

South Yorkshire **Senior Cricket League**



**Proposed Rule Changes
for 2017 Season**

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SECTION 1 GENERAL

1. OBJECT

To provide a high standard of competitive cricket for Clubs in and around South Yorkshire.

2. TITLE

The name of the League will be 'The South Yorkshire Senior Cricket League' (SYSCL) together with a sponsor's name, if applicable.

3. CONSTITUTION

- (a) The League will be managed by a League Management Committee (LMC).
- (b) The League will comprise so many member Clubs and so many divisions as the LMC deem appropriate at the end of the year preceding the next season.
- (c) Promotion and relegation will normally operate each season.
- (d) New member Clubs will enter the League at the level that the LMC judge appropriate.
- (e) In any dispute about the interpretation of these rules the decision of the LMC shall be final and binding.
- (f) **It is considered a disciplinary offence for a member, player or club to act in a manner which could prejudice the standing or interests of the SYSCL or any member of it to fail to act promptly to control and/or discipline a player, member or official or any other person involved in an incident of misconduct within the curtilage of the club premises; or could harm or prejudice the standing or interests of the SYSCL wherever it may take place.**

4. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Membership will be available to clubs in and around South Yorkshire who have reached the standard on and off the field set out in the ECB Guidelines. Clubs which did not have ECB Club mark by 1.4.2016 will undertake to use their best endeavours to attain it by 1.4.2018 and the League will give them full support to do so. Clubs must have Club mark to be promoted to Division 2. Clubs wishing to join or to leave the League must follow the procedure set out in Rule 9.3 of the Rules of the Yorkshire Cricket Board
- (b) **Promotion to the Championship Division or Divisions 1 and 2 will require higher standards and will not be automatic, but will be subject to LMC approval.**
- (c) All Championship Division clubs must have junior teams playing in junior leagues at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 age groups. **Divisions 1 and 2 must have 2 junior age group teams.**
- (d) Membership of the League will include membership of the Yorkshire Cricket Council (YCC) and the Yorkshire Cricket Board (YCB).
- (e) New member clubs must serve a probation period of at least two seasons.
- (f) **Clubs will not be allowed promotion into the Championship, Divisions 1 and 2 if they do not provide at least 1 club umpire who must be an ACO member and qualified to a minimum Level 1 and officiate in a minimum of 75% (16) of the fixtures from 2018 season. Any teams already in the Championship, Divisions 1 and 2 who provide at least 1 club umpire who officiates in a minimum of 75% (16) fixtures from 2018 will be awarded 1 point on a week by week basis for every fixture they complete up to a maximum of 16 points.**
- (g) **The points awarded will also apply to clubs in Division 3 to 8 who have club umpires. The points are one umpire per team from the 2018 season.**

SECTION 2 ADMINISTRATION

5. OFFICIALS

The officials of the League will be:-

- (a) The President; Vice-Presidents; The Chairman and Chief Executive; the General Secretary; and the Treasurer.
- (b) With the exception of the Vice-Presidents, these officials will be elected annually by the AGM.

- (c) At least once a year the Treasurer must submit the League accounts for an examination by an accountant who is appointed at the AGM.
- (d) If an official resigns, becomes unavailable, or is removed from office, the LMC will appoint a person or persons to carry out his duties until the next AGM.
- (e) Honoraria will be determined by the AGM.

6. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- (a) The LMC will comprise all the officials listed in Rule 5, plus Life Members, plus 12 other persons elected annually at the AGM.
- (b) It will meet regularly throughout the year and at any other time deemed necessary to conduct business.
- (c) A quorum will be 7.
- (d) It can co-opt as necessary and may appoint sub-committees to deal with particular aspects of the Leagues business. Such sub-committees can co-opt as necessary.

7. GENERAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

- (a) The following meetings will be attended by the LMC and member clubs:-
 - i. Annual General Meeting after the end of each season.
 - ii. Special Delegates Meeting before the start of each season.
 - iii. Extraordinary General Meeting as deemed necessary.
- (b) A minimum of 7 days notice will be given for any such meeting.
- (c) All League officials and one representative from each member club will be entitled to vote.
- (d) Member clubs who fail to attend will be fined £50.
- (e) Clubs and/or individuals submitting agenda items must give written notice to the General Secretary as follows:-
 - i. Annual General Meeting by 30th September
 - ii. Special Delegates Meeting by 1st March
- (f) An EGM may be called by the President, Chairman or General Secretary, acting on behalf of the LMC, as deemed necessary.
- (g) An EGM may also be called by 12 member clubs in writing to the General Secretary, specifying the issue or issues that they wish to raise.

8. YORKSHIRE CRICKET COUNCIL

The LMC will appoint representatives to the YCC in accordance with the rules of that organisation. **See also page ??? the YCC rules. Will add when we have 2017 rules.**

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) The annual membership subscription will be determined by the LMC.
- (b) It must be paid by 30th April
- (c) There may be a surcharge on clubs if there are inadequate funds to meet League expenses

10. FIXTURES

- (a) All fixtures will be arranged by the LMC, which will issue a provisional list for each team.
- (b) All clubs must ensure that their ground is available for 21 Saturdays during the designated season.
- (c) Championship Division, Division 1 and Division 2 teams must play all games on the allotted dates.
- (d) Teams in other Divisions can make changes ONLY by mutual consent. The club initiating any such change must notify the League immediately in writing and must complete and notify re-arrangements by 31st December. **Such rearrangements shall be within 14 days of the original scheduled fixture date and can be a Bank Holiday Monday, if this is not possible then it must be played within 14 days of original fixture, but shall not be after the designated final Saturday of the season. If the fixture cannot be played within 14 days the fixture will be declared an outright win to the team available to play.**
- (e) Only in exceptional circumstances will a request for change, made after publication of the Handbook, be accepted by the LMC. Such a request may incur a fee up to a maximum of £50. If it is accepted, the club which made it is responsible for informing the

opposing team, the original match umpires, and the Appointments Secretary of the SYSCL Umpires Association of the new arrangements.

- (f) All fixtures must be completed. If a club is unable to fulfil all of its fixtures on the same pre-arranged date, the 1st team fixture must be played. If a club is unable to field complete teams on the same day, the 1st team must field 11 players, **this includes all divisions**. At the discretion of the LMC defaulting clubs in the Championship Division and Divisions 1, and 2 may be fined £50 and deducted 10 points.
- (g) In a League match, the team **available to play the game** will be awarded 7 points and the match declared a win in their records, and a loss in the defaulting teams records; or if it is a cup match, the team **available** will go through to the next round of the competition.
- (h) The **team unable to play** will pay **expenses. If an away club concedes after 12.00hrs Thursday it must pay expenses to the home club. (to be decided by the Cricket Committee in default of agreement by the two Clubs)**

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Correspondence relating to cricket matters must be sent to the Secretary of the Cricket sub-Committee.
- (b) Correspondence relating to the League Organisation or any other item should be sent to the General Secretary.
- (c) All clubs must provide the League with a current and valid e-mail address for at least two officers, including the Secretary and Treasurer. **It is the clubs responsibility to advise the League of any changes to these addresses.**
- (d) **Clubs wishing to put forward any new rules or amendments to existing rules must submit them in writing to the SYSCL Rules Revision Chairman by the 31st August each season. The submissions must be by the proposing club Hon Secretary.**

12. PENALTIES

(a) Offences

Infringement of any of the League Rules renders the club responsible liable to **a penalty**.

Failure to supply any of the following will result in a penalty **or a points deduction**.

- (i) teams (in the Championship Division, Division 1 and Division 2) playing with less than 11 players (Rule 18)
- (ii) late start or delay in re-starting after tea interval (Rule16)
- (iii) teams which fail to bowl their overs within the permitted time (Rule 19)
- (iv) failure to post a detailed scorecard on Play Cricket (Rule 23) **will result in a points deduction from the team. See rule 12 (c)**
- (v) failure to have a scorer (Rule 36)
- (vi) failure to complete an umpires marking assessment on Whostheumpire within 5 days of the game being played (this applies to the Championship, Divisions 1, 2, Whitworth & Mick Savage Cups only) **will result in a points deduction from the team. See rule 12 (c).**
- (vii) failure to respond within **an agreed time** and without justifiable cause to a request from the LMC or one of its officers.
- (viii) **failure to register players correctly and then have to be rejected during player registration Rule 28 (c).**
- (ix) **entering a player on the scorecard who did not take part in the match Rule 23 (c) & (d) or did not match or appear on the umpires team card Rule 13. Double the minimum penalty will apply.**

(b) Unpaid Fines and Subscriptions

All fines, invoices, subscriptions and any other monies due to the League should be paid within 14 days of the date of imposition, invoice, or falling due. If any such monies due to the League are not paid within 24 days of such imposition, invoice or falling due, all points gained by the Club after that date and prior to payment shall be deducted.

If the expiry of the 24 day period shall fall in the close season and the payment remains outstanding, then points earned by the Club from the start of the season shall be deducted for the same number of days from the expiry of the 24 day period until payment.

(c) Points Deductions

All point's penalties will happen when they occur, unless application makes no material difference to the League table for the current season when they should be the following season.

1st occasion email warning

2nd occasion final email warning advising next occasion point's deduction.

3rd occasion deduction of 2 points from the offending team.

Every offence after this will be 2 points from the offending team.

SECTION 3 CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Save as varied by these Rules, the laws of Cricket 2015 will apply. The League will also apply all current ECB Regulations, Directives and Guidelines in relation to the safety of young cricketers.

13. NOMINATION OF PLAYERS

Before the toss for innings, the captain of each side must nominate his players, in writing, to the umpires. He must state the dates of birth of all players aged under 19 on 31st August in the year before the match on the approved cards.

14. DURATION OF MATCH

- (a) The Championship Division, **100 overs, unless reduced due to ground or weather conditions. (See Rule 20(f)).** Division 1 and Division 2 will play a match of 100 overs maximum and 60 overs minimum. All other divisions will play a match of 92 overs maximum and 50 overs minimum (see Rule 20 (d) & (e)).
- (b) The incoming batsman should enter the field from the pavilion area and cross with the outgoing batsman on the field of play. The outgoing batsman must not delay his departure from the field. (Players are reminded of Law 31 – Timed Out)
- (c) The side batting first will take up a maximum of half the allotted overs. Any overs, excluding odd balls, not taken up by the side batting first, will be added to their opponent's quota.
- (d) A tea interval, not exceeding 30 minutes, will normally be taken between innings. It can be taken earlier or later, if circumstances make either a sensible option, but only at the umpires' discretion.
- (e) No bowler will be allowed to bowl a total of more than 15 overs in Championship, Division 1 and Division 2 League games and 13 overs in all other divisions. If the start of a match is delayed or overs are reduced, the maximum number of overs permitted per bowler will be as follows:-

Innings

25-28 overs- maximum 8 overs per bowler

29-33 overs- maximum 9 overs per bowler

34-36 overs- maximum 10 overs per bowler

37-39 overs- maximum 11 overs per bowler

40-43 overs- maximum 12 overs per bowler

44-46 overs- maximum 13 overs per bowler

47-49 overs- maximum 14 overs per bowler

15. START TIMES

- (a) Matches will start as follows:-

Championship, Division 1 and Division 2	Other Divisions
April	12.30
May June July	13.00
August	12.30
September	12.00

These times will apply to all League games

All YCCC matches will start at 12.00

For Cup start times see Rule 33 (2) (b)

- (b) The home club's facilities must be available to the visiting team no later than 60 minutes before the match is due to start

- (c) The toss will take place on the field of play not later than 15 minutes before the scheduled start and not earlier than 30 minutes before the start. A side not represented by 8 players will be deemed to have lost the toss.
- (d) Teams must not take the field before the umpires at the start of the match or after any interval.
- (e) All players, including substitutes must wear conventional cricket clothing when taking part in the game.
- (f) Captains are wholly responsible for enforcing this rule.

16. LATE STARTS

Punctuality is essential. A club responsible for a late start or delay in restarting after tea will incur the minimum permitted fine. This is also a 'totting up' offence.

17. LATE ARRIVAL OF PLAYER

When a player arrives after the match has started, the following will apply in the Championship, Division 1 and Division 2:-

Fielding Side

He will not be allowed to bowl until he has been on the field of play for an equivalent number of completed overs to that which had been bowled prior to him appearing on the field of play.

Batting Side

He will not be allowed to bat until he has been present at the ground for an equivalent number of completed overs to that which had been bowled prior to his arrival (except on the fall of the 9th wicket).

