



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Premier Section captains' meeting – 26 March 2025

Note of meeting

1. **Welcome.** RP welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to participate.
2. **Update on Premier Section issues.** RP covered one issue not otherwise covered on the agenda, referring to the ground and facilities standards document that was published and agreed at the 2024 AGM. He said that clubs that did not meet the standards would be expected to have a plan in place to do so within a maximum of three years, or if it was, exceptionally, impossible to do so, to apply for exemption from a particular requirement. He asked that anyone with specific concerns about any facilities should contact him.
3. **Captain's reports.** For the information of new captains, and as a refresher for the others, David Ward talked through the requirements and process for submitting captains' reports. The main points made were:
 - reports must be completed by either the captain or vice-captain playing in the game
 - reports must be submitted on the day after the game or the two days thereafter
 - remarks about why a particular mark has been given are very helpful
4. **Discipline.** Neil Vaughan spoke about disciplinary reports, making the following points:
 - overall, discipline in the Premier Section is good, but we cannot be complacent
 - captains can be held to account for the behaviour of their players, and if an incident occurs where the captain has failed to take action to diffuse, the captain themselves may be charged with a 'failure to control' offence
5. **Rules & regulations.** RP updated the meeting on the following:
 - **League regulations.** The League's Competition rules and playing conditions have been rewritten to improve clarity, and the cup and t20 rules can now be read as stand-alone documents, without need to refer to ECB Generic Rules. The only material change that has been made is that, following ECB advice, it has been clarified that declarations cannot be made in our competitions.
 - **ECB guidance on concussion.** From 2025, any head impact during play, however minimal, including collisions with the ground or another player, will result in an immediate call of dead ball, and no runs or dismissal thereafter will count. In addition, it is **required** that, on the team card, each club should nominate a responsible adult, and deputy, who will be asked by the umpires to check whether a player is fit to continue after a head impact. If no other person is nominated, these roles will fall to the captain and vice-captain. If there is any doubt about the fitness of a player to continue, the player's welfare is paramount, and they should leave the field for medical attention. In all cases, if the umpires are not satisfied that a player is fit to continue, they may insist that he leaves the field.
 - **Fast Bowling Match Regulations.** New [ECB safety regulations](#) refer to the 'ages' rather than the 'age groups' of players. However, following adverse feedback from clubs and officials, and given the short timescale at which this change was discovered, the League proposed to continue to use age groups in all games in the YCSPL in 2025, in line with the ages shown on the umpires' match cards. *However, following further representation from the umpires' associations, and taking into account the need for clarity with the start of the season less than three weeks away, we have subsequently decided to go with the requirements of the new ECB Safety Regulations. Team sheets must now show the ages of all junior players.*

- **First aid.** Under [ECB new safety guidelines](#), it is **recommended** that each club appoints at least one first-aider, and that a first-aider is present when any cricket-related activity takes place.
- **Medical Emergency Action Plans and Impact assessments.** Under [ECB new safety guidelines](#), it is **recommended** that each club has a medical emergency action plan and risk assessment, and that leagues should ensure that medical emergency action plans are in place at clubs used for League finals or representative games.
- **Parental permission for junior players to play on open-age cricket.** [ECB safety regulations](#) now **require** that junior players should have written permission to play in open-age cricket. A sample form has been produced by ECB for use, but it is entirely up to clubs as to how they want to manage this, for example, as part of registration processes. The signature of captains on match cards will include confirmation that any juniors are playing with parental consent. Neither the League nor the umpires are required to check that consent has been received, this is entirely the responsibility of clubs.

More information is contained in the [clubs' bulletin of 2 April](#), and the issue is on the [agenda for the pre-season clubs' meeting](#).

6. **Other business.** RP asked that any clubs intending to Live-Stream games for the first time in 2025 should let him know as soon as possible, in order that their intentions can be publicised, and clarified that Live-Streaming must not take place in the case of any objection by a visiting team, or umpire.
7. **Close.** RP thanked all for their attendance and wished them an enjoyable and successful season.