Sustainability Policy

Introduction

1. The Guernsey Athletics Club is committed to promoting sustainability and reducing our environmental impact. This policy outlines our approach to sustainability and our commitment to embedding sustainable practices in all aspects of the club and the promotion of athletics in Guernsey. We recognise our responsibility to the environment and strive to set an example for our athletes, coaches, members, and the wider community.

Objectives

2. Our sustainability objectives are to:

- Minimize our environmental footprint: Reduce energy consumption, waste, and greenhouse gas emissions through efficient practices and resource management.
- Promote sustainable practices: Encourage our members and community to adopt environmentally friendly behaviours and support local, island based sustainability initiatives.
- Ensure compliance: Adhere to all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and guidance to maintain high standards of environmental protection.
- Continuous improvement: Regularly review and enhance our sustainability practices to adapt to new developments and best practices in environmental stewardship.

Scope

3. This policy applies to all activities, operations, and events organised by the Guernsey Athletics Club, including training sessions, competitions, events and other community programs. It encompasses our facilities, equipment, and interactions with our athletes, coaches, members and the wider community.

Environmental Impact

4. We will take steps to reduce our environmental impact. This will include, where possible:

- Energy Efficiency: Implementing energy-saving measures such as LED lighting, energy-efficient appliances, and optimising heating and cooling systems. Regularly maintaining equipment to ensure its optimal performance.
- Waste Reduction: Introducing comprehensive recycling programs, reducing single-use plastics, and promoting the use of reusable materials. Implementing composting for organic waste and encouraging digital communication to minimize paper usage.
- Sustainable Transportation: Encouraging carpooling, cycling, walking, and the use of public transportation amongst our members and visitors. Providing facilities such as bike racks and promoting virtual meetings to reduce travel-related emissions.
- Eco-friendly Products: Using environmentally friendly cleaning products, office supplies, and sporting equipment. Prioritising suppliers and partners that share our commitment to sustainability.

Community Engagement

5. We will engage with our members and the local community to promote sustainability in local athletics by incorporating green initiatives during our events throughout the year, encouraging members to volunteer and support these projects.

6. We will collaborate with local businesses, schools, and organisations to support and promote sustainability projects and initiatives relevant to the Club. Seeking opportunities to create joint ventures that benefit the community and the environment.

Continuous Improvement

7. We are committed to continuous improvement in our sustainability practices. We will:

- Regular Reviews: Conduct regular reviews of our policies and practices to ensure they remain effective and relevant. Updating policies to reflect new technologies, regulatory changes, and best practices.
- Innovation: Embrace new technologies and methods that can help us achieve our sustainability goals. Exploring innovative solutions and best practices from other local organisations and industries.
- Feedback: Encourage feedback from Club members and the local community to identify areas for improvement and implement necessary changes.

Compliance

8. We will ensure compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations, including the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2017. We will also adhere to the principles of the British Association for Sustainable Sport (BASIS) framework and other relevant guidelines. Ensuring that our practices meet the highest standards of environmental protection and ethical conduct.

Conclusion

9. We believe that sustainability is essential for the long-term success and well-being of our club and the wider community. We are dedicated to making a positive impact on the environment and promoting sustainable practices in all our activities. By working together, we can create a sustainable future for our club and inspire our athletes to do the same.