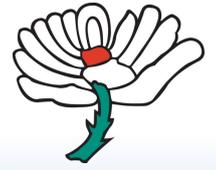




# YORKSHIRE CRICKET BOARD NEWSLETTER

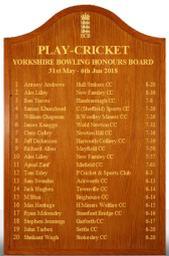


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## THE 2025 SEASON IS NEARLY UPON US!

As the 2025 season approaches, all leagues should have received their affiliation. Fees and payment processes remain unchanged. Additionally for 2025, the ECB has introduced a new requirement - each club affiliating to the YCB must now sign and accept the club affiliation terms and conditions as part of the affiliation process. Further details on affiliation can be found [HERE](#).



Please keep your eyes peeled for weekly honors boards posted on YCB social media throughout the season! Our social media handles can be found at the end of this newsletter.

## NATIONAL PROGRAMMES LAUNCH 2025

### WHAT IS ALL STARS CRICKET?

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8, where they're guaranteed 8 weeks of jam-packed fun!

NEW participants will get a back pack, personalised t-shirt, bat and ball 🏏

### WHAT IS DYNAMOS CRICKET?

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for 8-11 years who have graduated All Stars or those new to the game!

Whether you're a club running a Programme across Yorkshire or a parent looking to sign up! It promises to be a fantastic year across the county. A huge thank you for making it happen! 🌟

Last year we had over 9000 All Stars and Dynamos across Yorkshire 🌟



Find your local centre today!

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket>



# ROSES

## CRICKET

### POWERED BY DYNAMOS

Currently over 90 clubs have expressed an interest in Roses Cricket! 50% of clubs haven't delivered girls cricket previously, and we are really excited to see a new wave of Girls enjoying cricket over the coming months. If you wish to find out more, or get involved with Roses Cricket, register your interest [here](#).

Roses Cricket, in collaboration with [SNAP Sponsorship](#), will support clubs on their journey to improving and building sponsorships partnerships that will aid clubs in their growth and development.

An additional collaboration with Roses Cricket, means that all the new Dynamos centres will receive a kit bag from the ECB, and will also receive a [FabLittleBag](#) essential coaches pack from the YCB.

## GET SET WEEKEND 2025



The Get Set Weekend, powered by The Cricket Collective, has for many years been a pre-season focal point for clubs up and down the country and is taking place on 5th & 6th April 2025.

It is a brilliant opportunity for clubs to set themselves up for a successful season ahead. In 2024, over 1,600 clubs and 33,000 people got involved across England and Wales. This year, we want to encourage clubs to place a focus not only on getting their facilities and equipment ready, but also on inspiring and celebrating their people, be it players or volunteers, new or returning. The incredible dedication and outstanding contributions from both players and volunteers have a lasting impact on the sport.

Congratulations to all clubs who registered before the deadline and won Jewson Store Credit - a list of winners can be found [here](#).



## PITCH ADVISORY SERVICE

We are pleased to share that we have recruited [5 new County Pitch Advisors](#) to join the current team from 2025!

### New Advisors

Nigel Maylan (South & West)  
Adam Cutmore (South)  
David Hodgson (West)  
Keith Hudson (West)  
Jasmine Nichols YCCC (West)

### Current Advisors

Andy Pierson (North)  
Malcom Maw (East & North)  
Kevin Byrne (North & West)  
Nasa Hussain YCCC (West)

Our pitch advisors will be responsible for conducting Pitch Analysis report via Pitch Power, the current assessment tool created with the ECB and GMA. We will be looking to launch our Pitch Advisor service at the start of the 2025 season.

For more information please contact:

Richard Wilkinson - 07850928190 - [r.wilkinson@yorkshirecb.com](mailto:r.wilkinson@yorkshirecb.com)

or visit our grounds page <https://www.yorkshirecb.com/page/grounds-614/>

# CHANCE TO SHINE AWARDS

Owen Batchelor, a Yorkshire Cricket Board Community Cricket Officer, was named Schools Coach of the Year at the 2024 Chance to Shine Awards!

