



BEARS HELMET PLAYING CONDITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

NOTE: This guideline is effective from 19 August 2019 and supersedes all playing conditions contained in the BEARS rules. Where an inconsistency results, this guideline shall prevail.

Below is a simplified summary of the Playing Conditions and Enforcement procedures. A British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet **must** always be worn when a helmet is prescribed.

In all BEARS sanctioned competitions and training sessions the following regulations must be adhered to:

Batting

A batter must wear a helmet at all times when batting.

Wicketkeeping

A wicketkeeper must wear a helmet at all times when keeping up to the stumps AND when NOT playing on a turf pitch. When playing on a turf pitch, a helmet must be worn at all times when standing closer than 5 meters from the stumps.

Fielding

No fielder (other than from the wicketkeeper to point) under the age of 18 shall be closer than 10 meters from the batsman. As such, no helmet policy is required.

Enforcement

For matches with an official umpire:

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 is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.

For matches without an official umpire:

In a match without association appointed umpires, the captains (or coaches) of both batting and bowling teams are responsible for compliance. The captains (or coaches) of both batting and bowling teams shall not permit the match to continue during any period in which any player fails to wear a helmet at the prescribed time.

In all cases, the player (or parents / guardian) are responsible for ensuring the helmet being worn is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.

Additional Information

The wearing of a helmet is mandatory in all matches when batting, wicket keeping up to the stumps or fielding in close to the batter (*or any other time match officials or the Association deem them appropriate*).

The **responsibility** for ensuring a helmet meets these standards **rests with the parents / players**. By playing (or allowing your child to play) in a BEARS sanctioned fixture, you acknowledge this responsibility on behalf of yourself or the player being nominated.

Bears Representative Teams

If you are selected for any BEARS State or Development team, you will only be allowed to participate when wearing a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet. Your helmet will be checked by the coach / manager prior to the carnival.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND ON THE CRICKET AUSTRALIA COMMUNITY WEBSITE AS FOLLOWS:

FAQ:

<https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/policies/helmets/resources>

(goto the bottom of the page to download the FAQ)

A catalogue of compliant helmets is available at:

<https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/policies/helmets>

(goto the bottom of the page and select the Catalogue link)

