

SURVEY RESULTS ARE IN!

We recently conducted a survey of Rovers fans to find out views on the current discussion on league reconstruction. The clear message from the responses received is that fans want:

- One league body for Scottish football
- A fairer distribution of income in the game
- A larger top division

An amazing 98% of Rovers fans wanted to see a fairer distribution of income throughout the Scottish game and 88% supported merging the SPL/SFL into one league body.

Views on league structure were more mixed but there was a clear demand for bigger leagues. Almost half of fans wanted a 16 team league (47%) but there was also support for the 14 and 18 team option (21% each).

The proposed 12-12-18 league structure got the thumbs down with only 23% of Rovers fans supporting it but when combined with one league body and a fairer distribution of income most fans agreed that whilst not perfect the overall proposals were 'a step in the right direction' (63%).

On the main question of whether the RRFC Board should support these proposals opinion was divided with 40% saying they should and 46% saying they shouldn't.



This is clearly a difficult decision for everyone in Scottish football including the Board of Raith Rovers. As the survey has shown, fans are divided on whether this is a positive step for Raith Rovers with more information needed on the details.

The detailed survey results are on the back of this newsletter. A huge thanks to every Rovers fan who took the time to fill in the survey.

FANS FORUM – HAVE YOUR SAY

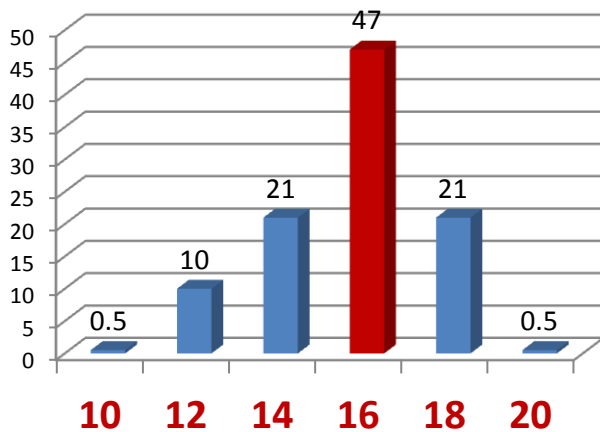
The survey showed that 87% of Rovers fans felt that supporters have not been adequately consulted by the football authorities on reconstruction. That is why we are delighted that here at Raith Rovers the Board is giving us all the chance to hear the full details of what is on offer to us and ask questions. **The Fans' Forum is at Stark's Park on Tuesday 5th February at 7.00pm.** Come along and make your voice heard.



DETAILED SURVEY RESULTS

(Conducted 14-28 January 2013, 298 Responses)

Preferred size of top league

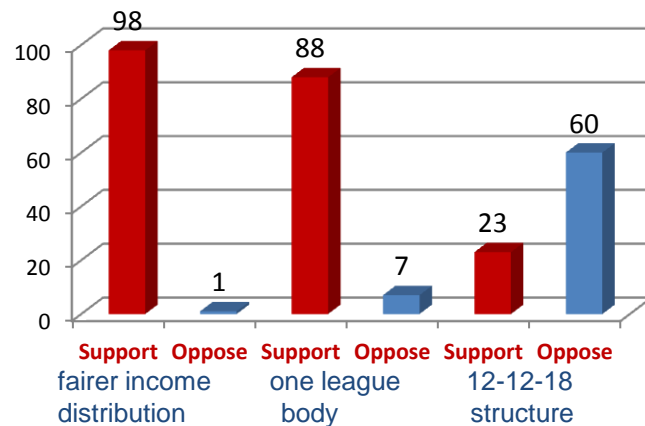


Change fans want to see

(% saying very important)

- One league body (88%)
- Fairer distribution of income (87%)
- Larger top division (70%)
- End to playing teams 4 times (55%)
- Less meaningless games (53%)
- Cheaper ticket prices (52%)
- Pyramid system (52%)

Support for each part of proposals



I support the changes broadly as "a step in the right direction". However, I also have sympathy for the view that fans should know at the start of the season what we are paying for

These proposals are nothing more than a coat of fresh paint. In no way does it address the real issues in Scottish football

- 93% agree that 'while I don't agree totally with the proposed league structure the move to one league body and fairer distribution of income is to be welcomed'
- 75% believe that these proposals ignore the wishes of fans for bigger leagues
- 63% agree that these proposals 'are not perfect but they are a step in the right direction'
- 23% say that these proposals 'will make me less likely to attend games in the future'

Should RRFC Board support proposals?

