Please find details below on new guidance received from ECB about Helmet & Head Protector.

Please be advised the information below was placed on the ECB website this week. [http://www.ecb.co.uk/information/ecb-and-pca-guidance-head-protectorshelmets](http://email.hitssports.co.uk/track/click?u=4ce96b4f&eid=3fa1b17c2cfecb010a22fef0fc42d6f2&id=822d9884)

ECB and PCA Guidance on Head Protectors/Helmets  
  
The ECB and PCA strongly encourage all cricket clubs and cricketers to   
review their existing head protector equipment. In this Guidance Note,   
references to “head protectors” means helmets with a faceguard or   
grille. The design and manufacture of cricket head protectors is now governed   
by British Standard  BS7928:2013 , which has been adopted by the ICC as   
the international standard. The standard ECB/PCA playing contract for   
professional cricketers also specifies that any helmet provided to a   
player by his employer club must meet this safety standard.  
  
Note that  BS7928:2013  specifies different tests for helmets to be   
used in senior and junior cricket, reflecting the smaller ball size   
used in the latter.  
  
The helmets listed below at Section 6 are those for which evidence has   
been provided to the ECB by the relevant manufacturer that the standard   
has been met and the appropriate authority to display a “CE quality   
mark” granted.  
  
That list distinguishes between helmets which are approved for use in   
senior and junior cricket, and also includes some helmets which have   
been approved for use at both levels.   
  
1.  Key Features of the New Safety Specification   
  
The key features of the new specification,  BS7928:2013 , are:  
it now includes a facial contact projectile test that   
assesses for penetration of the ball through the faceguard, and contact   
of the faceguard onto the face, using realistic ball impact speeds and   
conditions.  
head protectors have been tested separately against men’s   
and junior sized cricket balls (a five-and-a-half ounce ball and a four-  
and-three-quarter ounce ball, respectively).

2.  Women’s cricket   
There was neither a pre-existing specific women’s head protector nor   
is there any BSi specification for women’s cricket head protectors.  
  
However, as the size of the standard women’s cricket ball is between   
the standard men’s and junior’s balls, it is recommended that women use   
head protectors which have been tested against both the men’s and   
junior sized ball or at least against the junior size ball (because the   
smaller ball could potentially get through the gap above the faceguard   
on a men’s head protector).  
  
3.  Junior cricket   
  
Since 2000, the ECB has published safety guidance regarding the   
wearing of head protectors by all cricketers under the age of 18. The   
ECB’s current guidance is that all cricketers under the age of 18 must   
wear a head protector whilst batting in matches or practice sessions.   
The ECB also now strongly recommends that junior players use head   
protectors which have been tested against the junior sized ball.  
  
Wicketkeepers under the age of 18 should wear a head protector with a   
faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector, at all times when standing   
up to the stumps.  
  
Any individual taking responsibility for any player(s) under the age   
of 18 should take reasonable steps to ensure this guidance is followed   
at all times. No parental consent to the non-wearing of a head   
protector should be accepted.   
  
4.  Risk of injury   
  
Whilst the ECB and PCA consider that head protectors are an essential   
part of a cricketer’s kit to mitigate the risk of death, injury or   
disability, it must be remembered that wearing a head protector cannot   
entirely eliminate that risk. The new specification makes head   
protectors safer than before, but cannot eliminate the risk of   
injury.   
  
5.  Things to look out for in purchasing a new head protector   
  
The ECB and PCA has issued this guidance in order to heighten   
understanding, so that informed decisions as to which head protectors   
to purchase and use can be made by all cricketers.  
  
Head protectors that have been tested against and comply with the new   
specification will be clearly labelled “ BS7928:2013”  and will contain   
clear labelling setting out whether the head protector has been tested   
against   
  
(i) a men’s standard ball size of 5 ½ ounces,   
  
(ii) a junior standard ball size of 4 ¾ ounces, or   
  
(iii) both men’s and junior size balls.  
  
The list of known head protectors that have met BS7928:13 as of 20 May   
2015  
  
Tested against a men’s ball:  
  
Gray Nicholls - Atomic Helmet  
  
Gunn & Moore -  Icon Geo Senior Large, Icon Geo Senior, Icon Geo   
Senior Small  
  
Kookaburra -  Pro 400 Senior, Viper Senior, Pro 800 Senior

Masuri -  Vison Series Elite Titanium, Vision Series Elite Steel,   
Vision Series Test Titanium, Vision Series Test Steel, Vision Series   
Club Senior

Reader -  Sovereign Senior   
  
Shrey -  Master Class Air   
  
Slazenger -  International  
  
Tested against both men’s and junior balls:  
  
Gray Nicholls - Atomic Helmet   
  
  
  
Gunn & Moore - Icon Geo Senior   
  
Tested against junior balls:   
  
Gray Nicholls - Atomic Helmet   
  
Gunn & Moore - Icon Geo Senior, Icon Geo Junior   
  
Kookaburra - Pro 400 Junior, Pro 400 Mini, Pro 800 Junior, Viper   
Junior   
  
Masuri - Vision Series Club Junior   
  
Readers - Sovereign Junior, Sovereign Mini  
  
When a new helmet meets the BS7928:2013 standard, and are certified   
(CE) to be in conformity with Council Directive 89/686/EEC and   
associated amendments relating to personal protective equipment,   
manufacturers are asked to provide documentary evidence of this   
compliance to helmets@ecb.co.uk , so that the helmet can be added to   
the list  
  
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