

CLUB POLICY · KOSK-POL-01

Sustainability Policy

Aligned with the Sustainability Policy of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF)

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1. Purpose

Orienteering is practised in nature and in towns without any permanent infrastructure. Every forest, park and street we map is the reason our sport exists. Through this policy Kanyon Orienteering formally accepts the responsibility to run its activities so that future generations can enjoy the same places.

The policy adapts to club level the nine principles that the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) **Sustainability Policy** sets for National Federations, defines the club's environmental, social and economic commitments, and sets out how these commitments are implemented and monitored.

It is based on the widely accepted definition of sustainable development: *meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs*.

2. Scope

- **Activities:** training sessions, “Try Orienteering” days, club league and races, federation events organised or co-organised by the club, map-making and field work, school and corporate services, permanent and virtual courses, competition and camp travel, club administration and communication.
- **People:** members of the Board and the Audit Board, coaches, controllers, mappers, course planners, volunteers, athletes and members, event participants and parents.
- **External parties:** suppliers, service providers, sponsors and partner organisations are expected to follow the principles of this policy.

3. Frame of reference

Kanyon Orienteering follows the international framework to which it is connected through the Turkish Orienteering Federation (TOF). Principle 9 of the IOF Sustainability Policy asks national federations to prepare country-specific good-practice guidelines; this policy applies the same approach at club level.

Source	What it means for the club
IOF Sustainability Policy (IOF Council, January 2020)	Nine principles — the backbone of Section 5 of this policy
IOF Climate Transition Action Plan to Net Zero (2025)	50% emission reduction by 2030 against 2019 and net zero by 2040; adaptation to extreme heat and wildfire risk
IOF Sustainable Sourcing Code (Nov 2025) and Sustainable Sourcing Policy (2023)	Local catering, no single-use tableware, waste and packaging targets, supplier contract clause
IOF Travel Policy (March 2026)	Priority for public transport and rail, car-sharing, respect for volunteers' time and finite resources
IOF Checklists and Guidelines for the organisation of sustainable orienteering events (Turkish translation available)	Nature protection and stakeholder dialogue checklist for event planning
IOF Strategic Directions 2024–2026	Sustainability in its financial, social and environmental dimensions
IOF Competition Rules 2026 and ISOM 2017-2 (Rev. 2024)	Respect for nature-conservation, forestry and hunting rights (14.5); binding environmental rules and out-of-bounds areas (17.1–17.2; ISOM 520, 708, 709, 711); stopping a race when dangerous (26.12); IOF 1996 environmental resolution (Appendix 3)

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IOF Environment Commission research reports (IOF/ENV series, 2005–2010) and “Orienteering and the Environment” surveys (2012, 2023)	Evidence on impacts on vegetation, wildlife and birds; national experience (including Türkiye)
UN Sports for Climate Action Framework and Sports for Nature	Initiatives the IOF has joined: measure, reduce, educate, advocate; protect, restore, educate
UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement	Overall frame
Turkish legislation	In particular the Environment Law (2872), Forest Law (6831), National Parks Law (2873), Personal Data Protection Law (6698) and sports club legislation

4. Our commitment

As Kanyon Orienteering

we commit to **leave no trace but our footprints** in the places where we run, to **measure and reduce** the climate impact of our activities, to make our sport **healthy, safe and accessible for everyone**, and to work in **open dialogue** with everyone who shares these places with us.

5. Principles

Principles 1–9 follow the order of the IOF Sustainability Policy; principle 10 brings the IOF Strategic Directions’ understanding of “financial, social and environmental sustainability” into club governance.

5.1 Compliance with the law and permissions

The club complies with applicable laws, administrative decisions and established practice. Events and mapping in forests, national parks, nature parks, protected areas and on public or private land take place only after the required permissions (forest administration, municipality, governorate, landowner, etc.) have been obtained. Forest-entry bans and fire precautions announced by the governorate or the forest administration are strictly observed.

