

WYJNL – Tournaments in 2021/22

Rationale

The new structure of the Junior league was first proposed in January 2019 and accepted by all clubs.

Our aim is to develop all players within the WY junior league by allowing them to play in a league or structure that is appropriate for them, whether that be -

1. Performance
2. Participation
3. Developers.

The new structure would also support with umpires as the league grew to the point we were struggling to secure qualified umpires each and every week. With the introduction of tournaments, it would give an opportunity for trainee umpires to practice whilst also being mentored.

Tournament Dates

As part of the new structure for the 2021-22 season, please find below tournament dates with age groups, as well as entry deadlines and tournament information.

This is a new structure; and with any new structure we will monitor how things progress from week to week so there may be changes as we move through the first part of the league. We would ask that once the new WhatsApp group is set up, that anyone involved with any team playing in the tournament should check the group for any information, updates and entry.

Tournament Date	Week	Age Group	Deadline for Entries – Friday 6pm
26th September	1		
3rd October	2	U16 (T1)	24th September
10th October	3	U14 (T1)	1st October
17th October	4	U12 (T1)	8th October
24th Oct	Half Term	Half Term	
31st Oct	Half Term	Half Term	
7th November	5	U16 (T2)	29th October
14th November	6	U14 (T2)	5th November
21st November	7	U12 (T2)	12th November
28th November	8	U16 (T3)	19th November
5th December	9	U14 (T3)	26th November
12th December	10	High 5 (T1)	3rd December
19th December	Back up Week	Back up Week	

All tournaments will take place at Bradford College, Trinity Road, (Use postcode BD5 0JD) between 11am – 2pm.

A tournament record will be kept, and points awarded for a win (5), draw (3) and loss with half score (2).

Tournament entry cost will be £40 per team. Please pay this into the WYJNL Account after the tournament using the following Reference: Age/Tournament/Team – E.G. Shipley entered 1 team – REF: U16T1Shipley1

Tournament Rules and Guidance

1. Each age group tournament is a stand-alone tournament and therefore teams/players can change between each tournament.
2. If a club has more than one team within a tournament, players CAN NOT move between teams within a tournament.
3. Entries need to be with the tournament organisers by **Friday 6pm** 9 days before the tournament so the order of play is completed. **No late entries will be accepted.**
4. To enter a tournament, a Google form will be created and posted in the club contacts WhatsApp group a week before the entry deadline date.
5. All players playing within a tournament **MUST** be affiliated.
6. A player team sheet with affiliated players will need to be submitted upon registration to the tournament on the Sunday.
7. Tournament order of play will be sent before the day to the email address(es) given on the Google form.
8. Umpires will be provided. As part of the new structure, most umpires will be 'in training' and will be supported by mentors throughout the tournament.
9. Players can be age banded for tournaments (an age banding form must be submitted during registration), but players can **ONLY** play within **ONE** age group.
10. The number of team entries per club may be limited dependent on total number of entries.
11. Tournament game timings may differ between age groups and week to week depending on the total number of entries but will be made up of two equal halves.
12. Central timing will be used, with no stoppages for injury but substitutes can quickly be made. Substitutes can also be used at half time and between games
13. Teams will be a maximum of 12 players and 3 bench personnel, so a total of 15 per team. Players can not be substituted for bench personnel.
14. **Players can only play in a Tournament OR in the League.** If a coach during part 1 of the season deems a player competent enough to be moved to a team within the league, then this must be made in writing to the tournament organisers, the JNL Fixtures Secretary and JNL Chair before they take part in any league fixture. Once they have played in a league fixture, this is where they will remain for the remainder of Part 1.
15. At the end of Part 1 of the season, teams will be given the option to enter the leagues for Part 2 after Christmas.

On the Day

- A tournament referee appointed by the WYJNL will be present at each tournament where possible. It may be that clubs are asked to take responsibility for a week as the tournament referee and collect the results.
- Teams can start to arrive and register from 10.45am. Please DO NOT try and come into the college before this time as there is a disability sport group using the sports hall and we need to respect their booking and access in and out of the College.
- Register your team and submit your affiliation list and any age banding form to the tournament referee.
- A team can consist of 12 players and up to 3 bench personnel.
- An order of play will have been sent to the email addresses provided on the entry form before the tournament date. Some orders of play will be available on the day.
- Upon arrival, it will be up to team managers/coaches to set up a base in the area outside the sports hall.
- There will be no spectators allowed at the venue so please inform your parents there is no viewing.
- During the games, both teams will need to keep the score and agree with the final result. The final score will need to be given to the tournament referee to allocate points.
- A tournament record will be kept, and points awarded for a win (5), draw (3) and loss with half score (2) will determine the final placings.
- Any problems on the day, please see the tournament referee.

For any questions relating to Tournaments, please email both contacts below and we will get back to you as soon as we can:

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Covid

All tournaments will follow the WYJNL guidance for Covid-19.

Should any club want more match play, please liaise with other clubs to make this happen.