



League administrative rules

Governance

- Annual General Meeting.** AGMs will be held in accordance with para 17 of the YCSPL constitution. All clubs must attend the AGM. Any club not represented at the AGM will be liable to a £50 fine.
- League Executive Board.** The overall governance of the League will be the responsibility of a League Executive Board (LEB), who will ensure that the League is governed in accordance with the Principles and Tier 4 requirements of the Sports England [Code of Sports Governance](#). The LEB will comprise a maximum of ten persons plus the chair, and will include the following specific roles and responsibilities:

<i>Role</i>	<i>Responsibilities</i>
Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overall personal accountability for the governance of the League • ensuring that the YCSPL is run in accordance with its constitution and rules, and in accordance with ECB and YPLMB guidance and requirements • representing the YCSPL at meetings of ECB chairs and at the YPLMB • arrangements for, and chairing, the League Executive Board (LEB) • liaison with the PLMB, other PLs and partner leagues • ensuring that, as agreed by the LEB, specific individuals or sub-committees are tasked with specific responsibilities and for ensuring report-back on their activities
Competitions Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formation of divisions • season scheduling • arrangement of all league & t20 fixtures • initial cup draws • co-ordination of final venues in consultation with the cricket committees • advice to LEB about actions necessary in connection with fixture issues • advice to LEB on the promotion and relegation protocol following closure of the YCB club transfer deadline
Compliance Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responsibility for ensuring that the Premier Section clubs are aware of and meet all relevant Premier League accreditation, grounds and playing criteria, and bringing any failures to LEB attention • approving the registration of all overseas players in the League, ensuring that they are compliant with League, ECB and Home Office rules • advice to all Premier and Senior Section clubs on matters concerning overseas players, bringing any concerns to the attention of LEB and the relevant Section cricket committee • advice to LEB about actions necessary in connection with compliance issues
Equity & Diversity representative (nominated by the E&D group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chairing a standing group of League equity and diversity representatives, which will be a recognised stakeholder group that the YCSPL Board & committees can consult and collaborate with on strategy, action plans and resources • providing representation to the YCSPL on issues, challenges and opportunities regarding equity and diversity • advocating good practice in equity and diversity to ensure that it fits within both the ECB and YCSPL aims and objectives • helping to create more opportunities for BAME communities to engage with cricket, whether playing, supporting, or working in the game

<p>Head of Premier Section</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arrangements for Premier Section cricket committee meetings • day-to-day issues affecting the Premier Section that require cricket committee decisions • review of Premier Section playing conditions as and when issues are identified by the committee or are raised by clubs, and seeking LEB endorsement for changes as necessary • reporting to the LEB on Premier Section activities and issues and seeking approval for changes as necessary • responsibility for ensuring that LEB decisions are carried forward in the Premier Section
<p>Head of Senior Section</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • day-to-day management of Senior Section operations, specifically ensuring that arrangements are in place to manage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ensuring compliance with any specific divisional requirements ▪ player registration ▪ match-day ball provision ▪ live scoring issues ▪ checking and locking results on PC ▪ Senior Section t20 and Cup competitions ▪ advice and support attaining ECB club accreditation standards ▪ press and publicity for the Senior Section • arrangements for Senior Section cricket committee meetings • day-to-day issues affecting the Senior Section that require cricket committee decisions • review of Senior Section playing conditions as and when issues are identified by the committee or are raised by clubs, and seeking approval for changes as necessary • reporting to the LEB on Senior Section activities and issues and seeking approval for changes as necessary • responsibility for ensuring that LEB decisions are carried forward in the Senior Section • liaison with Senior Section clubs • supporting the Safeguarding Manager on any safeguarding issues concerning Senior Section clubs
<p>Participation Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • liaison with ECB/YCB on participation initiatives • responsibility for promoting to clubs, giving advice on, and signposting further information about, all participation initiatives • supporting and developing women's and girls' cricket • maintaining a register of female and junior participation teams and initiatives • championing inclusivity issues • advice to LEB about actions necessary in connection with participation and inclusivity issues
<p>Premier Section Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • day-to-day management of Premier Section operations, specifically including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ player registration ▪ match-day ball provision ▪ live scoring issues ▪ DLS support ▪ checking and locking results on PC ▪ liaison with clubs • advice and support to clubs on attaining ECB club accreditation standards • lead League responsibility for scoring issues • day-to-day management of Premier Section cup competitions • supporting the Safeguarding Manager on any safeguarding issues concerning Premier Section clubs • as a member of the Premier Section cricket committee, ensuring that any relevant issues are brought to its attention
<p>Safeguarding Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responsibility for ensuring that clubs comply with YCB safeguarding requirements as detailed in the League Safeguarding Policy • liaison with the County Safeguarding Officer • advice to the LEB about actions necessary in connection with safeguarding issues

Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> responsibility for making and receiving all payments on behalf of the League responsibility for ensuring that proper accounts are kept provision of financial statements for LEB meetings preparation of end-of-year accounts advice to LEB about actions necessary in connection with financial issues
Umpires' representative (nominated by SYLUA and YPLUA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> representing the interests of the SYLUA and the YPLUA recruitment and development of umpires providing umpire input on ground & facilities and playing conditions issues
YCB representative (nomination to be agreed with YCB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to represent the interests of the YCB at LEB meetings advice to LEB about actions necessary in connection with YCB issues

3 Membership of the LEB

- i. The tenure of LEB membership will be for a maximum of nine years, otherwise ending when:
 - a member elects to stand down;
 - a member is removed from the LEB for reasons of misconduct, by a majority vote of the other LEB members; *or*
 - a member loses their position following a vote at the AGM.
- ii. Subject to the provisions of para 8.ii in the League Constitution, any person may be nominated and seconded for any specific LEB role. Nominations must be made by a proposer and seconder, by 30 September in the year of the AGM. Proposals and nominations must be made either by a club or a member of the LEB.
- iii. The chair and one other nominated member of the LEB will represent the League on the YPLMB.
- iv. The LEB will elect a vice-chair from within its members.
- v. No LEB member shall hold more than two positions.

4 **Meetings of the LEB.** The LEB will normally meet monthly by video-conference. Occasional meetings will be held on a called on a face-to-face basis at the discretion of the Chair, who may call additional meetings as and when necessary. A quorum that will be required for any formal vote to take place shall be six members.

5 **Specialist roles.** The LEB may appoint individuals or sub-committees to cover specific roles. These will include:

- Disciplinary manager
- Events sub-committee
- Ground inspections sub-committee
- Sponsorship sub-committee
- Trophy steward
- Website & administration manager

6 **Correspondence.** Correspondence may be addressed, according to the subject matter, to the relevant member of the LEB, and, in the case of disciplinary issues, to the Disciplinary Adjudicator. All other correspondence, including that in connection with disputes and complaints, should be addressed to the LEB chair. Contact numbers and email addresses of officials will be posted on the league website.

