



## Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - at Wakefield Thornes CC

### Note of meeting

- 1 **Welcome & apologies.** The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular, Appleby Frodingham CC and Cawthorne CC, who are promoted to the YSPL for 2020. Apologies were received from the League Vice-Chairman, Matt Summerhill, who was abroad on business.
- 2 **Reports.** The reports from the chairman, secretary and fixture secretary were circulated in advance of the meeting (attached).
- 3 **Adoption of financial accounts.** The attached financial accounts were duly adopted. The chairman said that he did not think that the current one-year deal with our main sponsor, *4 Probate & Wills*, would be renewed, and emphasised the need to find a replacement. He asked clubs to let him have contact details for any potential sponsor and promised to follow up any leads.
- 4 **Changes to constitution & rules.** The chairman explained that changes were proposed to rationalise the current constitution and rules (attached) including introducing a separate administrative rules section, that the committee would have the power to add to and amend. He dealt with the proposed changes to the t20 competition, constitution, the new administrative rules section, and the revised league championship rules, in that order:
  - *t20 competition.* Matt Summerhill's revised proposal was agreed by seven votes to three with two abstentions.
  - *Constitution.* There was a discussion about the proposal, requested by SYSCL, to allow the third-placed team in the SYSCL Championship to be promoted to the YSPL if a second XI occupied one of the top two places and they were within nine points of the second-placed side. The overriding view of the meeting was that a team did not deserve to be promoted to our league if they were unable to finish above a second XI, and the proposal was defeated by eleven votes to nil, with one abstention. The remaining changes to the constitution were agreed by ten votes to nil, with two abstentions.
  - *New administrative rules.* There was a discussion about the proposed change to the overseas player rule, which was defeated by eight votes to four. The other changes were agreed by ten votes to nil, with two abstentions.
  - *League championship rules.* The proposed changes were agreed by twelve votes to nil.
- 5 **Election of committee for 2020.** A committee vacancy had arisen following Ray Knowles' resignation, and two additional posts were created by the constitutional changes, these being for the participation manager and the under 19s competition organiser. Liz Lazenby and Andrew Tipple were proposed for

the two latter roles respectively, and they were elected unopposed. The remaining committee members were re-elected unopposed. The one remaining vacancy is for a representative of the Umpires' Association, from whom a nomination has not yet been received. Mick Bocking, the SYSCCL disciplinary chairman, has agreed to take on the role of disciplinary manager, but not as a member of the league committee.

- 6 **Second XI competition.** A proposal for a new second XI competition was discussed. This to be open to an agreed number of the best second XIs of clubs in the YSPL and SYSCCL Championship, with promotion and relegation to/from the SYSCCL at an agreed level. After discussion, the proposal was rejected by nine votes to three.
- 7 **ECB update.** The chairman provided a short update from recent meetings with ECB, covering ECB priorities, Premier League accreditation and funding, changes to Clubmark, etc. He undertook to update clubs as and when more concrete information becomes available.
- 8 **Recruitment & retention of umpires.** ECB ACO have announced a campaign to work with leagues towards recruitment of umpires and scorers and are setting up pilot projects. YSPL have volunteered to be involved.
- 9 **Other business.** The following were raised:
  - The chairman apologized for the unavailability of the 2019 ground & facilities and fair play markings. This is due to a dispute between ECB and *Who's the Umpire*, who collate the information. He hoped that this would be resolved in time for the awards to be decided for presentation at the dinner.
  - The secretary asked clubs to clean up their Pay Cricket accounts, ensuring that registration details are correct and that out-of-date registrations are removed
  - Any club that would like to host a pre-season or annual general meeting in future should advise the chairman or secretary.
- 10 **Close of AGM.** The chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm. thanking all for their input and saying that he hoped to see as many people as possible at the forthcoming League presentation dinner.

## Chairman's report

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The return to a 'normal British summer' in 2019 caused players and officials some problems, but, overall, it was another excellent season of progress for our League.

