

# **NORTHLAND CRICKET HELMET POLICY**

## **New Zealand Cricket Helmet Policy for U19 Cricketers**

The following policy will be mandatory for the 2021 - 22 season onward. Helmets, with a face guard, are **mandatory** for junior cricketers (Under 19), including when they are playing senior cricket. They must be worn while playing and during practice sessions when batting, keeping (within 5 metres of the stumps) or fielding in close (within 7 metres of the stumps, excluding behind the wicket on the off-side).

British Standard helmets (BS7928:2013) are considered “best of breed” helmets and supersede the old Australian/NZ Standard (AS/NZS 4499 series). It is mandatory for all junior / youth cricketers to wear the British Standard helmet

Any individual with responsibility for players (such as a coach or manager), together with match umpires, should take all reasonable steps to ensure that the above guidelines are followed.

## **NORTHLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION ADULT ( 19 and over ) HELMET POLICY**

*The following Player Safety Regulations will apply to all Northland Cricket Competitions:*

1. All batters must wear a helmet. Note: we recommend that this applies to net practices well.
2. All wicketkeepers must wear a helmet or facemask when standing up to the stumps.
3. All players, regardless of age, must wear a helmet when fielding closer than 7 metres from the stumps of the batter on strike, except behind the wicket on the off side. Northland Cricket recommends that they also wear a protector and shin pads.
4. Northland Cricket strongly recommends that the any helmets that are worn, are of British standard BS7928:2013.