



# Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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## Premier Section committee meeting

Wednesday 18 February 2026 – 19.30pm by Teams

### Note of meeting

Present: Alex Fletcher, Andy Harrison, David Jones, Roger Pugh, Neil Vaughan

Apologies: Mark Beardshall, Mick Forrester, Steve Ward

1. **Welcome & apologies.** RP welcomed David Jones to his first meeting of the committee and passed on apologies from three members.
2. **Matters arising from last meeting and update on action points.** There were no outstanding issues from the last meeting.
3. **Proposed points quota system.** A proposal was circulated by RP in advance. He emphasised that this was an initial framework and would need more refinement. The main aims were to promote sustainability; to reduce club's reliance on imported players, and encourage the development of homegrown players. The proposal received general support, with the following points made:
  - i. the points for players initially transferred, but who have been at a club for a long period of time, should be reduced
  - ii. it must be clarified that where a player returns to his original club that he will be classed as 'homegrown'
  - iii. we need to look at whether the overall points cap should be increased where, for genuine reasons, some clubs' ability to produce homegrown players is affected by factors such as, where there are several clubs in a small area
  - iv. a minority of clubs who have few home-produced players may need a longer lead-in time
  - v. we need to ensure a realistic transition period, ie, a minimum of 12 months between final decision at AGM/EGM and implementation
  - vi. there will need to be a category in Competition Rule 16 *Player Selection*, to exempt players being demoted for points cap reasons
  - vii. there should be laid down penalties for non-compliance and no leeway for any team exceeding the cap
  - viii. we need to do some sample checks on last year's teams to ascertain whether a 24-point cap is realistic

ix. we need to meet with clubs to explain the proposal, seek views and get them on board

RP said that in terms of logistics, he proposed that:

- i. each team to submit a list of squad players for their team(s), along with the points they consider should be allocated to each
- ii. the lists to be checked using P-C, corrected if necessary, and certified by the League
- iii. the lists then to be published, along with a mechanism for dealing with alleged breaches of the cap.

**AP – RP to revise the proposal taking into account feedback, and recirculate (*see below*).**

4. **Divisional structure.** The idea of reducing Premier Section divisions from 12 to 10 teams had been raised previously and was revisited. The aims were to improve quality of playing standards, and reduce the need for Sundays to be used for cup and T20 ties. There was no significant support for the idea at this time, and it was decided to leave for now and concentrate on bringing in the points cap.

5. **Grounds & facilities.** It was agreed that there should be increased emphasis on maintaining Premier-League standard facilities. RP said that he will reissue the Premier Section Ground & Facilities criteria and emphasise to captains that their reports should be used to highlight any shortcomings. JB said that clubs must register with [Pitch Power](#) to be eligible for ECB/Sport England funding for pitch improvements.

**AP – RP to arrange for captains to be reminded of criteria and reporting process and to circulate Pitch Power information via the bulletin.**

6. **Premier League criteria requirements.** All PS clubs are compliant with the girls' Lead Co-Ordinator role requirement. The next step is that each club must participate in a girls' match during 2026.

**AP – League to monitor compliance and issue reminders.**

7. **Other business**

i. *Presentation dinner.* The confirmed date for 2026 is Friday 13 November, again at OEC. AF said that he proposed to book Ryan Sidebottom as guest speaker.

**AP – AF to make booking.**

ii. *YCF restructuring.* RP said that there had not yet been any announcement about who has been appointed to the new senior roles, but will advise the committee once known.

**AP – RP to circulate information when known.**

iii. *First weekend of the season.* Due to the current wet weather, two members asked about the possibility of a delayed start to the season. RP said that Admin Rule 41.iv could be considered if the wet weather continues.

8. **Close.** The meeting closed at 8.40.



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## Proposal for a points quota system for games played in the YCSPL Premier Section

The aims of the proposal are:

- to encourage clubs to develop their own players
- to increase the opportunities for junior players to play at first team level
- promote a more level playing field in financial terms across all clubs

The proposal works on the basis of each player having a points value, with a cap on the overall number of points per team per game. The proposed points cap per game is 24 points.

<b>1-point players</b>	
	Players playing for, or returning to, a club for which they played as a junior or made their senior debut.
<b>2-point players – see note 1 below</b>	
a	Players who transferred from a non-Premier Section club prior to the start of the current season.
b	Players who transferred from outside the YCSPL that have played no more than six games in the top two divisions of another Premier League.
c	Players who are not eligible to hold a British Passport but have been a resident in England and Wales for a minimum of 210 days between 1 April and 31 March in the year preceding the start of the relevant season.
<b>3-point players – see note 2 below</b>	
a	Players who transferred from a Premier Section club prior to the start of the current season.
b	Players who transferred from outside the YCSPL that have played more than six games in the top two divisions of another Premier League.
<b>4-point players – see note 3 below</b>	
a	Players who transferred who are currently on a County Academy/EPP pathway or are a county 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI player or National Counties player.
b	England-qualified players who transferred who have played at 1 <sup>st</sup> Class/List A/T20/franchised competition level but not in the last three years.
c	Overseas players who have not played at 1 <sup>st</sup> Class/List A/T20/franchised competition level.
<b>5-point players – see note 4 below</b>	
a	England-qualified players who transferred who have played at 1 <sup>st</sup> Class/List A/T20/franchised competition level in the last three years.
b	Overseas players who have not played at first class level or in a franchised competition in the last three years.
<b>6-point players</b>	
	Overseas players who have played at 1 <sup>st</sup> Class/List A/T20/franchised competition level in the last three years.
<b>7-point players</b>	
	An overseas player who has played at international level in the last five years.

### Notes

1. Reduces to one point after the player has completed three seasons with their club.
2. Reduces to two points after the player has completed three seasons with their club; and to one point after five.
3. Reduces to three points after the player has completed three seasons with their club; to two points after five and one point after seven (4.a and b only).
4. Reduces to four points after the player has completed three seasons with their club; to three points after five; two points after seven; and one point after ten (5.a only).

## **Draft operational rules**

1. Where a player is in two categories the higher points will count unless 1 applies.
2. Clubs with few home-produced players at the outset, or clubs promoted into the Senior Section, may be allowed a higher cap at the start, to be tapered down to the normal cap over an agreed period.
3. Competition Rule 16 *Player Selection* to have an exemption for players demoted for points cap reasons
4. There will be set league points penalties for non-compliance on a match-by-match basis, and no leeway for teams exceeding the cap
5. Each club to submit a list of squad players for their team(s) before the start of the season, along with the points they consider should be allocated to each player. These lists will be checked by the League; corrected, if necessary; certified; and published. Players can be added or removed during the season.
6. The mechanism for reporting and dealing with alleged breaches of the cap will also be published.

## **Implementation**

1. Before finalising the cap, we will conduct sample checks on team selected for league games to ascertain whether a 24-point cap is realistic.
2. In finalising the proposal, we will meet initially with Premier Section team captains to explain the proposal, seek views and input, amend the proposal as necessary, then meet clubs before the final proposal is put to the AGM/EGM.
3. We will ensure a realistic transition period, ie, a minimum of 12 months between final decision at AGM/EGM and implementation.

Please submit any comments on the above to [roger.pugh@ycspl.co.uk](mailto:roger.pugh@ycspl.co.uk).