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Helmet Policy

NZC HAS ADOPTED A FORMAL POSITION ON HELMET SAFETY

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.

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

The following policy will be mandatory for the 2017 - 18 season onwards;

• 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).

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

• 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.

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.