

European Tour Group Green Drive Sustainable Procurement Code

This document is part of the suite of Sustainable Procurement materials developed for PGA European Tour owned and staged tournaments, which includes:

1. European Tour Group Green Drive Sustainable Procurement Code (this document);
2. Green Drive sustainability outline; and
3. Detailed best practice guidelines and tracking checklists.

Please review and respond as guided, and if you have any questions, contact your event lead or sustainability@europeantourgroup.com.

OUR COMMITMENT TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE TOURNAMENT

Professional golf tournaments can deliver a wide range of tangible social, economic, and environmental benefits, playing a significant role in advancing sustainable development within local communities and across businesses, sports, and society.

As organisers of professional golf tournaments, PGA European Tour recognise the social and environmental responsibilities and opportunities that come with staging and promoting a sustainable golf tournament, and are committed to achieving the highest possible 'net positive' social and environmental impact.

Sustainability Goals

1. Resource efficiency and emissions reduction

- Maximise the efficiency of use of water, energy, fuels and materials
- Utilise clean and renewable energy
- Avoid waste and maximise reuse and recycling

2. Sustainable sourcing and supply chain

- Prioritise sustainable, recyclable and local materials, products and services
- Source materials from sustainable manufactures
- Challenge your supply chain to be as sustainable as possible

3. Site protection and the promotion of biodiversity

- Minimise disturbance in sensitive areas
- Avoid pollution incidents
- Raise awareness of the biodiversity of the golf courses and their surrounds

4. Community engagement

- Collaborate with local groups and organisations on priority topics
- Leave lasting social, economic and environmental legacies and multipliers

5. Inspire and educate

- Engage tournament partners, players and guests
- Raise awareness amongst spectators and fans
- Share learnings with wider stakeholders in golf, sport and events

These goals are integral to what we measure as the future, and long term success of the our tournaments.

Objectives of the Code:

- Minimise our environmental impact and deliver community benefits through better selection and improved usage of products and services.
- Foster innovation in our supply chain to increase the availability and effectiveness of sustainable solutions that meet our operational requirements.
- Require our suppliers to adopt practices that minimise their environmental impact and deliver community benefits in relation to their own operations and throughout the supply chains in which they operate.
- Work in partnership with suppliers to achieve our common goals and continually improve performance over time.

What Does the Code do:

The Code sets out the minimum expectations applicable to all contracted Partners, Sponsors, Suppliers and Licensees (hereafter referred to as “suppliers”) to the tournament as relates to their operations and supply chain in association with the event.

The Code is not intended to be universally prescriptive. It intends to raise the consideration of relevant, identified issues, enabling informed choices to be applied.

The Scope of this Code:

The requirements set out in this Code do not replace relevant legal requirements for which suppliers are responsible and must be able to provide evidence of meeting any time we may reasonably require.

What products and services does the Code apply to:

The Code will be applied comprehensively across all purchasing and sourcing decisions in association with event operations and supply chain. It is focussed on the materials, products, and service streams with the greatest impact, including transportation, energy, merchandise and packaging, temporary structures, fixtures, fittings, equipment, signage, timber, print, water, waste, and materials.

How to use this document:

The Code presents PGA European Tour’s Green Drive Commitments across each of its five focus areas as well as the specific expectations of suppliers within each of those areas.

How will this Code be applied and monitored:

All suppliers are contractually required to adhere to this Code, including the provision of requested data in a timely manner. PGA European Tour is committed to the highest levels of transparency and will work with specific individual suppliers to implement and monitor the requirements of this Code. If requested, suppliers will be expected to disclose information related to their supply chain and provide evidence of adherence to the Code to PGA European Tour and GEO Foundation (as PGA European Tour’s sub-contractor) at any time. This may take the form of site visits, completion of self-assessments and disclosure of relevant policies and data.

YOUR COMMITMENT TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE TOURNAMENT

Our valued partners, suppliers and contractors have an important role in achieving our short and longer term ambitions – helping to integrate social and environmental responsibility deep into the staging and promotion of the tournament – to the benefit of all parties.

We want to work with the most sustainability-minded people, businesses and organisations, to spread our collective reach across the tournament’s supply chain, and to build a growing number of tangible examples of corporate responsibility in action, centred on and communicated through the tournament. We welcome innovation from suppliers and are keen to consider new technologies and services that will assist our endeavor to host a more sustainable tournament.

