**Variations**

**An Easy Way to Spice Up Your Program!**

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There are so many great games out there that we all use. Sometimes we

play them so much that they become over played. Rather than throw

them out or forget about them, try a new variation that will rejuvenate a

great game. Use your creativity and add new equipment or variations that

make an old favourite a brand new exciting game.

One of my favourite games from “Why Paper and Scissors Rock” is a

game called pennies where players play as many people as they can in an

attempt to collect as many pennies as they can in an allotted time. Each

player starts with an equal number of pennies and the winner of each

round collects one penny from each player they defeat. Players that run

out are able to see the leader to get extra pennies and return to the game.

Variation #1 – Create different scenarios for the players to earn

more pennies when they run out.

a) Perform a required skill, such as jumping jacks or laps.

b) Ask them to do something silly like dancing the Macarena or

singing a Nursery Rhyme.

Variation #2 – RPS Sponge Bob Square Pants

Cut a large number of sponge cubes about one inch by one inch. Dollar

store sponges work great. Collect sponges the same way you do in

“Pennies”. When the game is over, have a snowball fight with the sponge

cubes. Great fun and no one gets hurt.

Variation #3 – RPS Fuzzy Bling Bling

Buy small fuzzy hair elastics from the dollar store. Start the game with

one elastic on each finger. Collect “Fuzzy Bling” using the same format as

“Pennies``. After the game have players decorate themselves with the

bling and have a modeling runway to see who shows off their bling the

best with music playing.

Variation #3 – RPS Piercing

Give each player about five clothes pins to start the game. They can be

pinned to their clothing or their skin if they are willing. Collect clothes

pins using the same format as ``Pennies`. At the end allow players to

decorate themselves using the clothes pins and show off their ``Piercings``.

Don`t allow them to be placed on lips or nostrils, for sanitary reasons. You

will be surprised how much fun they will have with this variation.

The variations are endless.

Use your creativity and see how spicy your program could be!