

11 Ideas for Change

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1. Share and pool resources

Could you pool some funds between you to pay for a fulltime administrator? Could you use the same database or same software? Could you share a facility?

2. Expand your offering from sport to include play, active recreation and physical activity

Could you be called a community club instead of a sports club? Could you offer other forms of physical activity like yoga, after school sports and other activities? Could you have private operators delivering with you?

3. Use new technologies to reduce administration and better track data

Could this be coordinated at a regional / national level? Is there a software developer in your club? What can you use to make finances, registrations and databases be done more efficiently?

4. Delegate administration to a new entity

Could you create a separate entity to do all the administration and service delivery for clubs? The clubs would still exist – there is no transfer of property.

5. Consolidate facilities

Could you share grounds with schools? What about building purpose-built facilities with other clubs in a hub?

6. Merge clubs from different codes to form a 'community super club'

Each code would keep its' own club but would be together under one entity

7. Merge clubs with schools

Could the club be based at a local school? Or the school base its' programme at a club? So that the administration and coaching of the sport is done by one group

8. Merge neighbouring clubs from the same code

Could you keep using the same grounds or facilities but merge the clubs into one entity?

9. Do we need a RSO for every code?

Most are involved in supporting clubs, interclub competitions, and representative teams. Could there be an umbrella RSO based on similar characteristics (i.e. racket sports, water sports)

10. Create a centralised service support entity (HR, legal, finance, administration) at a regional or national level

This could also include discipline / integrity processes, complaints about bullying and sexual harassment, anti-doping, and other integrity breaches.

11. Move away from member-based sports organisations to public benefit / board led entities

Could there be trusts / companies setup who can innovate quickly, have no membership fees and instead have user pay fees. Both trusts and companies can be charitable if established for public benefit