On the playing side, our league is more competitive than ever. I congratulate new champions in Doncaster Town CC – an all the more remarkable success taking into account their relegation three years earlier; we provided the winners, and both finalists, in the Viking Cricket Cup – and we congratulate winners Wakefield Thornes CC, and Whitley Hall CC, on that achievement; our t20 champions, Sheffield Collegiate, reached the last four of the National competition – and they were a credit to both themselves and our League; our promoted clubs, Elsecar CC and Tickhill CC, acquitted themselves well, comfortably consolidating their status in our league; and our former colleagues at Appleby Frodingham CC secured promotion back to our league at the first attempt.

Next season, in addition to welcoming back Appleby Frodingham CC, Cawthorne CC will also be joining our league – a progressive club with a very picturesque ground and good people. I wish both clubs well for 2020.

But where there are winners, there are always losers. I am really sorry to be saying goodbye for now to Aston Hall CC and Cleethorpes CC. They are both good clubs with excellent facilities, and they will be sadly missed. I wish them both all the very best in their attempts to rejoin us in 2021.

Off the field, our new website, albeit that it was not delivered as quickly as we would have liked, has attracted a lot of praise and will be of great long term benefit to us. Publicity is vital for a Premier League, and I thank all those who have played their part in this, in particular our scorers, whose efforts have enabled us to maintain an almost 100% presence on Live Scores. We must build on what we have done in terms of publicity this season, and ensure that our league is as attractive as possible to potential sponsors.

I must make a special mention of Hallam CC, who in many ways endured a very difficult 2019. But they ended the season on a much more positive note, with a remarkable run of form to escape what had looked almost certain relegation, and good news for their pavilion project at Crimicar. I believe that there is a lot of potential at the ground that, with the support of ECB, will make the club an even greater asset to our league.

For the future, I believe that our priority must be to continue to work to drive up ground and facilities standards at our grounds – we are very proud of our league and its clubs, and want to ensure that all our grounds reflect our status as a Premier League. Our aim must always be to make our league as good as it can possibly be in every way.

We need in the future to continue to review the format of our competitions to ensure that they are what players want. The feedback from players last season on our championship was 'it ain't broken, so don't fix it' – which we have taken on board. We have proposals to improve our t20 competition, giving players more games and spreading them out over the season; and we will continue to work with the YCB on to improve the existing under 19s competition. Please continue to share your comments and suggestions for improvement with me.

The wet summer brought different issues for groundsmen, players and officials alike. We have identified areas where we think we need to strengthen our rules in respect of weather issues, and have worked with the umpires' association on these.

For a number of reasons, we were unable to repeat our representative team successes of 2018. But we will consider closely the reasons, and look at the scheduling of future games to make them as successful as possible.

Without going into detail in this report, another area of concern that has been highlighted is the way that hardworking volunteer officials have been treated by others – mainly outside our league. This issue has cost us a very valuable committee member; and other members of our committee, in particular our secretary and myself, have suffered similarly. It is totally unacceptable, and our game can only be the loser if officials, quite understandably, say, 'I don't have to put up with this – I've had enough.' Volunteers workers must be respected and valued, and I think that the conduct of our clubs and players has been exemplary in this regard.

At the end of the season we said goodbye to two stalwart workers for our league in Kevin Motley and Ray Knowles. Kevin is acknowledged as one of the best scorers in the country and Barnsley have been lucky to have had his services for as long as I can remember, whilst his contribution to our league is exemplified, but by no means restricted to our end-of-season statistical compendium in his name. Ray has looked after disciplinary and safeguarding issues for the League since our inception, and his knowledge and wisdom will be missed not only in these fields but at committee in general. We thank them, wish them well, and hope to see them both in the future - Ray will, I am pleased to say, continue as a highly-respected member of our umpires panel.

Finally, I want to record my thanks, as always, to our committee, whose support, experience and ideas are invaluable to our league; to our sponsors, 4 Probate & Wills, Solly Sports and Viking Cricket for their support; to our umpires panel, which I believe is first class; and to everyone connected with our league for helping to make us what we are. Most importantly though, I thank my wife, Kirsty, not only for her proof-reading, photography and ever-helpful advice (often to moderate my instinctive reactions) but in particular for cheerfully putting up with the fact that cricket more or less takes over my life from March to October!