Both Sides

- (a) The onus is on the captain to notify the umpires that the player has arrived.
- (b) A player who arrives 90 minutes after the scheduled start of the game, or after completion of the first innings, can only take part as a substitute.

Divisions 3, to 8

Any player arriving late may take a full part in the match. Immediately on the arrival of the late player, the captain must inform the umpire of their arrival.

18. LESS THAN 11 PLAYERS

A minimum of 8 players constitutes a team.

- (a) Clubs must notify the Cricket Committee within 48 hours of the commencement of the match if they are unable to field 11 players and provide a scorer in any match, with an explanation as to the reason. However, save that for teams in Divisions 3 to 8, in the event that a Club cannot field 11 players in all of its Club fixtures on a particular day, then a lower team must not field more than or equal to the number of players in the higher team. (for example, if the Club has 19 players available, the Club may play 11 in the First team and 8 in the Second team, or 10 in the First team and 9 in the Second team. If there are 30 players available for Club that has 3 teams, then the Club may play 11 in the First team and 11 in the Second team, and 8 in the Third team; or 11 in the First team, 10 in the Second team, and 9 in the Third team).
- (b) Clubs playing less than 11 players in matches in the Championship Division, Division 1, and Division 2 may incur the minimum permitted fine. This is also a 'totting up' offence.
- (c) In all cases the Cricket Committee will consider any necessary assistance that may be made available to the Club to resolve the problem, including the attraction of additional players if necessary.
- (d) Clubs are also reminded of the Player Loan facilities in Rule 28

19. OVER RATES WIDES AND FIELDING RESTRICTIONS

- (a) Championship, Division 1 **and Division 2 clubs** must bowl their allotted overs within 3 hours 10 minutes (or pro rata) and all other clubs must bowl their allotted overs within 2 hours 55 minutes (or pro rata), except where either team declares or an innings is completed in fewer than the allotted overs. Umpires will be the judge of any extenuating circumstances. The times specified in this clause shall include any drinks breaks, but it shall be a matter for the discretion of the umpires as to whether to extend the times as a result of any other stoppages.

- In the CHAMPIONSHIP, **DIVISION 1, DIVISION 2, WHITWORTH CUP and MICK SAVAGE CUP**, all sides are expected to be in a position to bowl the first ball of the last over within their allocated playing time. (Championship, **D1 and D2 matches** of 50 overs - 3 hours and 10 minutes and in the Whitworth Cup and **Mick Savage Cup** of 45 overs - 2 hours and 50 minutes). In the event of them failing to do so, the full quota of overs will be completed, and the batting side will be credited with 5 runs for every over that has not been started. This will apply to both innings of the match. If the side batting second is credited with runs in this way, and this consequently takes their score to or past their victory target, then the match will be deemed to have been won by the side batting second. All penalties in this regard will be imposed immediately the ball first becomes dead. Play must not continue until the Umpires and Scorers are satisfied that the score is displayed on the scoreboard. If the innings is terminated before the scheduled or re-scheduled cut-off time, no over rate penalty shall apply. If the innings is interrupted, the over-rate penalty will apply based on the re-scheduled cessation time for that innings.
- (b) In Championship League, Division 1, Division 2, Whitworth Cup, and Mick Savage Cup matches, umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation of the law relating to leg side wide balls. Any ball passing down the leg side of the batsman and outside the line of the leg stump which does not come into contact with the bat or any part of the batsman's person shall be called and signalled Wide Ball regardless of whether the batsman has moved across or not.
 - (c) **Fielding Restrictions.** Throughout the match, the fielding side shall have **minimum of 6** fielders (including the bowler and wicket keeper) inside a designated area which is defined by two semi circles, each with a radius of **30** yards, with their centres being the middle stumps. The ends of each semi-circle shall be joined to the other by a straight line drawn on the field on the same side of the pitch. Either umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball' at the instant of delivery if this rule is not observed. Clubs must **ALSO** use white discs to mark out the designated area. White lines alone are not sufficient.
 - (d) Any full pitched ball (regardless of pace) which passes or would have passed above waist height of the striker standing upright at the crease shall be called a 'no ball' and unless it is a slow ball, the umpire shall implement the procedures set out in Law 42.7.
 - (e) A bowler shall be limited to bowling two fast, short pitched balls in an over (the umpire at the bowlers end shall make it clear to both the bowler and the batsman when he considers that such a ball has been bowled). A fast short pitched delivery is a ball which passes or would have passed above the shoulder of the batsman standing at the crease. If this limit is exceeded, the umpire at the bowlers end shall call and signal 'no ball' on each such occasion.
 - (f) **A team shall field no more than 5 fielders on the leg side at any time, in any league and cup competitions.**

20. MATCHES AFFECTED BY ADVERSE WEATHER OR GROUND CONDITIONS

- (a) No match can be cancelled due to adverse weather or ground conditions more than 4 hours before the scheduled start time. **Any club wishing to cancel a game due to weather or ground conditions must obtain prior agreement from the visiting team and must not present their opponents with a 'fait accompli'. The visiting side shall have the right to reject the cancellation and insist on travelling, in which case the home team must make every effort to stage the game. A club failing to comply with this requirement may be regarded as conceding the game and suffer the appropriate penalty.**
- (b) If the away team chooses to **travel**, and there is no play, they must pay both umpires expenses and a fee of £35 by way of compensation for teas.
- (c) In these circumstances the umpires are the sole judges as to whether or not conditions are fit for play.
- (d) Except as in 20 (f) below, if play cannot begin within **2.5** hours of the scheduled start time, the match will be abandoned as a draw.
- (e) If adverse weather delays the start of a match, umpires will deduct overs as follows:-
 - Up to 7.5 minutes – 1 over each side
 - Up to 15 minutes – 2 overs each side
 - Up to 22.5 minutes – 3 overs each side
 - Up to 30 minutes - 4 overs per side

And so on (ie further reductions of 1 over per side for every 7.5 minutes or part thereof) down to a minimum of 60 overs in Division 1 and Division 2 or 50 overs in other divisions.

(f) **CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION AND WHITWORTH CUP ONLY**

- (i) **START of PLAY.** Unless ground or weather conditions do not permit, all games will commence at the scheduled start time. If play has not started within 3 hours, an early tea should be taken at that point. In order to allow a minimum of 20 overs per side to be played, no game will start after 4 hours and 45 minutes after the scheduled start time. See table below.

<i>Scheduled Start Time</i>	<i>Play Not Started By</i>	<i>Latest Start Time</i>
April - 12.30hrs	15.30 hrs	17.15hrs
May, June & July - 13.00hrs	16.00hrs	17.45hrs
August - 12.30hrs	15.30hrs	17.15hrs
September - 12.00hrs	15.00hrs	16.45hrs

- (ii) **DURATION of PLAY** - The normal duration of play will be 50 overs per side, unless reduced due to ground or weather conditions – see paragraph (iv) below. Any unused overs in the first innings will not be carried forward into the second innings. In order to achieve a result, both sides must have had the opportunity of batting for a minimum of 20 overs. Where bad weather is anticipated later in the day, if both sides agree, the duration of the match may be reduced. In these circumstances, a match of at least 30 overs per side must be played.
- (iii) **INTERVALS** - A tea interval of 30 minutes will be taken between innings, unless tea is taken during a stoppage due to ground or weather conditions. If the tea interval is not taken between innings a further 15-minute interval will be taken between the innings. One drinks interval will normally be taken in each innings; this may be dispensed with or added to only by agreement of both captains.
- (iv) **TIME LOST BEFORE AND DURING THE GAME** - All time lost after the scheduled start time will be aggregated. The first hour lost will be ignored. Any time lost due to ground, weather or light conditions in excess of one hour (except as in (v) below) will result in the deduction of four overs for every further complete 15 minutes lost. For example:

<i>Time lost in total</i>	<i>Net loss over one hour</i>	<i>Deduction</i>
50 mins	nil	nil
1 hr 15 mins	15 mins	4
2 hr 25 min	1 hr 25 min	20 (10 min ignored)
4 hr 10 min	3 hr 10 min	48 (10 min ignored)

- (v) **Where overs are reduced after the scheduled start of the match, the result will be determined by the DLS method**
- (vi) **Where, for whatever reason, the first innings lasts for less than 3 hours 10 minutes, or any proportionally reduced time, the balance of unused time will be added to the one hour that is allowed before overs are reduced in the second innings. For example; when the first innings lasts for 2 hours 30 minutes, there is an unused balance of 40 minutes, which means that in the second innings, 1 hour 40 minutes will be allowed before overs are deducted as above.**
- (g) **All other divisions** - After a match has started there can be no deductions of overs, and the match will continue to its conclusion so long as the umpires consider conditions are fit to do so. If the team batting second are unable to complete their allotted overs, the match is drawn (unless, of course, their innings is completed)
- (h) From Divisions 3 to 8, **Presidents Cup and Billy Oates Cup**, if bad weather is forecast on the day, teams may play a reduced over match, minimum **25** overs per side. **If the captains can't agree** the umpires will decide. The umpire's fees will remain unchanged in a reduced overs game.

- (i) **Matches without umpires, where captains disagree on a reduced over match status quo will apply.**
- (j) Umpires and Captains must be aware of Child Protection Guidelines when there are ground weather and light issues, or a match continues after its normal finishing time.

21. COVERS

- (a) In the event of rain delaying or interrupting a match, the HOME team is responsible for making every effort to make play possible.
- (b) Clubs must use covers to completely or partially protect the pitch during inclement weather, if adverse weather causes a delayed start to a match, or immediately there is an interruption of play. Umpires must report any club failing to do so.
- (c) Clubs must ensure that, where necessary, covers are used in the days prior to the match. If it is established that every effort has not been made on the day of and the days prior to the match to ensure that the match takes place the MCC can rule that the match has been conceded by the host club

22. OTHER THAN HOME GROUND

- (a) If more than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the match, the home team's ground is unfit or unavailable, and the visitors ground will be fit and available, then the match will take place as scheduled but at the visitors ground. Rules 20 and 23 shall apply if the match is further affected by the weather.
- (b) A club may play on a ground other than their own, only with the permission of the LMC. If permission is granted, the club must pay all expenses incurred by the host club and/or owners of the ground. The alternative ground must meet SYSCCL standards. Clubs playing any game on a ground other than shown in the Club Directory must notify the umpires, the Umpires Secretary, their opponents and all interested parties for each match.

23. POINTS SYSTEM

- (a) Points will be awarded as follows:-
 - 7 points - Side scoring most runs and the opposition innings completed.
 - 5 points - Side scoring most runs and the opposition innings incomplete.
 - 3 points - For each side when scores are level when the match is completed.
 - 2 points - Side batting 2nd and score at least 90% of opponents score & having wickets in hand.
 - 1 point - Side batting 2nd and score at least 75% of opponents score & having wickets in hand.
 - 7 points - For a side whose opponents do not fulfil the fixture.**
 - 2 points - For each side when a match is cancelled or not completed.
- (b) In the event of two or more teams in the same division having the same number of points at the end of the season, the highest league place will be determined by applying the following criteria in order:-
 1. The team with most wins
 2. The team with most Bonus Points
 3. The team with most points in the games against each other.
 4. The net run rate. This will be calculated by dividing 'runs per wicket for' by 'runs per wicket against'
- (c) **The full detailed scorecard of the match**, together with the leading performances, must be posted by the home team on the ECB 'Play Cricket' Internet site by midnight on the day of the match for all matches. The away team must confirm the result by midnight on the day following the game, also on the Play Cricket site.
- (d) Both the Home and Away clubs must ensure that all players are registered and identified correctly in all aspects of the **administration** scorecard by midday on the Thursday following matches played on the Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday before confirming the result as described below. Any player not identified correctly in all aspects of the scorecard on the administration scorecard will result in a **team penalty as per rule 12 (c)**
- (e) Cup Games cannot be entered as abandoned or cancelled as a result must be obtained at some time. Do not enter any result, scorecard or other detail if the game was

abandoned, cancelled or requires a replay. Instead, notify the competition administrator of the date of the re-scheduled game.

