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**Topic:** SPACLUBS Ladder Trophy Competition

Some thoughts on a new inter-club competition within the SPA.

All clubs will appear on the ladder and will not be able to remove themselves. Active clubs will rise up and inactive clubs will fall down. There is little intervention required from the SPA Competitions committee, other than monitoring, as the clubs themselves will be responsible for organising the competitions.

#### BASIC RULES PROPOSAL

1. All clubs are entered on a ladder as randomly drawn for initial placing from 1 to 53.
2. Any club can challenge any other club anywhere above it on the ladder.
3. The challenging club will declare the nature of the challenge (prints, PDI's, whatever - imagination rules, ok?) and be prepared to travel to the challenged clubs location.
4. The challenged club will be required to set up and meet the challenge not more than 90 days from the date of the challenge.
5. The challenged club will appoint the judge, but the challenging club will be able to exercise a single veto - i.e. they will be obliged to accept the second choice of judge.
6. Both clubs will equally share the judges expenses.
7. If the challenger wins, or 8 below applies, they will replace the loser on the ladder.
8. If the challenged club fails to meet the challenge within the 90 days they will lose by default.
9. The loser and all clubs further down will move down one rung until the space vacated by the winner is filled.
10. Once a challenge is placed neither club involved may be further challenged until after the existing challenge is determined.
11. The Trophy will be awarded at the AGM to the club which occupies the number 1 slot on the ladder at the end of the previous season (31st July?)

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