



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 **Playing season.** The YSPL playing season shall be from 1 April to 30 September each year.
- 5 **Membership.** The membership of YSPL will be 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 initial 12 teams will be determined in accordance with the YPLMB document 'Qualification for Yorkshire League South 2016.' 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.
- 6 **Second XIs.** All clubs in membership must maintain a functioning second XI in a YCB or Lincolnshire Cricket Board affiliated competition.
- 7 **Termination of membership.** The YPLMB 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.
- 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 for season 2017 onwards will be on the basis of 'two up, two down' to and from 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.

- iii. A club will have the right not to be promoted to YSPL if they so wish.
- 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 may be replaced by promoting the next highest qualifying club or by reducing the number of relegated clubs, at the discretion of the league management committee.

10 **Management Committee.**

- i. The day-to-day management of YSPL will be conducted by a management committee (MC) of twelve people, to include a chairman and secretary (appointed by YPLMB) and a representative of the YCB. The other nine positions will be subject to election at the AGM.
- ii. The chairman will have overall responsibility for ensuring that all aspects of the league are run properly and in accordance with YCPLMB policies, and will represent the League at the YCPLMB.
- iii. The secretary 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.
- iv. The following specific roles will be elected at the AGM:
 - a vice-chairman to act in the chairman's absence, and who will act as the league's second YCPLMB representative
 - a 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 YCPLMB secretary
 - a 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
 - a compliance officer, who will be responsible for ensuring that disciplinary reports are properly dealt with, and for ensuring that the League and its clubs comply with child safety regulations and good practice
- v. In addition to the above, five committee members will be elected at the AGM.
- vi. The MC will have the power to co-opt people to fill any committee position or to fulfil any additional role as necessary.
- vii. 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.

11 **Life members.** The AGM may approve proposals for life members of the league made by the committee. Life membership will be awarded to persons who have given outstanding service to the Yorkshire League and/or YSPL. 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

- 12 **Changes to league rules.** Either the MC or clubs may propose changes to playing rules, which will be debated and voted upon at the AGM. The MC will be empowered to make changes to all other rules covering the administration of the league. Clubs must notify any proposals for rule changes to the League Secretary no later than 31st August, in order to ensure that proper notice can be given to clubs.
- 13 **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, including those promoted for the following season, 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 playing rules must be passed by a simple majority at the AGM, and may 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. Any proposals or nominations for consideration at the AGM must be proposed and seconded by a member of the league management committee or a club entitled to vote at the AGM, and notified to all clubs at least 21 days in advance of the meeting.
- 14 **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.
- 15 **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.
- 16 **Subscriptions.** The MC will have the power to set a club membership subscription, which shall be reviewed annually.
- 17 **Distribution of funds.** The treasurer will distribute designated ECB funding to clubs in membership each season. Such funds may be withheld where a club has persistently failed to take the actions required of them, for example, failure to submit reports, to use correct player registration processes, and download match scores onto Play-Cricket. 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.
- 18 **Expenses.** Committee members or other persons engaged on committee business will be entitled to claim reasonable travelling and administrative expenses in accordance with policies set by the committee.
- 19 **Discipline.** Reports of disciplinary breaches will be the responsibility of the disciplinary chairman, who will ensure that they are dealt with in accordance with ECB disciplinary guidance. Breaches by clubs will be dealt with by the MC by the levy of a fine or deduction of league points. Examples of failures include not fulfilling fixtures, not observing correct starting times, not following required reporting and registration processes, and not attending the AGM.
- 20 **Disputes.** Any dispute concerning a decision of the MC may be referred to the YPLMB within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. The decision of the YPLMB will be final and binding.
- 21 **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.

22 **Child Welfare.** The League Compliance Officer will be responsible for ensuring that each club has a Child Welfare Officer who knows and understands the responsibilities of the role. 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

In the event of non-compliance by clubs, penalties may be imposed, and membership of the league may be at risk.

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