

# ATCA Policy: Helmet Regulations (British Standard 7928:2013)

**Reminder: Any player that is aged less than 18 years must wear a compliant helmet at all times when batting.**

## **1. Batting Playing Conditions: Against All Types of Bowling Except Against Spin Bowling**

- (a) A batter must wear the recommended British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when batting against fast or medium-paced bowling.
- (b) Wearing a compliant helmet against spin bowling is optional.
- (c) The Umpire(s) or Captain of the batting team, when no official umpire is appointed to the match, are only responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required against fast and medium paced bowling, but not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn is compliant.
- (d) The association strongly recommends that clubs ensure all players use compliant helmets but the ultimate responsibility lies with the player to make sure personal equipment like helmets meets the required standards.
- (e) The Umpire(s) or Captain of the batting team must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a batter fails to wear a helmet when required by this policy.
- (f) A batsman refusing to wear a helmet when required by this policy will be considered dismissed "Timed Out".

## **2. Wicketkeeping Playing Conditions:**

- (a) At all times when wicketkeeping up to the stumps, the wicketkeeper must wear the recommended British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet.
- (b) The Umpire(s) or Captain of the fielding team, when no official umpire is appointed to the match, are only responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn.
- (c) The ultimate responsibility that the helmet is British Standard 7928:2013 remains with the wicketkeeper.
- (d) The Umpire(s) or Captain of the fielding team must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a wicketkeeper fails to wear a helmet when required by this policy.

## **3. Fielding Playing Conditions:**

- (a) A fielder must wear the recommended British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when fielding in a position within 5 metres from the batter's position on the popping crease on a middle stump line, with the exception of any fielding position between the accepted position gully to the accepted position leg gully on the leg side.
- (b) The Umpire(s) or Captain of the fielding team, when no official umpire is appointed to the match, are only responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn.
- (c) The ultimate responsibility that the helmet is British Standard 7928:2013 remains with the fielder.
- (d) The Umpire(s) or Captain of the fielding team, when no official umpire is appointed to the match, are the sole judges of the distance from the stumps.
- (e) The Umpire(s) or Captain of the fielding team must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a fielder fails to wear a helmet when required by this policy.

**Note: For the avoidance of doubt, any fielder within the prescribed distance deemed to be fielding wider than a standard "gully" or "leg gully" must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 helmet. But fielders fielding finer than gully or leg gully e.g. any slip or leg slip are not required to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 helmet.**

## **Enforcement Procedure: In A Match with ATCA Appointed Umpire(s), or Self-Umpired Matches**

- (a) The Umpire(s) or Captains must not allow the match to continue if any batsman, wicketkeeper or fielder does not wear a helmet as per above playing conditions.
- (b) If this requirement is not met, the game will not continue until:
  - The wicketkeeper or fielder complies with the above wicketkeeping or fielding playing conditions.
  - The batter without a helmet leaves the field of play and is replaced by a batter complying with the above batting playing conditions.
- (c) Should the association find that the match continued without any of the above playing conditions being complied with, they shall impose sanctions taken from, but not restricted to one or more of the following options:
  - Both teams may have all their points from the match removed.
  - Both team captains or any batter, wicketkeeper or fielder may be reported for failure to comply with the competition's polices/bylaws.
  - Any association appointed umpire who failed to comply with any of the above playing conditions may be reported to the association for failure to comply with the competition's polices/bylaws.
  - The association may take such action as they deem appropriate against the above participants.
  - Furthermore, the association may take such action against the club(s) of the offending players in the match.
  - Reprimand, fine or suspend any player or club as per the Associations Code of Conduct.
  - Should an injury occur Umpires/Captains may be held liable.

### **Note**

*British Standard compliant helmets will carry one or more marks advertising this, both on the box and inside the helmet itself. These marks may include:*

- *The British Standards Institute (BSI) mark, which looks like this:*
- *The "CE" mark, which looks like this:*
- *The words "conforms to BS7928:2013", "certified to BS7928:2013" or similar*
- *The main difference with British Standard helmet is the fixed face guard.*

