



## **NSCCA (INC) HELMET POLICY 2023-2024**

**COMPLIANT HELMET APPLICABLE: BRITISH STANDARD 7928:2013 OR**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENT – FIXED GRILLE HELMET IF BRITISH STANDARD 7928:2013 UNAVAILABLE**

### **SECTION 1 - BATTING**

1. A batter must wear a compliant helmet at all times when batting
2. The Umpire/s are responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required, but are not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn by the batter is compliant to British Standard 7928:2013 but must ensure the minimum requirement of a fixed grille helmet is met
3. The Umpire/s must not allow the match to continue during any period when a batter fails to wear a helmet

### **ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

1. After the fall of a wicket or the retirement of a batter, the incoming batter must, unless time has been called, be in a position to take guard, or for the other batter to be ready to receive the next ball within 3 minutes of the dismissal or retirement and be wearing a compliant helmet
2. If this requirement is not met, the Umpire/s must not permit the game to continue until:
  - a. The batter complies
  - b. The batter without a helmet leaves the field of play and is replaced by another batter wearing a compliant helmet
  - c. In the event that a. and b. do not occur, the batter shall be given out, Timed Out
  - d. In the event of a Timed Out dismissal, the bowler does not get credit for the wicket
3. Should clause 2 not be complied with, and the Umpire/s permits the game to continue, the Captain of the fielding side must not permit his bowler to bowl any delivery until clause 2 has been complied with
4. Should the match continue without clauses 1-3 being complied with, the following applies:
  - a. Upon receiving information regarding the incident, the Reports & Appeals Disputes Committee shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to investigate the instance/s
  - b. Should the Reports & Appeals Committee find that the match continued without clauses 1-3 being complied with, they shall impose sanctions taken from, but not restricted to one or more of the following:
    - i. Both teams shall have all match points for that match removed
    - ii. Both team Captains shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
    - iii. Any batter who failed to comply shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
    - iv. Any bowler who failed to comply with clause 3 shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
    - v. Any Umpire/s who failed to comply with clause 2 shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
    - vi. The Reports & Appeals Committee shall take such action as deemed appropriate, and in accordance with ByLaw 17

- vii. The Reports & Appeals Committee may also take action as deemed appropriate against the offending Club/s, in accordance with ByLaw 17
5. In the event of an extended delay of more than 5 minutes in which either no batter comes to the wicket wearing a compliant helmet or a batter fails to wear a compliant helmet and also fails to leave the wicket to comply with clause 2, the fielding Captain shall instruct his players to leave the field of play and the match shall not recommence until clauses 1 and 2 have been complied with
    - a. If a delay as in clause 5 continues for a period of 10 minutes, the match shall be deemed abandoned and the fielding team shall report the instance to the Reports & Appeals Committee in accordance with ByLaw 17
    - b. The Reports & Appeals Committee shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to investigate the instance/s and take such action as they deem appropriate, they shall impose sanctions taken from, but not restricted to one or more of the following:
      - i. Remove all match points from the batting team whose batter/s failed to comply
      - ii. Award an outright win to the fielding team
      - iii. Take appropriate action, in accordance with ByLaw 17, against each batter who failed to comply
      - iv. Take appropriate action, in accordance with ByLaw 17, against the Captain of the team whose batter/s failed to comply
      - v. Take appropriate action, in accordance with ByLaw 17, against the Club whose batter/s failed to comply
      - vi. Removal of match points from other teams within the offending Club

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## **SECTION 2 – WICKETKEEPING**

1. At all times when wicketkeeping up to the stumps, the wicketkeeper must wear a compliant helmet
2. The Umpire/s are responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required but are not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn by the wicketkeeper is compliant to British Standard 7928:2013 but must ensure a fixed grille helmet is worn
3. The Umpire/s must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a wicketkeeper fails to wear a helmet when required

## **ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

1. At any time as required, a wicketkeeper must wear a compliant helmet
2. Should a wicketkeeper fail to wear a compliant helmet as required by this policy or as directed by an Umpire, the Umpire/s shall not permit the match to continue
3. Should the Umpire/s not comply with clause 2 and permit the match to continue, the batters together shall refuse to take a position to receive the ball until clause 1 is complied with
4. Should the match be permitted to continue without clauses 1-3 being complied with, the following shall apply:
  - a. Upon receiving information regarding the incident, the Reports & Appeals Committee shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to investigate the instance/s
  - b. Should the Reports & Appeals Committee find that the match continued without clauses 1-3 being complied with, they shall impose sanctions taken from, but not restricted to one or more of the following:
    - i. Both teams shall have all match points for that match removed
    - ii. Both team Captains shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
    - iii. Any wicketkeeper who failed to comply shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
    - iv. Any batter who failed to comply with clause 3 shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
    - v. Any Umpire/s who failed to comply with clause 2 shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
    - vi. The Reports & Appeals Committee shall take such action as deemed appropriate, and in accordance with ByLaw 17
    - vii. The Reports & Appeals Committee may also take action as deemed appropriate against the offending Club/s, in accordance with ByLaw 17

