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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN 2025-27

Foreword

I'm pleased to introduce our new two-year Environmental Sustainability Action Plan. As an indoor sport, the direct impact of climate change might not feel as immediate to us as it does to our friends in other nations and sports, who are already grappling with its severe consequences. This plan isn't about grand gestures; it's about understanding our footprint and playing our part, however small.

We recognise that British Wrestling is a relatively modest organisation within the broader sporting landscape. However, every effort counts. This plan outlines practical steps we can take to reduce our environmental impact, from our administrative processes to the delivery of our events. It's a commitment to learning, adapting, and contributing to a more sustainable future for everyone. Let’s work together to make a tangible difference.

Craig Anthony, Chief Executive



Context

British Wrestling is the National Governing Body (NGB) for Olympic and Commonwealth sport of wrestling in the United Kingdom. We are recognised by United World Wrestling, Commonwealth Games England and the British Olympic Association and are funded by UK Sport and Sport England.

We recognise the urgent reality of the climate crisis and the power of sport to build a sustainable future. We are committed to taking meaningful action, to protect the natural world for future generations of wrestlers, ensuring our sport thrives in a sustainable and responsible way.

In our role as NGB, we are uniquely placed to lead by example and inspire positive change locally, while our respected position within the international community affords us the opportunity to influence further afield.



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Journey So Far

British Wrestling is at the beginning of our environmental sustainability journey. Over the past 18 months as we have renovated the British Wrestling Academy we have implemented some energy-saving systems, waste management processes and water efficiency measures into the facility.

Supported by the UK Sport Accelerator programme, this two-year action plan represents our next step in establishing a long-term commitment and planned approach to environmental responsibility.

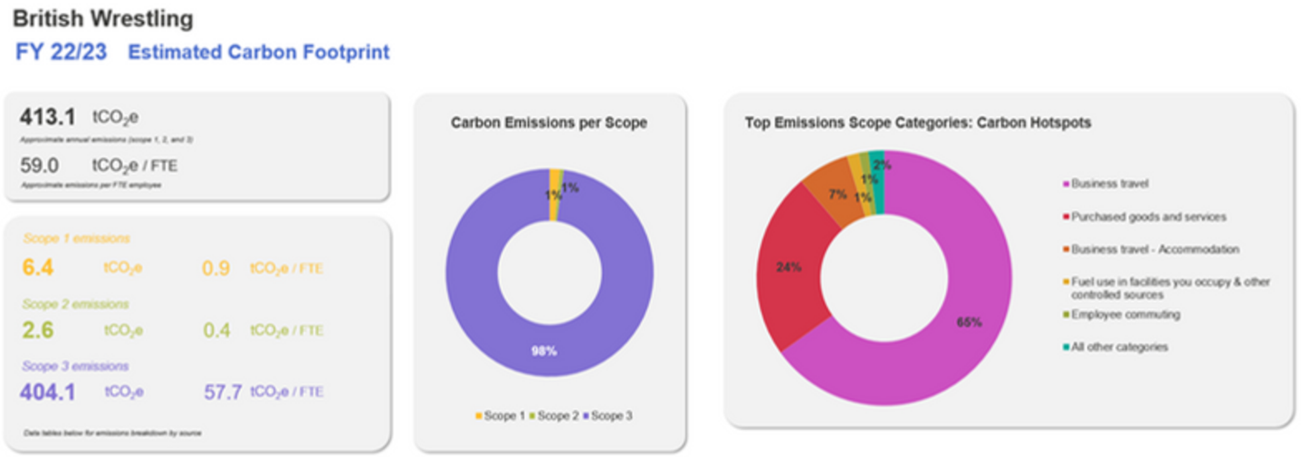


Carbon Footprint

Using existing financial data, we have completed our carbon footprint modelling for financial year ended 2023.

We are a small organisation of 7 staff, with a mixture of remote and office working from the British Wrestling Academy in Salford. In the operation of the facility we generate both Scope 1 (emissions from sources owned or controlled by us) and Scope 2 (indirect emissions from purchased energy) emissions.

The majority of British Wrestling's emissions are from Scope 3 sources, that is, indirect emissions that occur in our value chain. Essentially these are emissions from activities we do not directly control.



Business travel was the largest contributor to our Scope 3 emissions with flights contributing for up to 91% of these emissions. This is expected, as international travel for training and competitions is essential to achieving our goals and ambitions.

Within Purchased Goods and Services, our second biggest contributor, coaching services was by far the biggest component again aligning with our goals and ambitions.

Ambitions

British Wrestling has identified 4 priority ambitions:

1. Enhance Our Understanding of Environmental Impact
2. Embed Sustainable Practices Across Our Operations
3. Collaborate to Amplify Our Impact
4. Educate, Advocate and Empower Our Community

In setting out these ambitions and their subsequent actions, we have been guided by the United Nations (UN) Sport for Climate Action Principles and contribute to the following UN Sustainable Development Goals:



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AMBITION 1: Enhance Our Understanding of Environmental Impact

To truly make a difference, we first need to grasp the extent of our current environmental footprint.

1A	Consistently track emissions through annual carbon footprint calculation	Annually
1B	Refine data collection processes to ensure accuracy and comprehensiveness for carbon footprint assessment	Apr 2026
1C	Leverage insights from the current plan and carbon footprint analysis to strategically shape future environmental sustainability initiatives	Mar 2027
1D	Conduct an initial waste audit at major British Wrestling events to understand waste streams and identify reduction opportunities	June 2026

AMBITION 2: Embed Sustainable Practices Across Our Operations

We're committed to weaving sustainable choices into the fabric of everything we do, from our daily operations to major events.

2A	Create and disseminate a comprehensive Sustainable Events Toolkit for all British Wrestling meetings, training camps and competitions	Sept 2026
2B	Implement robust sustainable procurement guidelines for all goods and services prioritising environmentally friendly and ethically sourced options	Dec 2025
2C	Investigate the feasibility of incorporating renewable energy sources at the British Wrestling Academy where practical	Sept 2025

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AMBITION 3: Collaborate to Amplify Our Impact

We know we can achieve more by working together, so we're actively seeking partnerships to magnify our positive influence.

3A	Actively contribute to and support the United World Wrestling (UWW) Sustainability and Legacy Committee in shaping the international federation's sustainability strategy	Sept 2025
3B	Proactively identify and engage with key stakeholders and external partners who share our sustainability values, fostering collaborative initiatives	Dec 2025
3C	Evaluate and pursue becoming a signatory of the UN Sports for Climate Action Framework, demonstrating our public commitment	Mar 2027

AMBITION 4: Educate, Advocate, and Empower Our Community

We believe in equipping our wrestling community with the knowledge and tools to champion sustainability within their clubs and beyond.

4A	Develop and deliver accessible environmental sustainability awareness training and practical guidance for clubs, members, and competition organisers	Sept 2026
4B	Showcase inspiring examples of environmental good practice and innovative sustainability projects within the wrestling community and beyond, leveraging our communication platforms	Dec 2025
4C	Integrate environmental sustainability messages into British Wrestling's regular communications (e.g., newsletters, social media, website news)	Sept 2025

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A Collective Effort for a Sustainable Future

This Environmental Sustainability Action Plan marks a significant step forward for British Wrestling. While our journey towards a more sustainable future will require ongoing dedication, we're confident that with these actions, we can make a meaningful difference.

We invite all our members, clubs, and stakeholders to join us in this vital endeavour. Your support, no matter how big or small, is crucial to our collective success. Let's work together to protect our planet for future generations of wrestlers and beyond.

