



Poloc Cricket Club - Junior Risk Assessment - 2019

The following questions have been based on the perceived risks associated with the club's Juniors Section's activities. If the section is able to answer yes to all the questions or provide a suitable alternative, it is believed that the club will have done all that is practical in creating a risk free environment for its juniors.

If any Junior Section Coach, Coaching Assistant and/or helper feels that there are any outstanding risks associated with the operation of the club's Junior Section, then they must bring them to the attention of Keith Young without delay.

All questions must be answered either "Yes", "N/A" or a suitable alternative noted, if this is not done an unacceptable risk will have been identified that must be brought to the attention of the Keith Young without delay.

Playing surface

The club's playing facilities are maintained by its ground-staff under the direction of the Ground Convenor, however Junior Coaching staff and Club Captains are encouraged to bring to either individual's attention anything, that they feel, could cause harm to players. In addition, juniors are advised off basic "Best Practice" as regards ground maintenance including removal of stones, rubbish and other loose articles that might cause accidents and/or interfere with ground maintenance equipment.

Protective clothing

Are all the junior players required to wear secure studded boots?

No, this is a personal preference, but, if "spikes" are worn, they are to be secure.

Are all junior batters required to wear leg/abdominal guards and a "box", in addition to batting gloves?

Yes, and this is also a WDJCU league rule. The club's junior equipment store stocks adequate supplies of same in all sizes.

Is the use of a thigh pad recommended for junior batters?

Yes, although it's not pre-requisite of allowing juniors to bat in either a net or in a competitive, hard-ball match.

Wicket-keepers

Are wicket-keepers required to wear leg/abdominal guards in addition to wicket keeping gloves?

Yes, and a "box" and helmet, the latter when "standing up". Again this is also a WDJCU league rule.

Is the wearing of wristwatches and rings prohibited and are players warned against carrying dangerous objects such as keys, coins, mobile 'phones, matches, etc. in their pockets?

Yes, and the club provides that juniors can leave these with Junior Coaching staff during practice and matches.



Equipment

Is a named person responsible for regularly checking the condition of all club equipment?

Yes, Keith Young. Equipment is checked at least weekly, after Monday night junior practice, throughout the summer playing season with a winter assessment being made of each piece's continuing use, state of repair and whether it needs replacing.

Is the checking of equipment and the condition of it recorded, with any repairs being noted?

Yes, a simple sheet is signed and dated.

Organised coaching

Are all group coaching practices (using a hard ball) organised and sited in such a way so as to avoid a ball being struck hard into another playing area?

Yes, Shawholm has plenty area for any such activities to be safely carried out.

Where there is a practice net area is the protective netting arranged in such a way that it gives protection to players at practise in adjoining bays?

Yes, the state of the netting is regularly checked and loose and/or broken cable ties tightened/replaced. In addition the netting itself is regularly checked.

Is a named person responsible for checking the condition of the netting and ensuring that it is in a good state of repair?

Yes, Keith Young.

Are non-players required to wait behind the net (this includes batsmen awaiting their turn)?

Yes, non-participants are encouraged to do so, or indeed wait in the spectator area in front of the clubhouse. Note: Shawholm is situated in Pollok Country Park with a public pathway running along the south (River Cart) side of the ground – it is impossible to completely prevent non-participants from coming close to the practice wicket or astro-turf net bays where nets take place. However the grass wicket nets open to the north side of the ground and the astro-turf facility is fenced.

Are cricket bags kept outside of the netting area and not positioned so that they may cause a trip hazard to the bowler?

Yes, bags are either left in the clubhouse or put to the side of net bays.

Are there any notices in the net area or in the clubhouse advising of the correct procedure for retrieving loose balls in the nets, i.e. that the ball should be fetched away from the net by the foot before being picked up and that where the net must be moved to assist in the retrieving of a ball, a bat, rather than hand, should be used for this process.

No, but net "etiquette" is reiterated before each and every junior net session and all net sessions are supervised at all times. Notices are, however, in place advising that balls lodged in net roofing will be retrieved by groundstaff.

Are the number of bowlers in a net limited to four?

This is not always possible but organised net sessions carried out during club junior practice and/or coaching are always supervised.



Where the astro-turf net bays are used is a named person responsible for checking their condition?

Yes, the Ground Convenor, ground-staff, Junior Convenor Keith Young or club coach.

If the astro-turf net bays are good repair, and if matting is used, is it securely fixed?

Yes, the astro-turf surface was secured it to the ground as part of the installation by ClubTurf.

Indoor net practice

Where net practise is held is there:

a) minimum height of 4.57m?

N/A – Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall is used by the club and its safety is the responsibility of the school.

b) minimum overall area of 23 x 3.66m for each 'net'?

N/A – Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall is used by the club and its safety is the responsibility of the school.

c) a safety run out at the end of at least 0.9m?

N/A – Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall is used by the club and its safety is the responsibility of the school.

d) full height netting between the wickets and laydown mats?

N/A – Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall is used by the club and its safety is the responsibility of the school.

Is there provision for the safe storage of nets?

Yes

6 or 8 a-side cricket

Where 6 or 8 a-side cricket is played in a hall is there:

a) a minimum height of 6.1m?

N/A – Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall is used by the club and its safety is the responsibility of the school.

b) a minimum overall area of 32 x 20.1m (recreational standard) or 30.4 x 18.3m

N/A – Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall is used by the club and its safety is the responsibility of the school.

c) a safety run out at the end of at least 0.9m?

N/A – Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall is used by the club and its safety is the responsibility of the school.



d) a safety run out at the sides of 0.9m?

N/A – Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall is used by the club and its safety is the responsibility of the school.

e) full height netting between the wickets and laydown mats?

N/A – Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall is used by the club and its safety is the responsibility of the school.

Is there provision for the safe storage of nets?

Yes

Emergencies and health monitoring

Are participants advised that a return to sport too early after injury is not appropriate?

Yes

Is there a procedure in place to monitor and review accidents?

Yes, as part of the club's Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy.

Are all serious accidents reported to:

a) the club (or anywhere where facilities are hired)?

Yes

b) are procedures in place to report onto the appropriate enforcing bodies such as the HSE?

Yes

Is first Aid equipment available?

Yes

Is there a person qualified in First Aid at sessions or available on the premises?

Dr Andrea Cooper is "on call" to the club at all other times in the event of more serious injury.

Is there a means of summoning help in an emergency?

Yes, the Coaching staff have mobile telephones, the clubhouse has a land-line as does the Cricket Professional's house. In addition, the Accident & Emergency Unit of Glasgow's Victoria Infirmary is less than two miles away.

Supervision/instruction

Are all official matches and formal practice sessions supervised by a qualified Coach or Coaching Assistant?

Yes