



# Blackpool Cricket Club

## Blackpool Cricket Club Cricket Helmet Policy

In February 2015 the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) issued updated safety guidance on the wearing of cricket helmets by young players up to the age of 18.

In order to comply with the updated safety guidance, Blackpool Cricket Club's policy on the wearing of cricket helmets is:

- Helmets with a faceguard or grille must be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice sessions.
- Young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and an abdominal protector (box).
- Young wicket keepers must wear a helmet with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector when standing up to the stumps.

With the assistance of schools, cricket clubs and leagues, the wearing of helmets by young players is now standard practice in cricket throughout England and Wales. Helmets are widely available and are covered by an updated British Standard (BS7928:2013). A face protector represents an alternative head protection system for young wicket keepers. Wicketkeeper Face Protectors are covered by a new British Standard (BS7928-2:2009). The ECB strongly recommends that wherever possible junior players use head protectors that have been tested against junior sized cricket balls.

Parental or Guardian written consent allowing a young player not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in any form of cricket.

This policy applies to all players up to the age of 18, both in open age group cricket and in all junior cricket played with a hard cricket ball. The policy also applies during all practice sessions. Any individual taking responsibility for players should take all reasonable steps to ensure that this guidance is followed at all times.

Blackpool Cricket Club asks that this policy is communicated to the parents or guardians of all young players, and that young players are not allowed to bat or stand up to the stumps when keeping wicket against a hard ball without wearing appropriate protection.