

## Appendix K PLAYING CONDITION – HELMETS

In all Association competitions and training sessions the following regulations will apply:

### **Batting** PC B

PC B1 A batter must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when batting against fast or medium-paced bowling.

PC B2 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.

PC B2.1 The wicketkeeper standing either up to, or back from the stumps must not be the deciding factor in this decision.

PC B3 The umpire(s) are responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required by clause PC B1 but are not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn by the batter is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.

PC B4 The umpire(s) must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a batter fails to wear a helmet when required by this clause.

### **Wicketkeeping** PC E

PC E1 At all times when wicket-keeping up to the stumps, the wicketkeeper must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet.

PC E2 The umpire(s) are responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required by clause PCE1 but are not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn by the wicketkeeper is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.

PC E3 The umpire(s) must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a wicketkeeper fails to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 helmet when required by clause PCE1.

### **Junior Wicketkeepers Playing in Senior Competitions** PC G

PC G1 Any wicketkeeper who is eligible to play junior cricket (under 18) at all times when wicket-keeping within 7 metres of the stumps, must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet.

PC G2 The umpire(s) are responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required by clause PC G1 but are not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn by the wicketkeeper is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.

PC G3 The umpire(s) are the sole judges of the distance from the stumps in this clause.

PC G4 The umpire(s) must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a wicketkeeper fails to wear a helmet when required by clause PCG1.

**Fielding** Inside arc from gully to leg gully PC L

PC L1 At all times when fielding in a position closer than 7 metres of the stumps 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 off side gully to the accepted position of leg gully, must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet.

PC L2 The umpire(s) are responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required by clause PCL1 but are not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn by the fielder is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.

PC L3 The umpire(s) are the sole judges of the distance from the stumps in this clause.

PC L4 The umpire(s) must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a fielder fails to wear a helmet when required by this clause PCL1.

PC L5 The exchange of protective equipment between members of the fielding side on the field of play is permitted provided that the umpire(s) do not consider that it constitutes a waste of playing time.

Note: For the avoidance of doubt, any fielder within the prescribed distance regarded to be fielding wider than a standard "gully" or "leg gully" must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 helmet. But fielders fielding finer than gully or leg gully e.g. any slip or leg slip are not required to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 helmet.

## **Responsibility and Enforcement**

E1 The match umpires will be responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required but will not be responsible for ensuring that the helmet worn by any player is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.

E2 In a match with Association appointed umpires, the umpires will not allow the match to continue during any period in which any batter, wicket keeper standing up to the stumps or fielder within the prescribed area fails to wear a helmet.

E3 In a match without Association appointed umpires, the captains of both batting and bowling teams are responsible for compliance with these clauses.

E4 The captains of both batting and bowling teams will not permit the match to continue during any period in which any batter, wicketkeeper standing up to the stumps or fielder within the prescribed area fails to wear a helmet.

E5 If any player plays in a match in contravention of clauses in Appendix K the Management Committee may impose on that player's Club a penalty in accordance with Regulation 24.4 and 24.5.

**For the avoidance of doubt**

K1 Caught: A batter can be out caught where the ball rebounds or ricochets directly or indirectly off the helmet worn by any player.

K2 Run Out: A batter can be out run out where the ball rebounds or ricochets directly or indirectly onto the stumps off the helmet worn by a fielder.

K3 Stumped: A batter can be out stumped where the ball rebounds or ricochets directly or indirectly onto the stumps off the helmet worn by a wicketkeeper.

K4 Replacement helmets: Helmets should be replaced immediately in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations following a significant impact.

K5 7 metre distance: Research shows that the minimum distance for a fielder to react to a batter hitting the ball is 7 metres.