

HEAD PROTECTOR REGULATIONS

1. In these Regulations, the following definitions shall apply:
 - 1.1 “**CDC**” means the ECB’s Cricket Discipline Commission;
 - 1.2 “**Compliant Headgear**” shall mean:
 - 1.2.1 Head Protectors for batters and/or fielders; or
 - 1.2.2 Helmets or face masks for wicket-keepers,which in each case have been certified as compliant with the most recent BSI Standard specification for the size of ball that is being used in that Match, including any alterations to such headgear which are specifically permitted pursuant to Regulation 5;
 - 1.3 “**First-Class County**” means each of the county cricket clubs which has been accorded first class status by the ECB;
 - 1.4 “**Head Protector**” means the complete assembly of a helmet, faceguard and neck protector. Helmet indicates headwear primarily intended to protect the cricketer’s head and neck protector indicates an attachment to the helmet that covers the part of the head and neck typically below a helmet, behind the ears.
 - 1.5 “**Helmet**” means the complete assembly of a helmet and a faceguard;
 - 1.6 “**The Hundred**” means the ECB’s domestic cricket competition in a “hundred-ball” format and “Men’s Hundred” and “Women’s Hundred” mean The Hundred games played by the Men’s Hundred Team and Women’s Hundred Team, respectively;
 - 1.7 “**Hundred Team**” means any of the teams from time to time playing in The Hundred and “**Men’s Hundred Team**” and “**Women’s Hundred Team**” mean the teams playing in the Men’s Hundred and Women’s Hundred respectively.
 - 1.8 “**Match**” means any match covered by Regulation 2 below;
 - 1.9 “**Regulated Activity**” means each of those Match activities detailed in Regulation 3;
 - 1.10 “**Regional Host**” means each of the organisations which has entered into an agreement with the ECB to operate as part of the Regional Structure.
 - 1.11 “**Regional Host Competitions**” means the women’s 50-over tournament and the 20-over tournament in the Regional Structure.
 - 1.12 “**Regional Host Team**” means any of the teams competing in the Regional Host Competitions.
 - 1.13 “**Relevant Participating Cricketer**” means any player participating in a Match for a relevant team as detailed in Regulation 2, including but not limited to any substitute fielder;
 - 1.14 “**Regional Structure**” means the structure of Regional Host Teams and Academy Programmes administered by the Regional Hosts to provide players with high quality training environments and new, nationwide ECB competitions, with a view to developing the most talented female cricketers and providing the basis for sustained international

success.

2. These Regulations shall apply to all cricketers undertaking any Regulated Activity for any team in the following matches (save where expressly limited in accordance with regulation 3 below):
 - 2.1 for any England international team in any of its matches (including men's, Lions, Women's Performance Pathway, EDP and Under 19 teams but excluding the England visually impaired team(s));
 - 2.2 in LV= Insurance County Championship, Bob Willis Trophy, Royal London One-Day Cup and Vitality Blast matches;
 - 2.3 in matches played as part of the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy and the Charlotte Edwards Cup;
 - 2.4 in matches between First Class County first teams and University Centre of Cricketing Excellence ("UCCE") teams or between First-Class County and National County teams;
 - 2.5 in Second XI Championship, Second XI Trophy and Second XI T20 matches;
 - 2.6 in friendly matches played between First-Class County first teams and friendly matches played between First-Class County second teams;
 - 2.7 for the academy team of any First-Class County or Regional Host in any of that academy team's matches; and
 - 2.8 in any match in the Hundred,(each, a "**Match**").
3. Unless the ECB agrees otherwise, it shall be mandatory for all Relevant Participating Cricketers to wear Compliant Headgear when undertaking the following activities in any Match:
 - 3.1 Batting against all types of bowling;
 - 3.2 Wicket-keeping when standing up to the wicket; and
 - 3.3 Fielding in a position closer than 8 yards from the batter's position on the popping crease on a middle stump line, with the exception of any fielding position behind square of the wicket on the offside.
4. In respect of all Matches covered by Regulations 2.2 to 2.8 inclusive:
 - 4.1 the Match umpires shall be responsible for ensuring that a Head Protector, Helmet or face mask is worn by every Relevant Participating Cricketer when he/she is undertaking any of the Regulated Activities (but shall not be responsible for ensuring that the headgear being worn by the Relevant Participating Cricketer is Compliant Headgear); and
 - 4.2 in the event that a Relevant Participating Cricketer fails and refuses to wear a Head Protector, Helmet or face mask when seeking to undertake a Regulated Activity, the Match umpires shall not allow the Match to continue and the Match shall only be permitted to continue with the inclusion of that Relevant Participating Cricketer once they wear the required Head Protector, Helmet or face mask, as appropriate.

5. A Head Protector, Helmet or face mask shall not be deemed to be Compliant Headgear if it is altered in any way which is inconsistent with any guidance or instructions provided by the relevant manufacturer or in a way which otherwise reduces the safety protection provided by the relevant Head Protector, Helmet or face mask (for example, the removal of the chin-cup or, in cases of a separate neck protector, alteration of the neck protector and/or its attachment).
6. It shall be the joint responsibility of each Relevant Participating Cricketer and the First-Class County, Regional Host Team, Hundred Team (as applicable) for which they play to ensure that the Relevant Participating Cricketer wears Compliant Headgear at all times when undertaking any Regulated Activity in any Match. Notwithstanding the umpires' powers pursuant to Regulation 4, in the event that a Relevant Participating Cricketer is alleged to be in breach of Regulation 3 or fails to act immediately on an umpire's instruction to wear a Head Protector, Helmet or face mask (as applicable) pursuant to Regulation 4, the Relevant Participating Cricketer and their First-Class County, Regional Host, Hundred Team (as applicable) may be referred to the CDC in accordance with the CDC Regulations.

As of 1st February 2020, the latest BSI Standard specification for Head Protectors for cricketers is BS7928:2013+A1:2019, the latest BSI Standard certification for Helmets is BS7928:2013 and the latest BSI Standard specification for facemasks is BS7928-2:2009.

To be compliant for Women's cricket a Head Protector must have been certified as compliant with the most recent BSI Standard specification against both the men's and junior sized ball.

Further guidance regarding Head Protectors can be found at: <http://www.ecb.co.uk/helmets> including the list of known head protectors that have met BS7928:2013

In addition to the mandatory requirements on Relevant Participating Cricketers in Matches under these Regulations, Relevant Participating Cricketers and their support staff in the professional game must wear certain Protective Equipment in the training and coaching environments as specified in the ECB Policy for Personal Protective Equipment in Training Environments.