

End of Season Cost Saving Hints and Tips

Bowls Scotland has compiled some examples of things to consider for trying to reduce costs in the off season. The information below is designed to be a starting point for clubs, however if you have any additional hints and tips that your club is doing to save money, please share with us by emailing info@bowlsscotland.com

- Examine where the club spends its money. Accessing last year's balance sheet is a good starting point.
- Clubs should consider the costs associated with opening the club for a small number of members. For example, this could be looking to reduce opening days/times to reflect the numbers attending or address any potential loss to the club financially based on income coming over the bar versus expenditure for having the club open.
- End of Season Bar Stock: If the club is closing down during the off season then check use by dates on products and consider exploring if club members can buy stock at cost price or a distribute to members on a 'take and replace' when the season restarts agreement. Also ask if your current supplier would accept returns, then arrange collection with them. (If arranging to distribute to members, please ensure you follow government advice on health, travel, and social distancing)
- Shut down any appliances that may not be required. This might include Kitchen appliances.
- Consider monitoring the heating of the club efficiently, keeping the property particularly the water pipes warm enough to avoid them freezing. Some other things to potentially consider:
 - Set the heating to come on daily for a few hours early in the morning and again late evening to help keep the property above freezing
 - Keep the heating on all day and night but keep the thermostat at a very low setting of around 12 degrees.
 - Open cupboard doors under the sink to allow the warmer air to get into the water pipes and help against freezing.
 - Make sure there are no dripping taps including outside taps as an external tap with a slow drip will freeze very easily.
- Ensure club's irrigation system is switched off and drained to prevent burst pipes. Temporarily switch off any internal areas to reduce water usage, toilet urinals on timer.
- Look to reduce Refuse Collection costs by cancelling or reducing collection frequency.
- Think about if TV and Broadband is required. Contact your provider to understand what options are available to the club.
- Think about any other areas of expenditure during the off season and if you think your club is going to miss payments. Looking at the club's contracts or loans (existing Direct Debits and Standing Orders). Check the projections for the next few months and assess ability to pay. Get in touch with providers to discuss options available to the club.
- Clubs may want to consider asking for members fees for the new season earlier than usual, to support with the clubs cashflow, if required.