5. In the event of an extended delay of more than 5 minutes in which the wicketkeeper fails to wear a compliant helmet or fails to move his position to wear a compliant helmet is not required, the Captain of the batting side shall instruct his batter/s to leave the field of play and the match shall not recommence until clause 1 has been complied with
  - a. If a delay as in clause 5 continues for a period of 10 minutes, the match shall be deemed abandoned and the batting team shall report the instance to the Protests & Disputes Committee in accordance with ByLaw 17
  - b. The Reports & Appeals Committee shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to investigate the instance/s and take such action as they deem appropriate, they shall impose sanctions taken from, but not restricted to one or more of the following:
    - i. Remove all match points from the fielding team whose wicketkeeper/s failed to comply
    - ii. Award an outright win to the batting team
    - iii. Take appropriate action, in accordance with ByLaw 17, against each wicketkeeper who failed to comply
    - iv. Take appropriate action, in accordance with ByLaw 17, against the Captain of the team of the wicketkeeper/s who failed to comply
    - v. Take appropriate action, in accordance with ByLaw 17, against the Club of the wicketkeeper/s who failed to comply
    - vi. Removal of match points from other teams within the offending Club

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### **SECTION 3 – FIELDING – IN FRONT OF POPPING CREASE ONLY**

1. At all times when fielding in a position closer than 7 metres from the batters position on the popping crease on a middle stump line, with the exception of any fielding position wholly behind the popping crease, a fielder must wear a compliant helmet
2. The Umpire/s are responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required but are not responsible for ensuring the helmet being worn by the fielder is a compliant helmet to British Standard 7928:2013 but must ensure a fixed grille helmet is worn
3. The Umpire/s are the sole judges of the distance from the stumps
4. The Umpire/s must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a fielder fails to wear a helmet when required
5. 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

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1. At any time required by clause 1 above, a fielder must wear a compliant helmet
2. Should a fielder fail to wear compliant helmet at anytime as required or as directed by an Umpire, the Umpire/s shall not permit the match to continue
3. Should the Umpire/s not comply with clause 2 and permit the match to continue, the batters together shall refuse to take a position to receive the ball until clause 1 is complied with
4. Should the match be permitted to continue without clauses 1-3 being complied with, the following shall apply:
  - a. Upon receiving information regarding the incident, the Reports & Appeals Committee shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to investigate the instance
  - b. Should the Reports & Appeals Committee find that the match continued without clauses 1-3 being complied with, they shall impose sanctions taken from, but not restricted to one or more of the following:
    - i. Both teams shall have all their match points for that match removed
    - ii. Both team Captains shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
    - iii. Any fielder/s who fail to comply with clauses 1 & 2 shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
    - iv. Any batter/s who fail to comply with clause 3 shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy

- v. Any Umpire/s who fail to comply with clause 2 shall be reported for failure to comply with the NSCCA Helmet Policy
  - vi. The Reports & Appeals Committee shall take such action as deemed appropriate, and in accordance with ByLaw 17
  - vii. The Reports & Appeals Committee may also take action as deemed appropriate against the offending Club/s, in accordance with ByLaw 17
5. In the event of an extended delay of more than 5 minutes in which the fielder fails to wear a compliant helmet or fails to move his position to one where a compliant helmet is not required, the Captain of the batting side shall instruct his batters to leave the field of play and the match shall not recommence until clause 1 has been complied with
- a. If a delay as in clause 5 continues for a period of 10 minutes, the match shall be deemed abandoned and the batting team shall report the instance to the Reports & Appeals Committee in accordance with ByLaw 17
  - b. The Reports & Appeals Committee shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to investigate the instance/s and take such action as they deem appropriate, they shall impose sanctions taken from, but not restricted to one or more of the following:
    - i. Remove all match points from the fielding team whose fielder/s failed to comply
    - ii. Award an outright win to the batting team
    - iii. Take appropriate action, in accordance with ByLaw 17, against each fielder who failed to comply
    - iv. Take appropriate action, in accordance with ByLaw 17, against the Captain of the team of the fielder/s who failed to comply
    - v. Take appropriate action, in accordance with ByLaw 17, against the Club of the fielder/s who failed to comply
    - vi. Removal of match points from other teams within the offending Club