

COMMUNITY CRICKET HELMET POLICY

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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.

For the amateur cricketer (Senior 19yrs and above – Men and Women) it is now mandatory, that they wear a helmet which meets the new **British Standard (BS7928:2013)**.

- 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.
- Compliant helmets are available from retail outlets throughout NZ.

Junior / Youth Hardball (Under 19yrs) boys and girls

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Senior Cricket (19yrs and above) men and women

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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.