



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## Disciplinary report 2023

Despite the fact that several weekends were lost to the weather, season 2023 saw an overall increase in the number of players that received disciplinary sanctions (43). The vast majority of the sanctions issued were of the lower scale type, ie, Level One 'warnings', together with Level One and Level Two offences, as follows:

List of sanctions:

- Level One 'warnings' 20
- Level One offences 18
- Level Two offences 14
- Level Three offences 3
- Level Four offences 0
- Miscellaneous offences 3

43 individual players were reported in 2023 and 58 discipline offences were dealt with. 10 players were multiple offenders, receiving more than one sanction. Collectively, they were responsible for the commission of 25 of the 58 reported offences that received sanctions. 33 players each received a single discipline sanction.

Bans totaling 99 weeks were applied across the YCSPL during the past season; and suspended bans totaling 186 weeks remain in place until the end of season 2024.

The following is a breakdown of the respective divisions in which players who received sanctions during 2023 played:

- Premier division 7 players (10 sanctions)
- Championship division 9 players (10 sanctions)
- Senior Section divisions 27 players (38 sanctions)

A handful of other players were reported for low key matters and were dealt with via final reprimands/words of advice.

It was necessary to hold two separate Disciplinary Hearings that related to Level Three allegations (Disciplinary Hearings are mandatory for Level Three and Level Four allegations). Both hearings resulted in the individuals in question receiving substantial bans.

Officials from two Senior Section clubs met with the Disciplinary Committee during the past season in order to discuss continued poor player behaviour. Final warnings were subsequently administered to both clubs in question in relation to the future conduct of their players.

### *Summary*

Despite taking into consideration the weather and the fact that umpires were not appointed to many of the games in question, the number of players reported represented a very small percentage of the actual cricketers that played in the YCSPL.

What must also be taken into consideration in respect of the previous paragraph, is that umpires have continued to be encouraged to report players where necessary. So, although the numbers reported have increased pro rata, the Disciplinary Committee do not consider there to be an escalating 'problem' in relation to ill-discipline within the YCSPL.

The Disciplinary Committee regularly assess the disciplinary system that is in place. We always seek to be consistent when finalising individual cases and will proactively continue to 'tweak' the rules and regulations in order to benefit players, clubs and officials alike.

Throughout season 2024, the Disciplinary Committee are to take a closer look at captains and their conduct/behaviour in games where any of their players have been reported. Each report will be looked at on an

individual basis and if, on the balance of probabilities, it is felt that a captain ought to have done more to prevent the poor behaviour of his/her player(s) then sanctions will follow for the captain in question.

The online disciplinary report form is to be amended to introduce a section where the umpires are asked to consider and detail the role of the captain on each occasion that it has been necessary to report a player.

In addition, the Disciplinary Committee would like to remind all clubs and umpires about their safeguarding responsibilities in respect of junior cricketers. Players found to have 'crossed the line' in relation to junior cricketers will be dealt with accordingly.

Finally, thanks go to all who have supported the Disciplinary Committee throughout the past season - it is greatly appreciated.

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