**Roger Pugh**

## Secretary's report

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It doesn't seem like five minutes since the first season of the Yorkshire South Premier League. People thought that it was a bad idea, that it wouldn't work. Four years later on I think that it is one of the strongest leagues in the country, with strong leadership, an excellent committee, and almost every game played meaning something to the players.

Our Chairman, Roger Pugh, continues to work tirelessly to ensure the League is at the forefront of the ECBs strategy and vision for the future. His foresight is the envy of many in the game. The Committee, whilst only meeting a handful of times a year, all contribute to the smooth running of the League, and are always on the end of the phone when I need help or clarification of different issues. I would like to thank each and every member of our Committee for their continuous hard work.

I was very sad when Ray Knowles informed Roger and I that he would be resigning from the Committee. Ray is a man of whom I have the utmost respect, he is a fine umpire, and his common sense approach to all things involved with the league will be greatly missed. His experience and knowledge on Disciplinary and safeguarding matters is utilised by many Leagues, and he will be a hard act to follow. I would like to thank him for all his hard work, and the guidance that he has given me over many years.

I would like to thank all our League sponsors for their support over the past year. Without the support of 4 Probate & Wills, Solly Sports and Viking Cricket, the League would not be able to function as we would like; their financial input allows the League the financial freedom to fund representative games, amongst other things.

I would like to thank our cricket partners for their help during the past 12 months, to the ECB staff, especially Paul Bedford and Ally Jarvis, who support all our work. To Alan Birkinshaw and his fellow members of the Premier League Management Board, and to David Ward, and his fellow management committee members of the South Yorkshire Senior Cricket League.

The League is blessed to have a talented panel of Umpires, and also some of the best scorers that I have had a pleasure to sit with. David Ward and Simon Widdup do a wonderful job with the umpires. The work that they do goes mainly unnoticed, but it is very much appreciated.

Kevin Motley has decided to retire from his position as Barnsley WMCC scorer. He will be a hard act to follow, his experience and expertise is legendary within the game, and he has been at the forefront in ensuring that our games are live on the internet. I would like to thank him for all his hard work over the years.

I would like to congratulate our league champions, Doncaster Town, on a wonderful achievement. They were the best and most consistent side of the season, and thoroughly deserve their League championship trophy.

I would also like to congratulate Sheffield Collegiate on winning the T20 competition. They played some fine T20 cricket during the season, and thoroughly deserved their day out at the National T20 finals day, where they only just failed to bring home the big prize. The achievement of Elsecar, in winning the u19s T20 competition is one that deserves the highest praise, well done to all concerned!

I would also like to congratulate all the winners of the individual awards; hopefully they will all be present to accept the praise and awards at the League Dinner, which will be held at Shaw Lane, Barnsley, on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. We are honoured that Robert Croft, the ex-Glamorgan and England all-rounder will be our guest speaker.

So, the future. We as a League are constantly looking to improve our League, and are encouraging our clubs to improve their facilities. As a committee, it is hoped to appoint two new members at the AGM, both of whom will enhance the work of the League.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our League officials and Management Committee members, our Umpires and Scorers and our players and Club Officials for their support of me. It is a pleasure to act as the League's secretary.

**Steve Ward**

## Fixture secretary's report

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After the previous glorious summer, 2019 returned to type and saw 22 fixtures failing to find a result due to the weather, and other games only finding a positive result due to DLS. However, the season offered probably the most competitive season in the League's history with the difference between winning the League title and relegation being less than a hundred points for the first time ever.

The Premier League is always the top of the food chain where Saturday fixtures are concerned, but integrating the rest of the cricketing spectrum in South Yorkshire (and parts of West Yorkshire) is of vital importance to our clubs 2nd XI's and beyond, so it is always heartening as Fixture Secretary that you give me the support I need to deliver my job across four Leagues with as little challenge as possible, and for that I am eternally grateful.

