

YLC Committee Meeting Minutes 3rd February 2026

Online Yorkshire League

1. In the match Sheffield Falcons V Wetherby, a member of the Wetherby team was unable to connect to the Realbridge platform despite the best efforts of Realbridge personnel and Wetherby. As this match affects the top of the table in division 2 ideally the match would be best if it could be rearranged. However, in the event that the match cannot be rescheduled a provisional ruling of 14-6 to Sheffield was awarded as the responsibility for the failure of the match being played was deemed to be Wetherby's.
2. In the match Malton A V Leeds A, a member of Leeds A did not turn up for the start of the match due to illness. The Leeds team were unaware of the illness of their team member prior to the match and did their best efforts to find a substitute to play. Unfortunately, they were unable to find a substitute in time and the match was cancelled. Though it might be possible to rearrange the match it was felt that neither side would be likely to wish to do so as it made little impact on their final position in the league. Subject to consultation with the teams a score of 14-6 was awarded to Malton as it was felt that Leeds could have taken more steps prior to the match to secure a team.
3. In the second set of matches which were played on 18th January, in a match played between Olicana A V Hull A a member from Olicana A mis clicked twice in the same hand and went down in a contract which looks impossible to go off on. He questioned whether a mis click in the play should be allowed an undo. Whilst the YLC can sympathise with the player given the hand in question, the YLC follow the EBU guidelines regarding online play in the bidding and play of the cards. The EBU guidelines do not allow mis clicks in the play and as such the YLC intend to keep this rule. The matter was referred to both the EBU and the match day official on the day for the OYL. Both TDs ruled that the result should stand.
The YLC have decided to give some hints and tips for playing on RealBridge and circulate these to all Match Secretaries which hope to address this and other problems. – **Stephen to look into producing this.**
4. Prior to the third round of matches, one team were advised by RealBridge to switch to BBO due to one of their players having difficulty connecting to Realbridge. They managed to contact all of their opponents who were obliging in switching platform. This raises a delicate problem if one of their opponents do not wish to change platform, which as things stand could happen in the future making it questionable that the YLC have catered for all players to be able to play.

It was decided that for the next online season this team would be approached and given all matches on BBO if required, thus enabling all of their team the opportunity to play. Scheduling the team's fixtures in this way would be a reasonable adjustment for a player with a disability' as this shows the YLC was mindful of its responsibility under the Equality Act.

This should not be seen as an opportunity for teams to insist on BBO, but after having tried both platforms if an issue is found that proves to be unresolvable then the YLC fixtures secretary shall try to accommodate as long as they have advance notice before the fixtures are made.

5. It is our recommendation that the entry fee for the next Online Yorkshire League season stays at £16 per team.
6. Other than point four, which we shall incorporate for next season the YLC felt that the season went well and we do not wish to change anything for next season.

Face to Face Yorkshire League

1. Two updated spreadsheets have been updated for the recording of results on match days. Stephen Cordingley has enhanced the spreadsheet which records scores horizontally, whilst Daryl Kayes has enhanced the spreadsheet which records scores vertically. Both will be available for download on the website before the next Yorkshire League match.
2. It is our recommendation that the entry fee for the next Yorkshire League season stays at £30 per team.

League - General

1 During a match played in the OYL a psyche was made and reported. The following weekend the same player made a similar psyche but with a different partner. On both occasions a TD was asked to look at the hand and adjudged the bid as a green psyche (not fielded by their partner)'.
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It was found that though psyches are meant to be recorded, what happens next is a little hazy. This matter has also been discussed as a result of this issue being raised at the Tournament committee.

It was felt that the YLC should look at the information available on psyches and compose something to make players more aware of the procedure and what happens next. Whatever is produced should then be used in consultation with the tournament committee and a consensus to a way forwards and better information available to players to be established. **Mike to initially compose something**

Further, the psyches have been recorded on the website in a password protected area, though it was felt by the tournament committee that these should not be available for general release. The method of recording to be viewed by the YLC to see if any improvements can be made.

2a) The proposed dates for the Winter OYL 2027 are 3rd January 17th January 31st January.

2 b) The proposed dates for the fifth, sixth and seventh rounds of the Yorkshire League 2026-27 are 14th and 28th February and 14th March.

Both sets of dates to be submitted to the Tournament Committee for approval at its next meeting'

Waddington Shield and Yorkshire Trophy

1 Both competitions are progressing well and have reached the semi-final stage.

2 One captain playing in the Waddington Shield made some suggestions for next seasons competition. They were

a) In the WS, two teams should be seeded based on their combined NGS.

This was rejected as keeping apart the winners and runners up from the previous season was thought to be sufficient for seeding.

The proposal also has the following limitations

extra complexity for the organisers; NGS ranking not necessarily a good comparator for a teams competition; the original team rankings based on NGS might change through the introduction of additional or substitute players

b) The WS should become an online competition by default (face to face only if both teams agree) in relation to matches played during the winter months

This was rejected as YCBA has made a policy decision that the WS and YT will be, in the main, competitions played face to face, with online play only if both teams agree.

c) The WS should pause during the winter months so that teams do not have to make long journeys in the evening in bad weather.

This proposal we have accepted to some extent, and next season will see two matches scheduled before Christmas with a longer period for the scheduled match during the winter months.

Any Other Business

1 Web release date for better information about club access to be recorded has yet to take place.

2 Following correspondence between one match captain and the fixtures secretary regarding the recording of team rosters for matches played in the online league the captain was relieved of their administrative duties due to what was regarded as rude behaviour. It was decided that in future if such an occurrence happened again that a complaint should be made to the Conduct Committee', rather than impose a penalty regarding administrative duties.

Date of Next Meeting: - Tuesday the 31st of March