7 **Secretarial duties.** A secretary to the LEB may be appointed to take notes of meetings and circulate relevant information to clubs. This post will not be a member of the LEB and will be entitled to remuneration agreed by the Board.

League organisation

- 8 **Premier and Senior Sections.** The league will be split into two sections, 'Premier' and 'Senior'. The Premier Section will comprise the Premier Division and the Championship Division. The playing conditions and match-day requirements in these two divisions will be aligned. The Senior Section will comprise all remaining divisions of the League.
- 9 **Cricket committees**
- i. Two cricket committees will oversee the day-to-day operations and playing conditions for the two Sections.
 - ii. The two committees will meet as often as they agree necessary; and the relevant Section heads may call additional meetings as and when required.
 - iii. The maximum membership for each of these committees will be ten, including the chair. The positions on the committees will be subject to election, by majority vote of the clubs in membership of the relevant Sections in the following season, at the AGM.
 - iv. Nominations must be made proposed and seconded by either existing committee members or clubs in membership of the relevant Sections in the following season by 30 September.
 - v. The committees will be empowered to co-opt members to fulfil any vacancies, but such co-optees must be nominated for election at the following AGM.

Finance

- 10 **Subscriptions.** The LEB will have the power to set annual subscriptions for all clubs in membership. Subscriptions will be based on the number of teams that clubs have in the League. The rate of subscriptions will be reviewed annually and will be published in the match-day handbook and on the website. Subscriptions are due to be paid by 30 April in the year in question.
- 11 **Honoraria and expenses.** Holders of specific responsibilities on behalf of the League, that take up significant amounts of time, may be awarded annual honoraria payments by way of thanks for their time. All such payments must be approved by the LEB. In addition, anyone who incurs genuine expenses as a result of business undertaken for the League will be entitled to claim reimbursement of such expenses, irrespective of whether they are in receipt of honoraria, in accordance with the League Expenditure Policy.

Compliance

- 12 **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 ECB General Conduct Regulations.
- 13 **Breaches by clubs of League rules**
- i. *General.* Failure to comply with any League rules will render a club liable to a penalty. Breaches of rules may be dealt with by the LEB by means of 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, in addition to others specified in League rules, will include:
 - failure to fulfil a fixture or fielding a side with less than 11 players
 - fielding an unregistered player or incorrectly notifying umpires of any player in the match XI
 - late starts or delays in re-starting after any interval
 - failure to provide a scorer
 - failure to follow safeguarding policies
 - failure to meet relevant ground and facilities guidance
 - failure to attend AGMs and EGMs

- ii. *Points Deductions.* All points penalties must be approved by the LEB chair and the head of the relevant Section, and will be applied in the season when the breach occurred, unless their application makes no material difference to whether a team wins the divisional championship, is promoted, or is relegated in the current season, in which case the penalty will apply in the following season.
- iii. *Unpaid monies.* All fines, invoices, subscriptions and any other monies due to the League should be paid within 14 days of the date of the invoice. If any such monies are not paid within this period, an additional 20% surcharge will be applied. If after a further 14 days, payment has still not been made, and all league points gained by the club, after that date and prior to payment, will be deducted. If the expiry of the second 14-day period falls in the close season, then points earned by the club will be deducted from the start of the following season for a period equivalent to the that between the expiry of the second 21-day period and the payment being made. Any further breach will be dealt with at the discretion of the LEB.
- iv. *Administrative failures.* Failure to complete, within the relevant specified period, captains' reports, play-cricket actions, and requests for information by the league will, in the first instance, result in a formal warning by email, clearly stating the nature of the failure. On the second occasion, a final warning by email and a £10 fine, advising that on the next occasion the fine will be doubled and a two-league point deduction may be applied. On the third, and each subsequent, failure, a £20 fine and two-league point deduction may be applied.

Grounds and facilities

- 14 **Standards.** Clubs must comply with the requirements of the separate *Ground & Facilities Standards* document on the League website. ECB Club development and safeguarding accreditation (*Clubmark*) will be required for all teams down to and including Division 3.
- 15 **Spectators.** Both clubs are responsible for the behaviour of spectators on match-days. In the event of unacceptable behaviour by the followers of a particular club, that club will be expected to investigate and take action as necessary. Any reports to the League of unacceptable behaviour by spectators will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.

League fixtures

- 16 **Playing season.** The YCSPL playing season shall be from 1 April to 30 September each year. Grounds to be used for league fixtures must be available for 22 Saturdays between the third Saturday in April and the second Saturday in September inclusive.
- 17 **Arrangement of fixtures.** All fixtures will be arranged by the League's competitions manager. Home clubs must take all possible steps to ensure that games take place. Changes to the fixture list will be permitted only as in 18 below.
- 18 **Cancellations.** Clubs are responsible for making all possible efforts to ensure that play takes place. All action to be taken is detailed in Playing Condition 12.
- 19 **Rearrangements**
 - i. No fixture rearrangements will be permitted for reasons of weather or player availability.
 - ii. After the publication of the fixture list, except as provided for in 19.iii and iv below, fixtures may only be rearranged where either the ground becomes unavailable for reasons outside the home club's control, or following a natural disaster, unlawful act, or accident, the facilities at the ground are no longer suitable for the game to take place. Applications for rearrangement must be made by email to the competitions manager within 24 hours of the ground becoming unavailable or unsuitable. Rearrangements must be confirmed within 14 days of the application.
 - iii. In divisions three and below in the Senior Section, changes to the fixture list may be made by the mutual consent only, and by 31 December for the following season. The rearranged fixture must be played by a date 14 days after the originally arranged date. The club initiating the change will be responsible for notifying the competitions manager, by email, copied to the opposing club, by 31 December. If a game cannot be played on the original date, or rearranged by mutual consent, then four points will be awarded to each side.