Sunday cricket is a continuing challenge, with two National Cups, the Viking Cup, our own T20 competition, the ECB U19 competition and the Heavy Woollen Cup to consider when scheduling fixtures. Inevitably when you put bad weather into the mix, fixture backlogs cause me sleepless nights! However, all clubs were very prompt in agreeing rearrangements, and we delivered all competitions on time. This season our teams excelled on Sundays, with Doncaster Town narrowly failing to reach the National stage of the ECB Club Championship; Sheffield Collegiate going even better by reaching the National finals of the ECB T20 competition; Wakefield Thornes becoming our first winners of the Viking Cup in an 'all South Final'; and Barnsley Woolley Miners reaching the semi-final of the Heavy Woollen Cup.

2020 sees significant changes to both the ECB Club Championship and the ECB T20 competition. The ECB Club Championship will be restricted to 128 clubs and only open to Premier League teams. We have been allocated four places for the 2020 season, and these will be initially offered to the top four clubs who entered the competition in 2019. Moving forward, this allocation could add extra spice to future League tables, if offered on the basis of the highest finishing positions. Watch this space!

The ECB T20 competition has also been revised and will only be open to Premier League clubs, with a secondary competition open for other Leagues in the system. This means that the winners of the South Yorkshire Senior League T20 competition will no longer earn a place in our Finals Day, giving us an opportunity to reformat our competition. Many clubs have commented that just one guaranteed T20 match a season is not enough, particularly given the expense of coloured clothing and the razzmatazz that T20 brings.

Our proposed solution will give clubs a minimum of six T20 matches per season over three qualification matchdays with a Finals Day later in the season; utilising the four Sundays currently allocated to the T20 (two rounds and two reserve days). It offers each club the chance to hold a 'T20 matchday' to bring welcome funds into club coffers. This also aligns with the new ECB payment structure, which amongst other things requires Leagues to provide varying types of cricket over the season, to attract the next generation of player. The proposed format is as attached below, and we hope that you will support and embrace it.

I would like to congratulate our League Champions Doncaster Town, our Viking Cup winners Wakefield Thornes and our T20 Champions Sheffield Collegiate.

Finally, a big thank you to all our sponsors, our clubs, our volunteers and my fellow committee members for their continued support. My particular personal thanks go to Roger Pugh and Steve Ward who continue to encourage me and appreciate the value of the work I put in. Both are excellent cricket people, who happily act as sounding boards for my fixture ideas. Volunteers are the bedrock of our game; without them we have nothing.

**Matt Summerhill**

## End-of-year financial accounts 2019

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### Income & expenditure account

<i>Income</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>£</i>
2018 Dinner	3,646.00	2018 dinner	3,896.31
Balls	5,259.60	2019 dinner deposit	200.00
Clothing	20.00	Advertising banners	600.00
DTCC - disciplinary	82.80	Balls	4,950.00
ECB	10,065.00	Committee travel expenses	421.70
Fundraising @ dinner	887.05	Disciplinary expenses	82.80
League subs	480.00	Donations	585.00
Handbook adverts	400.00	ECB payments to clubs	6,000.00
Sponsorship	6,100.00	Equipment	28.49
YCB subs	840.00	Hall of Fame	38.40
YPLN - Viking Cup	408.64	Handbook	614.00
		Insurance	365.76
		it'seeze website	192.00
		Lashings game	600.00
		League clothing	900.00
		MCC game	686.35
		Meeting room hire	145.00
		National t20 area final	50.00
		Pitchero website	43.80
		Postage, printing & stationery	61.80
		SYSCl t20	145.50
		t20 finals	300.00
		t20 group stages	750.00
		Trophies	1,001.43
		u19s t20	820.00
		Viking Cup final	660.78
		YCB subs	840.00
		YCCC game catering	100.00
		Yorkshire Premier Leagues subs	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,189.09</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,279.12</b>

**Excess income over expenditure** **2,909.97**

### Balance sheet

Balance at bank 1 October 2018	7,298.78
Excess income o/expend	2,909.97

**Total** **10,208.75**

### *Represented by*

Balance at bank at 13 September 2019	7,708.75
Debtors	2,500.00

**Total** **10,208.75**

Less creditors

**Total** **10,208.75**

**Paul McFarlane**

Treasurer

**Roger Pugh**

Chairman

**30 September 2019**

## YSPL t20 competition proposal

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Midweek cricket in the YSPL is almost impossible, due to the sheer distance clubs would have to travel on a work evening across a significant area, so we are confined to a Sunday competition.

