

Concussion and Head Trauma Policy

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The WADCC considers it critical to pursue best practice in prevention and management of concussion and head trauma arising in the course of participating in WADCC sanctioned competitions and training sessions.

A batsman must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when batting against fast or medium-paced bowling. The match umpires shall be responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required but shall not be responsible for ensuring that the helmet worn by the batsman is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013. The match umpires shall not allow the match to continue during any period in which a batsman fails to wear a helmet. The WADCC recommends the use of products/attachments properly fitted to helmet that provide additional protection for the vulnerable neck/occipital area of the batsman (neck guards).

A wicket-keeper must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when keeping up to the stumps, unless approved in writing by the WADCC. The match umpires shall be responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required but shall not be responsible for ensuring that the helmet worn by the wicket-keeper is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013. The match umpires shall not allow the match to continue during any period in which a wicket-keeper fails to wear a helmet.

A fielder must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 compliant helmet at all times when fielding in a position closer than seven metres (unless otherwise approved by an umpire in his/her absolute discretion) from the batsman's position on the popping crease on a middle stump line (for example, short leg or silly point), with the exception of any fielding position behind square of the wicket on the off side. The match umpires shall be responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required but shall not be responsible for ensuring that the helmet worn by the fielder is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013. The match umpires shall not allow the match to continue during any period in which a wicket-keeper fails to wear a helmet.

The WADCC recommends the use of helmets by umpires at their discretion.

Helmets should be replaced immediately in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation following a significant impact.