We ask that, as a supplier, you further agree to the following more specific requests:

1. Read and comply with this **European Tour Green Drive Sustainable Procurement Code**;
2. Strive to deliver as a minimum, practices as described in the **European Tour Green Drive Sustainable Procurement Code**;
3. Provide data requested by PGA European Tour or GEO Foundation For Sustainable Golf in the **Supplier Data Collection Survey** (within one month of the event or contracting finishing - subject to your work finishing within one month of the event) to assist in the overall sustainability reporting of the tournament, and the annual measurement of the tournament carbon footprint;
4. Support the sustainability ambitions of the tournament throughout your operations in relation to the services you deliver to the tournament.

VARIATIONS

PGA European Tour reserves the right to update this European Tour Green Drive Sustainable Procurement Code from time to time.

PGA European Tour will let Suppliers know as soon as possible following any such updates.

Suppliers continued provision of services shall constitute a Supplier’s acceptance of any such updates.

CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE CODE

Responsible Sourcing: Our Vision

Suppliers will ensure that products and services are sourced and produced under a set of internationally acceptable environmental, social and ethical guidelines and standards, for example Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), Fair Trade Certification, Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS). It should be noted that individual industries and sectors will have specific standards that apply to them.

Labour Practices

Suppliers will take appropriate steps to ensure that all locations used in the manufacture and supply of products/services to PGA European Tour-owned and staged events meet the provisions of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) Base Code as well as all local labour laws. Where suppliers intend to use temporary/agency staff they should seek to ensure that any labour providers supplying such staff are compliant with International Labour Organizations (ILO), World Employment Confederation (WEC), or a similar local equivalent. It should be noted that individual countries and sectors will have specific standards and practices that apply to them.

Health and Safety

PGA European Tour is committed to creating and maintaining a positive health and safety culture, which secures the commitment and participation of all its employees, volunteers, contractors, partners and suppliers. PGA European Tour recognises that this will be achieved not just by the committed leadership of the senior team but through the positive, energetic effort of everyone contributing to the tournament. Suppliers must comply with health and safety legislation, industry standards, and tournament policies as provided by PGAET from time to time. All suppliers of services will be required to be actively involved in working safely to mitigate health and safety risks and will report accidents and hazards to PGA European Tour staff. Unsafe work practices will not be tolerated by the tournament.

Diversity and Inclusion

Diversity and inclusion are integrated into all procurement decisions and PGA European Tour will not tolerate any form of prejudice towards suppliers and sub-contractors.

Animal Welfare and Testing

Where products are likely to have been tested on animals, suppliers should seek advice from tournament contact before supplying them.

Suppliers should also ensure high standards of animal welfare both for animals that are raised for meat and dairy products.

Animal and Plant Products

Suppliers should seek to ensure that all hides used in their products, including packaging, are a by-product of the food industry. Suppliers must maintain evidence to prove this and be able to provide it to PGA European Tour on request. PGA European Tour events will not procure or license products that make use of any fur, skins, food or food ingredients of plant or animal origin (including fish) of any species specified in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. For seafood, the IUCN Red List is published by the Marine Conservation Society in its regularly updated 'Fish to avoid' list.

Timber and Timber Products

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification scheme is approved for the purposes of both 'Legal Timber' and 'Sustainable Timber'. Where it can be justifiably demonstrated that it is not possible to supply items from FSC certified sources then timber and timber products which are able to be verified with appropriate documentation in respect to their origin and legality are acceptable.

Publications and other Printed Materials

PGA European Tour wishes to minimise the use of printed publications and other printed materials as much as possible and, as such, favours the use of electronic publications. However, where this is not possible, the supplier will ensure that any organisation engaged in printing in relation to their work is either registered with EMAS, certified to ISO 14001, or taking steps towards managing their environmental impact through other initiatives such as BS 8555.

Use of laminate and ultraviolet varnish and waxed finishes should be avoided. Printers should also demonstrate the measures that they are taking to reduce their environmental impacts (for example, use of technologies like waterless offset design and print processes, or use of vegetable-based inks). Paper and card should be produced using non-chlorinating bleaching methods and aim to achieve 75 per cent post-consumer recycled content for coated paper, and 100 per cent post-consumer waste for uncoated paper. Any virgin fibre used must be from FSC-certified sources. Other materials used should comply with the requirements outlined in the healthy materials section.

