**CLUB POLICY ON THE WEARING OF HELMETS**

**BY YOUNG PLAYERS**

The ECB have issued guidelines regarding the wearing of helmets by young players up to the age of eighteen.

Briefly, these stipulate that:

* helmets with a faceguard or grille should be worn when batting against a hard cricket ball in matches and in practice sessions
* young players should regard a helmet with a faceguard as a normal item of protective equipment when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, an abdominal protector (box)
* young wicket keepers should wear a helmet with a faceguard, or a wicketkeeper face protector when standing up to the stumps.

The original guidance allowed parents or guardians to give their written consent to allow a young player not to wear a helmet. However, now parental consent not to wear a helmet should not be accepted in any form of cricket.

This guidance applies to all players up to the age of 18, both in adult cricket and in all junior cricket played with a hard cricket ball.

The guidance also applies during all practice sessions. Any individual taking responsibility for players should take all reasonable steps to ensure that this guidance is followed at all times.

The ECB asks that the guidance is communicated to the parents or guardians of all young players through clubs and schools, and that young players are not allowed to bat or stand up to the stumps when keeping wicket against a hard ball without wearing appropriate protection.

**THE CLUB COMMITTEE HAS CONSIDERED THIS POLICY FURTHER AND HAVE DECIDED (as have a number of other Clubs in the area) TO EXTEND THIS SUCH THAT:**

**HELMETS WILL BE WORN BY ALL CLUB WICKET KEEPERS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHETHER STANDING UP OR BACK.**

Aspley Guise Cricket Club Committee

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