

HELMET MANAGEMENT POLICY

POLICY INFORMATION

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CNSW Helmet Management Policy

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Part 1 Purpose and application

- (1.1) The purpose of the CNSW Helmet Management Policy is to:
- (a) outline the correct processes involved in the provision, administration and management of approved helmets that are issued to all Players; and
 - (b) prescribe the rules for the use of helmets at all CNSW operated venues
- (1.2) This Policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:
- (a) CNSW Training and Warm-Up Policy;
 - (b) Cricket Australia State Clothing and Equipment Regulations;
 - (c) Any applicable Cricket Australia Playing Conditions for BBL or WBBL;
 - (d) [Cricket Australia Helmet recommendations](#) published for community cricket from time to time;
 - (e) Any guidelines in relation to the use of helmets published by Cricket Australia and amended from time to time.
- (1.3) The defined terms set out at Schedule A to this Policy apply for the purpose of this Policy for the interpretation of those terms.

Part 2 Policy statement

CRICKET NSW HELMET REGULATIONS

- (2.1) From 1 August 2022, all Players must wear helmets that comply with the BS7928:2013 specification whenever directed to do so by Player Support Personnel, or in accordance with this Policy.



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- (2.2) Players will not be permitted to participate in any Cricket NSW match or training activity if they do not wear a helmet that is compliant with the BS7928:2013 specification.
- (2.3) All Hirers and Players must wear helmets as directed by CNSW Staff when at any Venue.
- (2.4) From 1 October 2023, it is mandatory for all CNSW contracted players to wear a helmet and have an approved neck protector attached when facing pace bowling at training (including throwdowns and side-arm) and matches (this includes all domestic and international competitions).

HELMET OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO PLAYERS

- (2.5) Any Player who wishes to wear a compliant helmet that is sourced outside CNSW must sign an individual helmet letter agreement with Cricket Australia and ensure that the manufacturer of that helmet has also signed a helmet letter agreement with Cricket Australia.

Part 3 Approved Helmets

- (3.1) The ICC and Cricket Australia have updated the playing conditions for competitions that they administer. As a result of this, Cricket NSW requires players to wear cricket helmets in training and matches that meet the British Standard BS7928:2013 in the following circumstances:
 - (a) Batters. At all times, a player shall wear a helmet while batting against fast or medium paced bowling. The helmet is defined as a British Standard (BS7928:2013) helmet.
 - (b) Wicket-Keepers. At all times when wicket-keeping up to the stumps, the wicket-keeper shall wear a British Standard (BS7928:2013) helmet.
 - (c) Fielders. At all times when fielding in a position closer than 7 metres from the batter's position on the popping crease on a middle stump line (for example, short leg or silly point), except for any fielding position behind the popping crease (on both the off and on sides), a fielder must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet.
- (3.2) Resources prepared by Cricket Australia give further information on this (including a list of approved helmets) can be found at <https://www.community.cricket.com.au/clubs/protecting-your-club/policies-and-guidelines/helmet-recommendations>
- (3.3) Helmets may be added or withdrawn at any time, and it is the responsibility of the player to confirm the current and appropriate approved list.

Part 4 Processes

PROVISION OF CNSW-ISSUED HELMETS TO PLAYERS

- (4.1) All Players to receive a CNSW-issued helmet will follow the process set out at Schedule A to this Policy.



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- (4.2) Fitting instructions are set out at Schedule B to this Policy and must be observed by Players at all times.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CNSW ISSUED HELMETS

- (4.3) Each player, upon signing for receipt and taking ownership of their helmet, is responsible for checking and maintenance of the integrity of their helmet.
- (4.4) Spot Checks will be conducted from time to time by nominated Cricket NSW staff to ensure that the helmets structural integrity is maintained, with no obvious signs of degradation.

DAMAGED AND LOST CNSW ISSUED HELMETS

- (4.5) If a helmet is damaged in any way, players must cease wearing the helmet immediately and notify the Team Operations Manager as soon as practical.
- (4.6) Team Support Staff will carry additional helmet stocks in the event that a player's helmet is damaged in a match scenario.
- (4.7) All other requests to replace helmets must be made in writing to the Senior Team Operations Coordinator or nominee.
- (4.8) Helmets will be replaced at Cricket NSW expense in the following situations:
- (a) Damage caused during any official Cricket NSW training session.
 - (b) Damage caused during any official Cricket NSW match.
- (4.9) Helmets are to be replaced at players expense in the following situations:
- (a) Damage due to player negligence.
 - (b) Damage due to player mishandling.
 - (c) Damage whilst being worn outside of any official Cricket NSW match or training session.
 - (d) The helmet is lost or stolen.
- (4.10) In certain circumstances, replacement helmets may be issued outside of the situations above. Any such replacement must be approved by the Cricket NSW Chief of Cricket Performance.

Part 5 Use of helmets at Cricket Central

- (5.1) Any person attending the CNSW Venue known as Cricket Central must comply with the Rules of Entry and the Terms and Conditions in effect from time to time as they pertain to the use of helmets within the Venue.



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Part 6 Definitions and Interpretation

Defined Terms

(6.1) In this Policy, all defined terms have the meaning as set out in the table below:

CNSW	means the New South Wales Cricket Association (ABN 27 000 011 987) and where the context provides, includes its officers, employees, contractors and agents
CNSW Staff	Any individual working for and representing CNSW, including employees, Board Directors and sub-committee members, contractors, consultants and/or related personnel acting for or on behalf of CNSW.
Player	means a person selected for, or invited to train or play with any Squad or Team.
Player Support Personnel	means any parent, guardian, coach, trainer, team manager, player agent, selector, umpire, team official, doctor, physiotherapist, dietitian, fitness or other health-related advisor or any other person employed by, contracted to, representing or otherwise affiliated to CNSW for a Team or Squad, or other person known to be working with, treating or assisting a Player.
Squad	means those selected to train for selection in a CNSW Team.
Team	means those selected to play in a match or competition organised, sanctioned or otherwise under the auspices of a CNSW and includes the following teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSW Blues• NSW Breakers• Sydney Sixers BBL / WBBL• Sydney Thunder BBL / WBBL• NSW Metropolitan and ACT/NSW Country Second XI• NSW Metropolitan and NSW Country female U16s and U19s• NSW Metropolitan and NSW Country male U17s and U19s• Cricket NSW Academy
Venue	Any cricket facility owned and/or operated by CNSW.

Interpretation

(6.2) In this Policy:

- references to 'including' or similar words are not words of limitation;
- 'business day' means a day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day which is lawfully observed as a public holiday in the State of New South Wales;
- all notices must be in writing and in English;
- words in the singular include the plural and vice-versa;
- a construction that would promote the purpose or object underlying this Policy must be preferred to a construction that would not promote that purpose or object; and
- to the extent that there is any inconsistency between a term of any legislation and a term of this Policy, the term of that legislation overrides the Policy and applies to the extent of the inconsistency.



Schedule A: Process for provision of a CNSW-issued helmet