- iv. Rearrangement of a full league programme
 - a. such a rearrangement should take place only for the first game of the season and where adequate ground preparation has not been possible due to the weather conditions
 - b. it should be termed as 'a delayed start to the season'
 - c. the Premier Section should be considered separately from the Senior Section due to the higher standards of ground preparation expected, and the increased likelihood of injury to players due to faster bowling
 - d. a specific date should be reserved for potential rearrangements, probably a Bank Holiday Monday
 - e. if games are rearranged, player eligibility will be adjudged as on the new date – eligibility on the original date should be irrelevant
- v. The YCSPL respects the implications of significant religious festivals. If a fixture will clash with such a festival and a club is going to be significantly depleted, rearrangement will be permitted. A club wishing to rearrange under this rule should, in the first instance, contact their opposition and, if possible, reach agreement about playing the game on a mutually convenient date outside the religious festival period. In the event of no agreement being reached between the clubs, the league will work with the Equity & Diversity Group and any other relevant parties to ensure that the request is dealt with as fairly as possible. We encourage all clubs to be flexible and accede to requests of this nature, and advise that the opposing club should be given priority in providing two dates convenient to them on which the game can be re-arranged. Where the two clubs cannot agree on rearrangement, the following principles will apply:
 - a. religious festivals are those widely recognised within a particular religion, not family festivals such as weddings;
 - b. 'significantly depleted' will be defined as 'missing four or more regular players from a specific team because they are observing the festival and unable to play any cricket on that day', ie, in addition to any other players who may be missing for other reasons of unavailability;
 - c. where a club has more than one team in the League, consideration should be given to rearranging a second, or lower, team game;
 - d. where no rearrangement is agreed and, as a result of the unavailability of players due to the festival, a club will be unable to fulfil a fixture, the lowest division fixture should be cancelled (unless there are less than four players from the lower team who have played six or more games at the higher level);
 - e. in any fixture cancelled under this rule, four points will be awarded to each side;
 - f. when a game is re-arranged, if there is no result in 75% or more games in that division on the original date, then the re-arranged match will also be regarded as an abandoned game;
 - g. in order not to disadvantage the opposition, if ground and weather conditions would, in all probability, have allowed the game to be played on the original date, but there is no result on the rearranged date, it may be rearranged again, but once only;
 - h. if a club needs support when they believe a request is not being managed appropriately, they should contact the Equity & Diversity Group.

20 Clubs failing to fulfil fixtures. All League fixtures should be fulfilled. For the purposes of this rule, fielding a minimum of seven players will constitute fulfilment of a fixture. In the event of any club being unable to fulfil a fixture the following rules will apply.

- i. In the event of a club with more than one team being unable to fulfil one of its fixtures on a given day, it should be the fixture in the lowest division that is not fulfilled. If a club is unable to field complete teams on the same day, the highest division team(s) must field 11 players.
- ii. However, for clubs with teams in Divisions 3 to 9, in the event that a club cannot field 11 players in all of its fixtures in those divisions on a particular day, then they must not field more than the number of players in the higher team in the lower team. For example, if the club has two teams in division three and below, and has 19 players available, they may play eleven in the first team and eight in the second, or ten in the first team and nine in the second. If a club has three teams in division 3 and below, and has 30 players available, then they may, for example, play 11 in the first team, 11 in the second, and eight in the third; 11 in the first team, ten in the second, and nine in the third; or ten in each.

- iii. If a club fails to fulfil a league fixture for other than ground or weather reasons, and there is reason to believe that this may be more than a 'one off', the head of the relevant Section will arrange an emergency sub-committee, who have no interest in the outcome of the issue, to consider the implications. The 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, the LEB will rule on whether they should be suspended from playing for the remainder of the season.
- iv. In the case of a 'one off' failure in the Premier Section:
 - a. the fixture will be treated as conceded and the win and points awarded to the opposition;
 - b. the defaulting club may be deducted 12 points; *and*
 - c. the club that has cancelled the fixture will be liable to make a compensation payment of £50 to the opposition, plus, if the fixture is cancelled by the away side after 16.00 hours on the day before the game, they must pay a minimum £50 expenses to the home club.
- v. In the case of a 'one off' failure in the Senior Section:
 - a. the fixture will be treated as conceded and the win and points awarded to the opposition;
 - b. conceding clubs in Divisions 1 and 2 may be deducted up to 12 points; in divisions 3 to 5 up to eight points and in divisions 6 to 9 up to four points;
 - c. the club that has cancelled the fixture will be liable to make a compensation payment of £50 to the opposition, plus, if the fixture is cancelled by the away side after 16.00 hours on the day before the game, they must pay a minimum £50 expenses to the home club.
- vi. In the case of a withdrawal from the league or a suspension from playing fixtures:
 - a. if the club has completed no more than 75% 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 75% 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.

Club administration

- 21 **General.** All clubs are expected to be administered on an efficient basis, paying due regard to the needs and wishes of their membership, and the requirements of the League. They are expected to follow league rules, and policies in respect of electronic media, equity and diversity, grounds & facilities, privacy, and safeguarding.
- 22 **Clubmark and participation initiatives**
- i. Premier Section clubs are expected to support the following ECB Initiatives in partnership with, and Support from, the YCB:
 - All Stars cricket
 - Dynamos cricket
 - Development of women's and girls' cricket
 - ii. All clubs in the Premier Section and in Divisions 1-3 of the Senior Section must be Clubmark (or equivalent) accredited. Clubs in these divisions must run a minimum number of junior teams in a recognised junior league, ideally at under 11 age group or above, as shown below; or have in place an action plan to do so within a two-year period from the date of the plan:
 - Premier Division – three junior teams
 - Championship and Divisions 1-3 – two junior teams
- 23 **Safe Hands.** All clubs are expected to register on the Safe Hands Management System and to be fully compliant with Safe Hands policies.

- 24 **Pre-Season requirements.** Clubs must furnish the League upon request:
- i. a list of the names and contact details for the club chair, secretary, treasurer, safeguarding officer, captains, scorers and match-day contacts;
 - ii. a summary of their cricket ball requirements for the season;
 - iii. a copy of their club insurance certificate.
- 25 **Pre-Season meetings.** Pre-season delegates' meetings will be held for all clubs, at which any important information and/or documents will be provided.

Play-Cricket registration requirements

- 26 **Clubs.** All clubs must have their own registered ECB Play-Cricket website. Clubs must ensure that all players have registered online accounts on Play-Cricket before they play in any game under the auspices of the YCSPL, or if this is not possible, within 48 hours of doing so.
- 27 **Club officials**
- i. Details must be provided in the 'About Us' section of the club's Play-Cricket website of the club chair, secretary, treasurer, fixtures secretary, website administrator(s), club welfare officer(s), head groundsman, team captains, results administrator, and cancellations contact(s).
 - ii. If one official fulfils more than one of these functions, their name must be entered for each relevant role, as emails are sent through the website for the persons fulfilling the different functions.
 - iii. Club officials who are not registered players must be registered members of their club's Play-Cricket website.
 - iv. All club officials must provide a telephone contact number, and the club secretary must in addition include a full postal address and postcode for any printed correspondence.
 - v. In order to minimise Play-Cricket email correspondence, that is automatically issued to nominated club administrators, clubs should ensure that only necessary officials are designated as administrators.
- 28 **Player registration.** Registration of all players will take place in accordance with ECB guidelines. By virtue of their registration, every player registered to play in the League explicitly acknowledges and agrees to abide by the following:
- the Spirit of Cricket
 - the Laws of Cricket
 - the General Conduct Regulations
 - the rules and playing conditions of the of YCSPL
- 29 The responsibility for registering a player shall be with the club, and it is the club's responsibility to ensure that all players are correctly registered and eligible to play in a YCSPL competition. If a member club has any doubts about the eligibility of a player, it should contact the Play-Cricket registration manager before the player participates in a competitive match for the club.
- 30 The Play-Cricket registration manager will conduct random checks of scorecards published on play-cricket.com throughout the season and they will report any infringements to the relevant Cricket Committee, which has the power impose sanctions under para 13 as they see fit.
- 31 Players may register for any YCSPL cricket club at any time in or out of the season, providing they have not played in any other ECB-affiliated Saturday league in the current or previous season. A player who has played in any other ECB-affiliated Saturday league in the current or previous season must be transferred from their previous club in accordance with paras 41-43 below.

