

# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

British Fencing is committed to minimising the environmental impact of its activities through adopting sound principles, implementing good practice, and by continuous improvement in environmental performance.

*From the IOC: For the “IOC as leader of the Olympic Movement”, our strategic intent for 2030 is to inspire and assist Olympic Movement stakeholders in developing sustainable sport worldwide and to leverage the inspirational power of athletes and the Olympic symbol to promote sustainability through sport.*

United Nations’ Sports for Climate Action states: “Sports organizations can display climate leadership by engaging together in the climate neutrality journey. They can achieve this by taking responsibility for their climate footprint, which in turn will incentivize climate action beyond the sports sector, and therefore help global ambition step-up in the face of the threat posed by climate change.”

Inspired by these IOC and UNSCA initiatives, British Fencing will develop an ethos of environmental responsibility in its Board, Committees and staff, in the management of its office, competitions, camps and events and in doing so, aim to become a sustainable organisation and contribute to fencing becoming a sustainable sport.

This sustainability policy will act as a guideline document for all future improvements.

## 2. AIMS

It is the policy of British Fencing to:

- Manage the organisation in a manner that reduces the impact of its activities on the environment, with emphasis on reducing its carbon footprint.
- Seek cultural change through raising awareness of collective and individual responsibility in working towards achieving a sustainable organisation and sport.
- Continually increase its knowledge base of sustainability issues, learning from other organisations and experts.

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- Consider the wider environmental impact of its spending decisions through seeking an appropriate balance between cost and sustainability.
- Conform to and where possible exceed minimum legal requirements for reducing adverse environmental impacts.
- Ensure that this policy is communicated to all staff.

### 3. ACTIONS

In order to move further towards becoming a sustainable organisation, British Fencing will take the following actions:

- Commit to a choice of products and suppliers, within legal and financial constraints, which minimise negative environmental and social impacts.
- Avoid the use of environmentally damaging and hazardous materials and adherence to sensible working practices where use is unavoidable.
- Minimise waste through sensible purchasing, reduced consumption and the adoption of efficient waste management and recycling methods, following the principles of Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Refill, Repair, Recycle
- Adopt policies to reduce the environmental impact of travel
- Regularly consult and engage with members

To drive implementation British Fencing will create an Environmental Sustainability Action Plan which will be reviewed on a regular basis by the BF Board.

### 4. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually.

#### Version History (can be placed at end)

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