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To Premier Clubs

RE: QLD Premier Cricket Helmet Policy Regulation

Dear all,

QLD Premier Cricket has supported the recommendation from Cricket Australia to mandate the wearing of British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmets by junior and senior cricketers in particular match situations from the 2019/20 season onwards.

The wearing of helmets when batting and wicketkeeping up to the stumps has been mandatory for junior cricketers (under 18 years of age) participating in Premier Cricket for several seasons now and continues to be the requirement.

For the 2019/20 season, senior cricketers will now be required to wear helmets at all times when:

- Batting against fast or medium-paced bowling.
- Wicketkeeping up to the stumps
- Fielding in a position closer than 7 metres from the batter (with exception of fielding position from offside gully to leg gully)

The full regulation can be viewed below, along with the supporting appendix which deals with the *Helmet Policy Enforcement Procedures*.

As outlined in the Enforcement section (clause C), it is important to note that Premier Cricket umpires will not be responsible for determining if a player is wearing a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet in these situations. Their responsibility is for ensuring a helmet is worn when required by the Regulation.

Should you have any further queries or require any more information about the above, please feel free to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Not signed as sent electronically

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Regulation x - HELMET POLICY FOR PREMIER CRICKET (JUNIOR & SENIOR PLAYERS)

[A] It is mandatory for junior cricketers (those under 18 years of age) to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when wicket-keeping up to the stumps or batting in Premier Cricket competitions.

Note: Any player that is aged less than 18 years is prohibited from fielding any closer than 10m from the bat (unless acting as a Wicketkeeper or fielding in the Slips or a Gully position).

[B] It is mandatory for senior cricketers to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet in Premier Cricket competitions as follows:

Batting

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

(ii) 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. The wicketkeeper standing either up to, or back from the stumps must not be the deciding factor in this decision.

Wicketkeeping

(i) At all times when wicketkeeping up to the stumps, the wicketkeeper must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet.

Fielding

(i) A fielder must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when fielding in a position closer than seven (7) metres 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 gully on the off side to the accepted position leg gully on the leg side, must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet.

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

[C] Enforcement (see Policies Appendix – *Helmet Policy Enforcement Procedures* for detail)

(i) The umpire(s) are responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required by **Regulation x** but are not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn by the player is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.

(ii) The umpire(s) must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a player fails to wear a helmet when required by **Regulation x**.

(iii) In accordance with the Laws of Cricket, the umpire(s) shall:

a. Award 5 penalty runs to the opposing team when a batter does not comply with **Regulation x**.

b. If after the action above in (a) the batter continues to not comply with **Regulation x**, time out the batter who fails to wear a helmet when required by **Regulation x**

Note: For the purpose of this Regulation, no time/overs shall be lost to the game after the completion of any of the actions described

(iv) In the event of an extended delay in which either no batter comes to the wicket wearing a helmet (in situations required by **Regulation X**) or a batter fails to wear a helmet (in situations required by **Regulation x**) and also fails to leave the wicket having been given out in according with **Regulation x** [C](iii)(b), the umpire(s) shall adopt the procedure of Law 16.3 (Umpire(s) awarding a match)

(v) In the event of an extended delay caused by a wicketkeeper or fielder failing to wear a helmet when required by **Regulation x**, the umpire(s) shall adopt the procedure of Law 16.3 (Umpire(s) awarding a match)

(vi) In addition to the above, the umpire(s) will report any breach of **Regulation x** to the Premier Cricket Committee (via email to Premier Cricket Officer). Upon receiving information regarding the incident, the Premier Cricket Committee shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to investigate the instance(s). The Premier Cricket Committee shall take such action as they deem appropriate against the involved participants and Clubs, if applicable.

Notes

- Parents/guardians, coaches and team officials need to ensure that this Regulation is adhered to.
- Association administrators, club coaches, team managers, parents and other volunteers are also encouraged to consider the use of helmets for junior wicket-keepers 'standing-back' if there are concerns about the skill level of the wicket-keeper, bowlers and fielders.
- A list of helmets suitable for Men's, Women's and junior cricket is maintained and regularly updated at <https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/policies/~link.aspx?id=B44F7A04D3AB4DCBBDAF951A7C5EAE35&z=z>
- For further information on Cricket Australia's playing policies and guidelines see <https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/policies>

The following Note will be included in the Playing Conditions relating to Sunday Legends and Over-40s competitions.

