



Carbon Reduction Policy

Airdrie Community Club

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1. Executive Summary

Airdrie Community Club, hereafter to be referred to as ACC recognize the importance of tackling climate change and are committed to reducing our carbon emissions as part of our contribution to a sustainable future. As a community football club operating in Scotland, we understand our responsibility to minimize the environmental impact of our activities. This policy outlines our approach to reducing carbon emissions in line with national and international climate change commitments, including Scotland's Net Zero by 2045 target and the UK Climate Change Act.

Our goal is to create a positive, long-term impact on both the environment and the communities in which we operate, by adopting sustainable practices, improving energy efficiency, and continuously striving for carbon neutrality.

2. Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this Carbon Reduction Policy is to:

- Reduce the carbon footprint of all aspects of the clubs operations.
- Comply with Scottish and UK environmental laws and regulations.
- Promote energy efficiency, sustainable practices, and carbon-reducing initiatives.
- Foster a culture of sustainability among staff, coaches, Volunteers and players.
- Set measurable targets for carbon reduction and track progress.

3. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to:

- All operations carried out by ACC staff, coaches, Volunteers and players, and any third parties working on behalf of the club.



4. Carbon Reduction Commitment

ACC Projects commits to:

Achieving Net Zero: We aim to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2045 in line with Scotland's climate change targets.

Carbon Footprint Reduction: We will continuously reduce our carbon footprint by implementing strategies, monitoring progress, and identifying areas for improvement.

Energy Efficiency: We will prioritize energy-efficient processes and technologies in our practices, machinery, and office operations.

Sustainable Materials: We will seek out sustainable and low-carbon materials, reducing emissions from the use of high-carbon products.

Minimizing Waste: We will minimize waste generation through careful planning, recycling, and reusing materials, which will help to reduce emissions related to waste disposal.

Renewable Energy: We will incorporate renewable energy sources where possible, such as solar or wind power, into our operations and projects.

5. Strategies for Carbon Reduction

To meet our carbon reduction goals, ACC will focus on the following strategies:

Energy Management:

- Regularly assess and monitor the energy consumption of our offices, equipment, and training sites.
- Switch to renewable energy sources (such as wind or solar) where feasible.
- Implement energy-saving measures such as LED lighting, insulation, and efficient heating systems in our facilities and buildings.

Green Practices:



- Adopt sustainable methods, such as use of modular and prefabricated buildings that reduce material waste and transport emissions.
- Encourage the use of low-carbon materials Implement practices to reduce on-site emissions, including the use of electric machinery and tools.

Fleet Management:

- Transition our fleet to more fuel-efficient or electric vehicles to reduce emissions from transportation.
- Use route planning and fuel monitoring to reduce fuel consumption on the road.

Waste Reduction and Recycling:

- Improve waste management practices by recycling waste, diverting waste from landfills, and minimizing the carbon impact of disposal methods.
- Encourage the use of recyclable or biodegradable materials and reduce single-use plastics in all activities.

6. Carbon Reduction Targets and Monitoring

Short-term Target: Reduce carbon emissions by 5% by 2026.

Medium-term Target: Achieve a 10% reduction in emissions by 2030.

Long-term Target: Achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2045.

To ensure the successful implementation of this policy, we will:

- Regularly monitor, measure, and report our carbon emissions through carbon audits and assessments.
- Conduct an annual review to track progress against our carbon reduction targets and implement improvements where necessary.
- Report transparently on our carbon reduction achievements in annual sustainability reports.

7. Engagement and Training

To ensure that carbon reduction is integrated into all levels of the company, we will:

- Provide training and awareness programs to educate staff, coaches, Volunteers and players on the importance of carbon reduction and how they can contribute.
- Promote sustainable practices within sites, such as reducing energy consumption, minimizing waste, and using sustainable materials.



- Encourage staff, coaches, Volunteers and players to come forward with ideas for improving sustainability in day-to-day operations.

8. Collaboration with Suppliers and Contractors

We recognize that our carbon reduction efforts must extend beyond our direct operations. Therefore, we will:

- Work with suppliers and contractors who share our commitment to sustainability and are actively reducing their carbon footprints.
- Promote the use of sustainable materials and low-carbon methods throughout our supply chain.
- Collaborate with partners to reduce emissions from transportation, logistics, and processes.

9. Communication and Reporting

We will communicate our carbon reduction efforts internally to employees, staff, coaches, Volunteers and players & stakeholders to ensure they are aware of our sustainability goals and progress.

Externally, we will engage with clients, local communities, and industry bodies to share our carbon reduction achievements and promote best practices within the sports sector.

We will provide regular updates on the success of our carbon reduction targets through our website, reports, and press releases.

10. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if required, based on regulatory changes or organizational priorities.

Revisions will be communicated to all staff, coaches, Volunteers and players, and relevant stakeholders.

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