24 TEAS

All visiting clubs will pay for a minimum of 11 teas and the maximum charge that shall be made to the visiting club shall be £4.00p per tea. In addition the home Club shall provide teas free of charge for the umpires and scorers. **Refer also to Rule 20 (b).**

25 MATCH BALLS

- (a) Clubs are responsible for the collection of their cricket ball orders. The League will not accept responsibility for any cricket balls (or equipment) not collected on the appointed date. Any financial loss as a result of a clubs failure to do so, shall be the responsibility of the club concerned
- (b) Championship Division and Division 1 clubs must use the Reader Sovereign ball. All other Divisions must use the Reader Sovereign ball or the Reader League Special ball. All such balls used must have the SYSCL stamp.
- (c) If the away team, when fielding, lose the match ball and the spare, the home team shall provide all additional balls which shall be approved by the umpires.
- (d) Members of the batting side must search for any lost balls during play
- (e) A new ball must be used at the start of each innings unless mutually agreed by captains and umpires prior to the toss.

26 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- (a) Two teams will normally be relegated from the Championship Division to Division 1, and two teams promoted from Division 1 to the Championship Division.
Three teams will normally be relegated from Division 1 to Division 2, and two teams promoted from Division 2 to Division 1. One team from the Pontefract league (Champions or 2nd placed) as part of the pyramid system will go into Division 1 if they meet the required criteria. Should they not meet the criteria in any given season the promotion spot would go to the 3rd placed team in SYSCL Division 2.
Should a team that has been promoted into SYSCL Division 1 via the Pontefract route finish in the bottom 3 (i.e. a normal relegation position), then they would return to the Pontefract League rather than SYSCL Division. This will be mandatory, to protect the Pontefract League and to ensure that travelling isn't increased in the lower divisions of the SYSCL. If, however they finished outside of the relegation places, they should retain their place in the normal course of business. This would not affect any future Champions or 2nd placed teams of the Pontefract League being promoted, subject as always to the entry criteria.
Promotion and Relegation, from Divisions 3 to Divisions 8 **will be 2 promoted, 3 if a Pontefract team does not come into the league, and 3 relegated from each division**, decided on an annual basis by the LMC, **and have the right to adjust**, taking into consideration new applicants, and will be conveyed to clubs as soon as possible after the YCB deadline for applications.
- (b) The LMC may adjust promotion and relegation as necessary, for example if a new Club has been accepted for admission to the League. The LMC will announce this at the Delegates Meeting immediately before the start of the season.
- (c) Teams will also have to satisfy the Facilities conditions as to the Division into which they are to be promoted, and should they fail to do so, the team that finishes highest of the teams that would otherwise be relegated, shall not be relegated.
- (d) Where a 2nd XI is due for promotion to the same division as the Club's 1st XI no promotion will take place, and the next eligible team in the lower division may be promoted instead.
- (e) Where a club's 1st XI is due to be relegated to the same division as its 2nd XI, its 2nd XI will be relegated to the next lower division and may be replaced by the next eligible team from that division.

SECTION 4 CLUBS and PLAYERS

27 REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION

(a) Club Registration and their Officials

- (i) All Clubs must have their own registered ECB Play-Cricket website

- (ii) All SYSCl Clubs must identify the following minimum number of Club Officials in the About Us section of their Play-Cricket website under the Officials tab, namely:- Chairman, **Hon** Secretary, **Hon** Treasurer, **all** Website Main Administrators, Child Welfare Officers, Head Groundsman, Team Captains (**this is taken from the Teams Tab of the website**), **Hon Results Administrators** and Cancellations Contact.
- (iii) Any Official who has more than one role should be entered for each role, as e-mail sent through the website will be directed to each person in that position. .
- (iv) Club Officials who are not registered players with the SYSCl must be members of the SYSCl Play-Cricket website.
- (v) All Club Officials are required to include their telephone numbers with the exception of the Club Secretary, who must include his full postal address and postcode as per the Handbook

(b) Player Registration

All Clubs must register their players via their own ECB Play-Cricket website to the ECB South Yorkshire Senior Cricket League play cricket website www.sycl.play-cricket.com

(c) Registration of Players

Players are available to register for any SYSCl cricket club at any time in or out of season providing they have not played in any other ECB Saturday League in the current or the previous season. In any other case see Rule 28.

All players over 18 years of age will require their own online Play-Cricket account assigned to their respective clubs and will consist of:-

- (i) The Players full First names and Surname.
- (ii) The Players e-mail address (Club e-mail addresses are not acceptable)
- (iii) The Players correct date of birth
- (iv) The Players full residential postal address and post code.
- (v) The Players contact telephone numbers (Club phone numbers are not acceptable)
- (vi) For Players who genuinely do not have e-mail addresses, that box must remain blank. The Players named and a statement that the Player does not have an e-mail address should be added to the supplementary information during registration.
- (vii) Junior players without e-mail addresses are to be supplemented with the parent or guardian's e-mail address as temporary registration only.
- (viii) Players with Play-Cricket online accounts, ie they have their own username and password, will be dealt with first as they are less likely to have any mistakes, but should be nominated by 10.30am Wednesday, just in case there are some further checks to be made.
- (ix) **Players under 18 years of age or who genuinely do not have e-mail addresses can be a Temporary registered Players**, ie those being registered by details as in **(i) to (v) above** being inputted by Clubs Main Administrators, will be actioned in order of nomination, but must be accurately inputted by 10.30am on Tuesday. Any incorrect nomination rejected will go to the back of the queue on their return and may not be completed before the Thursday deadline.
- (x) All players registered with the SYSCl clubs must be selected for a least one team within the Squad Player tab in each player's Edit Roles.**
- (xi) After this date any new YCB affiliated players will have to comply with Rule 28
- (xii) Non YCB affiliated Players, not registered, must be advised in writing to the umpire prior to the person playing in the match, and advised to the general secretary within 24 hours of playing.
- (xiii) No overseas Player may be registered after 30th June.
- (xiv) At the end of the season, all overseas players will be removed from the SYSCl registration.
- (xv) The above deadlines are there to be fair to all parties, but nominations are a continuous process and will continue beyond the deadlines.

(d) Player Qualification

A player will normally qualify to play in the SYSCl competitions if:-

- (i) He was born in the UK or
- (ii) One of his parents was born in the UK and he is living , and has for the last 4 years been living in the UK or

- (iii) He is living and has been living in the UK for the last 7 years or
- (iv) He is living and has been living in the UK for the last 4 years, which includes his 14th birthday, and must be either a UK or Irish citizen
- (v) However a player who does not qualify under the above criteria, but is ordinarily resident in the UK, may register to play in the SYSCL, if, and only if the following apply
- (vi) He has lived in the UK for 24 consecutive months before the date of the registration and has not been out of the UK longer than 35 days consecutively, or a total of 70 days in total during those 24 months.
- (vii) A player who does not qualify under (i) may register as an 'overseas player'. A club can only play one 'overseas player' per team. This does not preclude registration of more than one.

(e) Junior Qualification

- (i) Players under 12 on 31st August of the previous year are not eligible to play in senior cricket, save that players aged 11 on the 1st September in the year preceding the season may play only if they have been selected in a County U12 or above 'District Level' squad, and have written parental consent.
- (ii) Players under 13 on that date are allowed to play in senior cricket only with the written approval of their parent AND a Level 2 coach, **but see Age Group Table.**
- (iii) Players under 15 on that date are allowed to play in the Championship Division and Division 1 only with the prior approval of the Cricket sub-Committee

The Age Group Table				
Age Group & School Year	D of B	Overs per Spell	Overs per Day	Permission Required
U19 (Y14)	1.9.97 to 31.8.98	18	7	
U18 (Y13)	1.9.98 to 31.8.99	18	7	
U17 (Y12)	1.9.99 to 31.8.00	18	7	
U16 (Y11)	1.9.00 to 31.8.01	18	7	
U15 (Y10)	1.9.01 to 31.8.02	12	6	Cricket Committee Prem & Div 1
U14 (Y9)	1.9.02 to 31.8.03	12	6	
U13 (Y8)	1.9.03 to 31.8.04	10	5	Parent
U12 (Y7)	1.9.04 to 31.8.05	10	5	County U12 or above dist level + Parent

A breach of Rule 27 shall be considered by the LMC and the penalty imposed shall be at the discretion of the Committee up to the maximum imposed for a breach of Rule 30.

28 TRANSFERS

(a) Player Transfers Periods

- (i) **At the end of the season, players remain registered with the club with which they were most recently registered in the season just ended. The players are not free agents. Any club wishing to sign a player from another club must not contact the**

player directly, but should follow the YCB transfer procedure which is set out in rule 29

- (ii) Any club wanting to sign a player must not contact the player direct, but should follow the YCB transfer procedure in rule 29.
- (iii) Players wishing to transfer between clubs within the SYSCCL will commence on 1st October following one season and be completed by 31st March prior to the next season commencing except with the following exemptions:-
 - (a) Special permission granted by the League Management Committee on the grounds of benefit to the SYSCCL, the Clubs involved or the players possible professional playing career.
- (iv) Players wishing to transfer into the SYSCCL or players transferring outside the SYSCCL to clubs of another Saturday cricket league will commence on 1st October following one season be completed by the 31st July within the following season.
 - (a) Any player transferring from a SYSCCL cricket club to another league and then wanting to return within the same transfer period will only be allowed to transfer back into the SYSCCL cricket club from which he left unless exemptions (i) (a) and apply Rule 28 (a) (i) above.
- (iii) Overseas transfers will also remain unchanged from the 1st October preceding each season to 30th June of the ongoing season.
- (iv) Registrations for Temporary (Helper) Members remains what it should be for those who are helping out for the odd game like a father to get his son a game or someone out of the pub, usually in lower division's.

(b) Player Transfers

- (i) All players over 18 years of age and transferring either from within the SYSCCL clubs or transferring into the SYSCCL must have a Play-Cricket online account.
- (ii) All players over 18 years of age and those younger than 18 with Play-Cricket online accounts transferring within the SYSCCL can be transferred without a YCB transfer form.
- (iii) All paperless transfers from within the SYSCCL will be initiated by the player login on to his new intended cricket clubs Play-Cricket website and clicking on his name and from the drop down menu click on Join this site.
- (iv) When the players intended new club accepts the player as member of their cricket club the following procedure must be carried out before his application can be applied to the SYSCCL Play-Cricket website for a transfer registration in order to comply with the YCB transfer of players.
- (v) A player shall not negotiate with another club unless he can produce written permission from his present Club. Such permission must be provided within 48 hours of request unless the player has outstanding obligations to that Club. (Emails are acceptable as written permission and must be kept by the player's new club until the end of the current season. Failure to be able to produce such written evidence when requested by the SYSCCL may result in a point's deduction.)
- (vi) An individual Club (which in all circumstances implies Officials, members of or society interested in that Club) shall not approach or negotiate with any player of any other Club similarly associated with the Board for the purpose of securing his services without asking the player's Club, in writing, for permission to do so. (Emails are acceptable as written permission and must be kept by the player's new club until the end of the current season. Failure to be able to produce such written evidence when requested by the SYSCCL may result in a point's deduction.)

- (vii) The player's present club via their club website will have 48 hrs in which to raise any valid objections or accept the transfer to proceed immediately within the 48 hours. The 48 hours commences as soon as the player's new club has applied for the player's transfer to the SYSCL website becomes pending.
- (viii) When the player's written permission has been received from the player's present club the registration details must then match those required in Rule 27 (c) the transfer application can be made to the SYSCL Play-Cricket website by one of the player's new club main administrators by applying the player for a transfer registration. On the application the player's new club must identify the name and the official's position of the player's present club who has agreed to the transfer.
- (ix) The player's present club need take no action after giving written permission to player's new club or clicking to agree the transfer on their website the player will automatically be transferred by the Play-Cricket system following early agreement from the player's present club or any time 48 hours after the application has been submitted correctly.
- (x) All internal transfers by players under 18 years of age without online accounts will be required to follow the YCB Rule 9.2 Transfer of Players with the relevant written permissions and written agreements between the two clubs and a completed current YCB transfer form.
- (c) General Information**
- (i) Regulations as laid down by the YCB as set out in Rule 29 will apply with the following additions.
- (ii) Any player who is a member of a club affiliated to the YCB must obtain an official transfer from his existing club on the approved YCB transfer form before playing in the SYSCL.
- (iii) Transfers from outside the County must be accompanied by an appropriate transfer form or an official letter from the club concerned signed by a senior club official (ie Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer).
- (iv) This transfer must be registered with the General Secretary, in writing, before the player appears for his new club.
- (v) All paper YCB transfer forms and SYSCL overseas player transfer registration forms must be sent to the SYSCL Secretary as per the rules.
- (vi) A legible electronic image (ie photocopy or digital photograph) of the transfer Form or Overseas Player registration Form must be sent to the Player Registrar. **The electronic image must file must be renamed to include the player's First Name and Surname.**
- (vii) Players wishing to change clubs at the start of a new season must obtain a transfer from their previous season's club.
- (viii) Clubs may only withhold a request if a player has failed to fulfil all financial or contractual obligations.
- (ix) A player may not transfer to any other affiliated club if he has failed to pay any fine imposed under a League's disciplinary rules.
- (x) No transfers will be allowed between August 1st and September 30th.
- (xi) Any objection to a **player's YCB transfer form** must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary within 5 days of the transfer request. (for this purpose the date of receipt will be taken as the date of request)
- (xii) A player will have the right of appeal to the LMC if a transfer is refused or delayed without just cause
- (xiii) A Registered Senior Player may transfer on a loan basis in order to assist short-handed Clubs. Such a Player shall not have made more than two appearances at a level of more than two Divisions above the borrowing team. All Senior Player Loans must be approved by the Cricket Committee Chairman in advance, in order to prevent team strengthening. The Senior Player Loan System shall only apply to players registered with the SYSCL, unless agreed with the Cricket Committee Chairman.
- (xiv) **All players over 18 years of age and transferring on loan either from within the SYSCL clubs or transferring on loan into the SYSCL must have a Play-Cricket**

online account avoiding duplicate records. When the player's registration details match those required in Rule 27 (c) the transfer application can be made to the SYSCCL Play-Cricket website by one of the players loaning club main administrators by applying the player for a transfer registration. On the application the player's new loaning club must identify the name and official position of the player's present club who has agreed to the loan transfer. Accompanying this loan application and within 24 hrs of each other and email must be sent to the SYSCCL player registrar. In the subject line of the email must be the players full First Name, Surname, the player's present club and the loaning club details. In the body of the email must be identified the players present club official's full name and the position of the player's present club who has agreed to the loan transfer.

