

Guide To Buying Cricket Batting Pads



Batting pads are like long shin guards meant to protect the shin bone, knee, and upper thigh. While the pads may slow the batsmen down when running, they are required to be worn in almost every level of cricket.

What To Look For

1. Measure the distance from your knee to your foot.

To determine the right sized batting pads for yourself, take a measuring tape, and **measure the distance from the center of your knee to the base of your foot**. Compare this measurement with the manufacturer's sizing chart. General sizing guidelines are as follows.

Size	Measurement
Small Boys	11.8" - 12.5"
Boys	12.5" - 13.7"
Small Men's	14" - 15"
Men's	15" - 17"
Large Men's	17" - 19"

2. The pads should have HD foam and be flexible.

- The filling inside the pads should have some HD (High-Density) foam for maximum shock absorption.
- Additionally, batting pads usually have canes to keep them upright. However, they can be slightly restrictive of movement. Therefore when you try them on, see that they feel light and flexible when bending your knee or running.

3. Extra considerations.

- If it is within your budget, **consider buying pads with wings on the sides of the leg to protect your calf from all angles.**
- Although ventilation is not a significant concern with batting pads, if you find yourself getting extremely sweaty around the shin, go for lightweight pads as they will promote ventilation and be less challenging to run in.

Top Picks

It is strongly recommended that you inspect and buy batting pads in person. If that is not possible, here are a few options to choose from.

1. Second Best



HAMMER PLAYER BATTING PAD

For \$110.49 on CricketStoreOnline <https://www.cricketstoreonline.com/cricket-equipment/batting-pads/hammer-player-batting-pad-2018/>

- < Ultra lightweight
- < Sleek design makes it easy to run with
- < Great freedom of movement
- < Limited Sizing

2. Best Overall

KOOKABURRA GHOST PRO



For \$135.99 on CricketStoreOnline <https://www.cricketstoreonline.com/cricket-equipment/batting-pads/kookaburra-ghost-pro-batting-pad-2018/>

- < Grade 1 protection with tons of R&D
- < Additional protection for sides
- < Supremely comfortable fit
- > Expensive

3. Best On A Budget
GM 606



For \$59.49 on CricketStoreonline <https://www.cricketstoreonline.com/cricket-equipment/batting-pads/gm-606-batting-pad-2018/>

- < HD foam for optimum shock absorption
- < Reasonable price
- < Large variety of sizes

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