We propose to hold three 'round robin' matchdays, with four groups of three teams – one in May, one in June and one in July. On each day, there will be three matches, with each team playing twice. The groups will be shuffled so that each club will have the opportunity to gain financial benefit by hosting a matchday, and, by the end of the group stage, each team will have played six matches against six different teams (two at home, one away and three at neutral venues).

The fixture formula we propose is as follows:

### *Matchday 1 - May*

Venue – team 1: 1 v 2, 2 v 3, 3 v 1  
Venue – team 4: 4 v 5, 5 v 6, 6 v 4  
Venue – team 7: 7 v 8, 8 v 9, 9 v 7  
Venue – team 10: 10 v 11, 11 v 12, 12 v 10

### *Matchday 2 - June*

Venue – team 2: 2 v 4, 4 v 8, 8 v 2  
Venue – team 5: 5 v 1, 11 v 5, 1 v 11  
Venue – team 9: 9 v 10, 3 v 9, 10 v 3  
Venue – team 12: 12 v 6, 7 v 6, 12 v 7.

### *Matchday 3 - July*

Venue – team 3: 3 v 12, 4 v 3, 12 v 4.  
Venue – team 6: 6 v 1, 9 v 6, 1 v 9.  
Venue – team 8: 8 v 10, 5 v 8, 10 v 5.  
Venue – team 11: 11 v 2, 2 v 7, 7 v 11.

### *Notes*

- The proposal is that the July matchday each season involves teams that are closest together geographically – a 'derby day' – to ensure that 'local pride' is still at stake even where some clubs are out of the running to qualify. The other four matches would change season on season, to ensure variety of teams played season on season.
- A single, cumulative table will be generated with 3pts for a win, 2pts for a tie, 1pt for a cancelled match, and no points for a defeat. Teams level on points would be separated by net run rate.
- The top team in the table will go forward as our National T20 Representative, as a reward for finishing first over the six matches, meaning that we do not need to hold the finals day earlier in order to generate a champion for the national competition.
- The top four in the table will compete in a finals day (1st v 4th, 2nd v 3rd) to be held in August.

# Constitution and rules revision proposals

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## I Constitution

- 1 Constitution items 4, 10 (part), 11, 18, 19 and 22 are moved to League administrative rules. The part of 10 removed refers to the descriptions of specific committee roles.
- 2 The following changes are proposed (reference in brackets to current constitution para):
  - i. Clarification that membership of the league is restricted to the **first teams** of their respective clubs (5)
  - ii. Clarification that clubs in membership must have a **fully-functioning** second XI (6)
  - iii. Clarification that the **League** will have the power to terminate membership of a club, with a right of appeal to the Premier Leagues Management Board (7)
  - iv. Clarification that a club can be asked to make ground and facility improvements **within an agreed timeframe** (9)
  - v. Clarification to provide that a club that earns promotion to the League **must notify the League secretary in writing by 30<sup>th</sup> September whether they wish to take up their place in the League** (9)
  - vi. Amendment to provide that **where a second XI finishes in the top two places in the SYSCL Championship, the third team may be promoted if they finish within nine points of the second-placed team, and provided they meet all relevant criteria** (9)
  - vii. Amendment to provide that any club that leaves the League other than through normal relegation, **will be replaced by reducing the number of relegated clubs** (currently is either by increased promotion/reduced relegation) (9)
  - viii. Amendment to **increase the number of management committee posts from 12 to 14**, which will allow for the inclusion of the under 19s co-ordinator and the participation manager (10)
  - ix. Amendment to allow for the **AGM to elect the chairman and secretary, which posts will then be subject to ratification by the Premier Leagues Management Board** (currently these posts are appointments of the management board) (10)
  - x. Clarification that changes to the **constitution or league rules** must be passed by a simple majority (10)
  - xi. Clarification that any additional co-optees onto the management committee **will be subject to ratification at the next AGM/EGM** (10)
  - xii. Clarification that the management committee will have the power to decide on all matters not covered by the **constitution or league rules** (10)
  - xiii. Amendment to clarify that either the MC or clubs may propose changes to **the constitution or league championship rules, that the MC will be empowered to introduce new, and make changes to existing, league administrative rules, and that** clubs must notify any proposals to the League secretary no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August, in order that **these can be considered by the MC** and proper notice given to clubs.
  - xiv. Examples of failures listed under distribution of funds removed (17)
  - xv. Clarification of dispute procedure to the Premier Leagues Management Board, specifying that disputes must be notified **in writing to the PLMB secretary and accompanied by a non-refundable £250 deposit** (the latter to deter frivolous disputes and to meet any costs incurred) (20)



