



The Delhi Declaration on Environmental Sustainability in Indian Sport

As representatives of India's sports ecosystem, including athletes, national federations, leagues, clubs, government bodies, sponsors, and broadcasters,

We

Acknowledge that the climate crisis presents an existential threat to the future of sport, jeopardizing athlete health, disrupting events, and damaging infrastructure through extreme heat, air pollution, water scarcity, and unpredictable weather.

Recognise the unique power of sport to inspire billions of citizens across India, transcending barriers of language, culture, and region,

and therefore possess a profound responsibility to lead by example in the national effort towards environmental sustainability.

Believe that a collective, coordinated response across the entire Indian sporting landscape is necessary and urgent.

Adopt this Charter and jointly declare our commitment to integrate environmental sustainability into the core of Indian sport.

We pledge to pursue actions that cover

Governance & Leadership

- We will appoint Sustainability Officers or committees within our organisations to develop, implement, and monitor environmental action plans.
- We will integrate sustainability criteria into our governance frameworks, bidding processes for events, strive to reduce the environmental footprint of our sporting venues by transitioning to renewable energy sources (solar, wind), implementing rainwater harvesting, and adopting water-efficient landscaping.
- We will pursue zero-waste-to-landfill targets for our major events by striving to eliminate single-use plastics, prioritising reusable materials, and implementing robust waste segregation and composting systems.

Climate-Conscious Events

- We will measure and set a timeframe to publicly report the carbon footprint of our major events and competitions.
- We will develop and implement carbon management plans, prioritising reduction of emissions from travel (promoting public transport, offsetting unavoidable emissions) and logistics.

Education & Engagement

- We will leverage the influence of our athletes as sustainability champions to educate and mobilise fans, especially youth, on environmental issues.
- We will create training programmes on green skills for sports administrators, venue managers, and event staff.

Collaboration & Transparency

- We will share best practices, data, and innovations openly across the Indian sports community to accelerate collective progress.
- We will report annually on our progress against these commitments, fostering a culture of accountability.

A Call to Action

This Declaration marks the beginning of a new era for Indian sport. We invite every sporting body, athlete, sponsor, and fan across the nation to join us in this critical mission. By uniting our passion for sport with a commitment to our planet, we will not only safeguard the future of competition but also ensure that Indian sport becomes a beacon of sustainability for the world.

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