

Asking for TD rulings in Yorkshire League matches

There is no appointed Tournament Director in Yorkshire League matches played in clubs. They count as matches played privately. If something goes wrong at the table and you require a ruling, the default procedure is for the team captains to consult and jointly agree a provisional ruling that will allow play of the hand to be completed. Each team has a right of appeal.

If there is more than one match in progress at the venue, there may be a player in another match with some directing experience. It is in order to ask them to give a ruling and again there is a right of appeal.

If you wish to appeal against the first instance ruling there are two options. The YCBA has a standing Appeals Committee. Contact the League Secretary who will make arrangements for the Appeals Committee to consider and reach a decision. This would be appropriate if the appeal involves a judgement call, for example on the alleged misuse of unauthorised information.

The alternative requires the agreement of both teams, but may be more expeditious, if the question is whether or not the local TD or captains have applied the Laws correctly. This is to ask an experienced - national or county level - TD, unconnected with either team, to act as a referee in deciding the appeal. The team(s) may approach a suitably qualified TD directly or ask the League Secretary to do so. When making such a request you must confirm that the opposing team has agreed to this method of dispute resolution.