

Environmental Policy

Date: September 2026

Purpose of this policy

This policy sets out Avon Tennis commitment to promoting environmental sustainability in all our operations, events, and activities. This policy encourages us to consider the sustainability implications of our activities and take steps to reduce their impact.

Who is responsible for the implementation of this policy?

Members of Avon Tennis Executive Committee are individually and collectively responsible for ensuring that this policy is followed.

What does this policy cover?

This policy applies to all aspects of Avon Tennis work and to all people who work or volunteer for Avon Tennis, as they conduct their roles, as well as anyone taking part in tennis-related activity which Avon Tennis is responsible for.

What is meant by environmental sustainability in tennis?

Environmental sustainability is about “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (United Nations Brundtland Commission). This means taking steps to reduce our impact on the planet, including by limiting our use of resources, supporting nature, and reducing our carbon emissions.

To deliver a shared vision of tennis opened up, it is critical that we play our part in addressing issues related to sustainability, protecting and supporting the environment and tackling and reducing our climate impacts. It's vital that we safeguard our sport for future generations, working with and supporting the tennis community to secure a lasting future for tennis in Britain, through positive action on climate change and leadership in sustainability.

Commitment

This policy outlines Avon Tennis commitment to sustainability and provides a framework for a detailed plan that will set out our objectives and actions to achieve environmental goals. It ensures that all stakeholders are aware of our responsibilities, including compliance with all relevant environmental regulations and other sustainability-led obligations, all designed to encourage continuous improvement in sustainable practices.

To achieve this, we will mirror the three themes of the [Ita-environmental-sustainability-plan.pdf](#):

- 1. Climate Action** - We will aim to reduce our carbon emissions from our own operations, events and competitions whilst supporting the wider tennis community in reducing their carbon emissions too. As a sport and as an organisation, we contribute to climate change through greenhouse gas emissions caused by our activities. Climate action is something in which all responsible organisations and citizens should be engaged. Even small actions, when multiplied through the cumulative efforts of numerous participants, will add up to an important contribution to global efforts to reduce emissions.
- 2. Resource Efficiency** - We will aim to reduce our energy use and waste in our own business operations, events, and competitions, whilst supporting the tennis community to do the same.

Through the LTA's engagement and insight from across the tennis community, this theme came out as the top priority. It includes the issues of single-use and short-life materials like tennis balls, and the impact of plastic pollution, which have attracted significant public attention in recent years.

- 3. Natural Environment** - As an outdoor sport played on various surfaces, including grass, tennis has a close affinity with nature, and it is important that we do our utmost to sustain ecosystems, promote healthier environments and ensure a positive impact on biodiversity wherever we operate.

This Environmental Sustainability Policy is fully supported by Avon Tennis Executive Committee and was developed in collaboration with the LTA.

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Plan Review

This plan is reviewed every three years.

Chair	Carol Weeks		Date: 03/09/2026
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Next review due by September 2029			