Owen's lifelong love for cricket led him to coaching at Marske CC, stepping up when junior cricket was struggling. As a teen he ran cricket sessions, relying on parents for transport while learning on the job. His efforts brought new energy to junior cricket at Marske, leading to structured programs like All Stars and Dynamos.

Now a Community Cricket Officer with the Yorkshire Cricket Board, he delivers Chance to Shine programs across North Yorkshire, introducing thousands of kids to cricket. Focused on strategically linking schools with clubs, he ensures long-term participation in the sport. Owens dedication has earned national recognition, with kids and schools praising his coaching.

[Read more here!](#)



## NEW ECB PREMIER LEAGUE

West Yorkshire now has a second ECB Premier League, with the Huddersfield Cricket League gaining accredited status for the 2025 season.

The new league will be known as the Walker Timber Huddersfield ECB Premier League, joining Yorkshire's four existing top-tier leagues:

- Gordon Rigg Bradford Premier League
- North Yorkshire South Durham Premier League
- Attis Yorkshire Premier League North
- Yorkshire Cricket Southern Premier League



*Walker Timber*  
**HUDDERSFIELD**  
**CRICKET LEAGUE**

## YORKSHIRE CRICKET BOARD KEY CONTACTS

### NORTH

**Head of Region**

Richard Wilkinson

**Club and Community**

**Development Managers**

Tom Bates

Mark Jobling

**Community Cricket Officer**

Owen Batchelor

Joe Barr

### SOUTH

**Head of Region**

Gareth Davis

**Club and Community**

**Development Managers**

Sharon Butcher

Johnny Younis

### EAST

**Head of Region**

Rob Johnson

**Club and Community**

**Development Managers**

Dominic Rhodes

### WEST

**Head of Region**

Steve Archer

**Club and Community**

**Development Managers**

Nick Boyes

Steve Coulthard

Jenny Muckle

**Community Cricket Officer**

Jordan Croft

Emma Theaker

Tom Garman

**Core Cities Officer**

Soyeb Kayat

**Community Inclusion**

**Activator**

Shiv Krishan

### WOMEN & GIRLS

**Head of Women & Girls**

Grace Pearson

**Women & Girls**

**Development Managers**

Alice Johnson - North & East

Katie Stewart - West

Dean Smith - South

**Community Cricket Officer**

Dan Smith

### DISABILITY

**Disability Officers**

Brady Saunders

Shakil Manir

### DIRECTOR OF RECREATIONAL CRICKET

Paul Cummins

### OPERATIONS

**Director of Operations**

Donna Staniland

**Operations Assistants**

Ella Telford

Niamh Priestley

**EDI Manager**

Mo Hussain

**Coach Development**

**Manager**

Kevin Gresham

**Dynamos Activator**

Jamie Boynton

# DISABILITY CRICKET

## SEND SCHOOL PROGRAMME

The Yorkshire Cricket Board are proud to deliver the Lord's Taverners SEND Schools Programme to both primary and secondary schools across the county. In partnership with school personnel, the programme is delivered by highly qualified Yorkshire Cricket Board staff and can include both softball and table cricket. Participants also have the chance to take part in inter-school competitions for both forms of the game, fostering an engaging and friendly competition environment.

## SUPER 1S (S1)

Across Yorkshire, S1 cricket hubs offer a pathway into competitive cricket through regular sessions that build skills, confidence, and teamwork. Players can also compete in friendly matches against local teams and hubs, enhancing their experience in a supportive environment!

Please find further information on the all active S1 Hubs locations [HERE!](#)

## CROSS HUB S1 FIXTURE - HULL VS GRIMSBY

The Hull v Grimsby Super 1s match was a fantastic cross-county event, showcasing skill, teamwork, and the spirit of inclusive cricket. Both teams competed with passion, Grimsby came out on top in a great display of the sport's growth in the region.



## DISABILITY CHAMPION CLUBS

### What is a Disability Champion Club & what do they do?

Disability Cricket Champion Clubs, supported by the ECB, create inclusive spaces for individuals with disabilities to enjoy cricket. These clubs offer tailored training, social and competitive opportunities, and aim to develop players' skills while fostering community and inclusivity at the grassroots level.

