

# Suck at sports? Create your own



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Okay everyone, let's wake up and face it: all of us are not sport superstars, or even just regular stars for that matter. Heck, some of us even put shame to the status of benchwarmer. It's all too obvious that mainstream sports these days clearly favour only a small fraction of the entire population, due to the importance of certain attributes. Examples include height, muscular build, speed, long fingernails, a completely shaven body, and the ability to answer a skill-testing question. As with most people, I possess none of the above characteristics, and as a result, am denied the privilege of becoming a champion. There is, however, a solution out there: create your own sport. The process is a simple one and has worked for me numerous times.

First, before we even begin, you must remember to let your imagination run wild; no idea is too far-fetched, too implausible or too raunchy to obtain sport status. After all, bikini mud wrestling is now recognized worldwide, and I know how much we all love *Most eXtreme Elimination*. Political correctness is not a requirement, so don't feel shackled by the morals of society.

There are two starting routes you may take, both of which are perfectly valid and effective. One approach is for you to find an obscure skill or talent that only you possess or are easily the best at amongst your peers. Some examples of this method which have evolved into sports include racing with all clothes removed—which has now become streaking—and pushing oneself across mountainous terrain on two wooden planks while hunting—now commonly known as the biathlon.

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If you seem to lack any applicable and unusual ability, simply take a sport and alter it in such a way that completely removes all necessity for specialized skill. Don't forget, however, that this alteration needn't be natural or conventional. A perfect example is again at my fingertips: basketball seems to favour the vertically gifted, but not when you put four

trampolines into the court and make the game full contact.

Once you've fashioned your new sport, which now unfairly favours your abilities, you must create a set of rules. These rules are a safeguard in case you have an off night, and are designed to almost always ensure that play is to your advantage. You could let victory hinge on the last point, most drunk or rock-paper-scissors, or not even let the score matter by playing without it. Then you could always play the by "I always win" rule, which ensures your dynastic dominance of the sport you created, sort of like the reverse of what God did to the Maple Leafs when He invented hockey. You're by no means restricted to this list; as long as the rules give everyone else the short end of the stick, your task has been accomplished.

Cool names are also a must, but since your sport will be strange, try to avoid describing the nature of the game in it. This may deter others—defeatable others—from joining your league. Any name with the word ball in it is a safe guess, and I strongly promote using words like ultimate or extreme. Ultimate lawn bowling just sounds so much more intense.

And there you have it, a sport to call your own, both as creator and champion. All you have to do now is start playing it and hope another mainstream-sport challenged person comes along and joins in. Have fun, and remember to be sure everyone is aware of your champion status.

by those who witnessed it as "the very finger of God," in a game so lopsided, the Cougars only managed a frankly pathetic five shots. Also, the Pandas lost to the Manitoba Bisons on a last-second goal Sunday. Most insiders blame the loss on blatant cheating, or the fact that tooling the Cougars like a high school shop class made the Pandas overconfident in the face of opposition that have actually seen a soccer ball before.

## Pandas Field Hockey

Erin Mason made a case for cutting all of her teammates and letting her defend the CIS championship herself this weekend, scoring four goals in a win, a tie and a loss for the Pandas. While she was held scoreless in a 2-2 draw with Victoria, she scored a hat trick in a 4-0 rout of the Calgary Dinos on Saturday, though in the interest of fairness, it should be pointed out that the Dinos suck with the drive and focus normally only seen in a winner. Mason demonstrated her lone-wolfness again the next day against UBC, scoring the only goal in a 3-1 loss. She capped off the weekend by washing the team's jerseys and finishing 14 different essays on subjects as diverse as the American constitution, post-feminist novellas and proper dietary habits for tweens.

## Bears Hockey

The Golden Bears started their defence of being the sexiest team on ice, as well as their defence of the 2006 CIS championship, by thoroughly shellacking both the University of Regina Cougars and University of Saskatchewan Huskies this past weekend, leaving hearts across Saskatchewan a-twitter with their strong jaws and soft hands. Harlan Anderson lead the way with a goal and a devastating smile in a 3-2 OT victory against Regina Saturday, while netminder Blake Grenier stopped 37 shots and 14 hearts in a

5-1 win over the U of S Sunday; the former was done with his pads, the latter with his eyes. Both games were penalty-filled affairs, as all three teams had yet to fully acclimatize themselves to the new CIS rules. Bears coach Eric Thurston is reportedly unsure of how to fix the problem, since the majority of the Bears penalties were two minutes for looking so good.

## Pandas Volleyball

The Pandas started the season with a bang, then faced some real opposition and fared slightly-less-than-bang in their first action this weekend. After throwing away something called Briercrest College and taking the trinity from the Spartans by identical 3-0 scores on Friday, the Pandas fell down against Regina, Manitoba and Calgary on Saturday and Sunday, losing 3-2, 3-2 and 3-1, respectively. Due to space constraints, absolutely nothing out of the ordinary for a sporting event happened.

## NHL Hockey

There are entirely too many Flames fans in the office. It's not that I mind seeing Ty Conklin fucking the Oilers' playoff hopes on YouTube everyday, it's that I hate the fact how they all think Alex Tanguay is going to put up 110 points on a line with Jarome Iginla. I also can't stand the way they erroneously believe that their team is anything other than a strong defensive system in front of the best goalie in the league. That's why they lost in the first round of the playoffs, and that's why they'll do it again this season. Alex Tanguay doesn't change the fact that Dion Phaneuf is your third option in a shootout, or that your two best players come from Edmonton. Flames fans have a rude awakening coming, and it'll start 5 October. There's no way the Oil lose their home opener when they raise the banner to the roof.

## THE PEP RALLY

By Liam Hubstall

### Bears Football

The Golden Bears looked more like a pale shade of loss this weekend as the Manitoba Bisons cleaned our clocks and fixed our little red wagons with a 29-14 win in the city that doesn't have a good nickname, Winnipeg. On the plus side, CIS leading rusher Tendayi "Jazzy" Jozzy continues to lead the CIS in rushing, picking up 69 (woo hoo!) yards in the game. The loss drops the Bears to 2-2, though for the first time possibly ever, they're still the best senior-level football team wearing green and gold in Edmonton.

### Bears Volleyball

Inexplicably, mediocrity reigned in Kelowna this weekend, as the Bears split their series with Trinity Western. Thursday's game saw a proper crushing by our boys, handing the Spartans their minimalist asses in three-games-to-one fashion, but Friday saw the Bears choke down the bitter taste of Defeat Cola, falling in five sets to the Peloponnesians. The Bears showered extra hard to wipe the loser off, and are now guaranteeing and undefeated remainder of the season. Or I'm guaranteeing it. Either way, someone has guaranteed no more losses, especially embarrassing ones to TWU.

### Pandas Soccer

The University of Regina Cougars players openly wept on the field Saturday, as Panda Lisa Jennings outscored their whole team on the way to a 4-1 Pandas victory. Jennings potted two, including a 25-yarder described

## GOLDEN BEARS & PANDAS SPORTS



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### Brick Invitational Hockey Tournament

Friday & Saturday, September 29 & 30

Games at 4:00pm and 7:00pm @ Clare Drake Arena

(Golden Bears play in late game each night)

### Pandas Soccer

vs UBC - Saturday, September 30, 12:00pm

vs Victoria - Sunday, October 1, 12:00pm

Foote Field

492-BEAR / 451-8000 [www.bears.ualberta.ca](http://www.bears.ualberta.ca)

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The candidates running are:

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