



North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club

Helmet Policy

Purpose of Our Policy

The North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club (NEWCC) wishes to ensure that its membership is protected by current requirements of the use and maintenance of helmets within all age groups. This Policy aligns to the requirements of the International Cricket Council (ICC), Cricket Australia, Cricket Victoria and the British standard for cricket helmets BS 7928:2013 & BS 7928:2019. The below sets out the club's commitment to ensure all persons taking the field are provided the most current information relating to helmet safety and means to ensure that players and parents/carers can identify any issues with the players' helmet. Other documents such as "Simplified Playing Conditions and Enforcement Options" and "Example playing conditions and enforcement options" also form part of this Policy and shall be used as reference material where needed.

Who Our Policy Applies To

This policy applies to everyone involved in the activities of our club regardless of their capacity which includes:

- Club Committee Members, and other Club Officials
- Junior Director
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches
- Age Group Coordinators, Team managers
- Umpires
- Parents/Carers of Junior Players

Extent of Our Policy

Our policy covers all matters directly and indirectly related to the North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club and its activities. In particular, the policy governs Helmet selection, usage and maintenance within the North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club in accordance with requirements set out by Australia's Cricket Bodies.

Club Responsibilities

We will:

- adopt, implement and comply with this policy
- ensure that this policy is enforceable
- publish, distribute and promote this policy and associated reference materials
- ensure that a copy of this policy is available or accessible to all people to whom this policy applies
- seek advice from DVCA, Cricket Victoria or Cricket Australia where needed
- provide guidance on helmet compliance, and review players helmets as required
- ensure that all club provided helmets are compliant, routinely inspected and maintained

Individual Responsibilities

All players above the age of 18 MUST ensure they have a helmet that conforms to "BS7928:2013" or "BS7928:2019". Refer to "Helmet Compliance – What to Look For" below for compliance criteria. All players above the age of 18 also MUST advise another player where there is evidence of non-compliance of their helmet.

Parents Responsibilities

Parents/Guardians of Junior players under the age of 18 MUST ensure that their child has a helmet that conforms to "BS7928:2013" or "BS7928:2019". Refer to "Helmet Compliance – What to Look For" below for compliance criteria.

Game Time Helmet Requirements - Juniors

Helmets are mandatory for Junior cricketers under the age of 18 inclusive of when they are playing Senior cricket, and when batting and wicket keeping.

Additionally, any Junior Player regardless of their ability MUST wear a helmet when batting, and any bowler MUST NOT bowl a ball whilst a batsman is not wearing a helmet.

Game Time Helmet Requirements - Seniors

Although helmets are not mandatory for batting and in some instances for wicket-keeping all senior players MUST adhere to the following criteria:

- NEWCC recommends all senior players wear a helmet when batting.
- Wicket-keeping up to the stumps MUST wear a helmet. A specific wicket-keeping helmet should be used.
- Wicket-Keeping, outside of the above may wear a helmet if they feel deem applicable.
- Feilding in close under zero reaction time (classed as within 7mtrs of the batter, other than behind square-leg on the off-side). This will include silly mid-off, silly mid-on & short leg.
- Any fielding position where a player feels a helmet is applicable.
- Any Junior playing senior level, MUST wear a helmet whist batting and any warm up throw downs.

Training Senior/Junior

This Policy applies to both Senior and Junior Training and MUST be always adhered to.

Additionally, any Junior Player regardless of their ability MUST wear a helmet when batting, and any bowler MUST NOT bowl a ball whilst a batsman is not wearing a helmet.

Helmet Compliance – What to Look For

- **Compliance Marking:** Helmet has the compliance mark BSI mark, "CE" mark, or phrases like "conforms to BS7928:2013" or "conforms to BS7928:2019" on the helmet's packaging or the helmet itself.
- **Replacement helmets:** Helmets should be replaced immediately in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations following a significant impact.
- **Check the faceguard:** A compliant helmet will have a fixed, non-adjustable faceguard. An adjustable faceguard, often with easily removable nuts, indicates the helmet is non-compliant.
- **Field of Vision:** Ensure the gaps in the grille are small enough to prevent a ball from passing through (Juniors a 142g ball, Women's a 156g, Men's a 156g ball), but large enough to provide an unobstructed view of the ball and the field.
- **Snug Fit:** It should not move around on your head when you shake it and be adjustable.
- **Chin Strap:** The chin strap should be adjustable and comfortable, keeping the helmet securely in place.
- **Padding:** Look for comfortable internal padding that can often be adjusted for a custom fit. Many helmets come with interchangeable pads.
- **Visibility:** The grille (faceguard) is designed to protect your face without obstructing your vision.
- **Grille Type:** Most helmets come with a fixed steel grille. Some higher-end models use titanium for lighter weight. Ensure there is no damage to the grille or distortion.
- **Weight:** A lighter helmet can reduce neck strain over long periods at the crease. However, never sacrifice safety for a lighter weight – ensure it still meets safety standards. Titanium grilles can significantly reduce weight.

Note: A list of compliant helmets and neck protectors as of September 2025 is located on the NEWCC website.

Neck Protectors

Although currently not a requirement at club cricket level, it is recommended that all NEWCC players consider applying a neck protector to their helmet. A neck protector is designed to protect the players skull and surrounding area from impact form a cricket ball. There have been fatalities where people have not worn neck protectors, hence why NEWCC recommend all players wear one. Neck protectors are specifically designed for the individual brand of helmet, therefore if purchasing one make sure it matches the brand of helmet. If you are unsure of this, take the helmet to the sports store with you, and get the professionals to find the correct type and fit it for you.

Reference Material

The below reference material is available upon request to the committee:

- Simplified Playing Conditions and Enforcement Options
- Example playing conditions and enforcement options:
- BS 7928-2013 and 2019 Helmet Compliance as of 15.09.2025
- Cricket Australia Helmet Policy
- British Standard BS 7928-2013 and BS 7928-2019

How to contact the Club

If you have any questions in relation to this Helmet Policy, please write to the Club President on the below details:

Address: 94 Wattletree Road Eltham North, Vic, 3095.

Email: committee@newcc.com.au

Club Contacts for complaints

Club President: committee@newcc.com.au

Safety Officer: safety@newcc.com.au

Secretary: secretary@newcc.com.au

Changes to this Policy

From time to time, this Policy may be changed to reflect changing business practice or legislation requirements. If it is changed the Club will notify you of the changes in such manner as it considers appropriate.

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