- (xv) No such player, whether Junior or Senior, involved in a loan transfer, shall be permitted to sign for the borrowing Club for the current or subsequent season without the permission of the loaning Club and approval of the Cricket Committee Chairman.
- (xvi) A breach of Rule 28 shall be considered by the LMC and the penalty imposed shall be at the discretion of the LMC up to the maximum imposed for a breach of Rule 30.

29 TRANSFER OF PLAYERS (YCB Guidelines)

9.2.1. A Club affiliated to a member League as in 4.3 or a member being an individual Club (which in all circumstances implies Officials, members or society interested in that Club) shall not approach or negotiate with any player of any other Club similarly associated with the Board for the purpose of securing his services without asking the player's Club, in writing, for permission to do so. The permission may only be withheld if there is an outstanding obligation by the player and must, otherwise, be sent in writing or in the case of a player moving to a club in another League be sent on an official YCB Player Transfer Form, to the requesting Club within 14 days. Complaints arising under this Rule should normally be settled by the Clubs and/or Leagues involved. Failing settlement, appeal should be made to the Board whose decision shall be final.

9.2.2. A player shall not negotiate with a Club affiliated to a member or with a member being an individual club unless he can produce written permission from his present Club. Such permission must be provided within seven days unless the player has outstanding obligations to that Club and in the case of the player moving to a club in another League be sent on an official YCB Player Transfer Form.

The player shall have the right of appeal to the Board whose decision shall be final should he consider permission is being withheld without just cause.

9.2.3 Where a player is a bona-fide member of two or more clubs, affiliated to (a) Member Saturday League(s), his/her registration shall only be held by one of those clubs. Any movement for playing purposes between these clubs shall comply with all the transfer requirements of other sections of the rule.

When a Club has teams in more than one League, arrangements for the movement of players between the Leagues concerned should be agreed with the respective Leagues prior to the commencement of the Season.

9.2.4. Should a player registered with any Member club, being under the age of 21 and not being capped by any County Club, be invited to play with the Yorkshire Academy team, he may do so and subsequently return to the club with which he is registered without the need for a YCB Player Transfer Form to be completed in either case.

9.2.5. A player moving clubs for the following season must have the necessary YCB Player Transfer Form, letter or certificate from his previous club certifying that he has no obligations, financial, disciplinary or otherwise to that Club. In the case of a player moving to a Club in another League, an official YCB Player Transfer Form MUST be used. This form constitutes a registration with a new club for the following

year and the player is registered with his new club upon completion of the form. Any further change of club can only be by consent of the parties concerned following the procedure in the first paragraph. Where a player has entered into a written contract with a club for the following year and in the event of a subsequent wish to further change clubs, the club for which he has signed the contract is deemed to be his previous club and the contract, unless terminated by consent, means he has an obligation to that club. Copies of all completed transfer forms must be submitted to the League Secretary concerned.

The penalty for not following the procedure will be 7 points deducted from the club 1st XI.

30 PLAYERS PLAYING FOR 1ST XI AND 2ND XI

- (a) All clubs are expected to play within 'The Spirit of the Game' and this should be reflected in their team selection. The LMC will not accept the selection of players from a higher League or Division. For the guidance of clubs, this would exclude players recovering from injury or loss of form. . It would also exclude Yorkshire Academy Players (who are members of Clubs in the ECB Yorkshire Premier League South and are not selected on that day to play for the Academy) from playing in the SYSCL for the Club with which they are registered, as they would be prevented by Academy Rules from playing in the YPLS for the Club with which they are registered.
- (b) If a club feels that their opponents have breached this Rule they or any other club adversely affected by such breach, should report the matter to the Secretary of the Cricket sub-Committee in writing within 10 days of the match, giving all relevant details of the complaint. Complaints must be accompanied by a £50 deposit refundable if the complaint has merit; otherwise this will be donated to Junior Cricket. For the avoidance of doubt, the LMC may impose a penalty outside the 10 day time limit, but will take into account when deciding whether or not to do so, the reasons why a complaint has not been made within the time limit by the opponent or any club affected.

Violation of Rule 30 in League matches will result in the match being declared a **7-0 win** for the non-offending team and **will** also result in a deduction of 7 points against the offending team. In cup matches the offending team will lose the tie, and be deducted 7 League points.

SECTION 5 TROPHIES AND MERIT PRIZES

31 LEAGUE TROPHIES

Clubs are responsible for the safety protection and insurance of League trophies in their possession and for their repair and cleaning before the return to the League by 30th September. The League will be responsible for the cost of engraving trophies won by League Teams in League and Inter-League Team Competitions.

Championship	- The Mark Smith Memorial Trophy
Division 1	- The Tuby Cup
Division 2	- The S C Ward Cup
Division 3	- The Sismay Cup
Division 4	- The George Lawrence Trophy
Division 5	- The Paul Hunt Cup
Division 6	- The Oscar Baines Silver Cup
Division 7	- The Arthur Thompson Cup
Division 8	- The Ronnie Walters Cup

Cup Competitions

The Whitworth Cup; The Mick Savage Memorial Trophy; The President's Cup, The Billy Oates Cup and the League 20/20 competition

The Ian Dickinson Memorial Trophy	-	for the Whitworth Cup Final Man of the Match
The Hunsley Cup	-	for the Highest Aggregate of runs in League matches only
The Turner Cup	-	for the Highest Aggregate of Wickets in League matches only

The Harry May QPM Rose Bowl	-	for Meritorious service to the League
The Ben Jessop Junior Cup	-	For outstanding batting Performance(s)
The Ernest Bullock Memorial Trophy	-	for the Best All Rounder
The Ben Jessop Fair Play Trophy	-	For the Team Playing in the Best Spirit of the Game (voted for by the League Umpires)
The Mick Green Memorial Trophy	-	For Services to Umpiring
The Stuart Fearnley Trophy	-	For long and outstanding services to scoring
The Readers Junior Award	-	For outstanding bowling Performance(s)
The Dominic Sayles Trophy	-	For outstanding junior all rounder
The Chairman's Special Award(s)	-	For outstanding Performance(s)
The George Parkes Trophy	-	For the Chairman's Champagne Moment
The William Pye Trophy	-	For long and outstanding Administrative service

32 MERIT PRIZES

All divisional Batting, Bowling, and Wicket Keeping Awards will be taken from the ECB South Yorkshire Senior Cricket League Play-Cricket website were individual performances will be aggregated. It is the SYSCCL cricket clubs responsibility to ensure that all players' statistics have been correctly allocated to the players via the relevant match scorecards.

The LMC will provide clubs with a list of qualifiers, which must be verified by each club secretary.

The qualifying criteria are:-

Senior Batting

Championship	500 Runs	12 innings
Division 1	500 Runs	12 innings
Division 2	500 Runs	12 innings
Division 3	400 Runs	12 innings
Division 4	400 Runs	12 innings
Division 5	400 Runs	12 innings
Division 6	400 Runs	12 innings
Division 7	400 Runs	12 innings
Division 8	400 Runs	12 innings
Junior Batting	300 Runs	10 innings

Senior Bowling

Championship	35 wickets	12 matches
Division 1	35 wickets	12 matches
Division 2	35 wickets	12 matches
Division 3	30 wickets	12 matches
Division 4	30 wickets	12 matches
Division 5	30 wickets	12 matches
Division 6	30 wickets	12 matches
Division 7	30 wickets	12 matches
Division 8	30 wickets	12 matches
Junior Bowling	25 wickets	10 matches

All Rounder An all-rounder award will be given for each Division.

Senior Wicketkeeper. A Wicket keeping Award will be given for the best wicketkeeper in each Division. Qualification 20 victims. If two players tie for First Place, the winner will be the one who has most stumping's.

Junior Wicketkeeper An award will be given for the best junior wicketkeeper.

- A junior player is one who has not reached his 19th birthday by August 31st in the previous year.
- If no-one qualifies for a particular prize, the LMC has discretion to make an award to the most successful player in that category.
- Junior players must be indicated accordingly on the Play Cricket website.

SECTION 6 COMPETITIONS OTHER THAN LEAGUE

33A THE WHITWORTH, MICK SAVAGE, PRESIDENT'S AND BILLY OATES CUPS

1. Eligibility

In all cup competitions the decision where teams are placed be at the discretion of the Cricket Committee.

- (a) Whitworth Cup – Championship teams
- (b) Mick Savage Cup – Division 1 and 2 teams
- (c) Presidents Cup – Divisions **3, 4 and 5 teams.**
- (d) Billy Oates Trophy – Divisions **6, 7 and 8 teams.**
- (e) All Clubs must be represented in at least one of the Cup Competitions, and only one team from each Club may compete in each competition, **this is mandatory for clubs in Division 2 and above, and voluntary for Division 3 and below.**

2. Rules

All matches will be played on a knock-out basis and initially be played on Sundays. The reserve date will be the Sunday following the original fixture date unless shown otherwise in the handbook.

- (a) League Rules will apply save as set out in this rule
- (b) All matches will start at 1.30 (except that the Final of each competition shall start at **12.00**)
(Please note that all YCCC matches start at 12.00)
- (c) Matches will comprise a maximum 45 and a minimum 20 overs per innings.
- (d) Teams must bowl their 45 overs in 2 hours 50 minutes (or pro rata). The penalty for failure to do so will be the minimum permitted fine. For the Whitworth and Mick Savage Cups, see Rule 19 (a).
Umpires will be the judges of any extenuating circumstances.
- (e) Fielding Restrictions For the first 15 overs, or pro rata if the overs are reduced, there must be no more than 2 fielders outside the designated area. For the remaining overs, no more than 5 fielders are permitted outside that area. The area is defined by two semi circles, each with a radius of **30** yards, with their centres being the middle stumps. The ends of each semi-circle shall be joined to the other by a straight line drawn on the field on the same side of the pitch. Either umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball' at the instant of delivery if this rule is not observed. Clubs must use white discs to mark out the designated area. White lines alone are not adequate.
- (f) No bowler may bowl more than 9 overs. If, before the match starts, there is a reduction of overs in each innings, the 9 overs should be reduced pro rata. There will be no reduction of overs due to adverse weather after the match has started.
- (g) Wide Balls
Except in the President's and Billy Oates Cups, umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation of the law relating to leg side wide balls. Any ball passing down the leg side of the batsman and outside the line of the leg stump which does not come into contact with the bat or any part of the batsman's person shall be called and signalled Wide Ball regardless of whether the batsman has moved across or not.
- (h) Except as provided in 'j' below, the winners of a match will be the team scoring most runs.
- (i) If more than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the match the home team's ground is unfit or unavailable, and the visitors ground will be fit and available, then the match will take place as scheduled but at the visitors ground. If that ground is unfit at the scheduled start time such that the match cannot be completed that day, and as a result does not start, then ground advantage shall revert to the original home team on the date that the match is rescheduled to take place, but the provisions of this rule shall apply to the rescheduled date.
- (j)(i) **Duckworth Lewis Stern will be used in the Whitworth Cup. See Rule 20 (f) In all other competitions** the scorers must keep a tally, over by over, of the score and number of wickets. This will provide a point of comparison at the end of the match which cannot be completed due to adverse weather or bad light. However, in order to achieve a result, the team batting second must have completed 20 overs
- (ii) The winners of such a match will be the team that has scored the greater number of runs in that number of overs completed in the second innings.

