

# **WELSH INDOOR BOWLS**

## **ENVIROMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY.**

### **1. Policy Statement.**

Welsh Indoor Bowls will commit to minimizing the negative environmental impact of the sport of indoor bowls and use our platform to inspire positive change amongst our clubs and players.

Welsh Indoor Bowls will strive to reduce its carbon emissions by 2030 and aim to achieve net zero in line with the United Nations Sports for Climate Action principles.

Welsh Indoor Bowls will Management Committee will take the lead in monitoring progress made by clubs.

### **2. Action Areas.**

Welsh Indoor Bowls will encourage clubs to switch to LED lighting within it bowls stadiums, transition to renewable energy suppliers for electricity, and implement energy saving devises such as smart thermostats and appliance timers.

### **3. Waste Management.**

Welsh Indoor Bowls will work with clubs and players to phase out single use plastic bottles, cups, and cutlery, we will encourage clubs to install clearly labelled recycling bins and also encourage players to use them as part of our aim to reach net zero at Welsh Indoor Bowls events.

Welsh Indoor Bowls playing kit will be recycled by either reusing it or donating it to charitable causes to avoid it going into landfill.

### **4. Travel.**

Welsh Indoor Bowls where possible will encourage and promote walking, cycling or the use of public transport to trials and matches, for away marches car sharing will be encouraged and routes planned to reduce the milage for team travel.

### **5. Sustainable Procurement.**

Welsh Indoor Bowls and member clubs will be encouraged to shop locally for food and drink for their concessions and where possible use ecofriendly products.

### **6. Water Conservation.**

Clubs should maintain their water supplies and check regularly for leaks and conduct repairs as soon as possible.

New installations should consider using rainwater harvesting for their toilet flushing and sprinkler systems.

### **7. Monitoring.**

### **8. Welsh Indoor Bowls in conjunction with clubs should measure and publish a basic annual sustainability report, train officers, officials, coaches, and volunteers on sustainability practises.**

### **9. Positive Steps.**

Welsh Indoor Bowls in conjunction with clubs and players should carry out a green audit of their facilities, identifying where the most water, electricity, and plastic are used, seek a volunteer to take ownership of and run the green initiatives and promote initiatives like turning off unwanted lights and bringing your own refillable water bottle,