

# Tarleton Cricket Club – Advice on Young Players wearing Protective Equipment

## **ECB Safety Guidance on the Wearing of Protective Equipment by Young Players.**

### 4.1 General

4.1.1 Regulation 4 applies to all Junior Cricketers playing Hardball Cricket and is designed to reduce the risk of head, facial and other injuries within the game of cricket. Regulation 4 does not apply to Softball Cricket.

4.1.2 Any helmet required to be worn under this Regulation 4 must meet the latest British Safety Standard BS7928:2013. A list of helmets which currently meet this standard can be found here: <https://www.icc-cricket.com/about/cricket/rules-and-regulations/helmets>. If a wicket keeper chooses to wear a face protector instead of a helmet, it must meet British Safety Standard BS7929 –2:2009. If a player chooses to wear a neck protector with their helmet, it must meet the latest British Safety Standard BS 7928:2013+A1 2019. Please refer to the ECB's Recreational Cricket Safety Guidelines for further information about selecting the appropriate helmet.

### 4.2 Players Under the Age of 18

4.2.1 Junior Cricketers must wear a helmet with a faceguard or grille when batting against a hard cricket ball during matches and practice sessions, and any Junior Cricketer whose sex is male (regardless of gender) must also wear a groin protector (box).

4.2.2 Wicket keepers under the age of 18 who are standing up to the stumps must either wear a helmet with a faceguard or grille, or a face protector, and any such player whose sex is male (regardless of gender) must also wear a groin protector (box). For the purposes of this Regulation 4, 'standing up to the stumps' is where the wicket keeper can reach the stumps with an outstretched arm without having to move their feet.

4.2.3 Junior Cricketers aged 16-17 who are fielding within 8 yards (7.3 meters) of the striking batter must wear a helmet with a faceguard or grille, and any such player whose sex is male (regardless of gender) must also wear a groin protector (box).

4.2.4 Parental or guardian written consent allowing a player not to wear a helmet (or face protector) will not be accepted.

4.2.5 If exceptional circumstances exist why a Junior Cricketer is unable to wear a helmet (or a face protector) as required by these Regulations, they (via their parents/carers) must contact the ECB for further advice by writing to [safetyincricket@ecb.co.uk](mailto:safetyincricket@ecb.co.uk). They must explain in detail why they are not able to wear a helmet (or face protector), and provide supporting evidence as appropriate (for example, correspondence from a doctor or other health professional explaining why the player is unable to wear a helmet). The player must not carry out any of the activities described in Regulations 4.2.1, 4.2.2 and 4.2.3 until the ECB has confirmed that they can do so.