- (iii) If the scores are level, the winners will be the team that has taken more wickets at that stage.
- (iv) If the number of wickets is the same for each team, the comparison of runs and then wickets should be repeated for one over earlier and so on until an outright winner emerges.
- (v) In a completed match, where the scores are level, the side losing the fewest wickets is the winner.
- (vi) If the scores are level, a count back will be made to the over at which one side has scored the most runs.
- (k) When a start time is delayed due to adverse weather or ground conditions, overs will be reduced as for League matches to a minimum of 20 overs (Rule **20**). If a match does not produce a result it must be played on the following Sunday unless authorised by the Cricket sub-Committee. The home team must determine the availability of the original umpires for the new date and inform the Umpires Appointments Secretary and the Cricket sub-Committee of the arrangements.
- (l) If a fixture is cancelled and no alternative Sunday is available, a 20/20 game may be arranged with the approval of the Cricket sub-Committee. In such games, the following conditions will apply:-
 - Bowlers – 4 overs maximum
 - Fielders – 2 only allowed outside the designated area for the first 6 overs, then no more than 5 for the rest of the innings.
 - A new ball must be used at the start of each innings.
 - Starting times will be 6pm unless mutually agreed.
 - When arranging these matches, the home side must offer a minimum of two dates prior** to the date of the next round. The umpire's expenses for this type of match will be £20 each
- (m) In the event that it is not possible for a tie to be resolved by a T/20 match, a bowl out will be held.
 - (i) Five players from each team will each be nominated to bowl two balls alternately with a bowler of the opposite side, at a full set of stumps at a full pitch of 22 yards. The captains will toss for preference of bowling.
 - (ii) The balls to be used must be agreed with the umpire. A front foot no-ball, or a ball which does not pitch in front of the popping crease is counted as one of the team's balls, but cannot be counted as a wicket taking ball.
 - (iii) The team achieving the highest number of strikes will be deemed to be the winners.
 - (iv) Should the number of strikes be equal after each team has bowled the allotted ten balls, then the teams will proceed to a sudden death format. Captains will again toss for preference of bowling.
 - (v) One player from each team will bowl one ball at the stumps. After equal bowls, and a strike having been made, the team to have missed a strike will be deemed the losers.
 - (vi) Artificial surfaces, inclusive of net availability, may be used.
 - (vii) Two umpires from the League Panel will officiate, and the home team are to arrange this through the Umpires secretary. The umpire's expenses of £20 will be shared by the clubs.
 - (viii) In the event that a tie cannot be resolved by a 20/20 match or a bowl out, then the tie will be resolved by the toss of a coin.
- (n) No player shall play for more than one club in a season in any Competition in which he has already played.
- (o) The Finals
 - The LMC will determine the venues for all finals.
 - Match balls will be provided for finalists. When not in use the Match balls and spares shall be retained by the Match Manager, who shall also be responsible for the payment of the umpires.
 - The League will make a financial grant to the teams hosting the finals towards the cost of teas for players and officials in the finals and agree with the hosting clubs the admission charges.
- (p) All revenues from gate money, programmes, raffles etc will go to the host club. The Home Clubs (and winning finalists) must post the scorecard on Play Cricket before midnight on the day of the match.

33B The National T/20 Competition

- (a) All Clubs (other than those with a First XI playing in another League) shall be entitled to enter a team in the competition.
- (b) The home Club must offer the away Club two dates upon which to play the match **including rearranged matches for bad weather**. One of these dates must be accepted by the away Club. These dates can include any day with the exception of Saturday. Matches arranged for Sundays will start at 1.30pm and midweek matches at 6.00pm unless varied by mutual agreement. The Cricket Chairman must be informed of the date and time of the match, with a minimum of 48 hours notice.
- (c) All matches in May (Rounds 1 and 2) will be 16 overs maximum per side.**
- (d) If more than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the match the home team's ground is unfit or unavailable, and the visitors ground will be fit and available, then the match will take place as scheduled but at the visitors ground. If that ground is unfit at the scheduled start time such that the match cannot be completed that day, and as a result does not start, then ground advantage shall revert to the original home team on the date that the match is rescheduled to take place, but the provisions of this rule shall apply to the rescheduled date.
- (e) The Playing Rules of the National T/20 Competition will apply to all matches. NB The National Rules exclude overseas players.
- (f) A new ball must be used at the start of each innings
- (g) The umpires expenses shall be £20 each
- (h) The Home Clubs (and winning finalists) must post the scorecard on Play Cricket before midnight on the day of the match
- (i) All matches should be decided before the starting date of the next round. If a match is not completed, the Cricket Committee will decide which Club progresses to the next round.
- (j) Any matters not covered by these Rules will be decided by the Cricket Committee.

33C The Yorkshire Cricket Council Playoffs

Clubs must ensure they are available to play in the competition at the end of the season, the dates are;

- (a) Championship Play Offs – Qualifying date 2nd Sunday in August.**
- (b) Subsidiary Play Offs – Qualifying date 1st Sunday in August.**
- (c) If a club fails to fulfil a fixture they will be deducted 7 points.**

34 REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

It is the League's policy to support the County's representative competitions in general. Clubs are requested to make all players available for selection, and are strongly recommended to do so. The League are fully committed to ALL clubs and have the right to expect the club's support in return. Any player who refuses to play for any of the League's representative teams will not be allowed to play for any club on that day in any competition, including friendly fixtures. Should he do so, he will receive an automatic 4 match ban. The club concerned will receive a point's deduction and/or expulsion from cup competitions. If a representative match clashes with an SYSCCL organised match and more than one player from a particular club is selected, that club may re-arrange the SYSCCL fixture to a mutually agreed date. If the clubs cannot agree a date, then the Cricket sub-Committee will fix the date accordingly. Any club playing in any representative match must play a recognised First Team. If a club is unable to do so, the club must inform the League Chairman immediately. Failure to do so could result in relegation to a lower division and exclusion from outside competitions. SYSCCL sides taking part in such matches must post the scorecard on Play Cricket before midnight on the day of the match.

SECTION 7 MISCELLANEOUS

35 STANDARDS REQUIRED BY ALL CLUBS

ORGANISATION

1. Club Umpires

All clubs are now required to provide Club Umpires. League fees now include an additional £100 which is payable by clubs not providing a Club Umpire for Saturday League matches for the qualifying period during the season. Championship Clubs League fees to be £150 payable if they do not provide a club umpire.

Clubs providing an umpire will receive a one off £100 bounty for the first season the umpire stands for the qualifying period.

Should any match played under the banner of the SYSCL take place without two umpires appointed by the SYSCL Umpires Association, the clubs and Captains concerned will take full responsibility in ensuring that all aspects relating to the rules regarding Child Protection are strictly adhered to, and in particular, if only one umpire is present, a club shall not send a junior who is not a qualified umpire to stand at square leg.

2 Club Teams

(a) A Club may play up to **four** teams in the SYSCL.

(b) All Clubs playing their first team in the SYSCL Championship, First or Second Divisions should have a well organised Second XI playing in a recognised Saturday League Competition.

3. Junior Section

(a) It is a condition of membership that all Clubs must have a junior section fielding at least two teams in approved organised Junior Cricket, save that Clubs joining from the Alliance League shall have until the start of season 2018 to comply with this; and the League will assist Clubs having difficulty attaining this.

(b) All Championship Clubs must have junior teams playing in approved junior leagues at Under 11, Under 13, and Under 15 age groups.

4. Scorers Representative

Before the start of the season, all Clubs must appoint and advise the League of the name and contact details of a Scorers Representative.

From the start of season 2017, all Clubs must have at least one scorer who is a member of the ACO.

From the start of season 2018, all Championship Clubs must have at least one scorer who is qualified to at least ECB ACO Level 1 standard.

5. Club Administration

Each club is required to provide to the League each year as and when requested by the LMC with:-

- (i) Club Directory
- (ii) Changes to Fixtures
- (iii) Cricket Ball Requirements

A breach of this rule shall result in a fine of £50

6. Club Insurance for Clubs without Club mark

The Secretary of every Club that does not have Club mark is responsible for ensuring that a current insurance certificate is forwarded to the Cricket Committee Chairman by 31st March each year.

(ii) No Club will be allowed to fulfil fixtures without a valid certificate.

(iii) Each Club must ensure that its players are adequately insured against personal injury. The insurance must also cover Clubs for public liability.

(iv) Where Clubs fail to comply, it will result in the match being declared a 7-0 win for the non-offending team and may also result in a deduction of 7 points against the offending team. In cup matches the offending team will lose the tie, and be deducted 7 League points.

FACILITIES

1. Clubs are expected to achieve the standards in facilities set by management both on and off the field, and regular inspections will be undertaken by members of the Management Committee to ensure that the set standards are met.

2. Teams will not be eligible for promotion unless all of the standards of the Division to which they aspire, are attained by the end of the season; or the Management Committee is satisfied that they will be attained by the start of the following season.

3. Square and Outfield.

The square must be:-

- (a) Flat i.e. free from bumps and hollows

- (b) Free from weeds, moss and wormcasts
- (c) Of sufficient size to accommodate all League fixtures
- (d) Repaired and maintained to a high standard throughout the playing season and the close season

The outfield must:-

- (a) Be reasonably flat
- (b) Not contain any ruts
- (c) Have no encroachment from other games during the playing season
- (d) Be maintained to a high standard
- (e) Boundary must be clearly marked by a line or rope markers to be used if any part of the boundary is not visible from the pitch.
- (f) Have a water supply complete with hose and sprinkler or pop ups must be available on the ground.

4. Pavilion/Clubhouse

- (a) There must be a clean and adequate changing room and clean and efficient showers readily available for both teams.
- (b) There must be a clean and adequate separate changing room large enough to accommodate two umpires with clothes pegs and mirrors installed.
- (c) All requirements of the Child Protection Act must be enforced with notices provided in all changing rooms
- (d) There must be a clean and adequate tearoom with enough tables and chairs for all players, scorers, and officials.
- (e) There must be clean and efficient toilets for players, officials and spectators.
- (f) The tea provided must be adequate and available to players, umpires, scorers and visiting club officials and provide reasonable value for the charge made.
- (g) The rooms provided for the opposing team, the umpires and the scorers must be secure, with keys being provided to the captain, the umpires and the scorers as appropriate
- (h) There must be a suitably stocked First Aid box, with clear markings as to where it is to be found.

5. Score-Box

- (a) Must be covered and protected from the weather with easy accessible numbers (electronic or manual)
- (b) Must have power installed and toilet facilities if possible. These must be available in any new score-box development.
- (c) The score-box must be easily seen from the field of play and have adequate visibility available to the scorers.
- (d) The score-box must be kept in a clean and tidy condition and be safe in all respects.
- (e) Drinks are to be provided to scorers during the drinks interval in each innings.
- (f) The home club is responsible to ensure distraction is avoided from both players and spectators.
- (g) A scorer from both teams must be available at all matches and given reasonable training to carry out his tasks.

6. Equipment

- (a) There must be cutting and rolling equipment (light and heavy rollers), adequate pitch covers, and adequate and easily moved sightscreens at both ends.
- (b) There must be pitch marking and sweeping equipment, sawdust and two sets of good quality stumps and bails (with spares)
- (c) It is the home team's responsibility to ensure covers are used to maximise play.

7. Sightscreens

- (a) Unless granted dispensation by the LMC, all Championship Clubs must have two sightscreens at each end, and all other Clubs one at each end.
- (b) The sightscreen must be completely roped off so that they will be completely beyond the boundary including if they have to be moved during a match. The boundary shall not be moved in the course of a match
- (c) A painted white line satisfying the above criteria is acceptable.
- (d) The captain of the batting side must delegate people to move sightscreens as required during that innings if requested to do so by the fielding side captain.
- (e) Championship clubs must have double sight screens at each end.

