



# Helmet Policy.



# Mind Your Head

New Zealand Cricket is committed to ensuring all cricketers receive the very highest standard of helmet protection, whether batting or fielding (in specific positions). To this end, NZC has adopted a formal position on helmet safety which is largely in line with similar policies implemented in England & Australia. This position recognises a key distinction between the Amateur and Professional cricketer.

For the Amateur cricketer (junior and senior) it is preferable, and strongly recommended, that they wear a helmet which meets the new British Standard (BS7928:2013). For the Professional cricketer, this is now mandatory.

- All MAs and DAs (plus Clubs which have paid staff) will have a 'go to' person regarding the implementation of the helmet policy.
- NZC can and will also assist in this regard.
- Education and enforcement will be crucial to the success of this policy.
- A refreshed list of compliant helmets can be found within the following link: [www.ecb.co.uk/helmets](http://www.ecb.co.uk/helmets).
- Compliant helmets are available for this upcoming season from retail outlets through NZ.

## Junior / Youth Hardball (Under 19 yrs) Boys & Girls

The following policy will be mandatory for the 2017-18 season, it is, however, strongly recommended that this policy is followed during the 2016-17 season.

Helmets, with a face guard, are mandatory for junior cricketers (Under 19), including when they are playing senior cricket.

They must be worn while playing and during practice sessions when batting, keeping (within 5 metres of the stumps) or fielding in close (with 7 metres of the stumps, excluding behind the wicket on the off-side).

Any individual with responsibility for players (such as a coach or manager), together with match umpires, should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the above guidelines are followed.

British Standard helmets (BS7928:2013) are considered “best of breed” helmets and supersede the existing Australian/NZ Standard (AS/NZS 4499 series).

## Senior (19 yrs & above) Men & Women

New Zealand Cricket strongly recommend all senior cricketers wear a helmet with a face guard while playing and during practice sessions when batting, keeping (within 5 metres of the stumps) or fielding in close (with 7 metres of the stumps, excluding behind the wicket on the off-side).

Any individual with responsibility for players (such as a coach or manager), together with match umpires, should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the above guidelines are followed.

British Standard helmets (BS7928:2013) are considered “best of breed” helmets and supersede the existing Australian/NZ Standard (AS/NZS 4499 series).

It is recommended that women only use helmets which have been tested against both the men’s and junior sized ball or at least against the junior size ball.

# Contracted and Professional (Including all International, First-class, List A, T20 and A Squad)

BS 7928 : 2013 Compliant Helmets are mandatory for all semi-professional / professional players (including International, First-class, List A, T20 and A Squad players) when batting against fast or medium paced bowling, wicket-keeping (up to the stumps) or fielding in close (within 7 metres of the stumps, excluding behind the wicket on the off-side). It is also strongly recommended that a compliant helmet is worn when batting against spin bowling.

Any individual with responsibility for players (such as a coach or manager), together with Match Officials, should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the above guidelines are followed.

British Standard helmets (BS7928:2013) are considered “best of breed” helmets and supersede the existing Australian/NZ Standard (AS/NZS 4499 series).

Women must use helmets which have been tested against both the men’s and junior sized ball or at least against the junior size ball.