All clubs hosting any form of disability cricket at their cricket club are eligible to apply to become a Disability Champion Club. Likewise, if your club intends to run some disability cricket this season, there is support available towards making this happen.

### 2024 ECB Disability Champion Clubs in Yorkshire;

- Skipton CC
- Thorpe Hesley & High Green CC
- Copley CC
- Higham CC
- Doncaster Town CC
- Whiston Parish CC
- Meanwood CC
- North Leeds CC

## SPOTLIGHT - SEND CRICKET

“Over the past six weeks, a group of pupils from across our school have had the exciting opportunity to participate in a unique cricket program delivered by Brady Saunders from the Yorkshire Cricket Board. This initiative brought an additional layer of sporting provision to our children, enhancing their usual PE curriculum. The sessions were designed to be inclusive, offering every child - regardless of ability - a chance to learn, grow and enjoy the game of cricket.

The weekly sessions created a positive environment, building skill and teamwork and helping to develop fundamental movement skills whilst incorporating cricket-specific strategies alongside tactical thinking. The inclusive approach ensured every child felt supported, empowering them to participate confidently and make progress week after week.

Cricket is a sport that emphasises both individual and team contributions, and the program allowed pupils to sharpen their batting, bowling and fielding skills in a fun and structured way. By focusing on skill progression, the children also gained valuable lessons in perseverance and sportsmanship. Thinking ahead, these budding cricketers will have the chance to showcase their new skills in the upcoming Inclusive Cricket Competition this summer. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Brady and Yorkshire Cricket Board for this opportunity.



### QUOTE FROM:

Mr Tee | Stocksbridge Primary School

Grab one of the final few spaces left on our remaining [Safe Hands courses](#)

## Low Level concerns (LLCs)

LLCs are about behaviour that's inappropriate at work or outside of work; they can also be about behaviour that causes a sense of unease or a "nagging doubt". Low-level concerns are different from allegations, which are concerns that meet the harm threshold; however, multiple low-level concerns can add up to form a pattern that meets the harm threshold. We require all clubs to report ALL concerns to the Yorkshire Cricket Safeguarding Team in order for these patterns of behaviour to be identified. The ECB have provided further guidance on LLCs [HERE](#).

## Understanding DBS

### Who Needs a DBS?

Anyone who works or volunteers with children or adults at risk in a regulated activity role needs an ECB Enhanced DBS check. This includes positions such as Club Safeguarding Officer, Coach/Assistant Coach, Junior Supervisor, Activator, Team Manager, Captain/Vice-Captain and Umpire.

### DBS as Part of Safer Recruitment

DBS checks are a vital part of the safer recruitment process. They help identify individuals who may not be suitable for certain roles, ensuring the safety of all club members and maintaining a safe environment for everyone involved.



[Click here](#) for more information on Safer Recruitment



[Click here](#) for more information on how to apply for a DBS

### DBS Process for Club Safeguarding Officers

Club Safeguarding Officers oversee the entire DBS process, which includes initiating DBS checks, validating ID, and monitoring renewals. If a Club Safeguarding Officer needs a DBS check, they should contact either their League Safeguarding Officer or a YCB Club and Community Development Manager (CCDM) for assistance.

### Update Service Explanation

Once individuals receive their DBS certificate, they can subscribe to the DBS Update Service which keeps their certificate up to date; this service automatically rechecks the DBS annually. If there are any changes to the criminal record, the individual will be notified, and the certificate will be updated accordingly. This way, DBS checks stay valid without requiring a reapplication.

### Recent Changes to DBS Rechecks

The DBS has updated its user agreement, and now individuals must log into their Update Service account annually to renew their subscription. Failure to do so will result in a lapsed account, which will lead to a failed ECB check. If this happens, the individual will need to apply for a new DBS certificate, as subscriptions cannot be reinstated once they've lapsed.

Individuals are now required to:

- 1 Complete the annual status check questionnaire, emailed 30 days before renewal from [dbs@ecb.disclosures.co.uk](mailto:dbs@ecb.disclosures.co.uk)
- 2 Ensure their Update Service registration is active, with confirmation sent 30 days before renewal from [donotreply@dbs.gov.uk](mailto:donotreply@dbs.gov.uk)

### ECB Online Safeguarding Training

The ECB's newly update safeguarding e-learning courses are now live! The Safeguarding Level 2 (SGL2) is mandatory for any individual in a regulated activity role and scorers.

