

ECB Yorkshire South Premier League

To all club chairmen

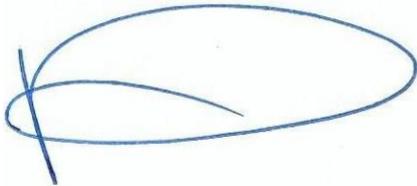
As the season is now only a few weeks away, I would like to take the opportunity of updating you on various important issues that will affect all clubs. I apologise if you are already aware of some of these.

1. **All Stars.** Please use your club's social media platforms to promote your club's All Stars Centres. The programme goes live in May 2018; please visit the website at www.allstarscricket.co.uk.
2. **Captains' & umpires' reports.** The PlayCricket reporting system is not as yet suitable for our purposes and we will continue to use Who's the Umpire for these reports in 2018. All clubs should nominate someone to complete the reports and receive notifications of umpire changes, as well as a reserve contact. Please advise Steve Ward of your nominations by April 16.
3. **Fitness of grounds for the start of the season.** Due to the recent inclement weather, work on grounds is significantly behind where it needs to be. On 6 April, we will contact the six clubs who would be at home on the first week of the season, to ascertain whether their grounds have a realistic chance of being fit in time. The committee will then decide whether the first round of games should be postponed; if this is done the games will be played on Sunday 19 August.
4. **New General Data Protection Regulations.** All clubs need to be aware of their responsibilities under these new regulations. The main thrust of the new legislation is to ensure that organisations hold only necessary, relevant and up-to-date information, with the consent of the person concerned. [GDPR guidance](#) been produced for cricket leagues that outlines the main steps they need to take. Steve Ward will be the data protection officer for our league.
5. **New Laws of the Game.** There will be a short presentation at the Pre-Season meeting and more information can be found online [here](#).
6. **Overseas players.** Clubs must complete a League registration form for every overseas player before they play in the League this season. If there are any queries about the eligibility of overseas players, please contact Steve Ward.
7. **Pre-Season meeting.** The meeting will take place at Whitley Hall CC on 18 April at 7.00pm. The agenda will include our sponsors *All Rounder Cricket*; balls and handbooks distribution; best-run club's award; Clubmark; data protection. ECB matters; new Laws of the Game; new YSPL Disciplinary Procedures; as well as an opportunity for clubs to raise any other issues of concern or interest.
8. **Scoring**
 - The new PlayCricket Pro scoring system must be used by all our clubs this season. I have spoken to David Ward in SYSCL to confirm that clubs should also use it in SYSCL games. The system has been thoroughly tested by a group including our own Steve Ward, who is very pleased with it. Steve is meeting with all our scorers for familiarisation purposes, and there will be a scorers' day on 8 April in Doncaster.

- There were reports last season of some scorers not taking the task sufficiently seriously and not paying due attention to their task. This is clearly unsatisfactory – if the game is of sufficient importance to the players for them to put everything into it, then they are entitled to expect that scorers will accurately reflect their efforts. I hope you will ensure that your club's scorer understands this.
9. **Umpire recruitment.** The League supports the current ECB ACO recruitment campaign and we encourage clubs to actively help. All clubs should actively help by seeking volunteers through their websites, Facebook pages and using publicity materials that the League will provide.
 10. **Under 19s competition.** At the time of writing, ten teams have entered the tournament. ECB are encouraging all leagues to increase participation in this competition, as it is one of their priority areas. We have clarified that clubs may join forces to enter a team, or play players who are not registered with the club for Saturday cricket. Our thanks to Andrew Tipple who has assumed the role of tournament organiser.
 11. **Women's softball events.** Womens' softball is another ECB priority area. Clubs are encouraged to host these events, which can also be used to generate income and increase participation in clubs. Please contact [Amelia Beherns](#) to register or for more information.

Many thanks in advance for your co-operation on these issues. If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Ward or myself.

Yours sincerely



Roger Pugh
Chairman
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