

United Services (Portsmouth) Cricket Club

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Wearing of Cricket Safety Helmets

Directives and guidelines as advised by the England and Wales Cricket Board recommend that a cricket helmet is worn by young players when batting and when standing up to the wicket when wicket keeping against a hard cricket ball in matches and all practice sessions.

In line with the ECB guidelines and directives (as above) we advise that a young player shall not be allowed to bat or stand up to the stumps when wicket keeping without a helmet during any club cricketing activity without written parental/carers consent.

In addition all Club Coaches and Team Managers are advised to ensure that a young player wears a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting against a hard ball or standing up to the wicket when wicket keeping.

Close Fielding

The Club also advises that in adherence to ECB policy that young cricketers under the age of 13 years old shall stand no closer than 11 yards from the stumps until the batsman has played at the ball. For those under 15 years of age the distance decreases to 8 yards. Exceptions are of course made for the wicketkeeper and fielders behind the wicket on the off side.

Fast Bowling

In adherence to ECB policy all fast bowling directives will be followed during club cricketing activities. They are as advised below;

Age	Max Overs per spell	Max Overs per day
Up to 13	4	8
Under 15	5	10
Under 17	6	18
Under 19	7	21

It should be noted that local league rules may allow less than the above.

For the purposes of the directives a fast bowler is defined as a bowler to whom a wicket-keeper in the same age group would in normal circumstances stand back to take the ball.

Parents requiring a parental/carers consent form or any further advice on any of the above should contact their respective team manager.

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