

General and Specific Safety Guidelines

The GPFA attaches the utmost importance to the safety, health and welfare of all who use the facilities. The GPFA will comply with the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and all subsequent regulations. The Management Committee will take steps so far as is reasonably practicable to ensure that the facilities are a safe and healthy environment for all who use them.

All adult team members, team managers & captains, children &/or parents of children who uses the GPFA facilities should:

1. have read and understood the GPFA's Health & Safety Policy located in the Pavilion.
2. act in a safe and responsible manner
3. report accidents/incidents/near misses on the standard form available in the Pavilion.
4. drive carefully and park cars in car park area 1 or 2, and leave drive to Pavilion for emergency access.
5. familiarise themselves with fire exits in the Pavilion.
6. check that appropriate clothing, footwear and protective equipment is worn for the specific activity.
7. inform others and take a mobile phone if they are to be alone at the facilities.
8. know where the first aid supplies can be obtained from the Pavilion.
9. team managers/ captains to give specific safety training (see below) as required.
10. team managers/ captains to clearly understand procedures for opening & closing Pavilion.
11. team managers/captains to ensure visitors are aware of hazards & comply with safety requirements.
12. team managers/captains to report all hazards and incidents including near misses.
13. team managers/captains to inform all to evacuate Pavilion immediately if fire alarm sounds, and/or fire or smoke seen. Check Pavilion is empty if safe to do so.
14. team managers on entering the Pavilion to immediately unlock all emergency fire doors.
15. team managers/captains to ensure only authorised users in Tractor Shed, and all door to be kept locked unless entering and exiting
16. no smoking in Pavilion including electronic vaporisers
17. only allow into the Pavilion kitchen users who are authorised by team managers or captains .
18. not allow heavy items (in excess of 10kg) to be moved unless supervised by team managers/captains.

Specific Safety Requirements for Senior & Junior Cricket Net Practices

1. No bowling whilst a player, other than the batsman, is in the net or in the net entrance
2. The batsman should return the ball under-arm and not by bat.
3. Only one bowler should bowl at a time
4. Players to wear protective equipment (Pads, gloves, helmet, box at least)
5. All playing equipment to be kept away from the net and not exposed at open end of net.
6. Only trainers or cricket shoes without spikes to be worn in the nets.
7. Bowling machine to be set-up and used by a responsible and trained adult. Safety helmet & pads available as manufacturers advise it is worn.
8. No more than 10 bowlers per net.
9. Playing surface should be flat and clear of debris.
10. Any holes in the net must be reported to the team manager or captain and repaired immediately.
11. Incorrectly hanging nets should be repositioned immediately.
12. No small children should stand close to the nets.
13. Where members of the public are utilising the adult fitness equipment, advise them of the risks when net practice commences.

Specific Safety Requirements for Junior Cricket

1. Practising before matches to be away from the immediate location of the Pavilion.
2. All non-players to be kept off the pitch during the game
3. Helmets must be worn at all times when batting.
4. Helmets must be worn by fielders in close proximity in front and leg side of wicket.
5. Box must be worn when batting and wicket keeping.
6. Appropriate footwear is worn, e.g. no spikes for games on all-weather pitch.
7. Additional specific rules for Juniors are understood and communicated to Juniors (e.g. limiting overs bowled by Juniors).

Specific Safety Requirements for Senior Cricket

1. Practising before matches to be away from the immediate location of the Pavilion.
2. All non-players to be kept off the pitch during the game
3. Helmets must be worn by fielders in close proximity in front and leg side of wicket.
4. Players to wear protective equipment (Pads, gloves, helmet, box etc.)
5. Appropriate footwear is worn, e.g. no spikes for games on all-weather pitch.

Specific Safety Requirements for Adult Fitness Equipment

1. All equipment will be regularly inspected and maintained in accordance with manufacturer guidelines. Any faults or hazards should be reported to GPFA immediately.
2. Notices warning of risk from cricket practice nets are posted and maintained. Ensure these are read prior to using the area.
3. Users of the facilities should ensure they use the fitness equipment in accordance with instructions and age limitations.