

YLC Committee Meeting Minutes for 27th May

Online Yorkshire League

1 One match was unplayed from the first set of matches due to a known bug on BBO whereby one player was said to be refusing an offer to play even though they had not received an offer. The match was between Barnsley Aces and Malton B. The two teams have since arranged another date to play the match. Before the next set of matches clubs are to be reminded of the help available on the day of the match. **MJ**

2 Clubs were reminded prior to the start of the season for rulings in the first instance that there was a match day director to contact and that RealBridge were not responsible for rulings. Captains were requested to notify their opponents that they were requesting a ruling at the point that they requested it.

3 In response to why a match day had been scheduled to be on a Bank Holiday it was pointed out that originally the match date was not due to be on a bank holiday, but due to a congress being organised without our prior knowledge the change of date was done to accommodate the said congress. It is not usual practice to schedule matches for a bank holiday and if possible, we intend not to do so in the future.

Waddington Shield and Yorkshire Trophy

1 Both competitions have now been completed and have run smoothly. This year most of the matches were played face to face. We are happy to keep the rules the same for the future.

2 The YLC felt that the numbers for the Waddington Shield have stabilised, though there is still scope to increase the numbers in the Yorkshire Trophy. We are to try and increase the numbers through promoting the event and are to think of how we promote it.

3 Photos of this season's winners will be put into separate webpages to start a photo gallery of winners.

Face To Face League

1 Few clubs have responded to the proposed method for allocating home and away fixtures for the upcoming season and those that have whilst there are a few reservations nobody has raised any objections.

2 Bridgewebs have agreed in principle to our request to allow a section of their webpage setup to be editable on accessibility. This is now being tested but is unlikely to be ready before the entry forms are to be sent in for the upcoming Yorkshire League. The final version is to be looked at and clubs are to be notified as to what they should do, once it is ready for general use. – **SC**

It is important that clubs show their accessibility information on their websites prior to entry this season, though the format will need to be changed after entry to be in line with our general recommendations after Bridgewebs has their platform in a state that we can finalise the accessibility details. -SC

3 2 Rule changes for this season:

A All teams must have accessibility information on their website at the time of entry.

B Appeals are to be simplified, such that a director who can give a ruling can be notified sooner.

4 No winning teams from last season have sent any photos to be exhibited in Rogue's gallery. We still intend to maintain this for this upcoming season for any winning team.

5 In response to a request from Huddersfield to start fixtures later in 2026/2027 as they have difficulty at the start of the season to raise a team due to the start of the season it was pointed out that the first fixture this year is one week later than last year and that teams can arrange for matches to be rearranged with their opposing captains. Due to fitting fixtures in with other competing events it was thought that we are to keep fixtures under competition rules, teams may by agreement with their opponents play a match earlier than the scheduled date, such as bringing forward a match scheduled for 29th October to the previous Sunday. If teams prefer to postpone a match to a later date, then they would require YLC approval. Based on YLC practice over the last few years since the pandemic, in the case of matches scheduled for dates before the end of the year such approval has always been given, provided the match is played before the end of the midwinter break.at similar times in future seasons.

6 Information is to be sent out with the entry form to ask clubs to inform the fixtures secretary of any person or persons who need provision to be in place for away matches and which team they are to play in within their club.

7 The following dates have been agreed-

30th June Send entry forms out.

Closing Date for entries 27th July.

Fixtures to be ready on or before August 9th.

Other Diversity, Inclusion and Equality Considerations

The YLC discussed a form that has been sent to the YLC by the DIEC which is to be used by the DIEC to ascertain how we perform regarding Diversity, Inclusion and Equality matters. As a result, we are to have a go at filling it in within the next month and send a

completed draft to the DIEC prior to a meeting we will then have with the DIEC. **MJ** to start the form filling within the next 2 weeks.