



Regulation 8.1 – Environmental Sustainability Policy

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This policy has been developed with reference to recognised UK legislation and best practice guidance, including publications from the Charity Commission for England and Wales, Sport England, UK Sport, the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA), the Environment Agency, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), and ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems.

POLICY STATEMENT

Mariners United Sporting Club CIC (MUSC CIC) is committed to operating in an environmentally responsible manner while delivering sport, physical activity and community programmes. We recognise that protecting the environment contributes to healthier communities and supports our commitment to sustainable development.

MUSC CIC shall seek to minimise its environmental impact by reducing waste, using resources responsibly, encouraging sustainable travel and promoting environmentally responsible behaviour across all of its activities.

INTERPRETATION

For the purposes of this regulation, environmental sustainability refers to managing MUSC CIC's activities in a manner that reduces environmental impact, conserves natural resources and supports long-term community wellbeing.

This regulation applies to all directors, employees, volunteers, coaches, officials, contractors, participants and anyone acting on behalf of MUSC CIC.

SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This regulation applies to all MUSC CIC programmes, training sessions, competitions, events, meetings, offices, community projects and activities organised or delivered by the organisation.

Where MUSC CIC uses third-party venues, staff and volunteers shall support the venue's environmental policies wherever reasonably practicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

MUSC CIC shall:

- Use resources responsibly.
- Reduce waste wherever practical.
- Promote recycling.
- Reduce unnecessary printing by using digital systems.
- Encourage reusable bottles and equipment.
- Support environmentally responsible purchasing where possible.

ENERGY, WATER AND WASTE

MUSC CIC shall aim to:

- Switch off lights and electrical equipment when not in use.
- Minimise unnecessary water consumption.

- Recycle materials where facilities exist.
- Dispose of waste responsibly.
- Reduce the use of single-use plastics during activities and events.

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

Where practical, MUSC CIC shall encourage:

- Walking and cycling.
- Public transport.
- Car sharing.
- Efficient planning of meetings and events to reduce unnecessary travel.
- Online meetings where appropriate.

EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

When delivering activities, MUSC CIC shall:

- Respect parks, beaches and community spaces.
- Leave venues clean and free from litter.
- Encourage participants to dispose of waste responsibly.
- Promote environmental awareness during major events where appropriate.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Directors shall oversee the implementation of this policy.

All staff, volunteers and participants are expected to:

- Follow this policy.
- Use resources responsibly.
- Report environmental concerns where appropriate.
- Support environmentally responsible practices during MUSC CIC activities.

MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

MUSC CIC shall periodically review its environmental practices and identify opportunities for improvement. Any significant environmental concerns arising from MUSC CIC activities should be reported to the Board of Directors for consideration.

REVIEW AND MONITORING

This policy shall be reviewed at least every three years or sooner where changes in legislation, organisational activities or recognised good practice require amendment.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

This policy should be read alongside:

Regulation 2.1 – Health & Safety Policy

Regulation 2.3 – Venue & Event Risk Assessment Policy

Regulation 3.1 – Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy

Regulation 4.1 – Data Protection & GDPR Policy

Regulation 7.2 – Financial Procedures & Sustainability Policy