



INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION STATEMENT ON SUSTAINABILITY

153 Golf Organisations unite to focus on sustainability as a core priority

Safeguarding the environment is a top global priority. As a growing international sport, requiring significant land use, golf has a responsibility to embrace the principles and practice of sustainability.

The International Golf Federation (IGF) and its member organisations recognise sustainability as a core priority, optimising the playing quality of the golf course in harmony with the conservation of its natural environment under economically sound and socially responsible management.

The IGF and its member organisations will:

- make sustainability a central pillar of our mission
- expand awareness and encourage action among golfers and golf facilities
- promote best practice to minimise our sport's consumption of non-renewable natural resources
- assist golf facilities to incorporate sustainable principles, practices and technology into daily business decisions and operations
- encourage golfers to embrace environmentally sound practice in course preparation
- conduct high profile golf events in an environmentally responsible manner
- continue to work to raise the profile of our sport's progress and contribution to environmental issues
- embrace measurement, target setting, transparency and verification

Success in our joint efforts to promote a sustainable future for golf will deliver:

- for the game; improved financial performance and enhanced profile
- for the golfer; quality playing surfaces, value, challenges and rewarding experiences
- for the environment; conservation of resources and biodiversity enhancement
- for the community; employment, recreational green space and educational opportunities

The future will present many challenges but the IGF and its member organisations are working to ensure that many more generations will enjoy golf and the facilities on which it is played.