

Yorkshire Online League Committee Minutes 25th March 2024.

Yorkshire League Face to Face

1. There was a request by Barry Partridge when entering the results of a match into the EBULEAGUE to just enter the difference in imps prior to conversion as opposed to the actual score as it takes time to add the scores up. It was felt by the YLC that a number of players like to see the total score prior to conversion, and this outweighed the small inconvenience of totalling the scores. It was also pointed out that if the score was a draw and entered as 0-0 or even a small difference such as 1-0 or 2-0 then doubts might be cast as to whether the match was played.
2. A request was made by Karen Lemm to ask us if we might consider making the start time of the Yorkshire League matches earlier, even as early as 11.00am. The YLC did discuss this in the late 2010's and the arguments then were between a 1.00pm start and 2.00pm start. Ultimately the 2.00pm won the vote at the time and it was also pointed out that if a 1.00p start was introduced then several players could not participate as they went to church on a Sunday morning due to religious beliefs. We believe that changing the start time would be discriminatory and as such do not intend to change it for the upcoming season. However, it was thought that having teams put a preferred start time on the entry form for next season would allow captains who wish to play their matches earlier to contact their opponents where their opponents also have indicated that they wish to start earlier. The default start time would still be 2.00pm.
3. It was thought that the introduction of duplicated hands for Division 4 would be a good idea as it would be fairer for all teams, more interest in players to compare hands across the division and it would provide better information for the selectors of Yorkshire teams for inter-county matches. **Robin** to contact Tom Gisborne (Division 1), James Carpenter (Division 2) to see if they would be willing to continue x-imp analysis for next season and to approach Daryl Kayes to see if he would be willing to do the x-imp analysis for Division 4.
4. Rogues Legends is now available on the Website. This provides a photographic record of past winners of Divisions in the Yorkshire League for those who have submitted photographs.
5. There is just one unplayed match which has been rearranged to be played on the 7th of April. The season has passed smoothly, and we do not wish to change anything for next year.

Yorkshire League Online

1 On 24th March a Realbridge free teams was run by RealBridge with the help of the YLC. Despite a team withdrawing late in the day the event went smoothly with 9 teams taking part. It was asked as to whether RealBridge would be willing to run another of these events later in the year. As yet RealBridge have not responded. **Stephen** to follow this up after the completion of the Summer League and prior to the Winter 2025 Online League.

2 The entries for the Summer Online league are to be sent out on Sunday 31st March with a closing date of the 28th of April. Entry form and covering letter to be circulated by **Mike** to the other members of the YLC prior to sending. Draft Copy of the rules to be made into the final copy of the rules by **Robin**.

3 The website for the new season will be updated on Sunday 31st March at which time a new link specifically giving the scoring details for matches of 8 boards for 4 players will be set up. **Mike**

4 The league structure in terms of players NGS ranks and where they play in the divisions has been looked at and it was decided to give a free entry to the highest eligible team from the second division and highest eligible team from the third division of the summer league free entry into the 24/25 Yorkshire trophy. An eligible team is the highest placed team in each of the above-mentioned divisions which has had at least 4 players play who are J high or lower.

Waddington Shield

1 The Waddington Shield is progressing well, and the final has now been reached. Everything has proceeded smoothly and on schedule, with only some minor queries which were quick to sort out.

Any Other Business

1 There is a proposal by the EBU to change UMS fees. Whilst their proposal has a small effect on online play which is 24p per team per season, there would be a much bigger impact on the face-to-face league which would result in a £5.60 per team increase. Despite the large increase it was felt that we should pass the cost onto the teams and explain the reason. The increase in fees we thought is unlikely to affect the number of teams that play. This may come into effect before the start of the face-to-face season later this year.

2 **Mike** as Chairman will give a report this year on the leagues at the AGM and will be giving publicity for the face-to-face league, Yorkshire Trophy and Waddington Shield in the speech. To be circulated before the AGM to the YLC.

3 Provisional date for the next YLC meeting is 20th May 10.00am. subject to **Nick** being available.