



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Pre-season all clubs meeting

Wednesday 10 April 2024 at Shaw Lane Sports Club, Barnsley

Note of meeting

1. **Welcome & apologies.** David Ward (DW) welcomed all to the meeting. There were no apologies. Two clubs (Brookhouse and Sheffield United) were not represented.
2. **20 April.** DW emphasised that the arrangements for playing games scheduled for the weekend of 20 April could not be replicated for any further dates in the season, and reminded Senior Section clubs that they must advise Matt Summerhill (MS) and himself by 15 April if they wished to rearrange a fixture scheduled for 20 April, and that they must agree and notify any new dates by 25 April.
3. **Ball trials.** DW said that the League had received some samples of different balls, and would make arrangements for trialing later in the season.
4. **League structure 2025** Matt Summerhill detailed the news clubs for 2025 and presented two fixture options for next season, depending on whether a P&DCL club enters the League via the pyramid system – see below.
5. **Officials' recruitment.** Roger Pugh (RP) said that:
 - he will be writing to the nominated officials' recruitment contact at each club before the start of the season
 - he had produced some flyers for clubs to use for recruitment purposes, and had included a small supply of these with the balls, handbooks, etc
 - more flyers are available on request, and an electronic version will be emailed to the contact points
 - officials' recruitment is everyone's responsibility, and he wanted to see genuine efforts being made by all clubs – he did not want to discourage clubs who had made a real effort by fining them if they were unsuccessful – but evidence would be requested
 - he confirmed that club umpires were allowed below division 3 and that recruitment of a club umpire would be taken into account
6. **Play-Cricket.** Melvin Bond covered a number of issues including:
 - asking clubs to ensure full and accurate information is entered into the system when both registering players and entering results, which will alleviate him needing to seek further information
 - reminding clubs of the regular need to check their Action Centres to find out if they had any outstanding actions
 - advising clubs to register junior players well in advance of them playing, as the process of registration requires parental or guardian's input which makes it slower
7. **Safeguarding of scorers.** Lindsay Pepper reminded clubs that scorers no longer require a DBS and provided some guidance to support clubs and officials, for example:
 - umpires to speak with captains at pre-match meeting and ask them to ensure there is an adult to check on the scorers during the game, as a very minimum at the drinks breaks
 - walkie-talkies may be used if available to alert umpires if there is a problem
 - scorers be able to communicate with a responsible adult by text, using a password, to let them know if there is a problem
 - if there is a light in the scoreboard this may be used to make a pre-arranged signal if there is a problem

8. **Senior Section points system.** DW said that it had been necessary to make a change because the proposals voted in at the AGM had been found to be unworkable. The majority of clubs have subsequently agreed to introduce the count-back system to counteract this. Keith Twiss (Maltby MW) said that his club are really concerned about the implementation of the system in the lower divisions and that it has not been thought through. He said that there will inevitably be sparks of nastiness and conflict arising from it, particularly when no umpire is officiating at the match. DW said that it would be reviewed and formal proposal put to the next AGM.

9. **Other business**

- DW said that the scheduled DLS training session for scorers the following night had to be cancelled due to illness, and that it would be rescheduled
- RP said that there were spare handbooks available at the end of the meeting; he also asked to be notified of any errors found in them, for which he took responsibility – please note that in the [online version](#) there have been amends to Linzey Scothern email (linzey.scothern@ycspl.co.uk); Playing Conditions (clarifications to 5.v and 13.v); and updates to reflect fixture changes
- John Muldowney advised that there will be no teas at Adwick-le-Street this season
- DW wished everyone all the best for the season, and hoped for the end of the current rainy weather

2025 league structure proposal (item 5)

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| Championship | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| Division 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| Division 2 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| Division 3 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| Division 4 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| Division 5 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| Division 6 | 2 | 4 | 13 |
| Division 7 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| Division 8 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| Division 9 | 2 | N/A | 14 |
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| "PDCL Not Up" | Up | Down | Creates Division of |
| Premier | N/A | 2 | 12 |
| Championship | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| Division 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 |
| Division 2 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| Division 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| Division 4 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| Division 5 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| Division 6 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| Division 7 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| Division 8 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| Division 9 | 2 | N/A | 14 |
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