Notes: Consultation between Umpires and Captains prior to the match

- Umpires and Captains should consult before the start of the match regarding bowlers who could be considered "fast", "medium paced" or "slow".
- This discussion should be completed following the sign-off of the Cricket Australia "Game Day Checklist", to give context to the match conditions for that day.
- In matches without an Association appointed Umpire, this process should occur between both Captains.

APPENDIX - HELMET POLICY ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Batting

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 helmet as required by Regulation x.
2. If this requirement is not met the umpires(s)/Team Captains are to direct the batter to comply with Regulation x.
3. If, having entered the field of play not wearing a helmet, a batter leaves the field in order to comply with Regulation x, there shall be no loss of time/overs to the match solely due to this delay.
4. If a batter does not to comply with this direction:
 - 4.1 The umpire shall call time, if necessary
 - 4.2 The umpires shall summon and inform the offending players captain of his/her refusal to comply with clause 1.
 - 4.3 The umpire shall award 5 penalty runs to the fielding team
 - 4.4 The umpires together shall report the occurrence as soon as possible after the match to the Executive of the offending player's team and the Premier Cricket Committee (via email to the Premier Cricket Officer. The Premier Cricket Committee shall take such further action against the player, the captain, any other individuals concerned and, if appropriate, the team.
5. If after the action in clause 4 the batter continues to not comply with clause 1 then:
 - 5.1 The batter will be given out, Timed Out
 - 5.2 In the event of a Timed Out dismissal, the bowler does not get credit for the wicket.
6. In the event of an extended delay in which either no batter comes to the wicket wearing a helmet or a batter fails to wear a helmet as required by Regulation X and also fails to leave the wicket having been given out in accordance with clause 5, the umpires shall adopt the procedure of Law 16.3 (Umpire(s) awarding a match). For the purposes of that Law the start of the action shall be taken at end of clause 4.
7. Further to clause 4.4, the umpires shall also report the occurrence of clause 5.1 to the Executive of the offending player's team and the Premier Cricket Committee (via email to Premier Cricket Officer).
8. For the purpose of this law no time/overs shall be lost to the game after the completion of any of the actions described in Clauses 3-5.

Wicketkeeping

1. At anytime as required by Regulation x a wicketkeeper must wear a helmet.
2. Should a wicketkeeper fail to wear a helmet at anytime as required by the QLD Premier Cricket Regulations or as directed by an umpire(s), the umpire(s) shall not permit the game to continue until the wicketkeeper does one of the following:
 - 2.1 Wears a helmet.
 - 2.2 Moves his/her position to one that does not require him/her to wear a helmet
 - 2.3 The fielding team changes wicketkeeper to a different player who is complying with clause 1
3. In the event of an extended delay in which the wicketkeeper fails to wear a helmet and fails to comply with clauses 2.1 - 2.3, the umpire(s) shall adopt the procedure of Law 16.3 (Umpire(s) awarding a match).
4. Further, each wicketkeeper that fails to comply with clause 1 shall be reported to the Executive of the offending player's team and to the Premier Cricket Committee (via Premier Cricket Officer) by the umpire(s). The Premier Cricket Committee shall take any action it deems appropriate against each offending wicketkeeper.

Fielding

1. Should a fielder fail to wear a helmet at anytime as required by the **Regulation x** or as directed by an umpire(s), the umpire(s) shall not permit the game to continue until the fielder does one of the following:
 - 1.1 Wears a helmet.
 - 1.2 Moves his/her position to one that does not require him/her to wear a helmet.
 - 1.3 The fielding team changes the fielder in the position, to a different player who is complying with clause 1.
2. In the event of an extended delay in which the fielder fails to wear a helmet and fails to comply with clauses 1.1 -1.3, the umpire(s) shall adopt the procedure of Law 16.3 (Umpire(s) awarding a match).
3. Further, each fielder that fails to comply with clause 1 shall be reported to the Executive of the offending player's team and to the Premier Cricket Committee (via Premier Cricket Officer) by the umpire(s). The Premier Cricket Committee shall take any action it deems appropriate against each offending fielder.