



Environmental Policy

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The European Rugby League Federation recognises that the sport does have a direct impact on the environment, as does the way the federation runs its business and the manner in which Rugby League fans and staff conduct their lives.

2. Overview

- 2.1 ERL acknowledges responsibility to take reasonable measures to safeguard the environment for both the present and future generations. ERL is committed to providing clear leadership on environmental issues through its policies, programmes and the way it conducts its business.
- 2.2 ERL will enhance its own environmental performance and encourage its member federations to do so as well, through improved working practices as well as providing assistance and advice to all members of the rugby league community on all environmental issues relating to their activities.
- 2.3 ERL will regularly monitor all of its environmental policies and introduce audits at appropriate intervals to ensure that all the policy objectives are achieved

3. Actions

- 3.1 ERL has identified the following key areas for action:
- (a) **Office based activities:** In its day to day operations, ERL has the potential to have a significant impact on the environment through its basic activities and the resources it uses. The RLEF will seek to quantify these effects and implement measures to ensure day to day office practices have as small an impact on the environment as is possible. This will be achieved through improvements in:
- (i) Recycling of office materials,
 - (ii) Purchasing practices such as use of fair trade and recycled products,
 - (iii) Reviewing transport use and implement greater use of public transport,
 - (iv) The adoption of a video conferencing capability to reduce our carbon footprint,
 - (v) Energy efficiency through heat and light management,
 - (vi) Meeting management to look at ways of eliminating the need to travel whenever possible.
- (b) **Travel:** To participate in the sport of rugby league requires members to be reliant on their cars or other forms of motorised transport. We will encourage our community to:
- (i) Use public transport to matches and events whenever possible,

- (ii) Encourage car share, where appropriate, for staff and sports participants
 - (iii) Always parking considerately
- (c) **Energy Use:** ERL recognises that climate change will increasingly lead to changes that threaten to significantly affect our members' recreational interests. ERL will actively promote and help members of the Rugby League community to understand how their activities contribute to climate change and provide practical advice and support to help them reduce their impact.

4. The Environment

4.1 ERL will promote the need to enhance and promote the environment for the present and future generations:

- (a) **Environmental Protection Support & Promotion:** The RLEF promotes appropriate behaviour and respect for the environment. It therefore advocates that all rugby league participants and fans:
 - (i) Should aim to create minimal impact on the environment,
 - (ii) Should remove and dispose of appropriately any rubbish they find so they leave no trace of their passing,
 - (iii) Should respect the needs of people who live and work in and around Rugby League stadia,
 - (iv) Should consider and respect the needs future generations.
- (b) **Environmentally Friendly Pitches:** ERL Supports environmentally friendly pitch maintenance and treatment:
 - (i) Low sulphur diesel is employed for the drying process of fertiliser,
 - (ii) Organic products are employed where possible.