

Cricket Pads :-

Batting Pads

Batting pads are one of the crucial pieces of cricket equipment. They are a necessity. If playing with a leather ball, one cannot enter the field without batting pads. Batsmen wear batting pads to protect their legs from injury. Facing fast bowlers without wearing batting pads is a dreadful sight. There are numerous things which one needs to keep in mind while buying batting pads. Below mentioned are some factors that you need to consider while choosing the right pair of batting pads.

How to Choose the Best Batting Pads?

Safety

The first thing to be kept in mind while buying batting pads is safety. Always remember your batting pads should offer maximum safety. Batting pads made of polyurethane and PVC are of premium quality. Not only do they offer maximum safety, but in addition to it, they are durable. Another advantage of polyurethane and PVC

batting pads is they are lightweight and can be easily cleaned with a cloth.

Comfort and Size

While purchasing batting pads always make sure they are comfortable and as per your size. Since you need to run between the wicket, batting pads need to be comfortable otherwise you won't be able to bat for a longer period of time. When it comes to size, small or big they would be uncomfortable. There are different sizes of batting pads available in the market.

30 cm to 32 cm - small boys

32 cm to 35 cm - boys

36 cm to 38 cm - youth

39 cm to 41 cm - Men small

41 cm to 43 cm - Men

44 cm to 48 cm - Men Large

Design

Nowadays there are various funky styles available in batting pads. To attract players, colourful batting pads are also available. You can choose batting pads of your favourite colour and enjoy playing cricket.

Wicket Keeping Pads

Cricket Pads are an integral part of a cricket kit. Usually, cricket pads are worn by players during batting. But there is one more place where one needs pads. Wicket keepers are also required to wear wicket keeping pads during wicket keeping. One must not confuse wicket keeping pads with batting pads. Wicket keeping pads are different in size, shape and quality compared to batting pads.

For wicket-keepers, pads are a piece of important equipment for protection. Nowadays, players wear wicket keeping pads under the trousers, unlike one time when pads were worn over trousers. Below mentioned is the size guide of wicket keeping pads and specifications about wicket keeping pads that you should know

Wicket Keeping Pads Sizes

Before buying wicket keeping pads one needs to be sure of their size. Otherwise, he/she would end up buying small or large pads. For your reference below mentioned is the perfect size of wicket-keeping pads according to the size of the legs.

Wicket Keeping Pads Size Chart

Leg Length (cm)	Wicket Keeping Pads Size
30-32	Small Boys
32-35	Boys
36-38	Youths
39-41	Small Men
41-43	Men
44-48	Large Men



Batting vs Wicketkeeping pads

Wicket Keeping Pads Specifications

Face - Wicket keeping pads face is the largest part of the wicket keeping pads and includes numerous sections. The face is divided into sections and allows the pad to wrap around the leg. Further, sections allow players to run comfortably.

Knee Roll - Each wicket keeping pad has a knee roll. The main role of the knee roll is to provide extra protection to the vulnerable knee joints. Further, it helps players in flexing and bending. Wicket keeping pads and knee rolls

are made up of different padding materials.

Top Hat - The area above the knee roll in the wicket keeping pad is known as the top hat. The job of a top hat is to protect the upper thigh.

Wings - Unlike batting pads, wicket keeping pads do not have wings.

Straps - Straps in wicket keeping pads are usually to tie pads around the legs. Modern-day wicket keeping pads have velcro to provide maximum comfort and fit. Usually, wicketkeeping pads have two straps.

Q1. Can I do wicket keeping with batting pads?

Ans. Although, there is no specific rule to wear only wicket keeping pads during wicket keeping. However, if you wear batting pads during wicket keeping, they would be uncomfortable and heavy. That is the reason why one should only wear lightweight wicket keeping pads during wicket keeping.

Q2. What is the difference between batting pads and wicket keeping pads?

Ans. The first common difference is in the name itself. The second most common difference between wicket keeping pads and batting pads is size. Wicket keeping pads are much smaller in size as compared to batting pads.

Q3. Can we wash wicket keeping pads?

Ans. In case your wicket keeping pads are dirty you need to clean them with a cloth gently. Make sure you don't wash wicket keeping pads in the washing machine. After every wash, dry the pads properly before wearing them.

Q4. How do I stop my wicket keeping pads from smelling?

Ans. If the inner portion of wicket keeping pads is detachable then detach it and wash. But if it is not detachable then sprinkle baking soda over it, keep it still for a few hours and then brush it off gently. This will

avoid the pad from smelling and also remove the dirt.