



World Dodgeball Association Sustainability Policy

As the International Federation of Dodgeball, the World Dodgeball Association (WDA) is committed to leading the sport of dodgeball toward a more sustainable and environmentally conscious future. We recognize the critical role that the sports sector plays in environmental impact and aim to reduce our carbon footprint and promote ecological stewardship in all facets of our operations. This policy outlines our commitment to sustainable practices, focusing on three key aims: reducing carbon emissions through joint collaborative events, utilizing existing infrastructure to minimize environmental impact, and rigorously monitoring and reducing supply chain emissions.

1. Reducing Carbon Emissions Through Joint Collaborative Events

The WDA acknowledges that international sports events often lead to significant carbon emissions, particularly from airline travel. To mitigate this impact, we will:

- **Partner with other sports organizations:** We will seek collaborative opportunities to host joint events with other sports federations. By aligning schedules and consolidating travel, we can reduce the number of flights required for participants, officials, and fans, thereby minimizing overall emissions.
- **Promote virtual engagement:** Wherever possible, we will encourage the use of technology to support virtual participation for meetings, training, and events, significantly reducing the need for international travel.
- **Carbon offset programs:** For travel that is essential, the WDA will invest in reputable carbon offset initiatives, ensuring that the emissions associated with necessary travel are balanced through funding environmental protection projects.

2. Utilizing Existing Infrastructure and Facilities

In our efforts to reduce the environmental impact associated with the construction of new facilities, the WDA will prioritize the following:

- **Utilizing existing venues:** For WDA events, we will prioritize the use of existing sporting venues, arenas, and community spaces rather than constructing new ones. This strategy will not only reduce CO2 emissions from construction but will also minimize material waste and the need for additional resources.
- **Promoting shared-use facilities:** The WDA encourages the use of multi-purpose facilities that can serve various sports and community functions. This will ensure that we are maximizing the utility of existing resources while limiting the environmental footprint of underused infrastructure.
- **Retrofit and sustainability upgrades:** Where possible, we will collaborate with local communities and organizations to improve existing facilities through sustainable upgrades,

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such as energy-efficient lighting, waste reduction systems, and water conservation technologies.

3. Rigorously Monitoring and Reducing Supply Chain CO2 Emissions

The WDA is committed to reducing the environmental impact of its supply chain by focusing on transparency, sustainable sourcing, and continuous improvement. This will include:

- **Sustainable sourcing of products:** We will work with suppliers who demonstrate strong environmental credentials, prioritizing products and services that are sustainably sourced, made with renewable materials, and that adhere to stringent environmental standards.
- **Green logistics and transportation:** The WDA will collaborate with suppliers and logistics partners to minimize the carbon footprint of transportation. This includes optimizing shipping methods, using electric or low-emission vehicles, and reducing the overall volume of goods transported.
- **Regular monitoring and reporting:** The WDA will implement a system for monitoring the carbon footprint of its supply chain and will regularly assess our partners and practices. This will include tracking emissions related to equipment production, merchandise distribution, and event materials.

4. Our Commitment to the Sport for Nature Pledge

The World Dodgeball Association is a proactive member of the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** under the **Sport for Nature Pledge**. This initiative, supported by the IUCN, IOC, UNEP, CBD, and Dona Bertarelli Philanthropy, aims to transform the sports sector into a champion of nature and environmental conservation. By signing this pledge, we are committing to:

- **Nature-positive goals:** We will strive to make positive contributions to biodiversity and nature conservation in every aspect of our operations. This includes supporting local environmental initiatives, advocating for sustainable land use, and ensuring our events minimize harm to local ecosystems.
- **Public education and awareness:** We will use the global platform of dodgeball to raise awareness of environmental issues, educating athletes, fans, and communities about the importance of preserving nature and biodiversity.
- **Ongoing collaboration:** As a member of the Sport for Nature initiative, the WDA will collaborate with other sports organizations, governmental bodies, and environmental NGOs to drive transformative action for nature.

5. Conclusion

The World Dodgeball Association is committed to embedding sustainability into the very fabric of the sport. We will continue to innovate, collaborate, and lead by example to ensure that dodgeball is a force for positive change, not only in the world of sports but for the planet. Through our three key aims of reducing carbon emissions, utilizing existing infrastructure, and rigorously managing



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our supply chain, alongside our active participation in the Sport for Nature Pledge, we will contribute to a healthier planet for future generations.

We invite all stakeholders—athletes, fans, partners, and organizations—to join us in making a lasting impact for nature and sustainability.