (day hire
	\$250	
		\$100
		All nets -Full day hire
		\$150

9. Dunlop Park (DP) Ground Hire

Ground Hire - \$650 per day

All other Times /rates to be negotiated with our Club Administrator. To book, please contact our Club Administrator at admin@westsdcc.cricket