- 32 All players over 16 years of age must have their own registered online account on Play-Cricket, assigned to their club, before playing in the YCSPL. The following details must be registered:
- full first name and family name;
 - personal e-mail address (for players who do not have email addresses, that box must remain blank and a statement inserted in the 'Comments on Nomination' box, saying that the player does not have a personal email address);
 - date of birth;
 - full postal address for place of residence during the season, including post code;
 - personal contact telephone number (optional).
- 33 Clubs must register their players in one of the following categories:
- Category 1 (Eligible Players)*. Players eligible to play for England under current regulations or 'ordinarily resident' in England, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, with the relevant passport or evidence of right to reside in the UK, for a minimum of 210 days in the immediately preceding 12 months. A player who holds a British passport and lives outside the UK must also meet the "ordinarily" resident criteria. Players from Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland are classified as Category 3 (Overseas Players) under this regulation.
 - Category 2 (Contracted Players)*. Players qualified to play for England under the current regulations, and currently under contract to a First-Class County Club or MCC Young Cricketers. For clarification, a contracted player is one who has a current full playing contract or a development (scholarship) contract but not an Academy contract (16-19 years).
 - Category 3 (Unqualified Players)*. An unqualified player is a player not qualified to play for England under the current ECB regulations. All non-EEA citizens will require prior permission (a visa) to come to the UK to participate in sport if they do not hold a:
 - British Passport (or is a spouse/dependent of);
 - European Passport (or is a spouse/dependent of); *or*
 - Ancestral Visa.
- 34 **Period of registration.** Unless a player has any outstanding contractual, financial or disciplinary issues with their club, they will remain registered to that club until five full seasons have elapsed since they last played for the club, after which their registration will be removed from the YCSPL Play-Cricket website. If the player has any such outstanding issues with a club, they will remain registered to that club until such time as they are resolved, or the club cancels their registration.
- 35 **Data protection.** A player's data will be held electronically and may be disclosed to other cricket authorities as necessary – see the League [Privacy policy](#).

Contracted players

- 36 **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 YCSPL in a league game provided that they:
- i. were registered for that club at the start of the season;
 - ii. have not in the same season played Saturday league cricket for any other club; *and*
 - iii. make their first such appearance in the YCSPL by 31 July.

Overseas players




- 37 **Overseas players.** Unless 'ordinarily resident' under 33.i above, overseas players are Category 3 (Unqualified Players). In registering overseas players, all Home Office and ECB rules and guidelines must be followed, the correct visa obtained, and the approval of the Compliance Manager obtained before registration. The Compliance Manager will make such checks as they deem necessary before giving approval to register. Category 3 players will fall into one of the four categories below.

- i. 'Overseas professionals' who, in order to be registered on Play-Cricket, must furnish the Compliance Manager with a copy of:
 - the registering club's Certificate of Sponsorship for the player, issued by ECB
 - a Tier 5 International Sportsperson's (ISP) visa or the Permitted Paid Employment (PPE) visa
 - a completed copy of the YCSPL Overseas Professional Registration form
 - for players on PPE visas, verification of DBS and Police checks (as already required for players on ISP visas)
 - ii. 'Overseas amateurs' who, in order to be registered on Play-Cricket, must furnish the Compliance Manager with a copy of:
 - British or European Passport (or document confirming spouse/dependent of) *or*
 - an Ancestral Visa *or*
 - a relevant visitor visa, eg, a Standard Visitor Visa, Tier 5 Youth Mobility Visa, or Tier 4 (Student) Visa *and*
 - a completed copy of the YCSPL Overseas Amateur Registration form
 - iii. Asylum seekers, who will be allowed to play in the league as overseas players, but will be exempt from the overseas player registration cut-off in para 38.ii below, subject to the following.
 - Home Office verification of their asylum seeker status being provided;
 - Players subsequently granted 'refugee status' or 'leave to remain in the UK' may be paid to play, but an asylum seeker who is awaiting a decision on his status cannot be paid.
 - iv. Overseas students, who will be allowed to play without restriction in accordance with 39 below.
- 38 In respect of overseas player registration, the following conditions will also apply.
- i. Clubs will be allowed to register up to two overseas players on the basis of one per team for teams in the Premier Section and Senior Section Division 2 upwards. The team for whom the player is registered must be specified. Overseas players may be either a professional or an amateur.
 - ii. No overseas player may be registered after 30 June, except as in 38.iv.b below.
 - iii. Below Division 2, overseas players may only be engaged with the permission of the Senior Section Cricket Committee. At the end of the season, all overseas players will be removed from YCSPL Play-Cricket registration.
 - iv. An overseas player in any one team may be replaced once during the season prior to the 30 June, including replacing a first team overseas with a second team overseas player at the start of the season only, who, if the need arises, may be returned to the second team without infringing para 47.
 - v. A replacement overseas player may be engaged, in addition to 38.ii above, only where all the following circumstances apply:
 - where a team's registered overseas player has to return home earlier than had originally been agreed between the player and the relevant club at the time when he was registered;
 - where the return was requested by his club in the country in which he normally plays, in order to play or prepare for a first class, A List or T20 competition sanctioned by the governing body in an ICC Full member country;
 - where the replacement player will be registered by the end of business on 14 August; *and*
 - satisfactory supporting evidence of the above is provided to the Compliance Manager and approved by the Head of Premier Section.
- 39 **Overseas students.** Bona fide students from overseas, who are studying in the UK, will be allowed to play in the Senior Section, at the discretion of the Senior section committee, irrespective of whether they have met the 210-day qualification criteria, provided that they:
- i. complete the League [overseas student registration form](#); *and*
 - ii. are either studying at a college or university in the immediate vicinity of the area covered by the YCSPL; *or*
 - iii. are living with family or friends in that area for the duration of their summer vacation.

Such students will register as Category 3 and must not be paid for playing, but will **not** be classed as overseas players for League purposes. There will be no restriction on when they can be registered. They will not be allowed to play in the Premier Section, unless they are registered as their team's 'overseas amateur' and the League [overseas amateur registration form](#) has been completed, until they have qualified by residence for registration as a Category 1 player in a subsequent season.

