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Purpose:

- To outline a policy for the use of outdoor nets at PCC to ensure that we reduce and minimise the health and safety risks to participants of net cricket. This policy covers the PCC nets on Shore Road and Bloodworth.

Policy:

- All coaches are to talk to players prior to a net session and outline the protocols for net use outlined in this policy. The coach is to ensure a high level of understanding amongst all players.
- All cricket bags must be left to the side of the cricket net and not at the end of the net in the 'line of shot'. There are to be no exceptions to this rule.
- PCC will establish an 'ACTIVE ZONE' at the entrance to the net which is only able to be entered by coaches and players. This zone will be marked off so it is clear to all users. No spectators are to enter this zone.
- Users of the nets should always be paying attention to any batter operating in the net. A high level of awareness is critical to the safe use of nets. Never turn your back on a batter in a net. This is crucial for retreating bowlers who are leaving the net having bowled their delivery and retrieved their ball.
- Bowlers waiting to bowl must stand on the grass section of the net and only approach the astroturf to bowl.
- No ball shall be bowled until the prior bowler has left the net area and is in a safe space.
- All batters will have a 'three strikes and you are out' policy applied to their net session. If a batter intentionally hits the ball into the air and the ball lands outside the net area, they will receive a warning. To be clear, this refers to any shot a batter has played intentionally aerial. If the batter continues, the batter will be removed from the nets, in the line the strike policy noted above.
- A batter who hits a ball outside the net must call 'HEADS' in all instances to warn all participants that a ball is leaving the net. This warning is similar to a call of 'FOUR' in golf. A batter who hits a ball that leaves the net and who doesn't call 'HEADS' will be withdrawn from the net immediately. N.B. To be considered a ball that leaves the net there must be intent in the shot. A top edge or a ricochet that leaves the net do not have intent.
- Power Hitting / Aerial Hitting will be permitted in the TJC and when using the rollaway net when placed in the middle of the wicket on Shore Road. The net must face away from the carpark and towards Rangitoto. Net users in this scenario must be particularly vigilant of the danger and risk that this power hitting situation presents. Many of the policy points outlined above must apply to this net session equally.
- Should an aerial shot cause injury to another person, the batter will be removed from the net regardless of whether they have received a warning or not. All nets within the facility will cease use until the injury is assessed and appropriate action is taken. The injured player is removed from the danger area.
- The Director of Cricket has the right to withdraw the ability of repeat offenders to use of the outdoor nets within Parnell CC organised trainings should they see fit.



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This policy is effective immediately and remains in place until further notice.

This policy will be displayed on signs at Shore Road and Bloodworth nets and on the PCC website.

It is the responsibility of all users of our nets – whether players or coaches – to comply with this policy. If this isn't possible, other users should escalate the situation to either a PCC official or coach present at the nets or escalate via phone to the Director of Cricket – Peter Hickman.

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Cricket, on 022 195 6812

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