

Yorkshire League matches Rulings and Appeals

In most cases, Yorkshire League matches count as one played privately, in that there is no Tournament Director available at the venue. The EBU has posted on its website a list of TDs prepared to give rulings arising out of such matches, with their phone numbers. For more information click on the following link.

<https://www.ebu.co.uk/laws-and-ethics/tournament-director-list>

EBU Congress Tournament Director Barrie Partridge (Sheffield) has kindly offered to provide the following services to players and team captains while Yorkshire League matches are taking place.

1. Providing or advising on TD rulings (whichever is desired) should there be uncertainty at the venue, whether for Law Book rulings or bridge judgement rulings such as possible misinformation or unauthorised information cases.
2. By agreement between the teams, acting as a referee to determine an appeal against a first instance decision by a local TD, or where appropriate referring the case on for determination by another EBU TD or referee, or providing any other advice on appealing any ruling, including his own!

Barrie's phone number is 01629 584567. He won't necessarily be available on every match day, so if he isn't try someone else on the EBU list bearing in mind that other Yorkshire TDs might themselves be playing on match days.

First instance rulings where a TD is not available or contactable

The team captains should consult and jointly agree a provisional ruling that will allow play of the hand to be completed. Each team has a right of appeal against the provisional ruling.

Appeals against first instance rulings

There are two options.

It may be most convenient and expeditious to ask an experienced - national or county level - TD, unconnected with either team, to act as a referee in deciding the appeal. Suitably qualified TDs include all the Yorkshire county directors and anyone on the EBU list referred to above. The team(s) may request advice from Barrie Partridge as described above, or approach such a qualified TD directly, or ask the League Secretary to do so. When making such a request you must confirm that the opposing team has agreed to this method of dispute resolution.

The alternative is to request that the appeal be decided by an Appeals Committee. Contact the League Secretary who will make arrangements for such a Committee to be formed.