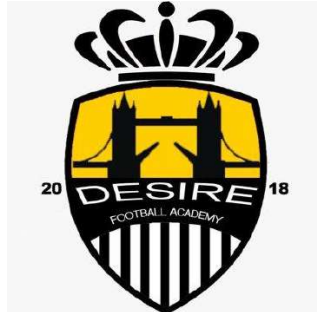


Desire Football Academy Environmental Policy

Bridging the gap between Potential and successful



Effective Date: 20/01/2025

1. Introduction

Desire Football Academy is committed to reducing its environmental impact and promoting sustainable practices. As a responsible organisation, we recognise the importance of protecting the environment and encouraging sustainable behaviour among all participants, including staff, parents, guardians, carers, and players.

2. Purpose

- Minimise the environmental impact of our activities.
 - Promote sustainability and environmentally friendly practices.
 - Educate and engage staff, parents, and players in reducing waste, conserving resources, and supporting a greener future.
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3. This policy applies to:

- Staff, Coaches, and Volunteers
- Players aged 6 to 16
- Parents, Guardians, and Carers
- Visitors and Contractors

It covers all facilities, training sessions, matches, events, and associated activities.

4. Environmental Commitments

The Academy will:

1. **Conserve Energy and Resources:** Reduce energy consumption and minimise waste.
 2. **Promote Recycling:** Encourage the use of recycling bins and minimise single-use plastics.
 3. **Use Sustainable Materials:** Wherever possible, use environmentally friendly materials and equipment.
 4. **Minimise Transport Impact:** Encourage car-sharing and the use of public transport or cycling where feasible.
 5. **Maintain Green Spaces:** Ensure pitches and grounds are maintained in an environmentally sensitive manner.
 6. **Raise Awareness:** Educate staff, players, and families about sustainable practices.
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5. Roles and Responsibilities

5.1 Management and Leadership

- Implement and monitor sustainable practices.
- Conduct regular reviews of the Academy's environmental performance.
- Ensure compliance with relevant environmental laws and regulations.

5.2 Staff and Coaches

- Lead by example by adopting environmentally friendly practices.
- Encourage players to respect the environment during training sessions and matches.
- Ensure waste is disposed of correctly, using recycling bins where available.

5.3 Parents, Guardians, and Carers

- Support the Academy's environmental initiatives.
- Use sustainable transport options and minimise car use when attending Academy events.
- Avoid bringing unnecessary single-use plastics to matches or training.

5.4 Players

- Respect the environment by not littering.
 - Participate in recycling and conservation initiatives.
 - Help care for pitches and equipment responsibly.
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6. Sustainable Practices

1. **Energy Conservation:**
 - Turn off lights and equipment when not in use.
 - Use energy-efficient lighting and equipment wherever possible.
 2. **Waste Management:**
 - Separate waste into recycling and general waste bins.
 - Reduce the use of disposable packaging for food and drinks.
 3. **Water Conservation:**
 - Avoid unnecessary water use and report leaks or issues promptly.
 4. **Transport and Travel:**
 - Promote car-sharing schemes for staff and parents.
 - Encourage cycling, walking, or public transport for local travel.
 5. **Sustainable Grounds Maintenance:**
 - Use eco-friendly methods and avoid harmful chemicals.
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7. Communication and Engagement

The Academy will communicate its environmental goals and achievements to all stakeholders. Regular updates and tips for sustainable living will be shared with staff, parents, and players to encourage community-wide participation in environmental efforts.

8. Monitoring and Review

The Academy will monitor its environmental impact and review this policy annually or when necessary to reflect new best practices or regulations. Changes will be communicated to all participants.

9. Policy Compliance

All staff, players, parents, and carers are expected to adhere to this policy. Non-compliance may result in reminders, corrective action, or additional guidance to reinforce the importance of sustainable behaviour.

10. Contact Information

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By adopting this Environmental Policy, Desire Football Academy demonstrates its commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship, ensuring a cleaner, healthier future for the community and the planet.

