



Risk Assessment

Use of the Bowling Machine



Location: Any Outdoor or Indoor Location

Date: Mar 2016

Hazard	Who May be affected	Risk Factor (1-Low, 10 High)	Action to reduce risk
Apparatus coming apart when in use.	The operator	4	The B/M should only be put together following the manufacture's instruction by club members trained and authorised to do so by the DCC committee.
Carrying the machine	The operator or assistants	3	Risk of back injury should be reduced by two people carrying the machine in un-made up form & in the box provided.
Electric shock from power source.	The operator or assistants & observers	4	The power pack should be connected to the B/M in accordance with manufacture's instructions and only by authorised club members. Observers should be kept away from the power pack & cables and the pack must be protected from cricket balls.
Improper use.	The supervisor, operator or assistants, observers & Batsmen.	8	<p>The B/M must be supervised at all times by a trained and accredited club member. All operators should be briefed on safe use of the B/M and follow the instructions from the supervisor. No junior member may operate the B/M. Operators must ensure that the foreign objects are kept clear from the loading chute.</p> <p>Manufacturer's instructions should be followed along with DCC net procedures when used in the outdoor nets. Full game conditions & considerations should be given when used on the square. The B/M should not be used on the outfield.</p>
Observers/operator being struck by returning ball.	The operator, assistants & observers	7	When feeding balls to players up to and including age 13, operators should remain ever vigilant when delivering a ball and may consider using safety equipment. Operators should consider wearing helmets and protective equipment when feeding balls to player older than 13 years. Observers should follow the normal net or game safety procedures.
The Batsman is surprised by the first delivery	Batsman	7	<p>The batsman must remain behind the bowling machine until such time the operator has setup the desired speed, line and length of delivery.</p> <p>The ball should never be delivered at a random or speed inconsistent with the age or ability of the batsman. The operator should only make minor adjustments to the speed and movement of each delivery. First Aid should always be on hand.</p>



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Batsman being struck by ball from machine	Batsman	8	The operator should indicate when a delivery is about to be made by showing the ball clearly to the Batsman in the palm of his hand directly above the bowling machine & should only enact that delivery when the operator is sure the batsman is ready. The operator should ensure no ball remains within an area where the next delivery can ricochet off and injure the batsman.
Parallel Nets	Batsman	8	In the event a ball from an adjoining net falls into the bowling machine net the operator should stop using the bowling machine to allow the Batsman or fielder from the adjoining net to retrieve the ball

Carried out by: Ken Sutcliffe
Review Necessary : Every Year

If so when: Mar 2017