



## **EcoSports Assessment Suggestions**

**AIR:** Is your event having a negative impact on air quality? Have you considered encouraging the use of public transport, carpooling and bicycles, and chosen an event location accordingly? Do you raise awareness about the effect air pollution has on the health and performance of athletes.

**ENERGY:** Are you employing energy saving measures, minimizing the use of air conditioning and heating, and maximizing the use of natural light and ventilation?

**WASTE:** Do you try to reduce the amount of waste you produce? Do you separate garbage within your club using clearly labeled bins? Do you try to “reduce, reuse and recycle” sports equipment? Do you promote awareness among members and spectators about the need to reduce waste? Have you introduced reusable food and beverage utensils, asked spectators to take their garbage home, or cooperated with food vendors to reduce packaging and waste.

**WATER:** Do you know the quantity of water that is used by your club or event? Do you put up signs or ask members and spectators not to waste water from taps and showers? Have you investigated techniques allowing the reduction of water consumption?

**NOISE:** Do you know if the activities of your club generate harmful noise pollution? Do you know how to reduce those harmful effects?

**TRANSPORT:** Do you know all the means of transport used within the framework of your club and your activities? Do you encourage carpooling, the use of public transport or bicycles among members and consider these factors when choosing an event location?

**SOIL:** Have you considered the impact your sport activities have on the surrounding soil? Are you aware of the effect that chemical use can have on the soil, the microorganisms within the soil, people, and its potential dangers if entering the water cycle? Do you know of less damaging alternatives such as the use of natural fertilizers?

**NATURAL HABITATS:** Larger sports events involving many people can disrupt natural habitats and have a considerable impact on the local environment. Do you employ measures that might reduce that impact or relocate to a less sensitive area?

**AWARENESS:** Do you try to make athletes and spectators aware about the importance of protecting the environment at events and in everyday life through messages, announcements, or advertisements in event programs?

All questions regarding the use of the ecoflag should be directed to: [dina@gsa-usa.org](mailto:dina@gsa-usa.org)