



# List of Commission opinions and decisions

The Commission is the decision-making body for the Yorkshire Blood Bowl League. Members of the Commission discuss how to handle issues that arise in the League. The outcomes of their discussions are listed in this document.

There are two types of outcome:

- **Opinions** are informal. They clarify how the League is run or make statements of policy, but they don't change the constitution or the League's other rules. Opinions are not binding on individual Divisions, though they do limit the League Commissioner when he acts on behalf of all Divisions.
- **Decisions** are formal. They make changes to the League constitution or its other rules. Decisions are binding on all Divisions.

The League Commissioner maintains this list. To contact him, email [commission@tybbl.org.uk](mailto:commission@tybbl.org.uk).

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## 1. Opinions

### *Opinion about underspending on rookie teams*

A coach can choose to spend less than the full 1,000,000 gold pieces when hiring a rookie team. Rookie teams with a value of less than 1,000,000 gold pieces will be entitled to inducement money when they play against teams with higher team values, as per the normal rules.

This opinion was formed by consensus on 4 July 2008.

### *Opinion about use of unusual models*

A coach can use any suitable models to represent his team. In particular, suitable models not manufactured by Games Workshop are acceptable. The definition of 'suitable' is left to individual Commissioners.

This opinion was formed by consensus on 16 July 2008.

### *Opinion about new teams*

Divisions should not officially register teams on the TYBBL website until those teams have played at least one competitive League match.

This opinion was formed by consensus on 22 November 2008.

### *Opinion about affiliating to the Gaming Club Network*

The League will not affiliate to Games Workshop's Gaming Club Network. But it will pursue enquiries with the Network, and it is willing to work together with them when it is to the benefit of the League.

This opinion was formed by consensus on 22 November 2008.

### *Opinion about wider marketing of TYBBL*

The League should not pursue any major marketing projects to organisations outside the League during Season 2.

This opinion was formed by consensus on 2 February 2009.



### *Opinion about the length of seasons*

The season length determined by the League applies as a maximum across all Divisions, but it does not prevent individual Commissioners from shortening the playing period used in their own Divisions if they choose.

This opinion was formed by consensus on 11 November 2009.

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## **2. Decisions**

### *Decision about the League Commissioner*

The Commission decided that Toby Wardman should be the League Commissioner.

This decision was taken by consensus on 3 July 2008.

### *Decision about Commissioners with more than one Division*

The Commission decided that a Commissioner can be in charge of more than one Division. But all Commissioners are equal, and receive one vote each in Commission decisions, regardless of how many Divisions they have.

This decision was taken by consensus on 4 July 2008 and it was incorporated in the constitution at v1.1.

### *Decision about the dates for Season One*

The Commission decided that Season One of the League will start on Saturday 19 July 2008 and run until Friday 31 October 2008.

This decision was taken by consensus on 17 July 2008.

### ~~*Decision about the dates and venue for the first Yorkshire Crown tournament*~~

~~The Commission decided that the first Yorkshire Crown tournament would be held on Saturday 22 November 2008 at Cuppy's club in York.~~

~~This decision was taken by consensus on 31 July 2008.~~

This decision was rescinded by a decision taken on 6 October 2008.

### *Decision about progression rules in the first Yorkshire Crown tournament*

The Commission decided that the first Yorkshire Crown tournament would use ordinary progression rules, with teams developing from match to match during the tournament exactly as in a league.

This decision was taken by majority vote on 18 August 2008, with 3 in favour and 2 against, and it was incorporated in the First Yorkshire Crown Tournament Rules at v.1.0. [In favour: Ebor Central; York Wargames. Against: Doncaster Minors/Doncaster Pros; Very South Yorkshire. Uncommitted: Leeds; Sheffield & Rotherham. The League Commissioner laid the casting vote in favour.]

### *Decision about a new division from Harrogate*

The Commission decided to accept a new division from Harrogate called the Harrogate Pandas. The Commissioner will be Craig Johnson.

This decision was taken by consensus on 7 September 2008.

### *Decision about rules for the first Yorkshire Crown tournament*

The Commission decided on the full set of rules to be used for the first Yorkshire Crown tournament.

This decision was taken by consensus on 7 September 2008 and it was incorporated in the First Yorkshire Crown Tournament Rules at v.1.0.



#### *Decision about the first off-season*

The Commission decided that the period between the end of Season One and the start of Season Two will be designated off-season. During this time, divisions will be able to run friendly matches as they see fit, with teams developing freely according to the normal Blood Bowl rules and no restrictions. Teams developed in this way will be able to join Season Two of the League.

This decision was taken by consensus on 18 September 2008.

#### *Decision about the dates and venue for the first Yorkshire Crown tournament*

The Commission decided that the first Yorkshire Crown tournament would be held on Saturday 22 November 2008 at St Columba's URC in York

This decision was taken by consensus on 6 October 2008, rescinding an earlier decision on the same subject taken on 31 July 2008.

