



# GUIDELINES FOR THE SAFE ENJOYMENT OF YOUR BATTING CAGE

- 1) Make sure the netting moves freely for maximum wear and ball control. Don't secure the bottom rope of the netting or tie the bottom of the netting down in any way. It needs to be able to move in order for the netting to absorb the speed of the ball.
- 2) Make sure the netting is at least 24" away from anything solid, such as a wall or chain link fence.
- 3) Always keep spectators behind the hitter, and a safe distance from the net
- 4) Inspect netting regularly for any area where a ball might go through. Netting is subject to wear, and this wear rate is completely subject to the following factors:



**AMOUNT OF USE.** More use equals faster wear.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS.** The more sun, the shorter the lifespan. High winds will present side loads on the netting and thus the frame, much like a sail on a boat. If the weather prediction is for strong winds, we recommend taking down the netting.

**NETTING TENSION.** We recommend hanging netting loosely. The tighter the net, the faster it will wear out.

- 5) If the netting is worn or damaged, we recommend to stop using it until it is replaced or repaired.
- 6) Using the batting cage under the influence of any mind altering substance increases the risk of injury.
- 7) Always use protective gear such as L-screens and helmets inside a batting cage.



**DISCLAIMER:**

BCI bears no responsibility for any damages caused by adverse weather conditions. The majority of weather-related incidents involving batting cages occur when the nets are left up during higher winds, snow, and ice. Therefore, BCI suggests that the net should always be taken down before the onset of inclement weather. A stake down kit can help prevent- but not eliminate damage (sold separately).