

Sport Positive Leagues - EPL Environmental Sustainability Matrix 2022/23 – Points Key

Categories	Policy, Commitment & Reporting	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	Procurement/Sourcing	Ownership & Sponsorships
Points available	2 points available + 1 bonus point	2 points available	2 points available	3 points available + 1 bonus point	2 points available	2 points available	2 points available	2 points available	2 points available	2 points available	2 points available	2 points available	No points attributed this year
Shares the How points are allocated (27 max)	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 & are reporting publicly on their scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions OR have set net zero targets and are reporting publicly their scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions	2 points given if 100% of energy at stadium and all other club sites inc. all retail stores is from a renewable source (via utility or mix of utility and onsite generation) – proof required	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	3 points available if all criteria for 2 points are met (see below) and if the club can prove that no flights were used for domestic team travel in the last 12 months	2 points available if club has entirely removed all single use plastic from across all sites of their organisation (inc. retail stores)	2 points available if a club has put in place a waste management/ recycling programme that reduces waste, diverts at least 98% of waste from landfill and ensures all waste is recycled/works within the circular economy across all sites - stadium, training facilities, offices and retail stores	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, offices and retail stores. To include water recycling, reduction and reuse	2 points available if club offers sustainably sourced, plant based food options across all sites; to fans on the stadium concourse for every game, in hospitality areas and for staff and players across all sites	2 points available if club has a publicised biodiversity policy/strategy/ commitment 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 all criteria for 1 point is met (see below) and club has provided environmental sustainability/climate change education programme for ALL players (formal training, not PR support; men and women, academy players etc) in the past 12 months	2 points available if the club's sustainability policy/work has a page on the club website's main navigation (not foundation/charity site), and if club can prove it actively engages fans towards positive behavioural change that reduces environmental impact in their own lives	2 points available if the club has a sustainable sourcing/procurement policy in place for all goods. To include environmental, ethical (human and labour rights, fair/living wages) and social responsibility (diversity, traceability).	<i>Having liaised with many industry leaders on how to tackle this area, we have decided to use this as an opportunity to raise awareness, rather than do a ranking system for sponsor organisations</i>
	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 AND/OR has made an external net zero or credible emissions reduction commitment	1 point for more than 75% of energy being provided from renewable source across all club sites, but less than 100%, or for having any onsite generation – proof required	1 point given if multiple energy efficiency efforts have been made across all club sites	2 points available if club has a sustainable transport policy that extends to staff and team travel, and fans. 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	1 point available if club has a current policy/systemic effort in place that is actively reducing single use plastic from across all sites of their organisation	1 point given if clubs have a waste diversion/recycling system in place but it doesn't lead to 98%+ diversion from landfill, doesn't operate across all sites OR if zero waste to landfill but no waste management policy or recycling system not in place	1 point available if efforts to conserve/reuse water are isolated across 1 or 2 areas/don't take place across the whole club's operations, 1 point if a strategy is in place but no initiatives started yet	1 point given if sustainably sourced plant based food options are available, but not across all sites	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 for staff, fan groups/ young people, some players in the past 12 months	1 point available if the club's sustainability policy/efforts are available as a page on any of the club's websites	1 point available if the club has a sustainable procurement policy in place for goods that includes some but not all of that covered in 2 points (above) - must cover environmental as a minimum	<i>We will publicise a list of club sponsors – including the industry they operate in and any sustainability activations that are in the public domain and any positive or negative impact the organisation is having more broadly</i>
	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 75% or more (was up to 40% in 2021)	0.5 points given if only one energy efficiency effort in place – i.e. LED lighting	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	0.5 point available if efforts to remove single use plastic are ad hoc, focussed on individual products	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	0.5 points 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	0.5 point if the club has taken steps to reduce environmental impact of merchandise in last 12 months but don't have a full procurement policy in place, i.e. rolling kit over from last season, recycled materials in kits, limiting packaging of online merch delivery	0.5 points if club has taken steps to reduce environmental impact of merchandise in last 12 months but don't have a full procurement policy in place, i.e. rolling kit over from last season, recycled materials in kits, limiting packaging of online merch delivery	<i>We are working with colleagues to have a matrix for the 2023/24 Sport Positive Leagues that does call out any partnerships that pose a problem</i>
	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 no energy derived from renewable sources or cannot show that any of their energy is provided via renewable sources	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 points if a club does not have a waste management programme or attempt to recycle or divert waste from landfill	0 points given if food is not sourced sustainably, and no plant based 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 available if clubs has not provided any environmental sustainability/climate change education programming or training for the stakeholders mentioned	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	0 points if a club does not have a sustainable procurement policy in place, nor has taken steps to reduce the environmental impact of goods, services or merchandise	<i>We recognise and are cognisant of the fact that sponsor organisations can cause social, human rights, mental and physical health impacts, as well as environmental and as such we can't look at these organisations just through an enviro lens</i>	
	1 bonus point – if in addition to the above, the club is certified to internationally recognised sustainability management system, such as ISO20121				1 Bonus Point - if club tracks and reports on the percentage of fans taking various modes of transportation to games and reports it/shares the findings publicly								