



EPL Environmental Sustainability Matrix 2021 – Points Key



Categories	Policy and Commitment	Clean Energy	Energy Efficiency	Sustainable Transport	Single Use Plastic Reduction or Removal	Waste Management	Water Efficiency	Plant-based/ Low-carbon Food	Biodiversity	Education	Communications and Engagement
<i>Points available</i>	<i>2 points available + 1 bonus point</i>	<i>2 points available</i>	<i>2 points available</i>	<i>2 points available + 1 bonus points</i>	<i>2 points available</i>	<i>2 points available</i>	<i>2 points available</i>	<i>2 points available</i>	<i>2 points available</i>	<i>2 points available</i>	<i>2 points available</i>
How points are allocated (24 max points)	2 points available if club has a publicised sustainability policy/strategy that shows commitment to long term, holistic environmental sustainability efforts, and if club is a signatory to UN Sports for Climate Action Framework on high ambition track with net zero targets & reporting OR have set net zero targets and are reporting	2 points given if 100% of energy at stadium and other club sites is from a renewable source (via utility or mix of utility and onsite generation) - certificate needed to prove this	2 points given if club has a systemic energy efficiency plan in place across their sites, via building/energy management systems, BREEAM standards, ESOS compliant etc	2 points available if club has a sustainable transport policy that extends to fans, staff and team travel. To include visibly advocating for fans/staff to use sustainable transport options and give incentives to do so - i.e. free travel in fan zones, bike to work scheme, money off public transport, as well as showing a sustainable transport policy for player/team travel to games	2 points available if clubs have a current policy/systemic effort in place that is already reducing or has entirely removed all single use plastic from across all sites of their organisation	2 points available if a clubs has put in place a systemic waste management/recycling programme that reduces waste, diverts at least 95% of waste from landfill and ensures all waste is recycled/works within the circular economy across all sites - stadium, training facilities and offices	2 points available if club has a policy/systemic effort in place that is currently reducing and enabling water reuse from their organisation - across stadium, training facilities and offices. To include water recycling, reduction and reuse	2 points available if club offers sustainably sourced, vegan food options across all sites; to fans on the stadium concourse for every game and hospitality and for staff and players across all sites	2 points available if club has a publicised biodiversity policy/strategy that reaches across all club sites/in their local community to support nature and local ecosystems through refrain, reduce, restore, renew or similar	2 points available if club has provided environmental sustainability/climate change education programme or training for staff, players and fan groups/young people in the past 12 months	2 points available if the club's sustainability policy/efforts have a page on the club's main website, and if club actively engages fans towards positive behavioural change that reduces environmental impact in their own lives
	1 point available if club has a publicised sustainability policy/strategy that shows commitment to long term, holistic sustainability efforts, and if club is a signatory to UN Sports for Climate Action Framework OR has made an external net zero or credible emissions reduction commitment	1 point for more than 40% of energy being provided from renewable source across all clubs sites, but less than 100%, or for having any onsite generation - certificate needed to prove this	1 point given if isolated energy efficiency efforts have been made; i.e. LED lighting, but policy or management system not in place	1 point given if clubs actively and visibly advocate for fans and staff to sustainable transport options; public transport, active transport, bike racks, carpooling etc	1 point available if efforts to remove single use plastic are ad hoc, or only focussed on individual products	1 point given if clubs have a waste diversion/recycling system in place but it doesn't lead to 95% diversion from landfill, doesn't operate across all sites or if zero waste to landfill but no waste management policy in place or recycling system not in place	1 point available if efforts to conserve/reuse water are isolated efforts across 1 or 2 areas, or don't take place across the whole club's operations, 1 point if a strategy is in place but no work started yet	1 point given if sustainably sourced vegan food is available, but not across	1 point available if club has active efforts to support nature and local ecosystems but doesn't have a policy in place	1 point available if club has provided environmental sustainability/climate change education programme or training in one or more category of staff, players, fan groups or young people at any time	1 point available if the club's sustainability policy/efforts are available as a page on the club's main website
	0.5 point if the club has set an external emissions reduction target but has not yet got a policy/strategy in place towards that OR if a club has a sustainability policy/pledge but has not made any external commitments on emissions reduction targets	0.5 points given if club has some energy provided from renewable sources, but not 40% or more	0 points given if club cannot show that they have any energy efficiency efforts in place	0 points given if clubs don't actively or visibly advocate for fans and staff to travel sustainably	0 points given if clubs have not succeeded in reducing or removing single use plastic from their operations	0.5 points if some recycling takes place but no waste management strategy in place	0 points if a club doesn't currently conserve or recycle water	0.5 point given if vegetarian, sustainably sourced food is available at the stadium for fans, or if all foods are sustainably sourced	0.5 points if club has supported nature and local ecosystems in the past 12 months in an ad-hoc way, but doesn't have current/ongoing activity	0 points available if clubs has not provided any environmental sustainability/climate change education programming or training for the stakeholders mentioned	0.5 point if the club has published climate/sustainability club news or campaigns on the main club website in the last 6 months and/or has engaged fans on the topic of environmental sustainability in any way
	0 points if the club has neither policies on environmental sustainability in place nor an externally publicised emissions reduction target	0 points given if club has less than 40% of energy derived from renewable sources or cannot show that any of their energy is provided via renewable sources		1 Bonus Point - if club tracks and reports on the percentage of fans taking various modes of transportation to games and reports it		0 points if a club does not have a waste management programme/doesn't recycle or attempt to divert waste from landfill		0 points given if food is not sourced sustainably, and no vegan food options are available on any sites	0 points available if club doesn't currently have activity relating to promoting biodiversity or protecting nature		0 points given if clubs do not actively communicate on sustainability through their own comms channels, club news articles, or any coverage is more than 6 months old