Junior players

40 Registering junior players. There are two options to register junior players over 13:

- i. *Option 1.* Players over 13 can now claim their own Play-Cricket account with their parent/guardian details attached.
- ii. *Option 2.* Temporary member linked to a parent/guardian account over the age of 13 - . Existing juniors registered in this way are now eligible to register as a user as in i. above.
- iii. If junior players already have an ECB account under the same email address, this will become one account under the new Single Sign On (SSO). During the registration process, the junior's email address will be visible until the registration is complete; then the email address will remain invisible until they reach 16 when they will have full control. The advantage of this to the club's main administrators is that, once completed, it should not be necessary to re-register when the player reaches 16.
- iv. Temporary member linked to a parent/guardian account under the age of 13 - . All other requirements for registration must comply with the *Age Group Table* in Rule 37 Juniors.
- v. Temporary members (). No junior registration will be allowed in the YCSPL under this banner.
- vi. Players under 16 must have their application for registration made on the YCSPL Play-Cricket website preceding the start time of any match in which they wish to play, in accordance with 26.4 above.
- vii. As the Children Act defines players under the age of 18 as children. Any text and email messages from the club or league to a player aged 16 or 17 must be sent to the player's parents or carers, but may also be sent to the player, provided that the parents or carers have given written consent to this.
- viii. Clubs must follow [ECB guidelines for junior players in open age cricket](#).
- ix. Players under 12 on 31 August of the previous year are not eligible to play in senior open age cricket, unless they are listed on the YCB approved list. Parental consent will be through the Parent/Guardian-registered Play-Cricket account.
- x. Players under 13 on 31 August of the previous year are allowed to play in senior cricket only with parental consent through the Parent/Guardian-registered Play-Cricket account and a Level 2 coach, but see the Age Group Table below.
- xi. All players under 15 on 31 August of the previous year may play in the Premier Section and Senior Section Division 1 with the prior approval of the Premier Section or Senior Section cricket committees.

The Age Group Table

<i>Age group (school year)</i>	<i>Date of birth</i>	<i>Overs per spell (overs per day)</i>	<i>Permission required</i>
U19 (Y14)	1.9.2004 – 31.8.2005	7 (18)	n/a
U18 (Y13)	1.9.2005 – 31.8.2006	7 (18)	n/a
U17 (Y12)	1.9.2006 – 31.8.2007	7 (18)	n/a
U16 (Y11)	1.9.2007 – 31.8.2008	7 (18)	n/a
U15 (Y10)	1.9.2008 – 31.8.2009	6 (12)	Cricket comm (Prem Div/Champ Div/Div 1)
U14 (Y9)	1.9.2009 – 31.8.2010	6 (12)	Cricket comm (Prem Div/Champ Div/Div 1)
U13 (Y8)	1.9.2010 – 31.8.2011	5 (10)	Parental & L2 coach (Div 1 & below only)
U12 (Y7)	1.9.2011 – 31.8.2012	5 (10)	Parental – YCB county approved U12s list (Div 1 & below only)

Player transfers

- 41 **Transfers in the period prior to, and during, the season.** Transfers will be permitted between YCSPL clubs in the period between 1st October and 31st July in accordance with the transfer procedure below, with the exception that transfers between clubs in the Premier Section between 1st March and 31st July will be permitted only with the express consent of the exporting club. No transfers between clubs will be allowed between 1st August and 30th September in any year.
- 42 **Transfer procedure.** Players must be transferred in accordance with the transfer procedure below.
- i. A club wishing to approach a player registered to another YCSPL club shall first advise that club of their intended approach. This approach must be made to a named club official on the Play-Cricket website, seeking confirmation that the player has no outstanding contractual, financial or disciplinary issues with that club. The named official shall be entered into the text box provided (*'Do you wish to supply any further information with this players registration?'*) during the registration process.
 - ii. Once a player has agreed to transfer, this should be initiated by either:
 - the player logging onto their new club's Play-Cricket website and from the dropdown box menu clicking on 'Join this site' <https://play-cricket.ecb.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/115004507465-How-Do-I-Become-a-Member-Of-My-Club-s-Website>; or
 - the club administrator collecting the player from their existing club's Play-Cricket website through 'Add New Member' <https://play-cricket.ecb.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/360000828558-Adding-a-New-Member-post-GDPR->
 - iii. During the transfer registration process the name of the official at the present club, and a statement certifying that the player has no outstanding contractual, financial or disciplinary issues with that club, must be noted in the named official shall be entered into the text box provided (*'Do you wish to supply any further information with this players registration?'*).
 - iv. The exporting club will have 48 hours from the time when the player has initiated the process on Play-Cricket in which to accept or raise a valid objection on Play-Cricket to the transfer. Transfers may only be objected to where there are any unresolved contractual, financial or disciplinary issues against the player.
 - v. Players under 16 must be transferred on Play-Cricket, as in Rule 29 *Junior Registration*, prior to the start of the match, with the agreement of the exporting club official, on Play-Cricket, within 48 hours as above.
- 43 **Transfers from non-YCSPL clubs.** Any player from a club outside the YCSPL, but affiliated to either the YCB or another County Board, who wishes to transfer to a YCSPL club must in the first instance follow the same procedure as in the transfer procedure in 29 above. In addition:
- i. players transferring from any other league within the Play-Cricket system, and with whom the YCSPL has a transfer agreement, will take place in the same way as transfers within the YCSPL and will be approved on Play-Cricket before the player appears for their new club;
 - ii. players transferring from any other ECB-affiliated league that is not operating Play-Cricket system must have consent from their existing club in writing and the transfer must be registered and approved on Play cricket before the player appears for their new club.

Loan players

- 44 Adult players may transfer on a loan basis in order to assist shorthanded clubs. All adult loans must be sanctioned by the YCSPL Play-Cricket administrator in advance. Any player, whether adult or junior, involved in a loan transfer shall not be permitted to formally transfer to the borrowing Club for the current season or subsequent season without specific permission of the loaning club and approval by the YCSPL Play-Cricket administrator.
- 45 **Loan transfer procedure.** The same procedure should be followed as for transfers but by selecting 'yes' to the 'Loan' box and entering the relevant Thursday expiry date for either the over 16's or under 16's as in 33.v & vi.

46 Restrictions for loan players

- i. Loan players will only be allowed to play in the lowest team in any club. No loan players will be allowed in the Premier Section; above Division 3 in the Senior Section; or in cup games.
- ii. A club's lowest ranked team or single team club in Divisions 3 to 5 will be able to loan players from other clubs from a lower division, or another league of equal standard.
- iii. A club's lowest ranked team or single team club in Divisions 6 to 9 will be able to loan players from other clubs one division higher or any division lower, or another league of equal standard.
- iv. No loan players will be allowed after the last Saturday in August with the exception of (v) below.
- v. Junior players under 16 may be loaned out for a complete season using the new loan system on Play-Cricket, subject to the written consent of the lending club, using their Parent/Guardian-registered Play-Cricket account. The 'expiry date' used will be the Thursday following the last match played on loan at the end of the season.
- vi. Junior players over 16 years of age may be loaned out on a week-to-week basis only by using the new loan system on Play-Cricket. The 'expiry date' used will be the Thursday following the last match played over the previous weekend.
- vii. The loan system is intended to assist clubs who are short of players. Any club using this system to strengthen their team will result in penalties in rule 39 being applied.