Register for the course here:

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/5MVWQK> and support your Club's compliance.

### CLUB SPOTLIGHT

A huge shoutout to Knaresborough CC's Club Safeguarding Officers, Kelly Ward and Kevin Townson, for their incredible dedication! They're going above and beyond to create a safe space for all, including developing a fantastic safeguarding section on their website with all club policies and documents. Check it out for inspiration:

[SAFEGUARDING | KCC.](#)



# DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES - 2025

## FEMALE ONLY UMPIRE COURSES

### South Yorkshire

Venue: Whiston Parish Church CC, Rotherham, S60 4JG

Dates: Wednesday 16th & 23rd April

Time: 6pm-9pm

Cost : £35pp - when using discount code for 50% off: WPCDISC

Who : Females Only, 14+

[Book Here](#)

### West Yorkshire

Venue: Bowling Old Lane Cricket Club, Birch Lane, Bradford, BD5 8BH

Dates: Saturday 27th September

Time: 9:30am-4pm

Cost : £35pp - when using discount code for 50% off: BOLDISC

Who : Females Only, 14+

[Book Here](#)



## YCB ACO UMPIRE REFRESHER SESSIONS

These refresher sessions are designed for experienced/qualified umpires who are already active in umpiring



5th April - Batley CC 9:30-16:30

5th April - Killinghall CC 9:30-16:30

13th April - Undercliffe CC 9:30-16:30

## UMPIRES ONWARD LEARNING MODULES

### MODULE C

These face to face Modules are suitable to any person who wishes to gain more of an insight into the Laws of cricket, or wishes to have enough knowledge to be able to do their turn at square leg competently or to be a club umpire.

Dunnington Sports Club CC

5th April

9:30am to 4:30pm

### MODULE B

This Module is suitable for any person aspiring to become a panel umpire. It looks at some of the more common cricket laws in more depth, whilst expanding on some of the others not covered in Module C.

Almondbury Wesleyan CC

22nd March

9:30am - 4:30pm

### MODULE A

Module A is suitable for those experienced umpires who may wish to become Premier League panel umpires. This Module explores Regulation interpretation, disciplinary report writing, Penalty time calculations, effective performance, match management, and how to manage players behaviour.

For further information on all development opportunities including details of the MCC Online resource or to book, please click [HERE!](#)

## ECB - CRICKET'S CORE VALUES

We want cricket to be a place where everyone feels welcome, valued, respected and that they belong. Cricket's core values have been created by the game, for the game to help guide how we work, play, and make decisions on and off the field. They exist to ensure we are all playing our part in helping to make cricket the most inclusive team sport in England and Wales.

Our EDI Manager, Mo Hussain, will be running information sessions for leagues. For more information, and to book, please email Mo on [m.hussain@yorkshireccc.com](mailto:m.hussain@yorkshireccc.com).

**RUN ON  
RESPECT**

**EMBRACE  
ENJOYMENT**

**BUILD  
BELONGING**

**PROGRESS  
WITH PURPOSE**

# DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES - 2025

## WORKSHOPS

- 6th April - Coaching Game based Practices @ Terrington Hall School, 10am - 1pm  
13th April - Setting the Pace Coach Workshop @ Bradford Park Avenue Dome, 10am - 1pm  
17th May - Coaching girls in cricket @ Bradford Park Avenue Dome, 10am - 1:30pm

## COACHING DEVELOPMENT COURSES

### SUPPORT COACH

This course builds confidence and provides the skills to assist a coach in creating a safe, enjoyable, and player-centered environment

Handsworth Grange School,  
Sheffield  
27th April  
9:30am - 12:30pm

Dunnington Sports Club CC  
5th April  
9:30am to 4:30pm

Sixers Cricket,  
Huddersfield  
26th April  
9:30am - 12:30pm

### FOUNDATION COACH

A progression from the Support Coach qualification, the Foundation Coach program helps more people take their first steps into coaching

