



COVID-19 Support and Guidance – Update 19 May 2020

We hope you are all safe and well and are still managing to cope with the changes to everyday life. Bowls Scotland continues to review procedures and plans in line with Scottish Government. Please find some updates, additional resources of support and guidance.

BOWLS SCOTLAND – HERE TO HELP

For information, support and guidance please visit our website, Facebook or contact our National Development Officers (NDOs) who continue to be available throughout this time:

Districts 1-10: Stuart Bell - 07525 134385
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BOWLS SCOTLAND CLUB CRISIS FUND

The Club Crisis Fund aims to support clubs that find themselves in financial difficulties directly because of COVID-19. Clubs can ordinarily apply for up to a maximum of £1,000, though larger sums may be considered in exceptional circumstances. The deadline for applications is Friday 26th June 2020. More info can be found [here](#)

Priority will be given to:

- Clubs at risk of losing their facilities
- Clubs who are ineligible or have been unsuccessful applying for the Business Support Grant
- Clubs in areas of high social deprivation
- Clubs that have low levels of cash reserves
- Clubs that cannot negotiate better terms with suppliers and contractors

CLUB SURVEY

Thank you to the 617 clubs who took the time to respond, we really appreciate it, this is an incredible 73% return rate. We will publish the survey results soon in a separate update.

SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (SCVO)

SCVO provide a very useful funding directory that can be accessed [here](#)

CORONAVIRUS SMALL BUSINESS BONUS SCHEME

300 clubs across Scotland have secured one-off grants of £10,000 or £25,000 via the Small Business Bonus Scheme.

Bowling Clubs can apply for these Grants via the clubs Local Authority. More info is [here](#)

If you are unsure if your club qualifies or are having difficulty accessing this grant, please contact your NDO.

RETURN TO THE GREEN – CONSULTATION

Twenty-nine District Secretaries participated in three online sessions last week to discuss what needs to be considered for a return to the green. The three sessions were all very similar in terms of thoughts and opinions with some general themes emerging. Based on this feedback and our continued discussions with **sportscotland** and the Scottish Government we have drafted guidance to enable us and our clubs to respond quickly and effectively to an ease in restrictions.

SUPPORT FOR CLUB AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

sportscotland is the national agency for sport in Scotland. They have created an information hub with guidance, advice, and useful links for:

- organisations employing staff or engaging services
- organisations with a facility
- organisations in need of an emergency grant

More info can be found [here](#)

CONNECTING SCOTLAND – CLUBS HELP OUT

Thank you to the 32 Bowling Clubs who supported the Connecting Scotland programme by offering their facilities for use. The programme connects people who are considered at clinically high risk themselves so they can access services and support and connect with friends and family during the pandemic.