## II League administrative rules

- 3 The purpose of creating this new section is to provide a clear and separate section for rules that apply to the overall administration of the League, which will apply to all games under the auspices of the league, and which the management committee will have the power to set and amend.
- 4 In addition to the transfer of items from the constitution as above, existing league playing conditions 1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24 and 25 will be moved to this section.
- 5 The following changes are proposed (reference in brackets to current paragraph in either Constitution 'C' or playing condition 'P'):
- i. Amendment to **separate the disciplinary and safeguarding roles** (C10)
  - ii. Amendment to **introduce the participation officer role** (C10)
  - iii. Amendment to **include the under 19s competition organiser role** (C10)
  - iv. Clarification that arrangements for dealing with reports of disciplinary breaches will be overseen by the **League disciplinary manager in accordance with League disciplinary procedures** (P23)
  - v. New rule to **detail the potential penalties for the listed range of rule breaches** as follows:

***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 meet ground and facilities rules and guidance*
    - *failure to fulfil fixtures*
    - *failure to follow safeguarding policies*
  - vi. New rule about **grounds and facilities standards** as follows:

***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.*
  - vii. New rule about **inclement weather and ground conditions** as follows:
    - 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*
  - viii. Amendment to require that the umpires are given a **box of four spare balls** at the pre-match meeting, to cover the eventualities of balls being lost at differing stages of the game (P4)
  - ix. Amendment to clarify that captains **are expected to follow up the umpires' advice on discipline at the pre-match meeting by advising their players accordingly** (P4)

x. The requirements in P16.iii (requirement to phone Gosneys and upload onto Play-Cricket) are now redundant and **16.iii is removed**

xi. An amended rule on overseas players **to allow interchangeability between first and second team overseas players** is proposed as follows:

**Overseas players.** *Each club may register to play in the YSPL two non-England qualified players, as defined by the ECB. These may be any combination of the following:*

i. *overseas professionals, who must hold a tier five visa*

ii. *overseas amateurs, who must comply with the following guidelines:*

a. *they cannot be classified as a professional sports person as set out in any Home Office guidelines*

b. *they must comply with all visa regulations as set out by the Home Office*

c. *they must comply with all relevant ECB guidance*

d. *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*

*Of the above, no more than one may play in any YSPL game. All overseas players must be in the country and registered before 30 June, and a maximum of one replacement overseas player may be registered before that date.*

*Clubs may also play in any game no more than two YSPL-registered non England-qualified players who 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).*

xii. Amendment to the award of Life Membership to provide that the **MC may approve proposals for life membership of the League** and that **life membership may be awarded to persons who have given outstanding service to the YSPL or its' clubs.** (C11).

xiii. Proposed new rule:

*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.*

### **III League championship rules**

6 Existing playing conditions 3, 5-12, 20 and 22 will be moved into this section.

7 The following amendments are proposed:

i. an amendment to clarify that **the captains may agree to take tea at any time**, and that **no match may start after 5pm**

ii. an amendment to clarify that **the visiting team may be charged a maximum amount for teas, to be determined by the MC annually**

iii. an amendment to clarify that **the 30 minutes allowed for tea will not count as lost playing time for the purposes of calculating the number of overs to be played but the additional 15 minutes for the change of innings when tea is taken before the end of the first innings will be counted**