

YLC Committee Meeting Minutes 9th December 2025

YL Face to Face League

1. All Matches were completed on 7th December and no matters were raised
2. Next Year there is likely to be difficulty scheduling matches before the New Year such that they do not clash with some other events. The dates the YLC are to recommend to the Tournament Committee for the matches before the New Year are 25th October, 8th November, 22nd November, and the 6th of December. One of these dates' clashes with the Tollemache qualifier which is ultimately the event that the players playing in the higher divisions of the Yorkshire League wish to be selected for in order to represent Yorkshire. As such it was decided that if teams who are affected by having their players selected for the Tollemache qualifier, they can have until the end of the year to rearrange their match with their opponents as long as the opposing captain is agreeable to the change in date. This is consistent with current policy regarding rearranging matches other than the extended time period.
3. In a match played on the 2nd of November between Barnsley A and Leeds C the allocated boards for division 4 matches were not used. The question was raised as to whether a team should be fined for not providing the allocated boards. In principle the YLC believe that in such circumstances if a genuine mistake is made as opposed to deliberate foul play, then no penalty shall be awarded. This was felt to be the case in this instance and as such no penalty will be imposed. Mistakes of this nature are not uncommon in the course of a season, and the ruling is consistent with previous instances of this nature.
4. Stephen Cordingley has looked into the viability of recording Sunday League matches on Bridgmates. It was felt that in the current state of Bridgemate software was that it has not been developed well enough in order to use for this purpose. Most captains now use laptops to record match scores on Excel spreadsheets which they find easy to use.
5. Stephen Cordingley has developed an enhanced version of the coloured Spreadsheet which records Yorkshire League matches for teams of 8. Daryl Kayes has developed a scoring spreadsheet for Leeds which was considered a good spreadsheet to use. The YLC are to look at both of these spreadsheets and those that are available for download from the YL webpages prior to the next committee meeting and decide if we add to/amend the current downloads for teams of 8 matches recording.
6. Bridgewebs have still not released their latest set of updates to their system which would enable clubs to better display their accessibility details to their club premises. When they release the updates the YLC will send out explanatory information such that clubs can better display their information.

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1 The fixtures for the OYL Winter 2026 season are now on the website. This season we will have one division of 10 in division 1 and 2 divisions of 9 in division 2 and division 3. When teams in Division 2 and Division 3 would ordinarily have a bye, they will play a cross divisional match against a team from the other division who would ordinarily have a bye. These matches will count towards a team's overall score and for masterpoint purposes. It was thought that 2 divisions of 9 was more satisfactory than having one division of 18 teams which would lead to teams playing just over half of the teams in the league.

Any Other Business

1 The YLC have decided to make themselves available for a podcast on matters relating to the YLC some point next year. This follows a recent initiative from the YCBA who have started giving informational podcasts on bridge related matters.

Date of Next Meeting: - 3rd February 10.00a.m