#### *Decision about the timetable for the first Yorkshire Crown tournament*

The Commission decided that there would be four rounds of play in the Yorkshire Crown tournament: three playoff rounds and a final.

This decision was taken by consensus on 21 October 2008 and it was incorporated in the First Yorkshire Crown Tournament Rules at v.1.1.

#### *Decision about an extension on Season One for the Harrogate Pandas division*

The Commission decided to grant the Harrogate Pandas division an extension of Season One until 7 November 2008. Matches played in that division up to this date will still count as Season One matches.

This decision was taken by consensus on 22 October 2008.

#### *Decision about the referee for the first Yorkshire Crown tournament*

The Commission decided that Mike East should be the referee for the tournament.

This decision was taken by consensus on 12 November 2008.

#### *Decision about the sportsmanship award for the first Yorkshire Crown tournament*

The Commission decided that the sportsmanship award at the tournament should be worth 50,000 gold pieces for the team treasury of the coach or coaches that receive it, and should not have any effect on the tournament results.

This decision was taken by consensus on 14 November 2008 and it was incorporated in the First Yorkshire Crown Tournament Rules at v.1.2.

#### *Decision about a new division from Cumbria*

The Commission decided to accept a new division from Cumbria called the North West Warriors. The Commissioner will be Adam Turner.

This decision was taken by consensus on 22 November 2008.

#### *Decision about the dates for Season Two*

The Commission decided that Season Two of the League will start on 1 January 2009 and run until 31 October 2009. Other season rules will be the same as for Season One.

This decision was taken by consensus on 22 November 2008.



#### *Decision about rule changes from the 2008 rules review*

The Commission decided that rules changes from the 2008 rules review would be implemented from the start of Season Two. Existing teams whose rosters are affected by these changes must adjust them accordingly, including modifying player and team values where appropriate.

This decision was taken by consensus on 22 November 2008.

#### *Decision about clearing injuries before the Yorkshire Crown 2009*

The Commission decided that miss-next-match injuries would not be cleared before the Yorkshire Crown tournament in 2009, thus discouraging teams from playing a large number of friendlies immediately before the tournament.

This decision was taken by consensus on 22 November 2008.

#### *Decision about removing defunct Divisions from the League*

The Commission decided that defunct Divisions could be removed from the League. The Commission could decide that a Division was defunct if it had played no matches in the current season, and if the Commission decided that the League Commissioner had made repeated attempts to contact its Commissioner and members, with no response, over a reasonably long period of time.

This decision was taken by consensus on 24 November 2008 and it was incorporated in the constitution at v.1.2.

#### *Decision about removing the Leeds Nightowls Division from the League*

The Commission decided that the Leeds Nightowls Division had become defunct and should be removed from the League.

This decision was taken by consensus on 24 November 2008.

#### *Decision about the dates and venue for the 2009 Yorkshire Crown tournament*

The Commission decided that the 2009 Yorkshire Crown tournament would be held on Saturday 31 October at Warhammer World in Nottingham.

This decision was taken by consensus on 2 February 2009.

#### *Decision about Season Three rules*

~~The Commission decided that only rookie teams will be allowed to enter at the start of Season Three, and developmental friendlies will not be allowed. Other season rules will be the same as for Season One.~~

~~This decision was taken by consensus on 2 May 2009.~~

This decision was rescinded by a decision taken on 1 July 2009.

#### *Decision about Season Three rules*

The Commission decided that there will be two parallel competitions in Season Three. The Yorkshire Crown will be for rookie teams with limited matches and no friendlies allowed. The Battle Royale will be a perpetual system for existing and rookie teams with unlimited matches and friendlies.

This decision was taken by consensus on 1 July 2009, rescinding an earlier decision on the same subject taken on 2 May 2009, and it was incorporated in the Season Three rules at v.1.0.



#### *Decision about qualifying for the second Yorkshire Crown tournament*

The Commission decided that teams which had played 8 or more matches in Season Two would be eligible to win one of their division's qualifying places, even if fewer than 6 teams in the division reached this total.

This decision was taken by consensus on 14 September 2009.

#### *Decision about qualifying for future tournaments*

The Commission decided that teams would no longer need to play a minimum of 8 matches to qualify for future Yorkshire Crown and Battle Royale tournaments. Instead, any team which is placed highly enough in its Division will be eligible to qualify using the normal rules.

This decision was taken by consensus on 3 November 2009 and it was incorporated in the Season Three rules at v.1.1.

#### *Decision about the maximum number of teams in a Division*

The Commission decided that Divisions would no longer be restricted by a maximum number of teams. This change would not affect the number of tournament qualifying places to which a Division is entitled.

This decision was taken by consensus on 3 November 2009 and it was incorporated in the constitution at v.1.3 and the Season Three rules at v.1.1.