

ECB Yorkshire South Premier League



League administrative rules

Governance

- 1 **Management Committee roles.** The management committee will include the following specific roles:
 - i. The chairman; who will have overall responsibility for ensuring that all aspects of the league are run properly and in accordance with YPLMB policies, and will represent the League at the YPLMB. The chairman will nominate a vice-chairman to act in his absence, and who will act as the league's second YPLMB representative.
 - ii. The secretary; who will be responsible for making arrangements for and notification of all League meetings, circulating agendas and other necessary documents, producing notes of meetings, issuing information on behalf of the League, acting as a focal point for queries and correspondence.
 - iii. The treasurer; who will be responsible for receiving all monies on behalf of the League and for making payments as necessary. The treasurer will provide a monthly summary statement and full end of year statement of finances for the chairman and YPLMB secretary.
 - iv. The fixture secretary; who will be responsible for the producing the annual fixture calendar, league and cup fixtures, arrangements for all cup-ties and for deciding on any changes to fixtures.
 - v. The disciplinary manager; who will be responsible for ensuring that disciplinary reports are properly dealt with by clubs where appropriate and for the arrangements for any necessary disciplinary and appeals panels,
 - vi. The safeguarding officer; who will be responsible for ensuring that the League and its clubs comply with safeguarding regulations and good practice
 - vii. The participation manager; who will be responsible for promoting ECB participation initiatives within the clubs; including advice and support for initiatives, and providing a link with YCB
 - viii. The under 19s competition organiser; who will be responsible for liaising with YCB, SYSCL and clubs to organise the League under 19s competition

Finance

- 2 **Subscriptions.** The MC will have the power to set a club membership subscription, which shall be reviewed annually.
- 3 **Expenses.** Committee members or other persons engaged on committee business will be entitled to claim reasonable travelling and administrative expenses in accordance with MC guidance.

Compliance

- 4 **Disciplinary breaches.** Reports of disciplinary breaches by players will be the responsibility of the disciplinary manager, who will ensure that they are dealt with in accordance with the League's published disciplinary procedures, which are in line with ECB disciplinary regulations for Premier Leagues.
- 5 **Breaches by clubs of league rules.** These will be dealt with by the MC by a warning, a fine or deduction of league points. In the case of persistent and serious failures, membership of the league may be at risk. Examples of failures include:
 - failure to attend the AGMs and EGMs
 - failure to submit required reports
 - failure to adhere to scoring procedures
 - failure to follow registration processes
 - failure to follow safeguarding policies
 - failure to meet ground and facilities rules and guidance
 - failure to fulfil fixtures

- 6 **Safeguarding.** All club officials that have direct contact with players must undergo a DBS check, including:
- Child Welfare Officers
 - Coaches (whether volunteers or paid)
 - Club umpires
 - Scorers
 - Junior managers
 - Team captains/vice-captains
 - Junior Managers/co-ordinators/supervisors
 - First Aiders, physiotherapists, medical support

Grounds and facilities

- 7 **Standards.** Clubs are expected to maintain the highest possible standards of grounds and facilities – see separate ‘Grounds and facilities standards’ document published on the League website. Pitches and outfielders should be of a quality commensurate with Premier League cricket. Clubs whose ground markings are below average in three consecutive seasons must obtain a report from an Institute of Groundsmen pitch inspector and take action as recommended. Club house facilities should be in a good standard of repair and decoration.

