

ENVIRONMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

The iQFoil class will be the driving force for the future of sailing events and set new ambitious goals with World Sailing.

All iQFoil events must follow iQFoil class guidelines to limit the event's environmental impact on the planet. As action will be taken to ensure these measures are put into place it is beneficial for the iQFoil class to be 'pledging to' [The Big Plastic Pledge](#). The organization has support from the International Olympic Committee and is created from a foundation of experience from water sports athletes.

Through pledging these environmental commitments, our efforts will be strengthened, in terms of influencing further events within the sports industry to make movements towards reducing environmental impact.

PLASTIC

To align with World Sailings sustainability requirement of;

12. Abolish the use of single use plastics (with the exception of boat branding) at all of its events by 2019.

The iQFoil class requires the following from all events;

Use of Plastics

No single-use plastic on-site; this includes and is not limited to these plastic-based products :

- Shopping bags, drinks bottles, condiments sachets packaging, condiment plastic tubs, straws, cups / hot drinks lids/ stirrer, plastic-lined service wear, single-use coffee capsules, balloons, cable ties, any 'Oxo' degradable or photodegradable plastics.

Bio Plastics

The use of single-use bioplastics which are certified compostable are permitted Including;

- Bagasse (sugar cane), bamboo, palm leaf, and other natural fibers.
- PLA (Corn Starch) is only permitted if there is a guaranteed and effective disposal system that ensures they are not entering other waste streams which could contaminate recyclable materials.

If the use of any bio-plastics, the type of material and how exactly it should be disposed of must be clearly labeled on the product.

Implemented Alternatives

The implementation of the following must be actioned;

- Refill points for drinking water must be of easy access.
- Drink refill stations for both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Foodservice wear must be based on a reusable system or 100% natural product.
- If bins require bin liner bags they must be made from recycled plastic, not virgin plastic.

Optional Alternatives

- Reusable cup system in the style of deposit/refund system.
- Purchase an 'event cup' for a keepsake.
- Offer self-wash stations for cups.
- Condiment dispensers instead of sachets.

Vendors Contracts

- Before signing contracts with vendors it must be clear that you will only accept suppliers who are in alignment with serving plastic-free options.
- Written in all vendor's contracts, it must be agreed that they will not be bringing any of the single-use plastics.
- It must be clear to vendors not to serve anything in single-use plastic, or items that will generate single-use plastic waste.
- If there is any sponsorship from energy bar companies, for example, it could be difficult to change their packaging to non-plastic. In this case, ensure they have a 'return wrapper to us' approach to their packaging.

Recycling

- Bins must be clearly labeled to allow for clear waste separation, including a separate for composting.
- All recycling systems must lead to a genuine recycling plant that deals with the waste in the host country.
- Any necessary plastic materials used for the event must be able to be recycled easily in the local area.

Merchandise

- No single-use plastic items.
- Encourage items made from natural and sustainable materials.

Accreditation

- Wristbands, aim for recycled plastic content for these if you cannot find a non-plastic alternative.
- Go for lanyards that are not branded so they can be used for future events.
- For spectator ticketing, e-ticking is the best option, use sustainably sourced paper if tickets are necessary.

Signage

- Limit the amount of paper that is laminated and can only be used for a single event. Instead, use high quality, sustainably sourced paper that has high water resistance.
- Use pre used signage where possible.
- Avoid printing branding on PVC and plan for re-using the branding.
- Use recycled content for signs where possible.
- Use reusable bungees instead of cable/zip ties.

CARBON FOOTPRINT

All iQFoil class events will be carbon neutral by 2020, in order to be in line with World Sailing's carbon goal and extending to transport of sailors and organization members.

We require the following information to ensure this is implemented, this looks at scope 1, 2, and 3 elements of carbon footprint analysis.

Travel

Participant and organization member information:

- Mode of Transport taken by all participants and organization members (Scope 1 and 2)
- Departure and Arrival Airport (if applicable)
- The distance of Car/Bike Journey in KM or Departure Postcode.

Electricity

Event organiser information:

- To share the electricity usage of the duration of the event by sending the electricity bill, and event country location.

All carbon footprint information will be shared with the event organisers through a google form. This allows for consistent data flow.

The iQFoil class and Starboard will calculate the carbon footprint of the above. Starboard will also ensure that the planting of the correct number of mangroves to absorb Carbon Dioxide emissions will be planted in the Thor Heyerdahl Climate Park in Myanmar with Worldview International Foundation.