



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Applications from clubs to join the YCSPL

The Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League is part of the Yorkshire pyramid system, that enables clubs to progress to the highest level of recreational cricket, the Premier Leagues.

We welcome applications from ambitious clubs in South Yorkshire and the surrounding area, who want to improve their standards, both on and off the field.

Clubs that wish to join the YCSPL will be expected to comply with the following criteria:

- Applications to join the YCSPL must be made in accordance with YCB club transfer rules and, where appropriate, the Memorandum of Understanding between the YCSPL and P&DCL. Before entering into any negotiations with the YCSPL, clubs must first obtain the permission of their current league.
- No team can move directly into the Premier division and any team currently within the Yorkshire Cricket Pyramid must be allocated into a division which is at least a division below that which could be achieved through promotion within the pyramid system.
- All new clubs are required to serve a probationary period of three seasons, during which membership may be terminated if the requirements of league rules are not met.
- There will be an inspection of ground and facilities by league officials prior to approval being given to join the league, at which club officials must be available in order to answer any questions raised. The inspection will also be used to help decide on the appropriate division(s) of entry into the League, and to advise on action that may be needed to enable progression. The YCB may be able to signpost clubs towards grants to enable them to improve their facilities.
- ECB Club development (formerly Clubmark) and safeguarding accreditation is required for all YCSPL clubs down to and including Division 3. Clubs in the YCSPL Championship and Divisions 1-3 are required to run two junior teams in a recognised junior league, ideally at under 11 age group or above. Confirmation will be required of the age groups and the leagues in which junior sides play.
- Grounds used should be available on Saturdays between the second Saturday in April and the second Saturday in September. Grounds where there are restrictions will be placed at levels that will allow rearrangement (ie, Division 3 and below).
- Clubs must provide one club umpire per team. All umpires must be qualified to a minimum Stage 2, with a valid DBS, and be members of the ACO and the South Yorkshire Umpires Association, but must not already be members of the YCSPL pool. Training courses are provided. Umpires need to be nominated by 31 July prior to the season of entry to the League. Clubs who do not provide the required number of umpires will not be accepted. The umpires will need to officiate in a minimum of 16 Saturday league matches every season. The nominated umpire will need to officiate for a minimum of three seasons and will then automatically become a pool umpire. If this criterion is not met, a club will be deemed not to have satisfactorily completed the probationary status, and will be liable to be expelled from the League.

Recommendations on applications to join the League, including the divisions to which new clubs will be allocated, will be made by the YCSPL Senior Section cricket committee. After the endorsement of these recommendations by the League Executive Board, clubs will be informed of their allocated divisions by the end of October in the year of the application.

The League constitution, administrative rules, playing conditions and all other necessary information can be found on the [YCSPL website](http://www.ycspl.co.uk).

If you wish to apply or have any questions, please contact the Head of the YCSPL Senior Section, David Ward, by email at senior.head@ycspl.co.uk or on 07753 866144.