



OVCC Mandatory Helmet Policy

OVCC strongly recommends wearing helmets while batting, wicket-keeping up to the stumps and fielding in a close position under all circumstances. The safety of members of the Ottawa Valley Cricket League is the number 1 priority. Therefore we urge everyone to wear British Standard BS7928: 2013 ICC Compliant helmet against all types of bowling (Spin, Pace or medium pace).

As stated on OVCC Amateur Athletic Waiver, The risk of injury from the activities (batting, bowling, wicket-keeping up to the stumps, fielding in close position) involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; therefore to reduce the risk of injury OVCC strongly recommends the use of a helmet.

All participants of Ottawa Valley Cricket Council's League will now be required to wear helmets at all times when:

- Batting against fast or medium-paced bowling
- Batting against spin bowling
- Wicket keeping up to the stumps
- Fielding in a position closer than 7 meters from the batter (with exception of fielding position from offside gully to leg gully)

The full regulation can be viewed below, along with the supporting appendix which deals with the Helmet Policy Enforcement Procedures. It is important to note that umpires will not be responsible for determining if a player is wearing a British Standard 7928:2013 ICC compliant helmet in these situations. Their responsibility is for ensuring a helmet is worn when required by the Regulation.

**** More information about key features of BS7928:2013 can be found here <https://www.icc-cricket.com/about/cricket/rules-and-regulations/helmets>**

HELMET POLICY FOR OTTAWA VALLEY CRICKET COUNCIL

- A)** It is mandatory for junior cricketers (those under 18 years of age) to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 ICC compliant helmet at all times when wicket-keeping up to the stumps or batting in OVCC competitions.

Note: Any player that is aged less than 18 years is prohibited from fielding any closer than 10m from the bat (unless acting as a Wicketkeeper or fielding in the Slips or a Gully position).

B) It is mandatory for senior cricketers to wear a British Standard 7928:2013 ICC compliant helmet in OVCC competitions as follows:

Batting

(i) A batter must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 ICC compliant helmet at all times when batting against fast, medium-paced or spin bowling.

(ii) The umpire(s) are the sole judge of whether bowling is fast or medium-paced and will judge the pace of bowling against what is considered “fast”, “medium-paced” or “slow” within the context of that particular match. The wicketkeeper standing either up to, or back from the stumps must not be the deciding factor in this decision.

Wicket keeping

(i) At all times when wicket keeping up to the stumps, the wicketkeeper must wear a British Standard 7928:2013 ICC compliant helmet.

Fielding

(i) A fielder must wear an International Standard ICC compliant helmet at all times when fielding in a position closer than seven (7) meters 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 on the off side to the accepted position leg gully on the leg side, must wear an International Standard ICC compliant helmet.

(ii) The umpire(s) are the sole judges of the distance from the stumps in this clause.

C) Enforcement

(i) The umpire(s) are responsible for ensuring that a helmet is worn when required by The OVCC Helmet Regulation but are not responsible for ensuring that the helmet being worn by the player is compliant with British Standard 7928:2013.

(ii) The umpire(s) must not allow the match to continue during any period in which a player fails to wear a helmet when required by OVCC Helmet Regulation.

(iii) In accordance with the Laws of Cricket, the umpire(s) shall:

a. Award 5 penalty runs to the opposing team when a batter does not comply with

OVCC Helmet Regulation.

b. If after the action above in (a) the batter continues to not comply with OVCC Helmet Regulation, time out the batter who fails to wear a helmet when required by Regulation.

Note: For the purpose of this Regulation, no time/overs shall be lost to the game after the completion of any of the actions described

(iv) In the event of an extended delay in which either no batter comes to the wicket wearing a helmet (in situations required by OVCC Helmet Regulation) or a batter fails to wear a helmet (in situations required by Regulation) and also fails to leave the wicket having been given out in according with Regulation, the umpire(s) shall award **5 penalty runs** to the fielding team.

(v) In the event of an extended delay caused by a wicketkeeper or fielder failing to wear a helmet when required by OVCC Helmet Regulation, the umpire(s) shall award **5 penalty runs** to the batting team.

(vi) In addition to the above, the umpire(s) will report any breach of OVCC Helmet Regulation to the Ottawa Valley Cricket Council's officers/directors (via email). Upon receiving information regarding the incident, the OVCC Officers/Directors shall take all reasonable and appropriate measures to investigate the instance(s). The OVCC Officers/Directors shall take such action, as they deem appropriate against the involved participants and Clubs, if applicable. Furthermore any unsportsmanlike behaviors or incident may be referred to OVCC Discipline Committee for further action.