8. Local Conditions

- (a) Clubs must post clear notices in the away team and umpires changing rooms detailing any local conditions under which matches are to be played. The captain of the home team is responsible for explaining these in the pre-toss discussion with the umpires and the away team captain.
- (b) The minimum distance for the boundary to the leg and off side must be 35 yards.
- (c) No pitch shall be artificially watered or in any way tampered with during the period commencing 36 hours before the scheduled start of the match.

9. Disrepute

Any action by a club, official, player or spectator that in the opinion of the LMC brings the League or the LMC into disrepute will be dealt with by the LMC .

10. Ground reporting and Inspection

If the LMC receives any adverse reports on grounds and/or facilities, an official inspection will take place. The club concerned will be advised in writing of any action that needs to be taken. Inspections may also be carried out on an ad hoc basis.

36. UMPIRES AND SCORERS

Umpires

- (a) All umpires officiating in the SYSSL must have a valid and current **DBS** Enhanced Disclosure Form.
- (b) Umpires must be members of the ECBACO and the South Yorkshire Senior Cricket League Umpires Association (SYSLUA). Umpires wishing to join the Panel should, in the first instance contact any official of the SYSLUA. Umpires must satisfy the Association of their competence. Umpires in their first year on the list will not stand with a regular partner without the permission of the SYSLUA Committee.
- (c) Umpires who cannot fulfil a fixture must decline the fixture via WTU up to 48 hours before the fixture is scheduled to take place. If declined within the 48 hour period the umpire must also contact the Umpire Appointments Officer.
- (d) All umpires must follow the dress code laid down by the League, ie black or navy dress trousers, tie, white footwear, white shirt or white polo shirt. Baseball caps are not permissible. Failure to follow this code will affect future appointments.
 - (i) It is also important that the umpires are dressed identically so as to give the appearance of being a team rather than two individuals. If the umpires disagree on the wearing of white coats, polo shirts or ties in hot weather, then the status quo will prevail and coats and/or ties must be worn.
 - (ii) **Clubs must have 2 clean umpire's jackets available for all matches.**
- (e) Umpires expenses will be set by the LMC prior to the start of the season.
- (f) Clubs should pay one umpire each.
- (g) If only one umpire is present, he will officiate at the bowling end throughout, receive one and a half times the normal fee, and the clubs will share the cost.
- (h) Umpires must be paid before or during the tea interval and should not resume play unless they have been paid.
- (i) If an umpire travels to the ground, and play does not take place, then half the fee will be paid.
- (j) If both clubs agree that a match is to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the home club must inform both umpires of the cancellation no later than two hours before the scheduled start.
- (k) The umpire must advise the Results Secretary within 48 hours from the match concerned of:-
 - (i) A delay in resuming play after tea because of non-payment of an umpire
 - (ii) All late starts and unusual incidents not in the best interests of the League
 - (iii) A copy of any disciplinary report must be sent to the SYSLUA secretary
 - (iv) Teams who have less than 11 players
 - (v) Teams who do not provide a scorer for the whole game
 - (vi) Clubs with fewer than 2 sightscreens, unless they have a dispensation from the League
 - (vii) Teams taking longer than the permitted time for the innings unless there are mitigating circumstances.
- (viii) Any other relevant matters
- (l) Umpires must arrive at the ground no less than 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the match.

- (m) Should only 1 umpire be appointed by the League, it will be the responsibility of the batting team to provide a square leg umpire. **(The umpire must be suitably dressed in an umpires coat not in casual dress or shorts)**
- (n) Where no umpires are appointed by the League, it shall be the responsibility of the batting side to provide umpires.

Scorers

- (a) If a team fails to provide a scorer, a playing member of that team must score throughout the match.
- (b) The non-provision of a scorer, or the failure to comply with this rule will incur the minimum permitted fine. This is also a 'totting up' offence, though Clubs are referred to Rule 10.
- (c) Clubs are referred to Rule 35.4

37. DISCIPLINE REGULATIONS

With slight modification, the SYSCL follows and applies the Model Discipline Regulations and Guidelines laid down by the ECB as are set out on the following pages of this Handbook. The modifications are:-

- (a) Any failure to comply with Section 1 of the Regulations (The Code of Conduct & Spirit of Cricket) may lead to either Umpire awarding a five penalty runs and may also lead to disciplinary action following a report from the Umpires. Other than the award of penalty runs, this also applies to Clubs playing matches not under the jurisdiction of this League.
- (b) Under Regulation 1.2.5 it is also considered against the Spirit of the Game for a player to use foul or abusive language, not directed towards an opponent or umpire, but which is loud enough, in the opinion of either Umpire, to be heard by people beyond the boundary.
- (c) In any conflict between the SYSCL Disciplinary Code of Practice and Procedure and the ECB Model Discipline Regulations and Guidelines, the SYSCL Discipline Code of Practice and Procedure will apply.

The SYSCL Disciplinary Code of Practice and Procedure 2013

1. The ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket

The principles and objectives set out in the ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket form the cornerstone of this Code of Practice and Procedure

2. Disciplinary Code of Conduct

(a) Principle

(i) The ECB Code places a responsibility on players and all Club members to behave in an acceptable manner, upon team captains to ensure such behaviour on the part of their players at the ground, and upon the Clubs to deal in a fair and speedy manner, with misconduct by players, members and captains, once such an incident has been reported to them. The League Management Committee (LMC) will monitor the actions taken via the Disciplinary sub Committee within the guidelines which are based on the ECB model.

(ii) It is considered a disciplinary offence for a member, player or club to act in a manner which could prejudice the standing or interests of the SYSCL or to fail to act promptly to control and/or discipline a player, member or official or any other person involved in an incident of misconduct within the curtilage of the club premises; or could prejudice the standing or interests of the SYSCL wherever it may take place.

(b) Complaints

Umpires will normally be the instigators of disciplinary reports but written reports are also acceptable to the LMC from a club chairman/cricket chairman or other acceptable officer acting on behalf of a club committee, an officer of the league or club appointed Child Welfare Officer or Spectator. All reports will be dealt with by the Disciplinary sub Committee and clubs will be expected to deal within the timescales laid down within this Code.

3. Procedure

Consideration of the complaint by the Club

- (i) Umpires advise captain(s) during or at end of match of the intention to submit a Report. The captain(s) must inform their players.
- (ii) For reports, one umpire takes the responsibility to inform the SYSCLUA Disciplinary Secretary as soon as possible by telephone or e-mail within 24 hours of the close of play

The SYSLUA Disciplinary Secretary will advise the Chairman of the SYSL Discipline sub-Committee (Chairman) of the incident by forwarding details of the disciplinary report together with any additional information and also forward details of the report to the Cricket Chairman/Secretary of the club(s) concerned. Should there not be a suitable club contact available for notification of the report, the Chairman will be advised accordingly.

(iii) The Chairman will urgently establish contact with the club(s) concerned and establish action taken. Clubs are expected to convene an internal enquiry and convey the action taken to the Chairman by midnight of the Thursday following the day of the match in which the incident occurred, having taken into account any previous misconduct attaching to the individual(s) concerned.

(iv) The action taken will be:

(a) agreed by the Chairman who will notify the SYSLUA Disciplinary Secretary (to advise both umpires involved in the match), the club(s) concerned and the webmaster for the noticeboard, or

(b) disagreed, when a disciplinary hearing time, date and venue will be notified to the club(s) and a panel appointed, within a 7 day period and the SYSLUA Disciplinary Secretary advised;

Consideration of the complaint by the League Disciplinary Committee

(i) The Club will write before the hearing advising the Chairman of the reasons and matters that it has taken into account for failing to discipline the individual(s) or for failing to impose a penalty which the Chairman could endorse.

(ii) the Disciplinary Hearing Panel will consist of a Chairman plus 2 members and, if required, a minute taker who will have no involvement or vote on the proceedings. The panel will have the power to make any order as to costs that it thinks just and appropriate. The minutes will be made available to an appeal panel if such appeal should subsequently take place.

(iii) The intention is that any ban /penalty will be placed in force prior to the next league fixture scheduled to take place after the match from which the report arises. In the event of the club(s) taking no action, the Disciplinary Chairman may impose a one week **ban** pending the hearing

(iv) Bans will be imposed for offences which occur in any league or cup competition fixture and will apply to all matches under the auspices of the ECB. In addition the League may impose a penalty which relates to SYSL matches only. Bans imposed for a period which continues beyond the end of a season will be carried forward into the following season.

(v) A player charged with more than one offence will receive (if guilty) separate penalties which are cumulative and NOT concurrent.

(vi) The Panel may decide that the Club has not adequately dealt with the complaint and impose a penalty against the Club for such failure.

(vii) Umpire(s) requested to attend a Panel hearing will receive expenses equivalent to their match fee for the game in question.

The Panel will have an absolute discretion as to the order, if any, that it shall make as to who (Club, player or SYSL) shall pay the umpires fees, and the travel or any other expenses of the Panel members, and those of any other witnesses.

Consideration by the Disciplinary Appeals Committee

(i) An appeal should be made in writing to the Chairman within 5 days of the date of the original decision, accompanied by a cheque for £100.00 payable to the SYSL which amount will be refunded in the event of such appeal being successful. The club is responsible for the cost of the appeal hearing. In the event of the appeal not being correctly received within the 5 day period, the decision of the Disciplinary Hearing Panel will stand.

(ii) The Appeals Panel has the power to increase or reduce penalties and to uphold or set aside the decision of the Disciplinary Hearing Panel, and to increase the penalty if it is of the opinion that the appeal is frivolous or without merit.

(iii) Every suspended ban will take effect from the date of imposition and operate for a period of 52 weeks or such greater period as the Panel shall stipulate.

(iv) Umpire(s) requested to attend a Disciplinary Appeal hearing will receive expenses equivalent to their match fee for the game in question.

(v) The Appeal Panel will have an absolute discretion as to the order, if any, that it shall make as to who (Club, player or SYSCL) shall pay the umpires fees, and the travel or any other expenses of the Panel members, and those of any other witnesses.

Matters common to Club Consideration, Disciplinary Panel Consideration and Appeal Panel Findings

(i) Bans will be imposed in weeks (as multiples of seven days) commencing midnight Friday to midnight Friday.

(ii) All matches within the auspices of the ECB or the SYSCL during such period will apply.

(iii) The past history of a player's behaviour will be taken into account in deciding appropriate ban, or other penalty.

(iv) Bans imposed for a period which extends beyond the end of the season will continue into the following season with specific dates defined as in 2 above.

(v) In all cases and for all offences, an admission of guilt will almost certainly result in a lesser sentence being imposed than if the matter is contested – credit being given for the admission.

(vi) Should a player commit a further offence whilst in receipt of a suspended sentence, the suspended sentence will apply immediately and the further offence should be considered by the Club (and if then appropriate by the Disciplinary Committee) as a separate matter.

(vii) Bans of four weeks duration will be reported by the SYSCL to the Yorkshire Cricket Board for national circularisation. Such Bans will normally apply to all cricket played under the auspices of the ECB.

(viii) For lesser offences, after consultation and agreement with the umpires, the Chairman may advise the club that a suspended ban may be imposed, and not an immediate ban.

(ix) Any immediate ban will carry an automatic suspended ban of twice the length as the immediate ban, the suspension being for 52 weeks from the date of the imposition of the immediate ban.

(x) A player unable to attend either the Disciplinary hearing or the Appeal Hearing may have a representative attend on his behalf.

4. Players

May be reprimanded, fined (to the maximum recommended in the ECB Regulations – currently £500), suspended or expelled from the SYSCL by either the Disciplinary Hearing or the Appeals Hearing (subject to expulsion ratification by the LMC) – all within the ECB Guidelines.

5. Clubs

(a) The Disciplinary Committee may reprimand, fine, deduct league points, expel from a Cup competition or expel clubs from the SYSCL. Expulsion shall be subject to LMC approval. A club may be fined in addition to any other penalty imposed.

(b) A club shall have the right of appeal to the Disciplinary Appeal Panel. Notice of Appeal setting out the grounds must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary within five days of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee or the LMC as appropriate, together with a deposit of £100.00

(c) If Notice of Appeal is given the penalty shall not take effect pending the hearing of the Appeal, which shall take place as soon as is practicable.

(d) The Appeal shall be by way of a hearing or a re-hearing before a different Committee. The composition of the Panel shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the SYSCL Disciplinary sub-Committee and shall consist of not less than three persons, none of whom shall be connected with the player, the Club or their opponents at the time of the alleged breach. The club shall have the same rights of attendance and representation at any hearing or re-hearing and to call witnesses.

