

Yorkshire League temporary rules for season 2021-22

1. Covid risk assessments

It is recommended that not less than 21 days before the first Match Day the Home Team should produce and post on its website a Covid risk assessment in respect of the Home Team match venue(s). The assessment may be in the format of the template available on the EBU website but should also address mitigation of risk of aerosol transmission of Covid and take into account the advice issued by the EBU at <https://www.ebu.co.uk/article/planning-face-face-bridge-2021>. The assessment must be available for inspection by members of the Home club and to visiting teams.

2. Alternatives to face to face play at the Home Team venue

If for any reason a match cannot be played on the Match Day at the Home Team venue the teams should consider the following alternatives:

- Rearranging the match to another date, which should be before the next Match Day or, in the case of the final match, within 14 days thereafter
- Moving the match to another venue, including but not limited to the Away Team's match venue
- Online play as described in temporary rule 3 below and in the Appendix

If the teams are unable to agree on any of the above, either or both may apply to the YLC for a match result to be adjudicated.

3. Online play

Matches may be played online using either the Bridge Base Online or the Real Bridge platform if any of the following apply:

(a) Adverse weather

Adverse weather or underfoot conditions at the match venue, such that travel is inadvisable, is forecast for the Match Day; the teams agree to online play; and approval of online play is given by the YLC at the joint request of both teams.

Advisory note: the YLC may give blanket approval of online play in all matches in the Yorkshire League scheduled to be played on the Match Day; any such approval will be posted on the YCBA website as soon as practicable.

(b) Unavailability of the home match venue

The YLC has designated the match as "online play allowed" owing to restrictions on the capacity of the Home Team's match venue, arising from government regulation or advice or the Home Team's Covid risk assessment; and both teams agree to online play

(c) Other exceptional circumstances

There are other exceptional circumstances and approval of online play is given by the YLC at the joint request of the teams.

Appendix

Additional Rules for matches played online

1. Regulations

- (a) The current editions of the EBU Online Knockout Match Regulations and the EBU Sky-Blue Book (Supplement to the Blue Book and White Book for online bridge)

apply, except where clearly inapplicable or inconsistent with these event rules. The following important points should be noted:

- (b) Requests for rulings must be sent by email to the League Secretary who will give a first instance ruling or arrange for one to be given by a suitably qualified tournament director.
- (c) Undos are allowed only for mechanical errors (misclicks) or misinformation during the auction. An undo may not be granted during the play of the hand and should not be asked for.
- (d) Players should disclose their agreements properly to their opponents, in one or more of the following ways:
 - (i) exchange EBU20 system cards with each other before the start of play by email
 - (ii) have completed system cards available online
 - (iii) for matches played using the BBO platform (BBO), add brief details of their system to the BBO Player Profile which can be inspected during play by clicking on the player's user name.
 - (iv) use the chat function to give brief details of their system
- (e) For matches played using BBO, any artificial call at any level, as well as any call that would be alerted or announced in a face-to-face game, should be explained by the player making the call
- (f) Players may consult their own system card and other notes at any stage

2. Setting up and scoring the matches

- (a) Unless otherwise agreed, online matches will be played using the platform chosen by the Home Team
- (b) Matches are set up by the Home Captain, or any other person to whom the Home Captain has delegated this responsibility, using the current edition of the YCBA's User Guide for setting up teams of eight matches online using BBO (User Guide).
- (c) No later than the day before the match day, the Away Captain must send the Home Captain by email the following information: the names and, if applicable, BBO usernames of the Away Team
- (d) The Home Captain has seating rights, namely to decide the order in which the Home Team pairs will play the Away Team pairs.
- (e) For matches played using BBO, the scoring barometer and the option for kibitzers to chat to players must be switched off. Unless otherwise agreed, the option for kibitzers to view should be switched off.
- (f) Matches are scored by IMPs and converted to VPs using the "add then imp" method, and following the User Guide