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1. INTRODUCTION

The International Federation of Muaythai Associations (IFMA) is committed to embedding sustainability into all aspects of its operations, governance, and events. As a proud member of the Olympic movement, IFMA aligns with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Sustainability Strategy and the sustainability frameworks of other IOC-recognised international federations.

IFMA's Sustainability Policy is structured around three key areas of responsibility:

1. IFMA as an Organisation – embedding sustainability in daily operations.
2. IFMA as an Event Owner – ensuring sustainable event management practices.
3. IFMA as a Leader in the Sporting Community – promoting sustainability in and beyond the sport.

This policy is in line with the guidelines outlined in the IFMA Championships Event Handbook, which provides detailed recommendations for hosts on implementing sustainable practices.

2. IFMA as an Organisation

2.1 Governance and Leadership

- Establish a Sustainability Working Group within IFMA to oversee the implementation and continuous improvement of sustainability initiatives.
- Integrate sustainability criteria into IFMA's policies, strategic plans, and decision-making processes.
- Promote gender equality, diversity, and inclusion within governance structures and employment practices.

2.2 Resource Management

- Implement an energy efficiency programme across IFMA offices, including LED lighting, smart energy use, and renewable energy where possible.
- Reduce water consumption by implementing water-saving measures in offices and during events.
- Adopt a zero-waste policy, encouraging waste minimisation, composting, and recycling.
- Minimise the use of single-use plastics in IFMA offices and activities.

2.3 Sustainable Procurement

- Develop a Sustainable Procurement Policy prioritising eco-friendly suppliers and products.
- Ensure that IFMA merchandise, uniforms, and equipment are sourced from ethically responsible and environmentally sustainable providers.
- Encourage digitalisation of processes to reduce paper consumption.

2.4 Education and Training

- Provide sustainability training for IFMA staff, Executive Board members, and commissions.
- Develop educational resources and toolkits to help member federations adopt sustainability measures.



3. IFMA as an Event Owner

IFMA recognises the impact of sporting events on the environment and is committed to minimising its footprint while maximising positive contributions to host communities.

3.1 Sustainable Event Management

- Require all IFMA Championship hosts to develop and implement a Sustainability Action Plan.
- Establish sustainability benchmarks and reporting requirements for event organisers.

3.2 Infrastructure and Natural Sites

- Encourage the use of existing or temporary infrastructure to reduce environmental impact.
- Ensure venue selection considers environmental and social sustainability criteria.
- Promote green building standards and sustainable construction where applicable.

3.3 Carbon Footprint Reduction

- Travel and Transport: Promote low-carbon transportation options, such as public transport, shared shuttles, and cycling.
- Offsetting: Encourage event organisers to measure and offset carbon emissions through recognised carbon credit schemes.
- Sustainable Catering: Support plant-based and locally sourced food options while reducing food waste.

3.4 Responsible Waste Management

- Implement a comprehensive waste management system at all IFMA events, including recycling stations and composting facilities.
- Reduce printed materials by transitioning to digital event guides, tickets, and signage.

3.5 Community Engagement

- Ensure that IFMA events leave a positive social legacy, including community outreach programmes and youth engagement initiatives.
- Collaborate with local environmental organisations to support conservation and sustainability projects.



4. IFMA as a Leader in the Sport Community

IFMA aims to drive sustainability beyond its own operations by promoting awareness, advocacy, and best practices throughout the global Muaythai community.

4.1 Advocacy and Collaboration

- Work with the IOC, United Nations (UN), and other international federations to align with global sustainability goals, including the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Collaborate with environmental organisations and governmental bodies to advance sustainability in sport.

4.2 Athlete and Stakeholder Engagement

- Empower athletes as sustainability ambassadors, promoting responsible behaviours in and out of competition.
- Engage IFMA's member federations, coaches, and officials in sustainability efforts through workshops and campaigns.
- Promote sustainability-themed awards and recognition for federations and athletes championing environmental responsibility.

4.3 Legacy Planning

- Ensure that sustainability efforts extend beyond IFMA events, leaving long-term positive impacts on host communities.
- Encourage event hosts to establish sustainable sports development programmes, including the reuse of sports equipment and infrastructure.

5. Monitoring and Reporting

- IFMA will establish a Sustainability Monitoring Framework to track progress and impact.
- Annual sustainability reports will be published to highlight achievements and areas for improvement.
- Regular audits and assessments will be conducted to ensure compliance with IFMA's sustainability commitments.



CONCLUSION

Sustainability is a shared responsibility, and IFMA is committed to leading by example. By integrating sustainable practices into all levels of its operations and engaging its global community, IFMA aims to contribute to a more sustainable sporting ecosystem in alignment with the Olympic Movement.

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure continued relevance and effectiveness in achieving IFMA's sustainability goals.

