

The AceWay Tennis Academy

Environmental and Sustainability Policy

Introduction

Aceway Tennis Academy is committed to promoting sustainable practices that reduce our environmental impact and encourage the responsible use of resources. We recognise the importance of protecting the planet for future generations, and we aim to instill these values in our players, coaches, and staff. Our Environmental and Sustainability Policy outlines the steps we will take to operate more sustainably, as well as the role of our community in contributing to these efforts.

1. Commitment to Sustainability

Aceway Tennis Academy is dedicated to adopting sustainable practices across all aspects of the Academy's operations. This includes managing waste responsibly, reducing our carbon footprint, conserving energy and water, and promoting eco-friendly choices. We aim to be a role model for environmental stewardship in the sports community.

2. Key Environmental Objectives

Our primary objectives for sustainability are:

- **Minimise waste:** Reduce, reuse, and recycle wherever possible.
- **Reduce carbon footprint:** Conserve energy and reduce emissions through efficient practices and the use of renewable energy.
- **Conserve natural resources:** Use water and other resources efficiently.
- **Promote sustainability within the tennis community:** Encourage players, staff, and visitors to adopt environmentally friendly behaviours.

3. Waste Management

- **Recycling:** We provide recycling bins throughout the Academy for paper, plastics, glass, and other recyclable materials. We will continue to encourage all members to sort waste and dispose of it responsibly.
- **Waste Reduction:** We are committed to reducing the amount of single-use plastic used at the Academy. This includes offering reusable water bottles and encouraging members to bring their own bottles, as well as reducing packaging for any products we offer.
- **Composting:** Where feasible, we will implement composting initiatives for organic waste, such as food scraps from the café or canteen, to reduce landfill waste.

4. Energy Efficiency and Carbon Footprint

- **Energy Use:** We are committed to reducing energy consumption across the Academy. We will use energy-efficient lighting, heating, and air conditioning systems wherever possible and ensure that these systems are turned off when not in use.

- **Renewable Energy:** Aceway Tennis Academy will explore options for using renewable energy sources, such as solar power, to help meet our energy needs. Where possible, we will transition to energy suppliers who use clean, renewable energy.
- **Encouraging Sustainable Travel:** We encourage members and visitors to use public transport, carpool, cycle, or walk to the Academy to reduce the carbon footprint associated with travel. We will explore options to promote sustainable transport options, such as providing bicycle racks.

5. Water Conservation

- **Efficient Water Use:** Water conservation is a key priority. We will implement water-saving devices such as low-flow taps and automatic water shut-off systems to reduce water waste in the Academy.
- **Irrigation Systems:** We will ensure that any irrigation systems used on the tennis courts or surrounding areas are efficient and use water sustainably. Where appropriate, we will use rainwater harvesting to minimise reliance on mains water.

6. Sustainable Products and Materials

- **Eco-Friendly Products:** Whenever possible, we will purchase environmentally friendly products and materials. This includes using biodegradable cleaning products, recycled paper, and sustainable or recycled materials for construction and maintenance projects.
- **Sustainable Tennis Equipment:** We will encourage the use of environmentally friendly tennis balls, rackets, and other accessories. Players and staff are encouraged to recycle or donate equipment that is no longer in use, rather than throwing it away.

7. Green Spaces and Biodiversity

- **Natural Landscapes:** We are committed to maintaining the beauty of our green spaces and ensuring that the surrounding environment is healthy and biodiverse. We will promote the use of native plants in landscaping and ensure that any gardening practices are eco-friendly, avoiding harmful pesticides or chemicals.
- **Wildlife:** We will explore ways to encourage local wildlife and maintain a healthy, balanced ecosystem on and around our grounds, including planting pollinator-friendly flowers and ensuring proper waste management that doesn't disrupt local wildlife.

8. Sustainability Education and Awareness

- **Player Engagement:** We aim to engage our players in sustainability efforts by raising awareness about environmental issues and encouraging them to adopt green practices both in and outside of the Academy. We will incorporate sustainability into our training sessions and encourage players to take part in initiatives such as clean-up days or eco-friendly challenges.
- **Sustainability Training for Coaches and Staff:** All coaches and staff will receive training on sustainability practices to ensure that they are knowledgeable about how to reduce the Academy's environmental impact and can help lead by example.

9. Community Involvement and Partnerships

- **Collaboration:** Aceway Tennis Academy will seek to collaborate with local organisations and environmental groups to support sustainability initiatives. We will explore opportunities to partner with other community stakeholders to improve sustainability on a wider scale.
- **Encouraging Green Practices at Events:** For tournaments, social events, or other activities hosted by the Academy, we will work to implement eco-friendly event practices. This could include reducing paper waste, providing reusable cups, and ensuring proper recycling and composting options are available.

10. Monitoring and Accountability

- **Regular Assessment:** We will regularly assess our sustainability efforts to identify areas for improvement and ensure that our environmental goals are being met. This will involve reviewing energy usage, waste management practices, and water conservation strategies.
- **Reporting Progress:** The Academy will report its sustainability efforts annually, outlining achievements and future goals, and will provide transparency regarding our environmental impact.

11. Involvement of All Stakeholders

We believe that achieving our sustainability goals is a collective effort that involves all members of the Aceway Tennis Academy community. Players, coaches, staff, and visitors are all encouraged to play an active role in promoting environmental stewardship at the Academy. Through collaborative action, we can work together to create a positive and lasting impact on the environment.

Acknowledgement

By participating in activities at Aceway Tennis Academy, all players, coaches, staff, and visitors acknowledge and agree to adhere to this Environmental and Sustainability Policy.

We appreciate everyone's commitment to creating a sustainable and eco-friendly environment at Aceway Tennis Academy. Thank you for your ongoing support.