

**Appendix K PLAYING CONDITION – HELMETS**

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

**K B Batting**

**K B 1** A batter must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when batting

**K K Wicketkeeping**

**K K 1** At all times when wicket-keeping up to the stumps, the wicketkeeper must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet.

**K J Junior Wicketkeepers Playing in Senior Competitions**

**K J 1** Any wicket-keeper who is eligible to play junior cricket (under 18) must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when wicket-keeping within 7 metres of the stumps.

**K J 2** The umpire(s) are the sole judges of the distance from the stumps in this clause.

**K F Fielding Inside arc from gully to leg gully**

**K F 1** Any fielder in a position closer than 7 metres of the stumps from the batter's position on the popping crease on a middle stump line must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when fielding, with the exception of any fielding position behind the stumps between the accepted position of off side gully to the accepted position of leg side gully.

**K F 2** The umpire(s) are the sole judges of the distance from the stumps in this clause.

**K F 3** 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.

**K F 4** 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.

**K E Responsibility and Enforcement**

**K E 1** In a match with official umpires, the umpire(s) is (are) responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required by clauses **K B 1, K K 1, K J 1 and K F 1** but are not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn by the batter, wicket-keeper or fielder is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.

**K E 2** In a match with official umpires, the umpire(s) must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a batter, wicket-keeper or fielder fails to wear a helmet when required by clauses **K B 1, K K 1, K J 1 and K F 1**.

**K E 3** In a match without official umpires, the captains of both batting and bowling teams are responsible for compliance with these clauses.

**K E 4** In a match without official umpires, the captains of both batting and bowling teams will not permit 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.

**K E 5** 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 **Playing Regulation 46 and 47**.

**K A For the avoidance of doubt**

**K A 1 Caught:** A batter can be out caught where the ball rebounds or ricochets directly or indirectly off the helmet worn by any player.

**K A 2 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.

**K A 3 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.

**K A 4 Replacement helmets:** Helmets should be replaced immediately in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations following a significant impact.

**K A 5 7 metre distance:** Research shows that the minimum distance for a fielder to react to a batter hitting the ball is 7 metres.