Maltby CC,  
Stockton-On-Tees  
13th & 27th April  
9:30am - 4:00pm

Pickering CC,  
Pickering  
4th & 11th May  
9:30am - 4:00pm

South Craven School,  
South Craven  
11th & 18th May  
9:30am - 4:00pm

### CORE COACH

Successful completion of the Core Coach qualification enables coaches to lead coaching sessions independently and without supervision

Sheffield Hallam University,  
Sheffield  
4th, 11th, 18th & 25th May  
9:30am - 4:00pm

Woodlands CC,  
Bradford  
27th April and 4th, 11th & 18th  
May  
9:30am - 4:00pm

## METRO BANK ECB CORE COACH

Handsworth Grange School, Sheffield  
15th & 22nd June and 3rd & 14th August  
9:30am - 4:00pm

Parkside Sport Centre, Bradford  
11th & 18th October, 22nd November & 6th December  
9:30am - 4:00pm

For further information on all workshops & coaching courses or to book, please click [HERE!](#)



## STAY CONNECTED!

Make sure you're following us on social media to stay updated with the latest news, exclusive insights, and exciting content throughout the season!

 [WWW.YORKSHIRECB.COM](http://WWW.YORKSHIRECB.COM)



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## YORKSHIRE WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIPS



## 2025 YCCC MEMBERSHIP OFFERS

Yorkshire County Cricket Club are delighted to announce our Yorkshire Women's Memberships for 2025. Join the team during this new professional era and follow every ball, from the Women's Vitality Blast, Women's Metro Bank One Day Cup, to the Women's County Cup knockout competition.

For 2025 this membership is available for free! To claim your membership, please click [HERE!](#)

### Junior Memberships

Under 17s can get access to all Yorkshire CCC Men's fixtures at Headingley, Scarborough and York, and all Yorkshire CCC Women's fixtures at Headingley for £20. Junior memberships for 11 and under are free!

## JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP



**FREE**  
11 AND UNDER

**£20**  
12 TO 17

Optional add-on

**£20**  
UNDER 17

Access to all eight Northern Superchargers games at Headingley in 2025.

- Free gifts for junior members
- Access to East Stand Long Room
- Discounts through the Members' Partnership Programme
- Specific junior events at Headingley

Access to all Vitality County Championship, Metro Bank One-Day Cup and Vitality Blast fixtures at Headingley, Scarborough and York.



# THE HUNDRED



**SUPER  
NORTHERN  
CHARGERS**

# PRIORITY WINDOW

**1-15 APR**

THE HUNDRED



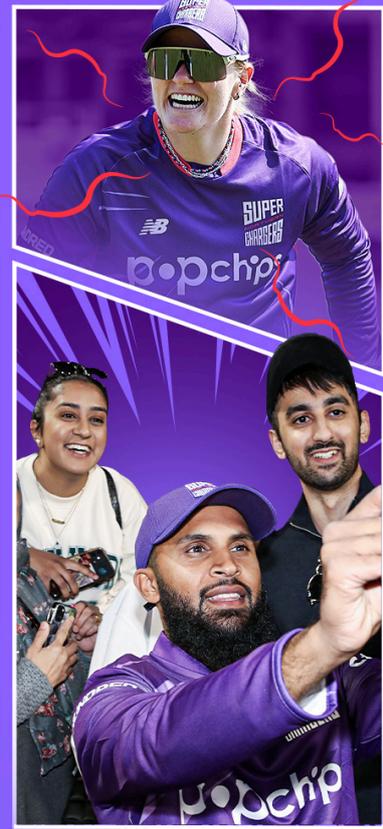
**Priority window is now open!**

THE ALL STARS & DYNAMOS PRIORITY TICKET WINDOW IS NOW OPEN WITH THE HUNDRED. THIS IS A 2-WEEK PRIORITY WINDOW WHICH GIVES PARTICIPANTS EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO EARLY BIRD TICKET PRICES. TO BOOK PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#).



**SUPER  
NORTHERN  
CHARGERS** **2025 HOME FIXTURES**  
HEADINGLEY

	<b>7 AUG</b>		<b>15 AUG</b>
	<b>23 AUG</b>		<b>26 AUG</b>



THE HUNDRED