

But the League does sometimes agree common rules where these are necessary for Divisions to cooperate and be compared. These rules are agreed jointly by the Commission.

The Commission

The nominated coordinator for each Division is called a Commissioner. Commissioners have two main responsibilities:

- running their local Divisions;
- as a group, making decisions about how the League is run.

The Commission (that is, the group of all full Commissioners plus the League Commissioner) meets to discuss and decide on issues that affect the whole League. These meetings are sometimes in person, but usually electronic. Decisions are advertised to all Divisions so that everyone knows about them.

The League Commissioner

The Commission also includes a League Commissioner. He isn't responsible for any Division and he has no decision-making power, so he isn't a full Commissioner.

Instead, his role is to maintain the website and coordinate discussions between Divisions. He also acts as the main point of contact between the League and the rest of the Blood Bowl world.

The League has a formal constitution which covers these issues in more detail. The constitution is agreed jointly by the Commission, which also keeps it up to date.

To read it or download a copy, visit www.tybbl.org.uk/resources.

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The Yorkshire
Blood Bowl League

How the League works

This leaflet contains the basic rules used by the Yorkshire Blood Bowl League.

These rules describe in a general way how the League is organised. If you're interested in the details of how matches are arranged or how tournaments work, ask your local Commissioner or visit www.tybbl.org.uk/resources.

Aims

The aims of the League are:

- to maintain and support a network of Blood Bowl gaming groups;
- to help build group membership by connecting individual gamers to their local groups;
- to collect and publish match and team information from its member groups;
- to organise and coordinate county-wide tournaments from time to time;
- to make sure that Yorkshire as a unit is clearly represented in the wider Blood Bowl community.

Structure

The League is a voluntary organisation. Its main role is to link together Blood Bowl clubs across Yorkshire.

The members of the League are independent gaming groups called Divisions. Divisions are mini-leagues run on a local level. They can be organised gaming clubs, or they can be informal groups of friends who

just meet to play Blood Bowl. All Divisions are equal in the League, regardless of their size.

Membership

Any group can become a Division if it meets the four basic criteria:

- **Location:** The group must be based in or around Yorkshire. There is some flexibility here.
- **Size:** The group must have at least 6 active coaches.
- **Commissioner:** The group must have someone who volunteers to coordinate it. This person becomes the Commissioner of the Division and also takes part in League-level decision-making.
- **Rules:** The group must be willing to follow the rules which have been agreed by existing members of the League.

To join, a group simply approaches the League and asks to join. To leave, a group simply declares that it's leaving.

Seasons and matches

To make sure that all Divisions play their matches during the same time period, our play is divided into seasons and each season is a common length for all Divisions.

During the season, each Division plays its own matches according to its own schedule and records its own results. These results are pooled on the League website so that they can be compared.

The way each season is run is decided by the League in advance. You can find details of the current season online at www.tybb.org.uk/resources.

Tournaments

The League holds a county-wide tournament every year. Each tournament is organised and hosted by a volunteer Division. The format of each tournament is decided and advertised in advance.

Game rules

Matches that take place as part of the League use the most current official Blood Bowl Rulebook, together with any FAQs and clarifications published alongside it. To make sure match results are comparable across the League, all Divisions use the same set of basic rules. When these rules change, the League implements those changes in an appropriate way.

Sometimes the League adds house rules or changes parts of the main rules. These additions and changes can be optional or compulsory for everyone, depending on what the Divisions jointly decide.

Local Divisions can adopt their own house rules if they want. But no Division is allowed to adopt a house rule which might put its teams at an advantage (or a disadvantage) compared to teams in other Divisions.

Admin and decision-making

Local Divisions are responsible for most decision-making. This includes dealing with issues such as finance, membership, publicity, legal status and child protection issues. The League has no influence over the decisions Divisions take on these matters, or on the way they are taken.

