

RANGERS: A FAIR GAME FOR ALL BOWLERS

This is a proposal to create a new game for all capitated bowlers to **make a game available for those on pennant players currently missing out due to none of their fault.**

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Most of my life I have been a problem solver within the discipline of
"Engineering Design Methodology"

A key element of problem solving is to write down the DEFINITION OF THE PROBLEM as a **FACT.**

DEFINITION OF PROBLEMS IN PENNANTS

1. Many fully paid members **missing out on pennant games** in nearly every division.
2. Selectors have to make **PAINFUL DECISIONS** in **dropping a player to a lower division.**
3. Players leaving the club due to **unfair degrading** and apparent favouritism by the selectors.
4. A fundamental flaw (*inherited from the traditional rules of pennant bowling*):
" **DIVISIONS** " where an **ELITIST MENTALITY** emerge that "**DIVIDES**" members.
5. In pennant teams you may be **forced to put up with a whingeing player** all year in your team where some bowlers quit playing pennants all together.

SCIENTIFIC METHOD OF PROBLEM MANAGEMENT

1. **Collect existing facts,**

This season there are 63 clubs listed for **Men's Metropolitan Saturday Pennants.**

There are 19 Colours with 10 clubs per colour with 16 bowlers per club.

Total number of bowlers: $19 \times 10 \times 16 = \mathbf{3,040}$ bowlers.

Compare this number with the total number of capitated men listed on BowsWA register.

If there is a great difference in these numbers then **we have a problem** and a plan (like "RANGERS") should be worked out to attract most of the idle bowlers.

2. **Create a document " RANGERS RULES "**

See proposed document " Rangers Rules" next page.

3. **Publish the proposed plan of RANGERS** in the Jack-Hi and other mass media. **or better still; direct contact mail or email with the people beyond the 3,040 names.**

Average bowlers would **love to have a game without "DIVISIONS"** like the meat-packs.

The advantage in RANGERS is that everyone available can have a game on any pennant day.

Logistics of "HOME" or "AWAY" organised by the Rangers Manager.

RANGERS can be played parallel to Pennants in club uniform.

The " RANGERS RULES" next page is a proposal to build on and if successful it will retain or restore the loyalty of hundreds of disenchanting bowlers. Better yet: Corporate Bowlers may be attracted to play RANGERS.

RANGERS RULES: THE PROPOSED PLAN

- A. Like in pennants, clubs play against clubs in club uniforms on pennants days.
- B. BowlsWA may wish to provide a RANGERS MANAGER to organise games for RANGERS.
- C. Clubs send to Manager a list of teams of four players via e-mail two days before game.
- D. Manager closing list at even numbers of teams and only the odd number will miss out on that day. Manager notifies clubs via email of the results of the draw, (who plays who)
- E. HOME or AWAY games allocated by the Manager; i.e. if there are 42 teams the manager draws the first 21 teams as "HOME" teams.
- F. THE WINNING CLUB; like in pennants, 2 points for winner team,
1 point for a tie
8 points to win the aggregate. ??? comments please
- G. Entry fees; same as in pennants.
- H. Game format and starting times; same as in pennants.
- J. **Teams of four are drawn** at home before the game and names emailed to Rangers Manager and identified as eg. Bedford R1, R2, R3 .

Other suggestions may be solicited to refine the RANGERS RULES .

A possible scenario for a Game of RANGERS:

Suppose there are 7 clubs submitted 16 teams of fours.
8 teams plays HOME
8 teams play AWAY

Club 1	2 teams	HOME	Club 1 plays Club 7
Club 2	3 teams	HOME	Club 2 plays Club 5
Club 3	1 team	HOME	Club 3 plays Club 6
Club 4	2 teams	HOME	Club 4 plays Club 7
Club 5	3 teams	AWAY	
Club 6	1 team	AWAY	
<u>Club 7</u>	<u>4 teams</u>	<u>AWAY</u>	
Total	16 teams		

Each week produces a new aggregate result for the club.
Minimal distance in travel should be the guide in selecting the neighbouring opponent clubs.
Groups of 4 ~ 6 clubs may be ideal and a club may play against the same opponent several times during the season.
Each club will accumulate the aggregate for the end of the season and the results shall be published the same manner as in pennants.

This is an attempt to solve PROBLEM # 1
No capitated member should be denied a game on pennants day.

This is a preliminary plan,
I invite comments or suggestions via email.

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