



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## 2024 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 15 November, Shaw Lane Sports Club, Barnsley

### Note of meeting

**Clubs in attendance:** All clubs were represented except Adwick-le-Street, Barnby Dun, Handsworth Junior SC, Houghton Main, and Maltby Miners Welfare.

**League officials present:** David Ward (chairman), Terry Bateman, Mark Beardshall, Melvyn Bond, Ashley Boothman, Gareth Davis, Alex Fletcher, Chris Froggett, Andy Harrison, Brian Lowe, Richard North, Lindsay Pepper, Roger Pugh, Matt Summerhill, Steve Ward

**Note that all officials' reports, accounts and the full details of proposals made can be found in the [AGM agenda documents](#).**

1. **Welcome** – DW welcomed all club representatives, in particular those from new clubs Frickley Colliery, Wadworth and Waverley.
2. **Reports.** There were no queries on the reports from league officials provided in advance; LP added to her report, saying that Safeguarding courses had now been arranged and are free to club chairs. GD reported verbally on YCB activity as follows:
  - he highlighted that Clubmark, safeguarding and Safe Hands courses remain of key importance
  - he encouraged clubs to get as many officials trained on safeguarding as possible, in order to ensure that there is cover in the event of absence
  - he said that it was critical that the Safe Hands Management System was kept up-to-date
  - funding is now available for hybrid, as well as non-turf, pitches
  - he encouraged clubs to get in touch with him about any funding queries
3. **Adoption of financial accounts** – the accounts were accepted without query.
4. **Finances 2025** – DW said that the 2025 YCB subscriptions were as yet not known.
5. **Changes to constitution and rules**
  - i *Constitution.* RP explained that the purpose of the proposed amendments was to align with the Code of Sports Governance required by the ECB, as our principal funder, and to incorporate the Women's & Girls' League into our organisation. On a proposal by Jono Gillespie, seconded by Iain Mallett, the proposed changes were agreed en bloc.
  - ii *Playing conditions.* RP explained that the playing conditions are being rewritten by umpires Andrew Foley, Philip Hulme and Michael Steele, in order to make them consistent across cups and league where possible, easier to read, and in the order of the Laws of the Game. He thanked them for their work. He said that no major changes were being made except as a result of proposals to the AGM. Playing conditions not directly related to the actual playing of the game will be moved to a separate section covering 'matchday rules'. The following proposals were voted upon:
    - changes to the playing conditions for Division 3-9 to remove cut-off times; to allow for the reduction of overs after the start; and to decide games on the count-back rule – these were passed
    - changes to losing bowling bonus points, whereby one more wicket would be required for each point – these were passed

- a reduction of points to two in games where no play could take place – this was rejected.

### iii *Cup & T20 rules*

- A proposal that all cup-ties will start at 12.30pm, with a clarification that starts will be delayed by up to one hour when the home club needs to accommodate a women's, girls' or junior game on the ground – this was passed
- Revised player eligibility rules proposals to prevent players being recruited for the later stages of cup competitions – these were passed.

### iv *Administrative rules*

- Following a proposal made by the Premier Section committee, Premier Section clubs were asked whether they wished the provision of teas to be voluntary – this proposal was rejected by 11 votes to four. The same proposal was also put to Senior Section clubs – this was rejected unanimously.
- Clubs were asked whether they had any issues with the proposed change to the rule in respect of replacing overseas players. There were no comments made. RP said that CF and himself would be looking at overseas player rules and guidance to see if any further clarification or simplification could be made. He invited any views from clubs.
- Opportunity was given for any comments on the other proposed changes to administrative rules. None were forthcoming.

## 6. **Election of League officials for 2024/25**

- The proposal for the reconstituted League Executive Board, comprising Roger Pugh (chairman), Chris Froggett and Andy Harrison (Premier Section), Jonathan Crabtree, Richard North and Matt Summerhill (Senior Section), Liz Harris, Mel Mahmood and Sarah Woods (Women's & Girls' League); and Lindsay Pepper (League Safeguarding Manager) was passed unanimously. In addition, Gareth Davis will represent the YCB in a non-executive capacity, and there will continue to be an Equity & Diversity representative on the same basis.
- All Premier Section committee members had indicated that they were willing to serve for another year.
- Richard North was proposed as Head of Senior Section in place of David Ward, who is standing down with effect from the AGM; and Jonathan Crabtree was proposed as a member of the Senior Section committee – these proposals were passed unanimously. There remains one vacancy on the committee following the sad passing of Graham Swallow, which may be filled by co-option on an interim basis.

7. **Proposal for distribution of 2024 ECB funding.** The proposals had been circulated in advance and comment invited. None were forthcoming and the proposals will be adopted.
8. **Premier Section standards.** The standards document had been circulated in advance and comment invited. None were forthcoming and the provisions contained in it will be adopted.
9. **Life members.** RP said that the LEB had approved the appointment of Richard Storer and David Ward as Life Members of the YCSPL.
10. **Other business.** RP thanked the meeting for their acceptance of his nomination as chairman. He said that he believed that the league belonged to its clubs, and that we should meet clubs' wishes wherever possible. He encouraged people to contact him if they had ideas or issues they wanted to raise. His priorities for the coming year would be the integration of the W&GL into the YCSPL; the changes required to comply with the Code of Sports Governance, in particular, succession planning; ground and facilities standards; and umpire recruitment. He reiterated that the primary channel for League communications to clubs is the Bulletin, and asked that clubs ensure we have the correct contacts for this.
11. **Close.** The meeting closed at 8.15pm, after which the [2025 cup draws](#) were made.