Fixtures

- 8 **Playing season.** The YSPL playing season shall be from 1 April to 30 September each year.
- 9 **Arrangement of fixtures.** All fixtures will be arranged by the League’s fixture secretary. Specific rules will cover cancellations and rearrangements as follows:
- i. **Cancellations.** Home clubs must take all possible steps to ensure that games take place in accordance with guidance prepared in association with the Institute of Groundsmen. However, if, taking into account the ground conditions and weather forecast, the home club believes that play is unlikely, they should make contact with the visitors before 9.00am on the day of the game. At that stage:
 - ii. **Rearrangements.** Once the fixture list is published, fixtures may only be rearranged if:
 - a. the ground becomes unavailable for reasons outside the home club’s control
 - b. following a natural disaster, unlawful act, or accident, the facilities at the ground are no longer suitable for the game to take place
 - iii. No rearrangements will be permitted for reasons of weather or player availability. Applications for rearrangement must be made by email to the fixture secretary within 24 hours of the ground becoming unavailable or unsuitable. Rearrangements must be confirmed within 14 days of the application. The decision of the committee on rearrangements will be final.
- 10 **Clubs failing to fulfil fixtures.** In the event of a club failing to fulfil a league fixture for other than ground or weather reasons, the MC will arrange an emergency sub-committee of members, who have no interest in the outcome of the issue, to consider the implications. The sub-committee will decide, taking into account all known circumstances at the club and the league’s duty of care responsibilities, whether the failure should be viewed as a ‘one-off’, or whether there are genuine grounds to believe that the club cannot properly fulfil the remainder of its fixtures for the season. In the latter case, unless the club voluntarily withdraws from the league, they will be suspended from playing for the remainder of the season.
- i. In the case of a ‘one off’ failure, the fixture will be treated as conceded, the points awarded to the opposition and any expenses genuinely incurred by the opposition will be charged to the club. In the event of the failure being as a result of negligence or maladministration by the club concerned, disciplinary action may be taken.
 - ii. In the case of a withdrawal from the league or a suspension from playing:
 - a. If the club has completed no more than 80% of its’ fixtures, all fixtures involving that club will be removed from the league table; ie, all points accrued in them will be lost; however, all team and individual performances in these games will stand
 - b. If the club has completed more than 80% of its fixtures, all league points earned in those games will be retained, and the remaining games will be treated as conceded, with points being awarded to the opposition; such points awarded in the event of a cancellation or abandonment may be restricted in the event of all other games in the locality being cancelled or abandoned

Conduct of games

- 11 **Laws of the game.** All games played under the auspices of the ECB Yorkshire South Premier League (YSPL) will be conducted in accordance with the Laws of the Game (2017 Code), the Spirit of Cricket and any current ECB directives, except as provided for in these playing conditions.
- 12 **Umpires.** Umpires will be appointed to all games by the umpires' appointments secretary, who will administer a panel of umpires for the YSPL and Yorkshire Premier League North. The umpires' fee will include travelling costs and will be determined annually. Umpires fees must be paid prior to the resumption of play after tea. Each team will be responsible for paying one umpire. Once the umpires have arrived at the ground the full fee will be payable, irrespective of whether or not play takes place.
- 13 **Inclement weather and ground conditions**
 - i. The decision as to whether play shall take place in the prevailing weather or ground conditions shall be entirely that of the umpires. The umpires will keep captains apprised of inspections, required action to get the game on, likelihood of play, and proposed start times. The umpires will follow ECB ACO guidance in determining whether the ground conditions are suitable for play.
 - ii. No play will start or restart in rain, which will be defined as anything heavier than intermittent spots of rain or very light drizzle.
 - iii. Clubs are responsible for taking all possible action to ensure that play can start and restart promptly. Action must be taken to cover the pitch and necessary surrounding areas where necessary whenever rain is forecast in the days immediately before the game and on the morning of the game itself.
 - iv. Pitches, including where necessary bowlers' run-ups and wicket-ends, should be covered during the game whenever there is a stoppage due to rain.
 - v. Drying equipment, including a Bowdry, forks, and materials to help dry wicket ends, must be available and used on the day of the game whenever necessary.
- 14 **Toss, nomination of players and pre-match meeting**
 - i. The toss will take place at a pre-match meeting between captains and umpires no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time. If a team does not provide a suitable representative for this meeting, the umpires will at their discretion award or delay the toss.
 - ii. Before the toss for innings, the captain of each side must nominate his players to the umpires. The ages of all players covered by ECB directives on fast bowling and wearing of helmets for under-19 players must be stated. Such nominations must be provided on the cards provided by the League for this purpose.
 - iii. At the pre-match meeting:
 - a. the captains and umpires must agree on drinks intervals and any other issues specific to the game
 - b. both teams will give the umpires a match ball and a box of four spares of varying conditions
 - c. the umpires will also advise on behaviour standards expected in relation to the Spirit of Cricket, after which captains will be expected to advise their players accordingly
- 15 **Match balls.** A grade 'A' quartered ball of the type and make specified by the league will be used for all games. A new ball will be used unless both captains so agree. In order to save time, the batting side will be responsible for searching for any lost balls. All balls used must be acceptable to the umpires.
- 16 **Practice on the day of the game.** No practice will be allowed on the playing area in the five minutes before the scheduled time of start or the resumption of play after any interval. Other than at these times, practice will be allowed on the playing area on the day of the game whilst play is not in progress, except on the strip being used for the game and the two strips to either side of it. The home team should designate a cut strip on the square and an area on the outfield where the visitors can practice. Whilst play is in progress, there will be no practice on the playing area, except that a new bowler will be allowed a maximum of two practice deliveries on the outfield before bowling.

