



SHROPSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET CLUB

Cricket Helmet/Protector Policy

Introduction:

ECB has published safety guidance regarding the wearing of head protectors by all cricketers under the age of 18.

Steps to undertake:

- It is compulsory for all cricketers under the age of 18 to wear a helmet/ head protector with a faceguard or grill whilst batting against a hard ball in matches or practice sessions.
- Young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and for boys an abdominal protector (box).
- To use head protectors which have been tested against the junior sized ball
- Wicketkeepers under the age of 18 are to wear a head protector with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector, at all times when standing up to the stumps.
- Head protectors that have been tested against and comply with the ECB specification will be clearly labelled **BS7928:2013** and will contain clear labelling setting out whether the head protector has been tested against a men's standard ball of 5.5 ounces, a junior standard ball of 4.75 ounces or both men's and junior size balls.
- Wicketkeeper face protectors are covered by **BS7928-2:2009**
- Any individual taking responsibility for any player/s under the age of 18 should take reasonable steps to ensure the club policy is adhered to at all times.
- Parental or Guardian written consent allowing a young player not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in any form of cricket.