Sustainability-related Certified Products

All PGA European Tour-owned and staged events will seek to procure products that carry a certification mark related to sustainability, such as those certified by a member of Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International (FLO), the Soil Association organic certification, the Rainforest Alliance, or other appropriate standards, where they represent value for money and do not compromise other sustainability objectives.

Industry-specific Standards

Suppliers will advise PGA European Tour staff of any relevant standards that they are either required to, or intend to, comply with which are specific to the product or service to be supplied.

Use of secondary materials: Our vision

PGA European Tour encourages the use of materials with reused and recycled content. We also support the use of products that are designed with minimal packaging and which can either be reused or recycled.

Reducing Waste

Suppliers will support PGA European Tour in its commitment to staging a 'Zero Waste' tournament by reducing waste and achieving high recycling and sending no waste directly to landfill. Where practicable, all products and packaging will be able to be reused, recycled, or recovered. PGA European Tour may also require suppliers to prepare appropriate management plans to outline how they will support this commitment.

Compostable products and packaging should only be used where an appropriate waste stream has been put in place. If compostable is not an option, where possible use items that can be reused or recycled.

Suppliers must retain appropriate documentation in respect to any compostable products and packaging supplied.

Unless otherwise agreed with PGA European Tour, Suppliers are required to use the appointed waste and resource management services contractor at each tournament.

Recycled Content

Suppliers will maximise the use of recycled content in products and packaging. Suppliers and sub-contractors must retain information on the recycled content associated with products and packaging supplied. They may need to make this information available, upon request, to PGA European Tour.

Packaging

Use of primary, secondary, and tertiary packaging should be minimised and made from materials that can be reused, recycled, or recovered by commonly available methods. For example, the use of polystyrene should be avoided as it cannot be easily reused or recycled. Suppliers will provide PGA European Tour staff, upon request, with all necessary information about any primary, secondary and tertiary packaging supplied with products and/or used.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

Regardless of turnover or market share, any business that manufactures, rebrands, and sells or imports electrical or electronic equipment, referred to as a 'Producer', has obligations under the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2006 (as amended). Where electrical or electronic equipment or components are supplied, the supplier or licensee will determine the extent to which the Regulations apply and comply at their expense. In addition, where required, they will take back such items when they are no longer required by the event (where feasible) for subsequent reuse, recycling, recovery or remanufacture (in order of priority). Suppliers should provide PGA European Tour staff, upon request, with all necessary information about how items have been dealt with. Items of electrical or electronic equipment will also need to comply with the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2008 (as amended).

Prohibited Event Materials

Events may have to ban certain materials, products or services to ensure environmental, social and legal best practices are met. Unsustainable materials, such as single-use plastics, contribute to environmental degradation. They often end up in landfills or pollute water bodies, harming ecosystems and wildlife. While sustainable alternatives may have higher upfront costs, they often result in long-term savings, such as investment in reusable signage. In many regions, there are regulations and laws aimed at reducing the use of unsustainable materials and promoting environmental conservation. Banning these materials ensures compliance with such regulations and demonstrates a commitment to corporate social responsibility.

Because of these reasons, the PGA European Tour request that suppliers refrain from using the following products and services onsite:

Material	Description	Potential Alternatives / solutions
Single use plastics	Single-use plastic, also known as disposable plastic, refers to plastic products that are intended to be used once and then discarded. These items are typically used for packaging and convenience purposes.	<p>Prioritise environmentally friendly products, compostable / biodegradable (within excepted event waste streams). Look to use natural materials, for example, bamboo, natural fibres, plant matter, etc.</p> <p>Where single use plastics can not be avoided, ensure they are recyclable within event waste streams</p>
Packaging	Packaging materials including individually wrapped items and transportation packaging.	<p>All individual items should be packed and shipped in bulk avoiding individual wrappings - for example merchandise, food items, event supplies etc.</p> <p>The use of plastic free packaging or compostable / biodegradable packaging.</p> <p>Pallet wrap is a high volume item seen at temporary events - the use of biodegradable 'bioplastics', natural fibres and other plastic free wrap is preferred.</p>
Catering items	Temporary catering can generate lots of waste items; utensils, table wear, food packaging, cups and containers, serving items, condiments, etc.	<p>Where possible avoid all single use plastic catering items. The following alternatives are preferred: reusable items, compostable items, paper products, natural items (bamboo, natural fibres, etc), recyclable items, biodegradable items. Please ensure all items are processable through the event waste streams.</p>