Player selection

47 Player selection

- i. All clubs are expected to play within 'The Spirit of the Game', which should be reflected in team selection. It is not acceptable for clubs to select players from a higher division team to play in a lower division team and thus strengthen that team. This does not prevent players recovering from injury or loss of form from being selected for a lower division team.
- ii. Where a club believe that an opposing side has breached this rule, they should report the matter to the relevant Section Head within seven days of the date of the game in question, giving all relevant details of the complaint. Complaints must be accompanied by a £50 deposit, which will be refunded if the complaint has merit; otherwise it will be donated to junior cricket. Complaints under this rule may be accepted up to ten days after the game where there is demonstrably good reason for the delay.
- iii. Irrespective of whether a complaint is made, the relevant Section committee may investigate any instance where they believe a breach of this rule may have taken place. The club concerned must be notified of the intent to investigate within ten days of the game taking place.
- iv. Where a breach of this rule is deemed to have taken place:
 - a. the result of the game will be declared a win for the non-offending team;
 - b. in league games, maximum points will be awarded to the non-offending side; no points will be awarded to the offending side, upon whom a penalty of maximum win points will also be imposed;
 - c. in cup matches, the non-offending side will go through to the next round; the offending team will be deemed to have lost the match, and may be suspended from that competition in the following season.
- v. In deciding whether the rule has been breached, the following factors will be taken into account.
 - a. At the time of the game, a player must have made at least 50% of their Saturday league appearances for the lower team, unless:
 - they have been dropped due to loss of form – note that; in the case of Sunday or Bank Holiday games, they must not have played in the higher team on the previous day, and in determining eligibility for the lower team under this criteria, previous performances in the higher team will be considered;
 - they are returning to playing action after an absence of more than two weeks, due to injury, holiday, ban or other genuine unavailability.
 - b. Rearranged league games that have taken place on a Saturday will count for the purposes of (a) above, only where their original date was before the game in which the alleged breach occurred.

- c. If a game is replayed or rearranged for any reason, only those players registered and eligible on the original date can play; in the case of a player who had a suspension covering the date of the original game, they will be eligible to play if their full suspension term is served before the new date.
 - d. This rule will not apply to players in age groups under 15 and below.
 - e. Any player who is not eligible to play for a lower team according to the above criteria may only do so with the advance permission of the Senior Section head. This permission will be granted only where there is considered to be good reason, not covered by the above, and where permission is requested by email at least 72 hours before the game takes place.
- vi Clubs will have the right of appeal against any decisions made under this rule. Appeals must be made to the relevant Section Head within seven days of the notification of the decision, along with the grounds for the appeal, and accompanied by a £50 deposit. The appeal will be heard by a panel, nominated on behalf of the LEB, of up to three members not involved in the previous decision or connected with clubs with an interest in the decision.

Conduct of games

48 General. All games played under the auspices of the YCSPL 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 League playing conditions.

49 Players' attire

- i. *White clothing.* 'Whites' must be worn on the field for all league games and cup games where specified. Shirts, jumpers, trousers and shoes must be either white or cream. The only areas where colour will be permitted are:
 - shirts – collar, cuffs, under-arm panels
 - jumpers – in a lined pattern around the border to the V-neck, the cuff, or around the bottom of the garment; as traditionally worn for cricket games
 - trousers - no coloured stripes or patterns are allowed on trousers
 - shoes – shoes may have coloured trim but must be predominantly white or cream
- ii. *Coloured clothing.* Coloured clothing should be worn for cup competitions where so specified, and for all T20 games. The restrictions detailed above for white clothing do not apply, but the provisions of *iii* to *vii* below must be followed.
- iii. *Club logos and names.* These may be displayed on shirts, jumpers and/or trousers.
- iv. *Sponsors.* Logos and names of club sponsors may be worn on players' shirts and/or sweaters. They can be either on the collar, sleeve, chest, chest pockets or across the back. The name of one sponsor may be displayed in lettering across the chest.
- v. *Charity endorsements.* Clubs may decide to support a bona fide charity by putting the name and logo of that charity on all their club shirts.
- vi. *Names and numbers.* The name and number of the players may be displayed on the back of shirt and jumpers; a number and/or initials may be displayed on trousers.
- vii. *Slogans.* No slogans of any nature may be displayed on clothing worn by players playing in a game at any time during the course of the game.
- viii. *General.* Clubs are reminded that the appearance of players reflects on the club and the League. Clothing worn by players at all times during the course of a game should be smart and conform to the above. If any doubt exists as to whether proposed clothing meets these rules, a formal approach must be made to the Head of the relevant cricket section. The decision of the League Executive Board on permissible attire will be final and binding.

50 Match balls

- i. A grade 'A' quartered ball of the type and make specified by the league will be used for all games. All balls used must be acceptable to the umpires.
- ii. In the Premier Section, the red Oxbridge *Windsor* ball must be used.

- iii. In the *K3 Dental Cup* and the *Whitworth Cup* the *Dukes County International* pink ball must be used (one per innings).
- iv. In the Senior Section Divisions 1 & 2 and *Mick Savage Trophy*, the red *Reader Sovereign* ball must be used.
- v. In Divisions 3 to 9 and the *President's Trophy* and *Billy Oates Cup*, clubs can use either the red *Reader Sovereign* or *League Special* ball.
- vi. In the *T20 Blast*, clubs will use the pink *Oxbridge Magna* ball and in the *T20 Plate*, the *Pink Reader* ball will be used.
- vii. All balls used must be embossed with the League logo.
- viii. A new ball must be used at the start of each innings unless mutually agreed by captains and umpires prior to the toss.
- ix. Clubs are responsible for ordering their cricket balls with the league and for collection of their cricket ball orders. The League will not accept responsibility for any cricket balls (or equipment) not collected on the appointed date. Any financial loss as a result of a club's failure to do so, shall be the responsibility of the club concerned.
- x. The League will provide balls for finals day in cup and t20 competitions.
- xi. Lost balls are to be replaced with a ball in similar condition. If the away team, when fielding, lose the match ball and the spare, the home team shall provide all additional balls, which will be approved by the umpires. Members of the batting side must search for any balls lost during play.

51 Inclement ground and weather conditions. The decision as to whether play shall take place in the prevailing ground or weather 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 and weather conditions are suitable for play.

