

ECB Yorkshire South Premier League



Constitution

- 1 **Title.** The League shall be called Yorkshire South Premier League (YSPL), which may be preceded by an agreed sponsor's name.
- 2 **Authority.** YSPL is owned by the Yorkshire Cricket Board, and all issues in connection with it will be the ultimate responsibility of the Yorkshire Premier Leagues Management Board (YPLMB).
- 3 **Aims.** The aims of YSPL will be to foster, maintain and safeguard the strongest competitive cricket in South Yorkshire and surrounding area.
- 4 **Membership.** The membership of YSPL will be the first teams of twelve clubs who meet the ground, facilities and Clubmark criteria as set down by the YPLMB. All clubs must be primarily affiliated to the Yorkshire Cricket Board. The membership of relegated clubs shall cease at the end of the playing season during which they were relegated, and the membership of a promoted club shall commence at the same time.
- 5 **Second XIs.** All clubs in membership must maintain a fully-functioning second XI in a YCB or Lincolnshire Cricket Board affiliated competition.
- 6 **Termination of membership.** The YSPL will have the right to terminate the membership of any club where, in their opinion, the general conduct and administration of the club concerned is unsatisfactory, where the club has brought the league into serious disrepute, or the club has failed to meet the League's mandatory ground and facilities or Clubmark criteria. 14 days' notice of any such proceedings must be provided to the Secretary of the club concerned, which shall have the right of appeal to the YPLMB within this period.
- 7 **Grounds and facilities.** Clubs may be required to make ground and facility improvements within an agreed timescale in order to meet the League's mandatory ground and facilities criteria.
- 8 **Resignation.** Clubs wishing to resign from the YSPL shall give notice in writing to the League secretary by 30th June in the preceding year and must fulfil all fixtures and financial obligations for that season. Failure to comply with this requirement will render the club liable to a £100 fine.
- 9 **Promotion and relegation.**
 - i. Promotion and relegation to and from YSPL will be on the basis of 'two up, two down' to and from our partner league, the South Yorkshire Senior Cricket League (SYSCL) Championship.
 - ii. To be eligible for promotion to YSPL, SYSCL clubs must have satisfied the YSPL committee by 31 August in the season in which they are promoted that they meet, or have firm plans to meet, the League's mandatory ground, facilities, and Clubmark criteria within an agreed timeframe.
 - iii. A club will have the right not to be promoted to YSPL if they so wish. Promoted clubs must advise the League Secretary in writing by 30 September in the year in which they won promotion whether they wish to take up their place in the League.
 - iv. If a club in the top two positions in the SYSCL Championship declines promotion, or fails eligibility criteria, they will be replaced by the next-highest club in the SYSCL Championship only where that club is level on points with the second-placed club.

- v. Any club leaving the league other than due to normal relegation will be replaced by reducing the number of relegated clubs.

10 **Management Committee**

- i. The day-to-day management of YSPL will be conducted by a management committee (MC) of up to eleven people, plus a chairman and secretary (both to be ratified by YPLMB) and a representative of the Yorkshire Cricket Board.
- ii. Committee positions, other than the YCB representative, will be elected at the AGM for the following season. The roles of chairman and secretary will be subject to ratification by the Premier Leagues Management Board.
- iii. The MC will have the power to co-opt additional committee members to cover specific roles as necessary. Where this occurs, any such roles will be ratified at the next AGM or EGM.
- iv. Subject to ratification by the YPLMB where necessary, the MC will have the power to decide on all matters not specifically covered in this constitution and League rules.

11 **Changes to constitution and rules.** Either the MC or clubs may propose changes to the constitution or league championship rules, which will be debated and voted upon at the AGM. The MC will be empowered to introduce new, and make changes to existing, league administrative rules. Clubs must notify any proposals to the League secretary no later than 31st August, in order that these can be considered by the MC, and proper notice given to clubs.

12 **Annual General Meeting.** An annual general meeting (AGM) of clubs shall be held each October. The league secretary will notify all clubs of the AGM, giving 28 days' notice. Business to be conducted at the AGM shall include reports from the chairman, secretary, treasurer and any other relevant post, election of officers where appropriate, and any other relevant business allowed by the chairman. Any changes to the constitution or playing rules must be passed by a simple majority at the AGM. Changes to the constitution will be subject to ratification by the YPLMB. Each club in membership for the following season shall be entitled to one vote at the AGM. In the event of voting being tied, the chairman will have a casting vote.

13 **Extraordinary General Meetings.** Either the MC or a majority of clubs in membership may call for an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) to discuss a specific item of business at any time. The league secretary will notify all clubs of the EGM, giving 28 days' notice.

14 **Finance.** The financial year will run from 1st October to 30th September each year. All monies received will be paid into a bank account in the name of the league. The treasurer will also, as and when requested, maintain accounts on behalf of the Yorkshire Premier Leagues Management Board. Accounts will be maintained using online banking, and the chairman will have 'view only' access in order to make regular checks.

15 **Subscriptions.** The MC will have the power to set a club membership subscription, which will be reviewed annually.

16 **Distribution of funds.** A club ceasing to be a member of YSPL for any reason shall at once forfeit automatic rights to any distributions from the League's assets or ECB monies. ECB funding may be withheld where a club has failed to take actions required of them.

17 **Disputes.** Any dispute concerning a decision of the MC may be referred to the YPLMB in writing via the League secretary within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any such dispute referral must be accompanied by a non-refundable £250 deposit to cover the costs of dealing with the dispute. The decision of the YPLMB will be final and binding.

18 **Dissolution.** In the event of the dissolution of the league, the MC will become the trustees of the assets of the league and will distribute those assets equally to the member clubs at the time of the dissolution.