Construction of Practice Cricket Nets

Chainmesh:

1. Can be all galvanised treated only.
2. Can be all galvanised treated and black PVC powder coated. This is the preferable material as it is longer lasting, does less damage to cricket balls and looks more appealing. However it is more expensive.

Materials for Fencing:

1. Corner and end posts – 80mm outside diameter round, set in concrete footings 300mm deep x 800mm deep
2. Intermediate posts – 50mm outside diameter round, set in concrete footings 250mm diameter x 750mm deep
3. Top and bottom rails - 40mm outside diameter round
4. Back wall of enclosure – 3.15 heavy gauge chainmesh, 40mm diamond
5. Side and intermediate walls – 3.15 heavy gauge chainmesh, 60mm diamond
6. End posts to hang security gates – 100mm, set in concrete footings 900mm diameter x 1000mm deep

- Back and side walls 3m high
- Helicoil cable wire to be strung and tensioned through chainmesh on back, side and dividing walls. Strained taut through levels of 900mm and 1800mm from bottom rail upwards.
- Sides can be installed in lengths of 20m or can be adjusted to match the diagram on the left (11m)

Roof:

Flat chainmesh roof or ‘A’ frame roof is optional to all constructions of practice cricket enclosures. The ‘A’ frame has the added advantages of balls not getting stuck on it and people not being able to climb on it.

Materials – Combination of 40mm and 50mm OD Pipe, heavy gauge 3.15 chainmesh with a 60mm diamond

Roof can extend out from back wall of practice nets to 3m/6m/9m limits. Any further creates problems with spin bowlers flighting the ball.
Variation in Design of Practice Nets (2, 3 or 4 bays)

Councils/Clubs might be required to lock one or multiple nets. This will require a lockable gate at the bowlers end. The gate would cover the width of the bay when locked or secured. When in use the gate can be drawn back and secured, which in turn will act as the extension for the dividing net on the right hand side as displayed in the above diagram. Gates will have a long lockdown bolt for padlocking.