

Annexure P: Helmet Policy

1. Batting

- (a) It is mandatory for junior cricketers (those under 18 years of age) to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet with a neck protector at all times when batting in Premier Cricket Competitions.
- (b) **Mens First Grade, Womens First Grade, Mens Second Grade, Mens Under 19, Boys Under 17 & Girls Under 16 competitions:**
A batter must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet with a neck protector at all times when batting against fast or medium-paced bowling.
- All Other Grades (for players over 18 years of age):**
A batter must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when batting against fast or medium-paced bowling.
- (c) The umpire(s) are the sole judge of whether bowling is fast or medium-paced and will judge the pace of bowling against what is considered “fast”, “medium-paced” or “slow” within the context of that particular match. The wicketkeeper standing either up to, or back from the stumps must not be the deciding factor in this decision.

2. Wicketkeeping

- (a) At all times when wicketkeeping up to the stumps, the wicketkeeper must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet. A neck protector is recommended (but not required) for a wicketkeeper/fielder.

3. Fielding

- (a) A fielder under 18 years of age must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when fielding in a position closer than ten (10) metres from the batter’s position on the popping crease on a middle stump line, with the exception of any fielding position between the accepted position of gully on the off side to the accepted position of leg gully on the leg side.
- (b) A fielder over 18 years of age must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when fielding in a position closer than seven metres from the batter’s position on the popping crease on a middle stump line, with the exception of any fielding position between the accepted position gully on the off side to the accepted position leg gully on the leg side. A neck protector is recommended (but not required) for a wicketkeeper/fielder.
- (c) The umpire(s) are the sole judges of the distance from the stumps in this clause.

4. Enforcement

- (a) The umpire(s) are responsible for ensuring that a helmet (and neck protector where applicable) is worn when required by this policy but are not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn by the player is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.
- (b) The umpire(s) must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a player fails to wear a helmet (and neck protector where applicable) when required by this policy.
- (c) In accordance with the Laws of Cricket, the umpire(s) shall:
 - (i) Award five penalty runs to the opposing team when a batter does not comply with this policy.
 - (ii) If, after the action above, the batter continues to not comply, time out the batter who fails to wear a helmet (and neck protector where applicable) when required by this policy.
 - (iii) No time/overs shall be lost to the game after the completion of any of the actions described.
- (d) In the event of an extended delay in which either no batter comes to the wicket wearing a helmet (and neck protector where applicable) in situations required by this policy or a batter fails to wear a helmet in situations required by this policy and also fails to leave the wicket having been given out in accordance with (c)(ii), the umpire(s) shall adopt the procedure of Law 16.3.
- (e) In the event of an extended delay caused by a wicketkeeper or fielder failing to wear a helmet when required by this policy, the umpire(s) shall adopt the procedure of Law 16.3.
- (f) In addition to the above, the umpire(s) will report any breach of this policy to the Premier Cricket Committee. Upon receiving information regarding the incident, the Premier Cricket Committee shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to investigate the instance(s). The Premier Cricket Committee shall take such action as they deem appropriate against the involved participants and Clubs, if applicable.

5. Parents, guardians, coaches and team officials must ensure that this policy is adhered to.

HELMET POLICY DETAILS

APPLICATION

This updated Helmet Policy shall apply to all matches in Queensland Premier Cricket.

INTRODUCTION

Queensland Cricket – supported by Premier Cricket clubs - has updated the Helmet Policy in July 2024, following from changes made to the Australian Cricket Concussion and Head Trauma Guidelines.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

In addition to the current Helmet Policy, from the 2024/25 season it will be compulsory for the batters to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet **with a neck protector** when batting against fast or medium paced bowling in the following competitions:

- Mens First Grade, Mens Second Grade, Mens Under 19
- Womens First Grade

It will also be compulsory for all junior cricketers (those under 18 years of age) in ALL Premier Cricket competitions to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet with a neck protector at all times when batting.

For players over 18 years of age in other Premier Cricket grades, they will continue to be required to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when batting against fast or medium-paced bowling. A neck protector will be recommended, however not compulsory.

OBJECTIVE

This policy's objective is to improve the safety of batters and to reduce the potential for concussion and head trauma to occur in Premier Cricket competitions.

ENFORCEMENT

Umpires continue to be responsible for ensuring that a helmet (and neck protector where applicable) are being worn when required by the policy.

HOW DO I GET A NECK PROTECTOR?

Many helmets that have been sold in the past 5 years may already be compliant with the policy as they may have had the neck protection attachments supplied when purchased. If you do not have the neck protection attachments then your helmet may be able to be retrofitted.

Contacting a helmet supplier to check this is advised:

- Masuri (Official helmet provider of Queensland Cricket) – <https://masuri.com.au/>
- Greg Chappell Cricket Centre (Exclusive retail partner of Queensland Cricket) – <https://www.cricketcentre.com.au/>

CONTACT

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EXAMPLES OF NECK PROTECTORS



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