

**TO: Community Junior Cricket Associations, Clubs and Coaches**  
**FROM: Community Junior Cricket Council**  
**DATE: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
**SUBJECT: Mandatory Helmet Standards**



Following the strong recommendations from Cricket Australia on the use of helmets in cricket, the CJCC has reviewed its rules and policies in relation to this.

It is the position of the CJCC that it continues to be mandatory for all junior cricketers wear a helmet when batting, wicketkeeping up to the stumps, wicketkeeping back from the stumps up to U14 age groups (although recommended at all times) and fielding in close fielding positions where these positions are allowed under the CJCC rules and playing conditions.

It has been the Policy of the CJCC that these helmets are to be the best safety standard available to protect children and that standard is currently defined as British Standard 7928:2013. This Policy adoption followed a directive from the ICC to all affiliates including Cricket Australia regarding helmet standards in 2015.

This information has not been widely known and as a result we understand there are a number of non-compliant helmets being used in community junior cricket. Therefore, because we recognise that not all parents and clubs are aware of this standard, we will have an extended period (by 1 October 2020) for clubs and players to replace any non-compliant helmets during this period to ensure readiness in 2020/21 when this will be the mandatory standard in all CJCC rules and playing conditions. While there is this transition period, we strongly encourage all clubs and parents to make any replacements as soon as is practicable to provide the highest level of protection available to all players. We also encourage all clubs to send the attached document on helmets to all players and parents to inform them of the standards when making the decision to purchase new helmets.

This decision is supported by the evidence that demonstrates that a BS7928:2013 compliant helmet is the safest option for all cricketers when it comes to protection from head and facial injuries when playing cricket.

The WACA through the Cricket Managers are available to help associations with education and support to clubs and parents over the coming season to ensure awareness of this standard is raised prior to being fully implemented in the 2020/21 season.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Jamie Chappell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jamie Chappell

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