17 Scoring

- i. Each team will provide a scorer for the game; scores at all games will be maintained in accordance with procedures notified by the results secretary.
- ii. A printer must be provided by the home side to enable DLS printouts to be given to captains and umpires.
- iii. Should a team fail to provide a scorer, they must nominate a scorer for the whole game from their eleven nominated players. This acting scorer may only be relieved if a suitable alternative scorer is provided. An acting scorer will be allowed to bowl immediately on taking the field.
- iv. The home club must provide an enclosed area for scorers away from spectators. The scoreboard must be updated accurately, at least at the end of each over, and must display the overs remaining, which will include the over being bowled.
- v. At the request of either captain, the DLS par score must be displayed on the scoreboard at the end of each over in the second innings.

Players

- 18 **Registration.** All players are to be registered on Play-Cricket before playing in the YSPL.
- 19 **Transfers.** After 1st March in any season, no player registered to play in the YSPL may be transferred to another club in membership of the league, without the express permission of his original club, before the end of that season. Players may be transferred from other Saturday league clubs in accordance with the YCB transfer rules before 31 July.
- 20 **Overseas players.** Each club may register up to three non-England qualified players as defined by the ECB. Of these, no more than one may be *either*:
- an overseas professional, who must hold a tier five visa (a maximum of one replacement overseas professional may be signed before 30 June) *or*
 - an overseas amateur, who must comply with the following:
 - they cannot be classified as a professional sports person as set out in any Home Office guidelines
 - all visa regulations as set out by the Home Office
 - all relevant ECB guidelines
 - they must not receive any payment for playing from the club, any other club, any third party or other source, and must not receive any benefits in kind other than the expenses permissible under the relevant entry visa
- Any other registered non England-qualified players must have been normally resident in the UK for at least 18 months; when such players have been normally resident for seven years they are treated as England-qualified (or after four years if they were under 18 when they entered the UK)
- 21 **Yorkshire Academy players.** A player registered to the Yorkshire Academy may play for a club in the YSPL in league games provided that he:
- i. was registered for that club at the start of the season *and*
 - ii. has not in the same season played Saturday league cricket for any other club than the Academy
- 22 **County players.** Any county player who has played first class or list A cricket for any county or a Hundred franchise in that season, may play for a club in the YSPL in a league game provided that he:
- i. was registered for that club at the start of the season *and*
 - ii. has not in the same season played Saturday league cricket for any other club than the Academy *and*
 - iii. makes his first such appearance in the YSPL by 31 July
- 23 **Designated players' viewing areas.** At all games, the home team must ensure that there is a designated separate viewing area for players and officials. This may be a balcony or separate area in front of the dressing rooms, but if it is not already part of the design of the ground, it should be roped off with appropriate signage.

Reports

- 24 **Captains' & umpires' reports.** After all matches in which 50 overs or more have been bowled:
- i. captains must complete an online Ground, Facilities and Umpires report within five days of the game
 - ii. umpires must complete an online Ground, Facilities and Conduct report within five days of the game

Life members

- 25 **Appointment of life members.** The MC may approve proposals for life membership of the League. Life membership may be awarded to persons who have given outstanding service to the YSPL or its' clubs. Life members will be entitled to attend:
- League general meetings
 - League annual presentation dinners, without charge
 - cup finals organised by the League, and will be entitled to partake of a tea without charge