

Rules of the Yorkshire Padel League 2024

The objectives of YPL in 2024 is to increase regional participation in a friendly club-level-player environment.

Advanced level players have the option of the LTA and HOP circuit, and the Ipadel National Club league

- The competition shall be called the Yorkshire Padel League. Separate competitions shall operate for Mens Doubles and Ladies Doubles.
- Membership of the league shall be open to venues registered with the LTA and must be Associate members of Yorkshire Tennis Limited. YTL govern both padel and tennis within the Yorkshire region.
- The league shall be managed by a committee appointed by Yorkshire Padel, which will include a league organiser.

Application for entry to the League shall be made annually by invited clubs. Clubs may enter more than one team at the discretion of the league committee. The league entry fee shall be determined by Yorkshire Padel, and is payable on confirmation of team entry. Clubs entering the league agree to abide by these rules.

The entry fee will be £50 per team - invoiced to the participating clubs

Entry fee is payable to Yorkshire Tennis Limited

Sort Code: 82 11 07

Account No: 00448606

- Teams shall consist of two pairs.
- A player representing a club must be a bona fide member of that club. A player cannot represent more than one club in the same season. Players representing their club shall not have played at county level or above, and should not be ranked in the top 100 of the LTA National Padel Rankings.
- If a club has more than one team, once a player has played for a higher team twice, they are then tied to the higher team and cannot play for a lower team. If this rule is breached, then the offending team will be deemed to have lost each rubber played by the ineligible player 0-6, 0-6.

Fixture organisation;

1. Grouping of teams in Divisions shall be determined by the League organiser.
2. Clubs entering the League shall play their fixtures on dates set by the League organiser. Dates set will be over a weekend, Friday evening until Sunday evening. The home captain shall determine the day and time of the fixture, on the set weekend date.
3. If a match is postponed by bad weather for venues with outdoor courts, then the team captains shall agree an alternative date within one month, and inform the League organiser of this date.
4. All matches and rearranged matches shall be completed by the due date advised by the League organiser. Venues with only one court will initially play their matches away from home; this shall be subject to review. The groups have been set to try to minimise travelling and maximise playing!

Match procedure;

1. Clubs entering the League shall book two padel courts for three hours for each home match.
2. Players shall be on court and ready to start at the allotted start time.
3. Club pairs shall be an A pair and a B pair. Matches will be A v A, B v B, then reverse for the second round.
4. Rubbers will consist of two standard sets, golden point deuce shall apply in all games. If games are tied at 6-6 in the first two sets, a standard 7 point tiebreak shall be played. If sets are tied at 1-1, then a ten point Masters tiebreak decider shall be played, first to ten points or two points clear if the score reaches 9-9.
5. Indoor venues shall supply new balls at the start of the match for each court. Outdoor venues shall supply new balls at the start of each rubber.
6. Any pair not on court 15 minutes after the agreed start time shall forfeit the first set. Any pair not on court 30 minutes after the agreed start time shall forfeit that rubber by a score of 6-0,6-0.
7. The LTA Code of Conduct shall apply to all venues and players. Team captains are responsible for the behaviour of their players and spectators.
8. The home team captain shall submit the result and scorecard to the league organiser within 48 hrs of the completion of the match. This should be verified by the opposing captain within a week of completion of the match.

League positions;

1. A team shall score two points for a win, one point for a drawn match. Teams shall be positioned in their divisions according to points won, then number of rubbers won.

2. It is the responsibility of team captains to fulfil their fixtures. If a team concedes a match for whatever reason, then that team shall be deemed to have lost that match, and shall be deducted two points. The team having won the match by forfeit shall be awarded two points, and 4 rubbers and 8 sets. If a pair is absent from a match for any reason, the two rubbers conceded shall be forfeit with a score of 6-0, 6-0 in favour of the opponents for each rubber conceded.
 3. The team with the highest points total on completion of all fixtures will be deemed champions of that Division. If two teams are tied on points, then position will be determined by rubbers won, sets won, games won/lost ratio.
-
1. The top two teams in each Division shall qualify for the Yorkshire Padel League semi finals. The top team in Division N/E shall play the runner up in Division W/S, and vice versa. The two winning teams shall play the final, the winning team of that match to be awarded the title of Yorkshire Padel League champions, and if applicable shall then represent Yorkshire in any National County Championship.
 2. Discipline; for any breach of these rules, the league committee may impose penalties as it may think fit, by points deduction or otherwise. Any appeal or dispute shall be made to the Yorkshire Padel League Committee. Short particulars thereof shall be sent in writing to the Committee by the clubs concerned, who may be represented at any meeting convened to deal with the matter. Prior notice of any meeting shall be given in writing. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Yorkshire Padel league committee shall be binding..

Division North/East; Division West/South

Tennis World.	Huddersfield
Scarborough	Rawdon
Ripon.	Chapel Allerton
Wetherby.	Skipton
Harrogate Spa.	Ilkley
Surge Harrogate.	Surge North Leeds
Harrogate SFC.	David Lloyd Harrogate