



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Pre-season clubs' meeting

Wednesday 8 April 2026 – East Dene WMC

Note of meeting

1. **Welcome & apologies.** Roger Pugh welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Disciplinary issues.** Neil Vaughan said that the YCSPL Disciplinary Committee have concluded that a change is necessary in relation to dangerous and inappropriate throwing of the ball at the batter, which is a Level Two offence. In 2026, where a report from an umpire is received, and the committee are content that the rule has been correctly applied, the minimum penalty will be a suspended one-week ban and one team disciplinary point, and the maximum penalty will be a one-week ban from all cricket, plus a suspended two-week ban and three team disciplinary points (suspended bans and penalty points to expire at the end of the following season).
3. **Ex-YDCL club facilities.** Richard North said that the new clubs from the YDCL have been given two years to bring their facilities up to the standards required, including the provision of teas.
4. **League structure 2027.** RN said that there have been a number of applications to join the League in 2027. As soon as these have been finalised and approved, the impact on promotion and relegation arrangements in the Senior Section will be announced.
5. **Officials' recruitment.** RP encouraged all clubs to continue in their efforts to recruit umpires, irrespective of whether they had already provided umpires for the League panel. He reminded clubs that under the new Administrative Rules, clubs that do not provide umpires in accordance with para 65 will be liable to points deductions in the following season, in accordance with para 66. In this case, the clubs will be invited to provide details of efforts made. These will be assessed against the recommended actions in Admin Rules Appendix 9, by a League panel who will decide whether the deduction will stand, be reduced, or waived entirely. If a club that has been given a points penalty subsequently finds an umpire, the penalty may be waived if the umpire stands in the required number of games by 30 June in the following season.
6. **Play-Cricket.** Melvyn Bond reminded clubs that
 - i. under Admin Rule 58, for a transferring player to be eligible to play for their new club on a given weekend, their transfer must have been completed within the weekly transfer window that closes at 13.00 on the preceding Thursday
 - ii. to ensure that transfers can be processed as quickly as possible, clubs should ensure that the player's details are entered fully and correctly on P-C, in particular full addresses and dates of birth
 - iii. for Tier 5 professionals, details of the visa, including the number, should be provided; for asylum seekers, the details of their ARC card; and for other overseas players, the share code is required.
7. **Rule changes.** RP summarised other rule changes for 2026 that clubs need to be aware of:
 - i. more detailed guidance has been provided in Admin Rule 16 on player selection
 - ii. an enclosed (covered) area must be provided for scorers (Admin Rule 21)
 - iii. where a game has been rearranged after 16 February*, and no result is obtained in 75% or more games in that division on the original date, four points each will be awarded for the rearranged game (Admin Rule 25)
 - iv. players may play for one club only in any cup or T20 competition in a season (Admin Rule 38)

- v. games in Divisions 3-5 (46 over games) will start at 12.30 (Playing Condition 9)
- vi. in the Senior Section Divisions 3-9, the count-back procedure, for deciding games that cannot continue to a finish due to ground and/or weather conditions, has been revised (Playing Condition 9)
- vii. four points each will be awarded to both teams in games abandoned due to the serious injury of a player/official, irrespective of the state of the game (Playing Condition 13)
- viii. in the Premier Section and Divisions 1 & 2, the ECB generic wide ball rules have been adopted, which mean that the 17" wide ball crease markings must be provided (Playing Condition 16).

Changes that apply in the Premier Section only are covered in the note of the Premier Section Captains meeting.

8. **Safeguarding issues.** Lindsay Pepper said that

- i. DBS updates still appear to be causing problems; clubs must ensure that both ECB disclosure forms and government emails are completed
- ii. one face-to-face Safe Hands course is available at Wombwell CC on Tuesday 14 April; club chairs may still attend free of charge
- iii. LP will work with the disciplinary team to ensure that bad behaviour is not tolerated in the League.

9. **Scoring issues.** Steve Ward reported that:

- i. *Scoring methods.* Last season 1,428 games were played in YCSPL, with 885 scored on laptop; 512 on tablet and 31 manually. The tablet version is not reliable and does not transfer all data after the game.
- ii. *Live Streaming.* If considering, remember that:
 - Frogbox can only be used on tablets, **not** laptops
 - NV Play can only be used on laptops, **not** tablets – has more functionality and is used by the professional game
 - there is now hardly any difference on price
 - it is not the scorers' role to operate Live Streaming.
- iii. *DLS.* A new version (v6) is to be used this season. Training has been provided for scorers in top four divisions. Remember the need to display par scores in the second innings.
- iv. *ECB ACO.* It is a condition of ECB Premier League accreditation is that all scorers are members of ECB ACO; at the very least the free membership, and working towards Full membership.

10. **YCF update.** RP said that Gareth Davis was unable to attend due to his father's serious illness, and expressed our best wishes that he would recover.

11. **Other business.** RP mentioned the following additional issues:

- i. League subscriptions are due to be paid by the end of April
- ii. the clubs A-Z section on the League website is currently being updated; RP asked that any club that wanted to let potential visitors know what amenities were available on their ground, or wished to provide some information about their club, should let him have the required information to be published
- iii. in answer to a query received, RP said that two sightscreens were required at each and in the Premier Section, and that any club with aspirations for promotion to the Premier Section, should plan to meet that requirement
- iv. following the severe storm damage at Mexborough Athletic CC, a [gofundme](#) page has been set up to help the club.

12. **Close.** All but one club was represented at the meeting. RP thanked all for their attendance, and wished them all the very best for the coming season.

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** amended date due to lateness of fixture issue for reasons beyond the League's control*