52 Result recording

- i. *Premier Section.* Both clubs should check that the scorecard is correctly downloaded after the game, and that any queries, for example, 'unknowns' or registration issues are promptly resolved.
- ii. *Senior Section*
 - A full summary result and full detailed scorecard of the match, (referring to your club's Play-Cricket administration *Action Centre* to clear any outstanding issues) together with the leading performances, must be posted by the home team on their club's Play-Cricket website by 22.30hrs on the day of the match for all matches.
 - The home team must confirm the full summary result and full detailed scorecard, after the clearance in their *Action Centre* on their club's Play-Cricket website of all outstanding issues relating to the match, by 22.30hrs on the day of the match. The away team must confirm the full summary result and full detailed scorecard of the match by midday on the day following the match, on their club's Play-Cricket website, referring to the club's Play-Cricket administration *Action Centre* to clear any outstanding issues.
 - Both the home and away clubs must ensure that all players are registered to the YCSPL and identified correctly in all aspects of the administration scorecard within 48 hours following the match start time for matches played on the Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday. Any player not identified correctly in all aspects of the scorecard on the administration scorecard will incur a team penalty as in rule 13.
- iii. *Cup Games.* Games cannot be entered as abandoned or cancelled, as a result must be obtained at some time. Summary results, scorecards or other details must not be entered if the game was abandoned, cancelled, or requires a replay. The competition administrator must instead be advised of the date of the re-scheduled game.

Promotion and relegation

53 General principles

- i. Promotion and relegation between divisions will normally take place in accordance with the following:

Division	Promotion	Relegation
Premier	-	2 teams to Championship
Championship	2 teams to Premier	2 teams to Division 1
Division 1	2 teams to Championship	2/3 teams to Division 2 [†]
Division 2	2/3 teams to Division 1*	2/3 teams to Division 3
Divisions 3-9	2/3 teams to the division above	2/3 teams to the division below (except from Division 9)

* two promoted if a P&DCL team enters the league or three otherwise; † two relegated if a P&DCL team is relegated or three otherwise

- ii. Where, for any reason, a team in a promotion position will not take their place in the higher division, they will only be replaced by the next-placed team where that team is no more than 12 points of the team in the second promotion position in any division.
- iii. Teams must satisfy the ground and facilities conditions in respect of the division into which they are to be promoted, and should they fail to do so, the team that finishes highest of the teams that would otherwise be relegated, will not be relegated.
- iv. To be eligible for promotion to the Premier division, clubs must meet published YCSPL Ground & Facilities standards and comply with any ECB Premier League accreditation criteria.
- v. Clubs promoted to the Championship division will be expected to work towards YCSPL Ground & Facilities standards and ECB Premier League accreditation criteria.
- vi. Where a team from a club qualifies for promotion into a division in which that club already has a team, no promotion will take place, and, at the discretion of the Senior Section cricket committee, the next eligible team in the lower division may be promoted instead. Where a team from a club is to be relegated into a division in which that club already has a team, the team in the lower division will also be relegated, and, at the discretion of the Senior Section cricket committee, may be replaced by the next eligible team from that division. This process will be repeated in the club also has a team in the lower division into which any of their teams is to be relegated, except where the lower team is in the bottom division, when neither team will be relegated.
- vii. To be eligible to play in Division 2 or above, a club must have a minimum of two Saturday teams.
- 54 **Adjustments.** The Senior Section cricket committee will have the right to adjust promotion and relegation, as necessary, to take into account new clubs into the League and resignations from the League. Promotion and relegation arrangements will be announced at the pre-season clubs meeting before the start of the season.

55 Pontefract & District Cricket League (P&DCL)

- i. Under the terms of the promotion and relegation agreement with the P&DCL, one team from the P&DCL will be promoted into Division 1 of the YCSPL per season, provided that they meet the relevant YCSPL application criteria. Normally this team will be the P&DCL champions, but if they not wish to be promoted into the YCSPL or meet the required criteria, the promotion spot will be offered to the second placed P&DCL team on the same basis. If no team is promoted from the P&DCL the third promotion place will be offered to the third placed YCSPL Division 2 team.
- ii. Should a team that has been promoted into SYSL Division 1 from the P&DCL subsequently finish in the relegation places in Division 1, then they will be relegated back to the P&DCL rather than YCSPL Division 2. P&DCL teams finishing outside the relegation places will retain their place in Division 1, irrespective of whether further P&DCL teams are promoted.

Umpires

56 Appointments

- i. *Qualification.* All umpires in the YCSPL must be qualified to a minimum Stage 2 or equivalent, with a valid DBS, and be members of the ACO and the Yorkshire Premier Leagues Umpires Association or the South Yorkshire Umpires Association.
- ii. *Appointments.* Umpires will be appointed to all games by the appointments officer.

iii. *Arrangements when no umpires are appointed*

- a. Where no umpires are appointed by the League, it shall be the responsibility of the batting side to provide umpires for that innings, and the club captains will be jointly responsible for ensuring that the game is conducted within the Spirit of Cricket and that League safeguarding policies are followed.
- b. Should only one umpire be appointed by the League, it will be the responsibility of the batting team to provide a square leg umpire.
- c. All persons standing as umpires must be suitably dressed in an umpire's coat, not in casual dress or shorts. Clubs must have two clean umpires' jackets available for all matches. No player under the age of 19 and who is not a qualified umpire must be asked to stand as an umpire.

iv. *Fees.* Umpires' fees will be reviewed annually and will be published in the matchday handbook and on the website. Fees will include travelling expenses. 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. Where only one appointed umpire stands in a game, one and a half times the normal fee will be payable.

57 **Club nomination of umpires.** All clubs must nominate at least one umpire for the YPLUA or SYCUA umpires' panel as follows:

- i. clubs with up to two teams in membership must provide one umpire
- ii. clubs with three teams must provide two
- iii. clubs with four teams must provide three

58 **Qualification for nominated umpires.** To qualify under this rule, the umpire must be available to stand in a minimum of 16 Saturday league matches in the season in question. Nominated umpires will need to officiate for a minimum of three seasons and will then automatically become pool umpires. Clubs that do not comply with this rule will be required, at the end of the relevant season, to provide evidence of what they have done in order to recruit umpires and will be liable to pay a levy to League funds at the end of the relevant season, to assist with umpire recruitment, as follows:

- i. first team in Premier Section: £300
- ii. first team in divisions 1 or 2: £200
- iii. first team in divisions 3 to 5: £150
- iv. first team in divisions 6 to 9: £100

59 **Payment for umpires' training.** The YCSPL will pay the fees for stages 1, 2 & 3 ACO courses for umpires nominated under paras 57 and 58 above. Once the course has been completed the umpire must officiate for a minimum of three seasons in accordance with the provisions of para 58. If this requirement is not met, the fee must be repaid to the league.

60 **Payments to clubs for newly-nominated umpires.** Clubs that provide a new umpire under paras 57 and 58 above will be entitled to a 'one off' payment from the levy of £100 for the first season in which the umpire stands.

61 **Failure to nominate umpires.** Where a club in the Senior Section has not nominated an umpire for the league panel, only one umpire will be appointed to their games. Where neither side has nominated an umpire, no umpires will be appointed. Clubs who have not nominated an umpire will be allowed to provide their own umpire.

Scorers

62 **Scorers**

- i. Each team will provide a scorer for the game. All Premier Section teams must have a scorer of, or working towards, ACO level 2 standard. Senior Section scorers should be on the ACO scorers' pathway and of, or working towards, ACO level 1 standard.
- ii. 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.

