



IFSC Europe Sustainability Award 2023

Briefing notes for Event Organisers

Dear Event Organisers

Welcome to the IFSC Europe Sustainability Award 2023.

During this century all of us have become increasingly aware of the damage that we as humans are making to our planet. IFSC Europe is striving to find ways to make our Events more sustainable. Inspired by the leadership of the IOC, who aim, in all aspects, to become carbon-positive by [2030](#), and informed by the IFSC's [Sustainability Guidelines](#), IFSC Europe Executive Board created the Sustainability Commission.

Our Commission members have thoroughly renewed the Award for 2023, learning its running in 2021 and 2022. We took a close look at all processes and activities needed before, during and after an Event. We have found more than 40 ways (criteria) in which our Events could become more sustainable. Points (from 1 – 5) are awarded for each criterion depending on the difficulty of achieving them fully. Entry to the Award is mandatory for 2023 onwards.

We introduced two innovations for this year. Firstly, for those criteria scoring 4 or 5 points, we now require you to provide documentation (as a Word, Excel, PDF or JPG file) to validate your answer. These can be uploaded via the button provided on the form.

Also, the answers to questions may now include **Yes**, **No**, **Partially** or **Not Applicable (N/A)**. For example, *"Was all cooked food cooked on-site using renewable-sourced energy?"* could be answered **N/A** if there was no cooked food; for *"If hired supplementary lighting was used, was it of the lowest energy-use technology?"* you can answer **Partially** if that was actually the case.

The Award level given depends on the threshold percentage of the maximum number of points. A Bronze Award requires at least 20% of the available points, a Silver at least 45% of the available points, and a Gold at least 75% of the available points.

All the criteria are listed by topic below, together with the points awarded. The sections, and the order of the criteria, are exactly as they are on the entry form for the [Award](#). This form also acts as the method for reporting your Sustainability activity to the IFSC Sport Department. Please ensure the questionnaire is filled in within a week of your event's completion, then ensure that your entry is validated by your National Federation.

If you win an award, the logo is given to you and your National Federation for use on any media or by any method that you choose. We may ask you to talk with other Event Organisers about the innovations you made, and the challenges you overcame.

The IFSC Vision is "To make the World a better place through Sport Climbing". We hope these Briefing Notes help you meet the IFSC Vision.

Charlotte Durif (Chair of the IFSC Europe Sustainability Commission)



2023 Sustainability Award Questions

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Energy, Venue and Accommodation

1. Was all the electricity supplied to the Event Venue, during set-up and breakdown and throughout the actual Event, entirely supplied by renewable sources? (5 points)
Y/N (Documentation required)
2. Did the Event take place in a venue designed and certified as a Sustainable Venue? (5 points)
Y/N (Documentation required)
3. Was all cooked food cooked on-site using renewable-sourced energy? (4 points)
Y/N/NA (Documentation required)
4. Did the indoor infrastructure have active thermal controls which reduced energy consumption i.e. reduces heating and cooling losses? (3 points)
Y/N/P/NA
5. If hired supplementary lighting was used, was it of the lowest energy-use technology (i.e. CFL, LED)? (2 points)
Y/N/P/NA
6. Did you provide all Athletes and Teams with a list of suitable and sufficient (according to the expected number of participants) local accommodation within walking distance of the venue? (2 points)
Y/N/P
7. Were all the lifts used by the routesetters powered by a sustainable source of energy? (4 points)
Y/N/NA (Documentation required)



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Food, Drink, Catering and Merchandising

1. Did local producers supply only locally-bottled and locally-canned drinks (non-alcoholic and alcoholic)? Note : locally is considered within 200km of the venue. (3 points)
Y/N
2. Did all your partner companies have public-facing published sustainability policies? (4 points)
Y/N (Documentation required)
3. Did the caterers use locally sourced food with a menu with a seasonal emphasis? (2 points)
Y/N
4. Were all 'Freebies' and gifts obviously sustainable?
 - a. Yes (Yes) (1 point)
 - b. No (No) (0 points)
 - c. No freebies were given (N/A) (2 points)
 Y/N/NA
5. Where caterers sold imported drinks and food, were the majority of products certified as 'Fair Trade' products? (2 points)
Y/N/NA
6. Did the caterers provide a predominantly vegetarian menu? (1 point)
Y/N
7. Were the caterers a local company? (1 point)
Y/N



