

Welcome to the Yorkshire Blood Bowl League

Season 3

Season 3 of the Yorkshire Blood Bowl League will be very different from Seasons 1 and 2. This sheet describes those differences and tells you everything you need to know to get involved.

Season 3 will run from 1 November 2009 to 31 October 2010. During that time, teams all across Yorkshire will play Blood Bowl against each other – competing for gold, glory, and a place in one of our county-wide tournament finals at the end of the season.

How do I join?

TYBBL is organised into geographical divisions. Each one is an independent mini-league run by a local commissioner. Some divisions are part of bigger gaming clubs, while others are groups of friends who meet up regularly to play Blood Bowl. When you join the League, your local commissioner will let you know where and when the division meets, and how to join in the fun. TYBBL doesn't charge a membership fee, but your local division may do.



At the start of Season 3, each division will decide which of our two parallel competitions it's entering: the hotly contested Yorkshire Crown, or the more flexible Battle Royale. If some coaches want to enter both competitions, your commissioner may choose to run two parallel divisions and you can decide to enter either or both. Details of each competition are on the back of this sheet.

How are matches recorded?

When you play a rated match in either competition, tell your commissioner the result. He'll enter the match on the TYBBL website (www.tybbl.org.uk) so that everyone across Yorkshire can see the results. The site automatically calculates your team's position in both your local division and in the county-wide rankings. You get 4 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, and 1 point for losing (so yes, you even get rewarded just for turning up and playing the match!).

How do I qualify for the tournament finals?

At the end of the season, the top-ranked teams in each division will qualify for one of our county-wide tournament finals. In small divisions with seven or fewer teams, the top two teams will qualify. In large divisions with eight or more teams, the top three teams will qualify. In the tournaments, you'll play competitive matches against top-ranked coaches from all the other divisions across Yorkshire.

The finals for both the Yorkshire Crown and the Battle Royale will be held on the same day after the end of the Season – so, if you somehow manage to qualify for both, you'll have to choose which to attend!

The Yorkshire Crown

The Yorkshire Crown is the main League competition. Running since Season 1, the competition is designed to be closely fought and tactical, with the winners being awarded Yorkshire Blood Bowl's highest award: the title 'Bearers of the Crown'.

- **Matches:** Teams in Yorkshire Crown divisions may play up to 12 matches over the course of the season. All of these matches must be against other teams in the same division. No friendlies are allowed. At the end of the season, teams are ranked by their points from all the matches they played.
- **Teams:** Only rookie teams worth 1 million gold pieces can enter Yorkshire Crown divisions each year. After playing in its first season, a Yorkshire Crown team can either be disbanded or it can transfer to a Battle Royale division for a future season.
- **Prizes:** The winning team in the Yorkshire Crown tournament final is awarded the title 'Bearers of the Crown', and the coach receives the Yorkshire Crown trophy for the following year. Awards also go to the teams in second and third place, and there are certificates for the Most Violent, Most Sporting and Free-Scoring awards.

The Battle Royale

The Battle Royale is a new competition for Season 3. Intended as the 'big boys' league', it uses perpetual development rules to allow teams to develop across several seasons.

- **Matches:** Teams in Battle Royale divisions may play an unlimited number of matches over the course of the season. Coaches must nominate a maximum of 12 of these to be ranked matches, which count towards the division's qualifying places (you have to nominate a rated match before the match commences, and your opponent must agree). Ranked matches must be against other teams in the same division. Non-rated matches can be against Battle Royale teams from any division, and they are unranked, but still allow teams to develop, earn winnings and suffer injuries as normal.
- **Teams:** Two types of team may enter the Battle Royale: new teams worth 1 million gold pieces, and existing ex-Yorkshire Crown teams entering their second or subsequent TYBBL season. Because development in the competition is unlimited, a wide range of different level teams are expected to qualify for the tournament.
- **Prizes:** The coach of the winning team in the Battle Royale tournament final is awarded the Battle Royale cup for the following year.

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