(e) The Appeal Panel may confirm, vary or reverse the decision of the Disciplinary sub-Committee or LMC as appropriate and it shall have the power to increase the penalty and award the costs of a hearing or an appeal hearing. Decisions of the Appeal Panel shall be by majority vote; where necessary, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(f) The decision of the Appeal Panel, or, if no appeal, of the Disciplinary sub-Committee or Management Committee, as appropriate, shall be final and binding.

6. Disciplinary Tariff Guidelines

THE OFFENCES

A. Intentional Physical Assault upon an Umpire, another player (either side), or spectator – minimum ban 16 weeks

Examples: Deliberate physical contact with the victim by body, or equipment,

B. Assault by way of word or action (short of physical assault) upon an Umpire, another player (either side), or spectator – minimum ban 8 weeks

Examples: Threats by word or gesture giving reasonable apprehension in the mind of the victim of fear of physical assault.

C. Racial abuse of an Umpire, another player (either side), or spectator whether or not directed towards another person – minimum ban 8 weeks

Examples: using language or a gesture that offends, insults, humiliates, disparages or vilifies another person on the basis of that person's race, religion, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin.

D. Dissent towards any umpires decision by word or action, not amounting to A, B, or C above – minimum ban 2 weeks

Examples: Equipment abuse, gesticulation, not leaving the field promptly, verbal abuse.

E. Verbal abuse or disrespect to an Umpire (not amounting to A to D above) or another player (either side), or spectator (not amounting to A to C above) – minimum ban 2 weeks

Examples would include:-abuse of equipment, club property or premises; gestures; foul, abusive or offensive language, spoken or written;

F. General bad behaviour not within the Spirit of Cricket. It is a matter for the discretion of the Umpires on the day, as to whether the behaviour merits a warning only, a warning and the award of 5 penalty runs and a report with a recommendation of no further action, or a report (with or without penalty runs) for disciplinary action – minimum penalty 2 week suspended ban

Examples will include;

comments intended or capable of being interpreted as intended to provoke an opponent into abusive behaviour;

foul or abusive language in self-frustration which in the umpires opinion could be heard beyond the boundary;

excessive or orchestrated appealing including 'ridiculous' LBW appeals from a position where the fielder could not possibly make a considered appeal;

premature 'celebrations' prior to the umpires decision;

advancing towards the umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing, (but not within B above);

gesturing or pointing to the pavilion upon dismissal of the batsman or any other form of aggressive 'send off';

throwing of the ball at or near a player, umpire, team official or spectator in a careless manner (if intentional, B above would apply)

any actions whatsoever considered by both umpires not to be within the Spirit of the Game.

7. Captains Responsibility

Repeated infringements by a team are likely to result in the captain being held responsible for the conduct of his team (whether or not individual players are also identified for disciplinary action) and being called before a disciplinary hearing.

The penalties available include a ban.

When issuing the penalty, the Disciplinary Committee may take account of instances of poor team discipline in previous years, particularly where the on the field captain is the same and the prior record of any individual charged.

Captains should ensure they understand their responsibility for the 'on the field' behaviour of themselves and their team members. If a ban is the penalty, this will normally take place immediately, and be for a minimum period of two weeks

(The ECB guideline for such an instance is FOUR weeks which will be noted by the Disciplinary Committee in making a decision, having taken account of any suspensions imposed (and served) or suspended suspensions currently in force which have been previously imposed by a player's club.)

8 Mandatory reporting under the laws

The umpires after consultation are instructed to report transgressions under the following headings:

- (i) Law 18.5 - deliberate short runs
- (ii) Law 24.2(c) - fair delivery – the arm
- (iii) Law 42.3 - changing the condition of the match ball
- (iv) Law 42.4 - deliberate attempt to distract striker
- (v) Law 42.5 - deliberate distraction or obstruction of batsman
- (vi) Law 42.6, 7 and 8 - dangerous and unfair bowling
- (vii) Law 42.9 - time wasting by the fielding side
- (viii) Law 42.10 - batsman wasting time
- (ix) Law 42.11, 12, 13 and 14 - bowler, fielder or batsman damaging the pitch
- (x) Law 42.16 - batsmen stealing a run
- (xi) Law 42.18 - players' conduct

Player failing to comply with the above Laws: -

Ban :- MINIMUM period of ONE week.

The guilty player's captain is liable to be suspended for a period of a MINIMUM of ONE week if it is found that reasonable steps were not taken to ensure compliance by the player.

9. Spectator behaviour

Clubs will be liable to fines and/or points deductions as considered by the Disciplinary Committee should the conduct of members or non-member spectators be reported to be abusive, offensive, etc., towards umpires, players, club officials or other spectators.

10. Umpires and captains

A mandatory pre match meeting will take place at the toss to:-

- (a) Exchange completed and signed team cards, specifying the dates of birth of all players aged under 19 on the 31st August in the year before the match.
- (b) Provide umpires with match balls and spares.
- (c) Clarify any local rules.
- (d) Clarify match regulations – cup competitions in particular.
- (e) Clarify interpretation of 'Spirit of Cricket' and mandatory reporting expectations.
- (g) Observe the toss of the coin and its result.

(h) Umpires must check the scorecards at the end of each innings.

Together, the captains and umpires set the tone for the conduct of a match and umpires have been instructed by their local association (the SYSCLUA) not to commence games until ALL of the above points have been dealt with.

ECB SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN CRICKET

GUIDANCE FOR CLUBS AND LEAGUES

All clubs must recognise that they have a duty of care towards all young players who are representing the club. This duty of care also extends to Leagues that allow the participation of young players in adult teams in their League. The duty of care should be interpreted in two ways:

- (a) Not to place a young player in a position that involves an unreasonable risk to that young player, taking account of the circumstances of the match and the relative skills of the player.
- (b) Not to create a situation that places members of the opposing side in a position whereby they cannot play cricket as they would normally do against adult players.

All clubs must adhere to the 'safe hands' Safeguarding and Protecting Policy Statement which appears on the ECB web-site and the clubs duty of care as described in it.

Each club must have its own Safeguarding Policy Statement along the lines of the model published by the ECB and appoint a Club Child Welfare Officer.

All Regulations, Directives and Guidelines of the ECB are automatically incorporated into the rules of the SYSCL.

Brief Summary (see the ECB website for full details)

('children' throughout means anyone under the age of 18)

SUPERVISING CHILDREN AT CRICKET SESSIONS

At all sessions and matches there must be two responsible adults present

Coaching Ratios	Net Coaching	:- 1 coach : 8 children
Group Coaching		:- 1 coach : 24 children

Hard Ball Coaching	:- 1 coach : 16 children
Supervision Ratios Single Sex Groups	:- 1 same gender responsible adult
Mixed Sex Groups	:- 1 male 1 female responsible adult
Aged 8 and under	:- 1 adult : 8 children
Aged 9 and over	:- 1 adult : 10 children

WEARING OF CRICKET HELMETS BY YOUNG PLAYERS

Applies in open age and junior hardball cricket matches and practice sessions to all players under 18

Helmets with faceguards must be worn when batting, together with pads, gloves and, for boys, a box.

Wicket keepers must wear a helmet with a faceguard when standing up to the stumps.

FIELDING REGULATIONS

No U15 player should field less than 8 yards from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off-side.

No U13 player should field less than 11 yards from the middle stump, except behind the wicket on the off-side.

No U18 player may field within 6 yards of the bat without a helmet (and for boys a box), except behind the wicket on the off-side.

FAST BOWLING DIRECTIVE

The maximum number of overs per spell and overs per day that may be bowled by a young player are as follows:-

Matches U13	5 overs per spell	10 overs per day
U15	6 overs per spell	12 overs per day
U19	7 overs per spell	18 overs per day

The maximum number of balls per session and sessions per week that may be bowled by a young player are as follows:-

Practice	U13 30 balls per session	2 sessions per week
	U15 36 balls per session	2 sessions per week
	U17 36 balls per session	3 sessions per week
	U19 42 balls per session	3 sessions per week

In any 7 day period a fast bowler must not bowl more than 4 days or for more than 2 consecutive days.

After completing a spell, a fast bowler cannot bowl again until the same number of overs as his spell has been bowled from the same end, or there has been an interruption of play for over 40 minutes after he finished his spell.

A fast bowler may change ends whilst continuing his spell.

The regulation still applies if the bowler reverts to bowling spin, but does not apply if the bowler is bowling spin throughout. But a spin bowler cannot revert to bowling fast until the same number of overs as his spell have been bowled from the same end.

CHANGING ROOM AND SHOWERING FACILITIES

1. Adults must not change or shower at the same time using the same facility as children
2. Adults should try to change at separate times to children during matches i.e. when padding up.
3. If adults and children need to share a changing facility, the club must have consent from the parents that their children can share a changing room with adults in the club.
4. If children play for adult teams, they and their parents must be informed of the club's policy on changing arrangements.
5. Mixed gender teams must have access to separate male and female changing rooms.
6. Mobile phones must not be used in changing rooms.

JUNIOR PLAYERS IN OPEN AGE GROUP CRICKET

In particular:-

- (a) Players aged 11 on the 1st September in the year preceding the season may play only if they have been selected in a County U12 or above 'District Level' squad, and have written parental consent.

(b) U13 age group players may play only with the written consent of a Level 2 coach, and the player's parent.

(c) U14 and above age group players may play in open age group cricket. (though in SYSCCL Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 only).

(d) U15 age group players may only play in the SYSCCL Premier League and Division 1 with prior written approval of the League Cricket sub-Committee (SYSCCL Rule)

Junior cricket age groups are set by the age of the player on the 31st August preceding the season of play.

YCC RULES & REGULATIONS 2017

1. TITLE

This combination of cricket leagues of the Central Yorkshire, Pontefract & District and South Yorkshire Senior Cricket Leagues shall be called 'THE YORKSHIRE CRICKET COUNCIL'.

2. PRINCIPLES AND POLICY

The policy of the Yorkshire Cricket Council is to encourage the playing of Cricket in its fullest sense and to promote discussion and co-operation between the member Leagues to their mutual benefit in a spirit of fraternal fellowship.

It is expected that any member League will conform to the following:

Attendance at the majority of meetings.

Payment of all dues and demands.

All Championship finalists must purchase 2 tickets for the Presentation Dinner.

Full participation in all Y.C.C. matches.

Failure to adhere to the above may result, on a majority vote, in expulsion from the Y.C.C.

3. MANAGEMENT

(a) The business of the council shall be in the hands of a Management Committee comprising four representatives from each of the member Leagues, plus officials.

(b) OFFICIALS: The officials shall consist of a President, Senior Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. These officials, together with the Hon Auditors, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, with the exception of the Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Management Committee.

(c) CASUAL VACANCIES: Should any vacancy occur in the office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Auditors, the Management Committee may appoint a person to fill the vacancy and the person shall hold office until the next AGM. If, for any cause whatsoever, a vacancy arises on the Management Committee, the member League concerned may elect another member.

(d) FUNCTIONS: The Management Committee shall meet as often as the business of the Council may require, the place and time of the meetings to be decided by the members of the Committee.

Should any question arise affecting the Council and not provided for in these Rules, the Management Committee shall have the power to deal with the matter? The Management Committee may elect an Emergency Committee to act when required, consisting of one elected representative from each of the member Leagues of the Council.

4. VICE-PRESIDENT & HON. LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Council may elect Vice-Presidents at the AGM. The number of Vice-Presidents shall not exceed nine at any one time. The appointment shall continue for not more than three years, but any Vice-President shall be eligible for re-election.

The Council may elect to the position of Hon. Life Vice-President any person who has rendered distinguished service to the Council.

The Hon. Life Vice-Presidents and Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to attend all meetings and all Sub-Committee meetings and to vote.

5. FINANCES

The financial year shall commence on the 1st November. All monies shall be paid into a bank or building society in the name of the Yorkshire Cricket Council. Accounts shall be paid by cheque,

to be signed by the Treasurer only, who will present a comprehensive financial report at each meeting.

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) Annual General Meeting: The AGM of the Council shall be held in November each year. The business shall be to elect Officials and two Auditors; to receive and consider a Report and Balance Sheet; to receive a report on the work of the Management Committee; to consider proposed new Rules and amendments to existing Rules; to make the draw for the Championship Play-off competition and to deal with any other matters affecting the welfare of the Council of which due and proper notice has been given, or which the President gives permission to be introduced. A fine of £10 shall be levied on Leagues not represented at the meeting.