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Waste and Water

1. Were all provided cups, plates and cutlery:
 - a. Eco friendly, like paper (Yes) (1 point)
 - b. Reusable and Dishwasher safe (No) (2 points)
 - c. Not provided (N/A) (3 points)

Y/N/NA
2. Did all contracts (with the venue, contractors, volunteers, etc.) and sponsorship deals that you signed specify a sustainable approach? For example by banning single-use plastics, using certified environmentally-friendly cleansing agents, sorted waste sent to recycling hubs/plants, etc. (5 points)

Y/N (Documentation required)
3. Was there a daily procedure for the productive use of surplus food? (3 points)

Y/N/P
4. During Event planning, were all the causes of waste reviewed and single-use waste actively eliminated? (2 points)

Y/N
5. Were spectators supplied with water via dispensers or water taps (i.e. no single-use bottles)? (2 points)

Y/N
6. Were athletes, teams and officials supplied with water via dispensers or water taps (no single-use bottles)? (1 point)

Y/N/NA
7. Did all on-site rubbish bins provide sorting by the type of material? (2 points)

Y/N/P
8. Will the holds and volumes be regularly reused throughout the year? (2 points)

Y/N/P



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Transport and Travel

1. Were all Event shuttle services powered by electricity / hydrogen? (5 points)
Y/N/NA (Documentation required)
2. If the public transport links to the Event venue are inadequate, did you provide a shuttle service for spectators to and from a central transport hub? (4 points)
Y/N/NA (Documentation required)
3. Did the Event provide free travel on the city public transport system for ticket holders ? (3 points)
Y/N
4. Was a shuttle service for Athletes, teams and officials to / from official hotels / airport / train stations provided? (3 points)
Y/N/P/NA
5. Was the Event venue within 15 min walk from the city centre and on local transport links? (3 points)
Y/N
6. Did the in-Event information systems display real-time public transport departures (services / locations / times)? (3 points)
Y/N
7. Was a list of environmental-friendly solutions to travel to the venue provided to National Federations and Team Managers and to spectators? (3 points)
Y/N/P



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Information and Communication

1. Were external auditors appointed to review arrangements and report on carbon consumption and sustainability? (5 points)
Y/N (Documentation required)
2. Was all information or advertising provided only by digital methods (i.e. no paper, card or plastic)? (3 points)
Y/N
3. Were all suppliers and service providers from the locality / region of the Event (i.e. within 200 km of the venue)? (3 points)
Y/N
4. Was all the event promotion on social media, radio / TV, online emphasising the Sustainability actions taken for the Event? (2 points)
Y/N
5. Were banners and large display objects designed with the intention of re-use (i.e. undated, not location specific)? (3 points)
Y/N/P
6. Were all athletes, officials, volunteers and spectators fully informed on-site about the Sustainability actions employed for the Event? (2 points)
Y/N/P
7. Was printed information / advertising only produced on recycled and recyclable materials? (1 points)
Y/N



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Social and Financial

1. Did the Event meet its financial budget target?
 - a. Yes (2 points)
 - b. No (0 points)

Y/N
2. Have any of your sponsors themselves won a sustainability award or certification? (4 points)

Y/N/P (Documentation required)
3. Were active measures in place to reduce 'chalk' air pollution? (2 points)

Y/N
4. Were documented measures put in place for physically restricted:
 - a. Spectators? (1 point)
 - b. Volunteers? (1 point)
 - c. Athletes? (1 point)
 - d. Coaches? (1 point)
 - e. Officials? (1 point)
 - f. NF and local Staff? (1 point)

Please provide evidence.

Y/N in each case
5. Were documented measures put in place to take into account the welfare of the:
 - a. Spectators (1 point)
 - b. Volunteers? (1 point)
 - c. Athletes? (1 point)
 - d. Coaches? (1 point)
 - e. Judges and Technical Delegates? (1 point)
 - f. Route setters? (1 point)
 - g. NF and local Staff? (1 point)

e.g. regarding the workload, breaks, food and drink, shelter, schedule, etc.
Please provide evidence.

Y/N in each case
6. How did the Event promote Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity? (2 points) Please explain.