- iii. Provided that scorers meet the criteria in i above, the League strongly recommends that scorers' match fees are a minimum of two-thirds of the fee payable to umpires for the game in question.
- iv. The YCSPL will pay the fees for ACO courses for scorers. Once the course has been completed the scorer must score for their club in the League for a minimum of three seasons; if this requirement is not met, the fee must be repaid to the league.

New clubs

- 63 Applications from new clubs to join the YCSPL will be dealt with in accordance with the [Applications to join the YCSPL from new clubs](#) guidance and must be accompanied by a £100 bond, which will be returned on the satisfactory completion of the probationary period.

Clubs wishing to transfer to another league

- 64 Permission to negotiate.** No YCSPL club must negotiate with another league with the possible intention to join the latter league without first obtaining permission in writing from the YCSPL. Such permission will only be withheld if the club has failed to fulfil its financial obligations, has outstanding disciplinary action pending, or has failed to observe these rules in respect of withdrawal of membership. In the event of a dispute between the parties not being resolved within 21 days, the YPLMB may be asked to mediate.
- 65 Resignation from the League.** Teams or clubs wishing to resign from the YCSPL must give notice in writing before 30 June in the year previous to the season in which they intend to play in a new League.

League trophies

- 66 Trophies.** Clubs are responsible for the safety, protection and insurance of all league team and individual trophies in the possession of the club and its' members in the season in which they were awarded. They must ensure that they are cleaned, any damage repaired, and returned to the League trophy steward by 30th September. The League will be responsible for the cost of engraving trophies won by teams in League and Inter-League Competitions. The League trophies are:

i. Divisional trophies

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| • Championship - The Mark Smith Memorial Tr'y | • Division 5 - The Paul Hunt Cup |
| • Division 1 - The Tuby Cup | • Division 6 - The Oscar Baines Silver Cup |
| • Division 2 - The S C Ward Cup | • Division 7 - The Arthur Thompson Cup |
| • Division 3 - The Sismay Cup | • Division 8 - The Ronnie Walters Cup |
| • Division 4 - The George Lawrence Trophy | • Division 9 - The L.W. Parsonage Cup |

ii Cup competitions

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| The Whitworth Cup | The Billy Oates Cup |
| The Mick Savage Memorial Trophy | The T20 Plate (The Terry Bentham Cup) |
| The President's Cup | |

iii Individual trophies

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| • The Ian Dickinson Memorial Trophy | - for the Whitworth Cup final man-of-the-match |
| • The Hunsley Cup | - for the highest aggregate of runs in league matches |
| • The Turner Cup | - for the highest aggregate of wickets in league matches |
| • The Harry May QPM Rose Bowl | - for meritorious service to the League |
| • The Ben Jessop Junior Cup | - for outstanding batting performance(s) |
| • The Ernest Bullock Memorial Trophy | - for the best all-rounder |
| • The Ben Jessop Fair Play Trophy | - for the team playing in the best spirit of the game* |
| • The Terry Bentham Trophy | - for the umpire of the year |
| • The Fearnley Trophy | - for the scorer of the year |
| • The Dominic Sayles Trophy | - for outstanding junior all rounder |
| • The William Pye Trophy | - for long and outstanding administrative service |

* voted for by the League umpires

- 67 Individual awards.** All winners of divisional batting, bowling, wicket-keeping awards will be decided by the statistics on the YCSPL Play-Cricket website. It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that all players' statistics have been correctly recorded on the relevant match scorecards. All relevant clubs will be provided with a list of qualifiers, which must be verified by each club secretary. The qualifying criteria are:

- i *Batting awards.* The awards will be determined by the highest batting average, subject to the criteria below, in league matches only.

<i>Divisions</i>	<i>Minimum no of runs</i>	<i>Minimum no of innings</i>
<i>Senior batting awards</i>		
Premier, Championship, Divisions 1 & 2	500	12
Divisions 3-5	400	12
Divisions 6-9	350	12
<i>Junior batting awards</i>		
All	200	10

- ii *Bowling awards.* The awards will be determined by the lowest bowling average, subject to the criteria below, in league matches only.

<i>Divisions</i>	<i>Minimum no of wickets</i>	<i>Minimum no of games</i>
<i>Senior bowling awards</i>		
Premier, Championship, Divisions 1 & 2	35	12
Divisions 3-5	30	12
Divisions 6-9	30	12
<i>Junior bowling awards</i>		
All	20	10

- iii. *All-rounders.* An award for the best all-rounder will be given in each of the Premier Section divisions.
- iv. *Wicket-keeping.* A wicket-keeping award will be given for the best wicket-keeper in each Division. The qualification in the Premier Section and Divisions 1-5 will be 20 victims and in Divisions 6 to 9, 16 victims. If two players tie for First Place the winner will be the one who has most stumpings. An award will also be given for the best junior wicket-keeper in each division.
- v. *Fielding.* An award for the player with the most fielding wickets will be given in each of the Premier Section divisions.
- vi. *Junior players.* A junior player is one who has not reached their 19th birthday by 31 August in the previous year. Junior players must be indicated accordingly on the Play-Cricket website.
- vii. If no-one qualifies for a particular prize, the LEB has the discretion to make an award to the most successful player in that category.

Complaints and disputes

68 Procedure

- i. Any dispute between clubs, or complaint about the actions of any players or officials, must in the first instance be referred to the LEB chair by email within 14 days of the incident arising. The chair will invite the parties named in the dispute or complaint to provide comments in explanation or mitigation within seven days. The dispute will then be considered by a panel of non-conflicted members of the LEB, who may ask for further information from either party, and who may decide to apply a penalty in accordance with para 10 above. The chair will notify the player or club concerned of the decision of the panel within 21 days of the complaint being made.
- ii. Any appeal in connection with a decision made by the League or its officials must in the first instance be referred to the LEB chair within seven days of the decision being notified. This should include the grounds for the appeal, along with any mitigating factors, and should be accompanied by a non-returnable fee of £50 (individual appeals) or £100 (club appeals). The chair will arrange for the decision to be reviewed, and will notify the club concerned of the decision within 14 days of receipt of the dispute.
- iii. Where any incident is brought to the attention of the LEB chair that may bring the league into disrepute, they will ask the player or club concerned to provide any comments in explanation and mitigation. The chair will arrange for the matter to be considered by a panel of non-conflicted members of the LEB, and will notify the club concerned of the decision within 14 days of the incident coming to light.
- iv. If, after following the steps in i to iii above, a club wishes to appeal against a decision of the LEB, they must do so by email to the chair of the YPLMB within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any such referral must be followed up by payment of a non-refundable deposit of £100 to cover the costs of dealing with the dispute. The decision of the YPLMB will be final and binding.

Other issues

69 Any matter not covered in these rules will be decided by the LEB or the relevant Section cricket committee.

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