(b) Special General Meetings: The Management Committee may and upon the requisition of any member League, must, convene a Special Meeting of the Council. Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given to all Leagues that such a meeting is being arranged and the notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. Only the business which is specified shall be dealt with at the meeting. A fine of £10 shall be levied on Leagues not represented at the meeting.

(c) Rescinding Resolutions: No resolution of the Council shall be rescinded unless twenty-eight days' notice, in writing, has been given to the Secretary of the Council and the proposal to rescind the resolution be circulated to all Leagues fourteen days before the meeting.

(d) Alteration and Addition to Rules: Rules may only be amended, or new rules adopted at the A.G.M. or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. Where a Special General Meeting is required to deal with such alteration or addition, the proposal shall be circulated to all members of the Committee at least one month before the date when the meeting is to be held.

7. MEMBERS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Each member League will be responsible for collecting and forwarding to the Treasurer by June 1st each year an Annual Subscription as determined by the YCC Management. 2017- £300 per member League

8. UMPIRES

Expenses for the Championship Play-off matches shall be £40 (reviewed annually). If umpires travel and the game does not start they shall be paid half expenses. Each club will pay one umpire in all games except the final. For all Yorkshire Cricket Council matches the Umpires will be allocated by the Umpires Appointment Secretary using the system Who's the Umpire. Therefore Umpires must be members of ECB ACO and all Umpires who want to stand must make themselves available on the dates concerned and must reach the following Grades to be selected. Senior Competition – Grade C1. – Supplementary Competition – Grade C2.

9. FINES

In the event of a fine/issued invoice not being paid within 28 days of notification a similar amount shall be levied in respect of each 28 days that the original fine/invoice remains unpaid. The Management Committee reserves the right to impose fines on clubs (or Leagues) who fail to respond within an acceptable time and without a justifiable cause, to reasonable requests from the Committee or its officers.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

A. QUALIFICATION.

To qualify for the Yorkshire Cricket Council's championship play-off a club of a member League must have played a minimum of 16 league fixtures. No player shall participate in the play-offs who has not played a minimum of 6 league matches in the current season with his present club prior to the qualifying date.

To qualify for the Yorkshire Cricket Council's championship play-off (Subsidiary Competition) a club of a member League must have played a minimum of 15 League fixtures. No player shall participate in the play-offs who has not played a minimum of 5 league matches in the current season with his present club prior to the qualifying date.

Any player who has played 50% or more of their games in a League senior to the one involved in the play-offs will not be eligible to play.

The YCC Management Committee will decide in all cases what constitutes a Senior League. Any club infringing this rule will be expelled from the competition, with no right of appeal.

B. THE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF

At the close of play on the 2nd Sunday in August each year the following clubs will qualify for the quarter finals:

The 3 leading clubs from the League hosting the final.

The 3 leading clubs from the League which will host next year's final.

The 2 leading clubs from the League which hosted last year's final.

The clubs qualifying for the quarter-finals and semi-finals shall be drawn in pairs and the first club drawn in each case shall have the choice of ground, subject to the approval of the Management Committee.

If any of the qualifying clubs is not available to take part in the play-off games, then the League concerned must substitute the next available club.

Clubs who withdraw from the competition once the first round has been played, or withdraw before the first round leaving the member League no time to find a replacement may be subject to a fine by the YCC.

The quarter-finals, semi-finals and final shall normally be played on the last Sunday in August, the first Sunday in September and the second Sunday in September in each year respectively. When the scores are equal at the end of the game the winners shall be the side losing fewer wickets. If the same number of wickets have fallen the result is determined on the scores at the end of the previous over. If this does not produce a result a count back takes place—over by over—until a winner emerges.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMPETITION PLAY-OFF

The qualifying dates for this competition will be one week earlier than those for the Senior Championship play-off at all stages.

TEAS: In all matches each team must purchase 11 teas

PLAYING CONDITIONS

In an Innings where the full 45 overs are to be bowled, if the bowling side fails to bowl these Overs in 3 hours after the start time, then 5 Penalty per over still to be bowled will be awarded to the batting side. The calculation will start at the next complete over after the 3 hours have been reached. This information will be given to the Fielding Captain and batsman at the crease, plus the scorers at the conclusion of the innings, or when the team batting second have reached the target.

Where the number of overs for the innings is other than 45, the target time shall be adjusted by the Umpires pro rata to the nearest 5 minutes. (Calculation to use is 2 Overs for every 8 minutes).

In addition to this rule Umpires shall add time for mitigating factors such as lost balls, injuries, wasting time by batsman, and additional breaks in play but does not include drinks break.

If the start is delayed, one over per team shall be deducted for every 8 minutes or part thereof.

Minimum number of overs to constitute a match is 15 overs per side. Once the game has started there will be no deduction of overs. The side batting second must face a minimum of 15 overs, if this isn't possible then a bowl out shall take place to determine the winner. If this isn't possible then a toss of a coin shall determine the winner.

If the scores are level the winners will be the team who have lost the least number of wickets. If this does not achieve a result, then this should be repeated one over earlier and so on until a result is achieved.

In the event of a difficulty arising which prevents the match being played on the date specified, the matter shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

The scorers must keep a tally, over by over of the score and wickets lost. If the match ends through adverse weather and the team batting second have faced a minimum of 15 overs, then the winners shall be the team that has scored the greater number of runs in that number of overs

completed If the scores are level the winners will be the team who have lost the least number of wickets. If this does not achieve a result, then this should be repeated one over earlier and so on until a result is achieved. If 15 overs is not completed in the 2nd innings due to weather, then a bowl out will take place. The Umpires will arrange a suitable site and oversee the bowl out by positioning themselves at the bowling end and strikers end to oversee.

5 bowlers from each team will bowl alternatively one ball each at 3 stumps and the wicket keeper must stand back at least 5 yards. Each delivery must be a fair over arm delivery and pitch in front of the popping crease for it to be counted as a legitimate delivery. If the scores are level after the first 5 bowlers have bowled, then a sudden death comes into operation, by using the same 5 bowlers until a result is achieved.

In the event of a difficulty arising which prevents the match being played on the date specified, the matter shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

LENGTH OF MATCHES

Games will be 45 overs per side. Rules on overs reduction and minimum overs for games stay the same.

No bowler may bowl more than 9 overs. If overs are reduced at the start of the game, no bowler may bowl more than one fifth of the total overs. When the total overs are not divisible by 5 an additional over shall be allowed to minimum number of bowlers to make up the balance.

FIELDING RESTRICTIONS

For the first 15 overs, or pro rata if the overs are reduced, no more than 2 fielders may be outside of the designated area. For the remaining overs no more than 5 fielders are permitted outside the area. At the instance of delivery there may not be more than 5 fielders on the Leg Side at any time.

The area is defined by two semi-circles each with a radius of 25 yards with the centres being the middle stumps. The ends of each semi-circle shall be joined to the other by a straight line drawn on the field on the same side of the pitch. Either umpire shall call and signal 'No Ball' at the instant of delivery if this rule is not observed.

Clubs must use white discs to mark the designated area, white lines alone are not adequate.

WIDE BALL

Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation of this law—any ball passing down the leg side, with the batsman in his normal guard, and not touching the batsman's person shall be called and signalled 'Wide Ball'. The batsman cannot make it into a wide ball, therefore if, in the opinion of the umpire, the ball would have hit the batsman's person or clothing in his normal guard position then 'Wide Ball' should not be called.

All matches will start at 12 noon, with a 25 minute interval between innings (unless Management decide otherwise) and during the interval the pitch may be rolled for a maximum of 7 minutes.

Play shall consist of a maximum of 45 overs per innings unless the side batting first shall be bowled out; there will be no carry-over of overs to the side batting second in that case.

The Home Club shall be responsible for the arrangements of the matches played in the quarter-finals and semi-finals. Any profit or loss, as the case may be, shall be shared equally by the two competing clubs. Allowable expenses shall be those detailed in paragraph 'C' - Final.

C. FINAL

The final shall be played on the ground selected by the member Leagues in this sequence : Pontefract & District, South Yorkshire Senior and Bradford Cricket League, who will be responsible for underwriting the match expenses in 1 and 2 below. The proceeds of the final, including gate receipts, surplus from the raffle and any other donations/sponsorship, shall be disbursed as follows:

Payment of 40 teas for players, officials, scorers and guests.

In payment of Umpires fees and expenses, printing, advertising.

50% of the balance to the YCC and 50% to the club hosting the Final.

The YCC will provide match balls whenever possible.

The balls must be approved by the match umpires.

Quarter-finals, semi-finals and final matches must be played strictly under M.C.C. rules.

D. THE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLES

The Championship Tables shall reflect clubs performances within their respective Leagues by expressing the number of points gained as a percentage of those available to them.

E. CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

The club winning the Championship shall hold for one year the '**Scarborough Cup**' and the losing finalists the '**Reid Cup**'. The Council shall award 12 individual trophies to each of the competing finalists and mementos to the umpires and scorers.

The club winning the Subsidiary Championship shall hold for one year the '**G.S. Hopton Cup**'. The losing finalists the '**Presidents Cup**'. The Council shall award 12 individual trophies to each of the competing finalists and mementos to the umpires and scorers.

The '**President's Trophy**' will be awarded for an outstanding individual/team performance in the play-off competitions.

The '**Victory Cup**' will be awarded annually, together with a memento, to the club finishing at the head of the Championship table. All matches, with the exception of the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final to be included in the table.

It is the responsible of the winners of the 'Scarborough Cup', 'Ron Heighway Trophy', 'G.S. Hopton Cup', 'Reid Cup', 'President's Cup', 'Victory Cup', 'President's Trophy' and the 'Frank Turner Memorial Trophy' to ensure that suitable engraving is carried out, at no cost to the Council, **and to return the said awards to their League Secretary by the 31st July. If not returned by this date a fine of £25 will be imposed on the club.**

F. MERIT PRIZES—SENIOR

Prizes shall be awarded each year for the best batting average, bowling average and wicket keeping record in Council League matches in Divisions 1 to 2 only.

The qualification in the case of the batsman being participating in a minimum of 12 matches and the scoring of not less than 500 runs.

The qualification in the case of the bowler being the taking of not less than 50 wickets.

The qualification in the case of the wicket-keeper being a total of not less than 30 victims.

In the event of a tie, the prize will be awarded to the wicket-keeper with the highest number of stumping's.

The '**Frank Turner Memorial Trophy**' will be awarded annually to the player adjudged to have the best all-round record in Council League matches, without being subject to any minimum qualifications.

If no-one qualifies for a particular prize, the YCC Management Committee has the discretion to make an award to the most successful player in that category. All claims for merit prizes must reach the secretary by the **7th October** or be ignored.

G. MERIT PRIZES—JUNIOR

Prizes shall be awarded each year to junior players (**under 19 on the 31st August** in the previous year) for the best batting average and bowling average and wicket-keeping record in Council League matches.

The qualification in the case of the batsman being participating in a minimum of 10 matches and the scoring of not less than 300 runs.

The qualification in the case of the bowler being the taking of not less than 30 wickets.

The qualification in the case of the wicket-keeper being a total of not less than 20 victims.

In the event of a tie, the prize will be awarded to the wicket-keeper with the highest number of stumping's.

If no-one qualifies for a particular prize, the YCC Management Committee has the discretion to make an award to the most successful player in that category.

In the event of a junior winning either both the batting awards or both the bowling awards, he may elect to take the Senior prize. The junior prize in such a case will be awarded to the next best qualifier if the foregoing conditions are fulfilled.

The 'Ron Heighway Memorial Trophy' shall be awarded to the Junior player adjudged to have

the best all-round record in Council League matches.

At both Senior and Junior levels a player may win more than one prize in the event of his performance placing him at the top of more than one category.

Also at both Senior and Junior levels a player having the necessary qualifications and returning the best average shall be debarred from winning the merit prize by reason of his leaving the Council to join another league during the season.

All claims to merit prizes must reach the Council Secretary by **7th October** or be ignored.

H. INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of all clubs winning trophies to see that these are covered by the club's insurance (for both trophies and merit prizes). If a club or individual lose or damage a trophy then the club pays for repair or replacement.

I. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

All disciplinary matters will be dealt with under ECB Code of Conduct and Spirit of Cricket. All matters will be dealt with by the disciplinary committee of the Yorkshire Cricket Council. Any offence must be notified to the offending player or player's club within seven days of receiving the umpire's report.

In ALL YCC play-off games either umpire may award 5 penalty runs to the opposition if a decision is disputed by word, action or gesture. Five penalty runs may also be awarded for the use of foul and obscene language on the field of play.