

World Aquatics Community Sustainability Declaration Form

As Member Federation dedicated to the future of aquatic sports, we recognise our responsibility to contribute to a more sustainable world. The health and future of our athletes, communities, and aquatic environments depends on the choices we make today. This Declaration affirms our shared commitment to integrate sustainability into all aspects of our work.

Guiding Principles

- Environmental Stewardship: Protecting natural resources, and reducing ecological impact
- Social Responsibility: Promoting fairness, inclusion, and community well-being
- Good Governance: Ensuring ethical, transparent, and accountable leadership
- Learning and Adaptation: Evolving with best practices and global standards

Our Commitments

1. Responsible leadership and governance

We will embed sustainability into our leadership and decision-making processes, ensuring transparency, accountability, and long-term thinking across our organization.

2. Environmental responsibility

We will work to reduce our environmental impact by promoting resource efficiency, sustainable operations, procurement and practices that protect aquatic ecosystems.

3. Social equity and inclusion

We will foster inclusive, safe, and equitable environments in aquatic sports, ensuring access and opportunity for all individuals and communities.

4. Sustainable events and operations

We will integrate sustainability principles into the planning and delivery of events, daily operations, and transportation minimising negative impacts and maximizing positive legacies.

5. Education and engagement

We will raise awareness and build capacity among athletes, staff, and stakeholders through education, training, and active engagement in sustainability efforts.

6. Collaboration and continuous improvement

We will collaborate with and empower partners and communities to share knowledge, innovate on facility and equipment standards, and continuously improve our sustainability performance.



Signatory Commitment and Supporting Guidance

To support signatories in understanding the expectations, benefits, and context of this Declaration, World Aquatics has created a Signatory Information Note document available in the appendix.

This Declaration is a living document. As World Aquatics' understanding of sustainability grows, so will our actions. Through shared commitment and collective effort, we can ensure that aquatic sports contribute to a thriving, sustainable future.

We, the undersigned National Federation of World Aquatics, commit to upholding the principles and pursuing the goals outlined in this Sustainability Declaration.

The Signatory

Member Federation name:

Name:

Title:

Date:

Appendix: World Aquatics Sustainability Declaration – Signatory Information Note

Advancing sustainability across aquatic sports

Sustainability is an essential part of the future of aquatic sports. As a global governing body, World Aquatics is committed to reducing environmental impact, promoting social responsibility, and strengthening governance across the aquatics community.

To support this ambition, World Aquatics has developed a Sustainability Strategy (the Blueprint) structured around three pillars: Organisation, Events, and Community.

Why sign the Declaration?

The Sustainability Declaration for Member Federations activates the Community pillar of the Blueprint, aligning signatories with the same sustainability priorities that guide World Aquatics' internal operations and events. By signing, Member Federations join a network committed to driving sustainable change in aquatics, built on collaboration, knowledge sharing, and collective progress. In doing so, they gain access to several opportunities and forms of support.

Through this collective commitment, Member Federations contribute to advancing sustainability across aquatic sports, strengthening collaboration, and accelerating progress across the global aquatic ecosystem.

What does signing the Declaration mean?

By becoming a signatory, Member Federations commit to supporting the six areas of the Declaration and the sustainable development of aquatic sports:

- Leadership & Governance
- Environmental Responsibility
- Social Equity & Inclusion
- Sustainable Events & Operations
- Education & Engagement
- Collaboration & Continuous Improvement

Expectations for signatory Member Federations

- **Participate in online meetings** organised by World Aquatics (1-2 per year) through working groups, webinars or thematic workshops.
- **Contribute to conversations and knowledge sharing during the meetings**, including presenting best practices on the specific thematics, initiatives or lessons learned when relevant.

- **Participate in the year-end focus meeting**, organised by World Aquatics to review the year's activities, share best practices among Member Federations, and help identify priorities for the following year.
- **Communicate sustainability commitments** within the community.
- **Provide an annual update** summarising key achievements, actions implemented, learnings, and next steps.

[Benefits of becoming a member of the active group](#)

Global credibility and alignment

- Alignment with international sustainability frameworks such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and IOC sustainability principles through implementation of World Aquatics' Sustainability Declaration, KPIs, and reporting guidance.
- Demonstrating commitment to sustainability within the global sport ecosystem.

Access to guidance and support

- Access to sustainability tools, templates, and guidance developed by World Aquatics.
- Participation in workshops, webinars, and expert-led discussions.

Collaboration, learning and knowledge sharing

- Opportunities to exchange experiences and best practices with other Member Federations.
- Participation in working groups and communities of practice.
- Opportunity to shape the future of sustainability in aquatic sports

Visibility and recognition

- Member Federations listed as signatories on the World Aquatics website.
- Opportunities to be featured in World Aquatics communications highlighting sustainability initiatives.

[Working Together for Sustainable Aquatics](#)

The Sustainability Declaration creates a collaborative platform where Member Federations, Continental Organisations and World Aquatics work together to advance sustainability across the sport.

Through shared commitments, knowledge exchange, and collective action, the global aquatics community can contribute to a more sustainable future for sport, society, and the environment.