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Plastic bags	Plastic bags are used widely across a temporary golf event from the event shop and staff lunches to waste bags and give aways.	There are several eco-friendly alternatives to plastic bags, each with its own benefits. Here are some of the most popular and sustainable options: Reusable Cloth Bags, Biodegradable Bags, Paper Bags, Reusable Tote Bags, Upcycled Bags, Plant-based Bioplastic Bags. Also consider if a bag is required in the first place.
Building materials	During the build and staging of a temporary golf event a wide range of building materials are used, ranging from, wood, metals, plastics, paints, stone and cement, etc.	Sustainable building materials are designed to reduce environmental impact and improve efficiency throughout the event. Low carbon materials, sustainably certified materials and reusable materials should be favoured across the event
Signage	Temporary signage is used across a temporary event including, branding, spectator information, grandstand cover and in buildings.	When creating sustainable signage: prioritise sustainable and reusable materials and ensure the design for signage can be reused. Preferred materials to PVC and Vinyl: natural / compostable / biodegradable materials, Eco-friendly plastics, recycled and recyclable products.

Healthy materials: Our vision

PGA European Tour encourages the use of substances and materials that represent a low risk to human health and the environment. Where practicable, suppliers will seek to use such substances and materials in the products and services they supply.

All materials and substances must, as a minimum, comply with relevant legislation.

Heavy metals and brominated fire retardants

Suppliers will, as far as is possible, minimise the concentrations of heavy metals and brominated fire retardants in products and packaging being supplied.

The level of certain heavy metals and brominated fire retardants in electrical and electronic equipment is controlled by the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2008 (as amended).

The level of certain heavy metals in packaging is controlled by the Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2003 (as amended). The total content of each of the following heavy metals in packaging or in any packaging components must not exceed 100ppm: – Cadmium – Hexavalent Chromium – Lead – Mercury

Suppliers will keep details of the substances and materials associated with products and services supplied. Where required, they will also make available material safety data sheets and risk assessments.

Minimising embodied impacts: Our vision

Throughout the manufacturing and supply process, suppliers will maximise resource and energy efficiency in order to reduce carbon emissions and environmental impacts.

Environmental Management

Suppliers will make every effort to limit the environmental impact of their business operations and will have appropriate programmes in place to help achieve this objective, which includes the preparation of management plans where appropriate. Activities to help limit environmental impact may include using raw materials from sustainable sources, managing waste and resources in an environmentally responsible manner, minimising impact on local air quality, minimising noise, minimising their water and energy usage, and using clean energy.

Where products of farm origin are supplied, the supplier should ensure that such products have been grown or raised to high standards of environmental protection. PGA European Tour also encourages its suppliers to source local, regional, and seasonal products where possible.

Supply of Products

Wherever possible, suppliers will seek to fully exploit opportunities for resource and energy optimisation and efficiency. For example, supplying products rated in accordance with EU Energy Label Class A, A + and ++, Energy Saving Recommended (ESR) endorsed, or those compliant with other recognised equivalent standards, such as PC monitors that meet current 'Energy Star' requirements. Chilling or cooling equipment containing substances with a global warming potential (GWP) of 150 or more in composition should be avoided (see Healthy materials section).

Transport, Equipment and Plant

PGA European Tour encourages suppliers to use low or zero emission transport modes. Suppliers are expected to optimise transport efficiency and/or minimise transport distances.

'Low carbon' Tournaments

PGA European Tour is committed to staging 'low carbon' Tournaments and requires its suppliers to support it in achieving this goal.

We are keen to manage and reduce the tournament's overall carbon footprint. Major sources of greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions have been identified as best practices to avoid and reduce, to the extent practicable, such emissions occurring.

A significant proportion of event estimated GHG emissions are likely to relate to embodied impacts associated with temporary materials required for the tournament. Suppliers must demonstrate how the embodied impact of the products and services have been minimised. We will also consider GHG emissions associated with production, storage, transportation, use and ultimate disposal or recycling.