



Belfast Indoor Bowls Club

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Dear Councillor Rodgers

As you are aware Belfast Indoor Bowls Club hosted the British Isles Indoor Bowls International Series and Championships Series in 2017. The council provided financial assistance on that occasion which we were extremely grateful for.

The club is again due to host the same event from 11th - 19th March 2022. The schedule is as follows:

11th - 13th March	Ladies International Series
14th - 16th March	Championships (Ladies & Men)
17th - 19th March	Men's International Series

The Internationals Series for both Ladies and Men will involve teams from Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales and they will be joined by participants from the Channel Islands for the Championships.

There will be in the region of 350 competitors taking part and I would anticipate around 2500 - 3000 spectators during the course of the 9-day event. Based on our previous experience of hosting the event we would expect a large number of spectators to come from the other nations which obviously has a positive knock-on effect for tourism in the Belfast area with overnight accommodation/meals etc. being required and local tourist attractions being visited.

As you can see from the dates above, there are 9 full days of play and a couple of days are needed in advance of the start of the Series for the stadium to be made ready and one day at the finish so this is 12 days that members will not have use of the club and the club doesn't have the usual revenue coming in. The British Isles Indoor Bowls Council provides the club with a grant of £3,000 to help offset the loss of green fees, our actual loss in green fees for this period is in the region of £5,500 - £6,000.

The club is required to cover the remaining costs which I have summarised below.

Hire of Tiered Seating - 160 seats @ £14 per seat inc. setup & removal	£2,240
First Aid - 2 x First Aiders per day for 9 x days @ £150 per day	£1,350
Advertising in local papers, leaflet distribution	£2,500
Promotional material	£2,500
Subsistence for Volunteers/stewards	£900
Total	£9,490

Given the scale of this outlay, the club would be grateful if the council could provide some financial assistance to help meet some of these costs. We would of course recognise any contribution from the council in the promotional material and would welcome you and other civic dignitaries to the club during the event.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and your continued support for the sport. I am happy to provide further details if required.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Mulholland".

Chris Mulholland
Honorary Secretary
Belfast Indoor Bowls Club