

If the fielder or wicketkeeper still refuses to comply, then the umpires are required to:

- a. Advise the captain of the fielding side and/or their responsible adult that, unless the fielder/wicket keeper complies, their team will be deemed to be refusing to play and that the game will be awarded to their opponents (Law 16.3.1.2).
- b. After giving the captain/responsible adult some time to resolve the situation, ask them if their team is refusing to play.
- c. If they confirm this or have not resolved the situation, award the game to their opponents.
- d. Leave the field of play and report the events and individuals involved to the authority responsible for the game.

ECB Safety Regulations - Protective Equipment

Every player under the age of 18 on the day of the match must:

- a. Wear a helmet with a face guard or grille when batting against a hard ball.
- b. Wear a helmet with a face guard or grille if aged 16 or 17 when fielding within 8 yards (7.3m) of the batter, unless fielding behind the wicket on the off side.
- c. Wear a helmet with a face guard or grille, or a face protector, when keeping wicket and standing up.
- d. If male (irrespective of gender) if required to wear a helmet or face protector also wear a groin protector (box).

Once either umpire becomes aware that any of the above conditions is not being met, no further play will be allowed until the matter is resolved.

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B. In the case of a fielder or wicket keeper not complying...

- a. Advise the fielder or wicket keeper that they are required to comply
 - b. If they refuse, apply Law 41.9 – time wasting by the fielding side.
 - c. Advise the captain of the fielding team that this is a first and final warning.
 - d. Advise the batters you have done this.
- If the fielder or wicket keeper still refuses to comply, then the umpires are required to:
- a. Whether it is during or between overs, award 5 penalty runs to the batting side.
 - b. Advise both batters and both captains.
 - c. Report the player to the authority responsible for the game.

If the matter is not/cannot be resolved, then the umpires will adopt the following procedures:

1. If the umpires are non ACO members, 'player officials' or occasional umpires, they are required to:
 - a. Refuse to continue to umpire the match and leave the field of play.
 - b. Report the matter and those involved to the authority responsible for the match.
2. If the umpires are ACO Full Members and/or League appointed umpires, they are required to:
 - a. Tell a batter **not wearing a helmet at the start of their innings** that they must wear one.
 - b. If they refuse, advise them they have three minutes to do so.
 - c. After three minutes, and without the need for an appeal, give them out – timed out.

- a. Tell a batter **who has commenced their innings but then removes their helmet,** that they must wear one.
- b. If they refuse apply Law 41.10 – batters wasting time.
- c. Advise the batters that this is a first and final warning.
- d. Advise the fielding and batting captains you have done this and that it applies throughout the innings.
- e. Advise each incoming batter of this.

If the batter still refuses to comply, then the umpires are required to:

- a. Award 5 penalty runs to the fielding side.
- b. Advise both batters and both captains.
- c. Report the player to the authority responsible for the game.

If the batter still refuses to comply, then the umpires are required to:

- a. Advise the captain of the batting side and/or their responsible adult that, unless the batter complies, their team will be deemed to be refusing to play and that the game will be awarded to their opponents (Law 16.3.1.2).
- b. After giving the captain/responsible adult some time to resolve the situation, ask them if their team is refusing to play.
- c. If they confirm this or have not resolved the situation, award the game to their opponents.
- d. Leave the field of play and report the events and individuals involved to the authority responsible for the game.