



RAYLEIGH .F.C
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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY

Rayleigh F.C. acknowledges its responsibility as a provider of Youth and senior football in the community that we all have a social responsibility to support our neighbours and the community ,whilst also doing our utmost to safeguarding the Environment for the children and the children's ,children for years to come.

With this in mind our policy outlines what we expect as a minimum standard on all aspects that could have a future environmental impact.

1. To reduce dependency on car use.

- Using the club's parent database a car sharing scheme will be set up. This will be successful as most parents will live in close proximity to each other. This will be most helpful for grounds where parking is an issue. Each team Manager will have his/her list of parents with empty car space and co-ordinate the sharing
This will be effective for Home and Away games.
- In addition, bus routes will be advertised on the club's website not only to discourage car use but as a way of social inclusion for people without their own transport.



- Although youth football is important to our children we must respect our neighbours at the sporting venues we use by parking in a sensible and lawful manner or where possible leaving the car at home.
- The Committee of RFC will strive to find an area of land where space is available for all of our teams to play so reducing the travelling for parents where multiple siblings play at different ages.
- Finally, the club will look into safe and secure bike storage in the near future, again to reduce car dependency.

2. To Minimise and Reduce Waste

- At club tournaments and on normal match days we will set up recycling bins to ensure that any recyclable materials are separated especially plastic bottles. These will be collected and taken to the local recycling centre.
- The club will continue to recycle packaging from presentations, including the polystyrene packaging (EPS) and Cardboard.
- All old footballs, goals, cones etc are donated to the Kromdraai and Blackhill-Schoongezicht schools in the Witbank area of South Africa. rather than being land filled
- Football kits must be used a minimum of 3 seasons and Old and Obsolete Kits thereafter are sent to Kromdraai and Blackhill-Schoongezicht schools in the Witbank area of South Africa. Rather than being land filled.



- Football boots are recycled with boots being handed down to the younger age groups with further unwanted boots sent to Kromdraai and Blackhill-Schoongezicht schools in the Witbank area of South Africa. rather than being land filled
- RFC will on attaining land endeavour to compost all weeds and grass cuttings which can then be used or distributed around the community.
- RFC will strive to compost all grass cuttings so adding back this useful resource back to the Environment.

3. To Reduce Energy /Resource Use

- The club will ensure that any lighting that is used will be low energy lighting.
- We will strive to use relatively inexpensive solar lighting where required.
- We will if feasible use rainwater harvesting to reduce the amount of water used to water pitches.
- RFC main media for communication is electronically with an avoidance of printed literature so helping to minimise the destruction of trees.
- RFC will always strive to purchase any wood based products from a sustainable source.