



Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League

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Applications from clubs to join the YCSPL

The Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League (YCSPL) is part of the Yorkshire pyramid system, which enables clubs to progress to the highest level of recreational cricket, the Premier Leagues.

We welcome applications from ambitious clubs in South Yorkshire and the surrounding area, who want to improve their standards, both on and off the field.

Clubs that wish to join the YCSPL will be expected to comply with the following criteria:

- Applications to join the YCSPL must be made in accordance with YCB club transfer rules and, where appropriate, the Memorandum of Understanding between the YCSPL and P&DCL. Before entering into any negotiations with the YCSPL, clubs must first obtain the permission of their current league. Applications to join the League must be made by 31 March for the season starting the following year.
- Clubs must be able to show that they can meet all required criteria by 2 June to join the league the following year.
- Other than teams joining the YCSPL through the pyramid agreement route from the Pontefract & District League, applications to join the League must be for the whole club, ie, all its Saturday teams.
- No team can move directly into the Premier Division.
- Any team currently within the Yorkshire Cricket Pyramid must be allocated into a division which is at least a division below that which could be achieved through promotion within the pyramid system.
- All new clubs are required to serve a probationary period of three seasons, during which membership may be terminated if the requirements of league rules are not met.
- There will be an inspection of ground and facilities by league officials prior to approval being given to join the League, at which club officials must be available in order to answer any questions raised. The inspection will also be used to help decide on the appropriate division(s) of entry into the League, and to advise on action that may be needed to enable progression. The YCB may be able to signpost clubs towards grants to enable them to improve their facilities.
- ECB Club development (Clubmark) down to and including Division 3. Clubs in the YCSPL Championship and Divisions 1-3 are required to run two junior teams in a recognised junior league, ideally at under 11 age group or above. Confirmation will be required of the age groups and the leagues in which junior sides play.
- Safeguarding accreditation is required for all YCSPL clubs.
- Grounds used should be available on Saturdays between the third Saturday in April and the second Saturday in September. Grounds where there are restrictions will be placed at levels that will allow rearrangement (ie, Division 3 and below).
- Clubs must provide one club umpire per team. All umpires must be qualified to a minimum M4, with a valid DBS, and be members of the ACO and the South Yorkshire Umpires Association, but must not already be members of the YCSPL panel. Training courses are provided. Umpires must be nominated by 30 June prior to the season of entry to the League. Clubs who do not provide the required number of umpires will not be accepted. The umpires will need to officiate in a minimum of 16 Saturday league matches every season. Nominated umpires will need to officiate for a minimum of three seasons and will then automatically become a pool umpire. If this criterion is not met, a club will be deemed not to have satisfactorily completed the probationary status, and will be liable to be expelled from the YCSPL.

Recommendations on applications to join the League, including the divisions to which new clubs will be allocated, will be made by the YCSPL Senior Section cricket committee. After the endorsement of these recommendations by the League Executive Board, clubs will be informed of their allocated divisions by the end of October in the year of the application.

The League constitution, administrative rules, playing conditions and all other necessary information can be found on the [YCSPL website](http://www.ycspl.co.uk).

Any club wishing to apply, or who have any questions, should please contact the League chairman, David Ward, by email at chairman@ycspl.co.uk or on 07753 866144.