5.2 Protection of nature and the environment

In natural and urban settings alike, the club aims to **leave no permanent trace** and to minimise transient disturbance to vegetation and wildlife. Courses are planned with regard to sensitive habitats, breeding seasons, wet and steep ground; sensitive areas are marked on the map as out-of-bounds according to the IOF mapping standard (ISOM 2017-2 symbol 520, or 709 for temporary restrictions) and taped on the ground where needed. Under IOF Competition Rule 17.1 these rules bind everyone at the event; competitors entering out-of-bounds areas may be disqualified. No nails are driven into trees and no vegetation is cut; arenas and car parks are placed on hard ground; cleaning of shoes and equipment is encouraged to avoid spreading invasive species and plant diseases.

5.3 Limited use of resources, waste reduction and pollution prevention

The club applies the circular-economy principles **Reduce – Reuse – Refurbish – Repair – Recycle** throughout the life cycle of materials. Existing infrastructure is used; when new material is needed,

borrowing, renting or sharing come first. No single-use plastics are used at club events; printing is minimised and digital channels come first; useless prizes and gifts are avoided; waste is sorted and sent for recovery.

5.4 Climate change mitigation and adaptation

In line with the IOF's climate targets, the club adopts **net zero** as its long-term direction: estimating emissions before events and trips, implementing reduction measures and calculating the actual footprint afterwards, applying a 10% safety margin as the IOF does. As most orienteering emissions come from transport, venues reachable by public transport, car-sharing, shuttles and rail are prioritised. Unavoidable emissions may be offset only after reduction measures and only through projects certified by an independent body; afforestation and forest-care work the club takes part in is reported as a contribution to nature, not as an offset.

The club also **adapts** to climate impacts by defining in advance calendars, start times and cancellation/postponement criteria for extreme heat, wildfire risk and severe weather.

5.5 Healthy lifestyles, inclusion and safe sport

Healthy lifestyles for athletes, officials and spectators and good conditions for volunteers are key components of social welfare. Events are designed to be low-threshold, safe and open to all ages, abilities and backgrounds. Safeguarding of children and young people, first-aid readiness and personal-data protection are part of this principle.

5.6 Dialogue with stakeholders

The club maintains open, well-planned and mutually beneficial communication with stakeholders who have an interest in the areas where we orienteer — forest administration, municipalities, neighbourhood heads, governorate and law-enforcement units, landowners and users, hunting associations, environmental organisations, universities and schools — including information before and feedback and thanks after events.

5.7 Procurement and sponsorship

Suppliers and sponsors are expected to be committed to analogous principles of respect for the law, the environment and the club's fundamental values. Local producers, repairable and durable products, certified (FSC/PEFC) paper and wood, and reusable or recyclable packaging are preferred. Sponsorship agreements may not include promotion that contradicts this policy.

5.8 Continuous improvement and precaution

The club adapts its strategies to the best current knowledge, bases decisions on scientific evidence when available and applies the **precautionary principle** when evidence is insufficient. A short review follows every event and lessons learned are carried forward.

5.9 Spreading the principles, education and communication

The club explains these principles to its members, participants and the public through its website, social media and training; includes sustainability in coach, course-planner and volunteer education; and shares good practice with the TOF and other clubs, encouraging athletes to be role models for young people.

5.10 Organisational and financial sustainability

A long-lived club requires transparent financial management, diversified income, protection of volunteer capacity (a deputy for every role, a fair workload) and written institutional memory. Resources are used with "intelligent frugality" and in line with the club's values.

6. Targets

Targets run parallel to IOF targets. As the IOF also does, emission targets are tracked as **intensity (per participant) rather than absolute values**, since the club's growth may increase absolute emissions.

#	Target	Indicator	When	IOF link
T1	Produce the club's first carbon-footprint inventory (event travel and club trips)	Published inventory	2027 (measurement year)	Principle 4; Climate Transition Plan
T2	Reduce transport emissions per participant by 50% against 2027	kg CO ₂ e / participant	2030	50% reduction by 2030
T3	Adopt the net-zero goal and update interim targets in the action plan	Updated action plan	2040	Net zero by 2040
T4	No single-use plastic plates, cups, cutlery or PET bottles at club events	100% checklist compliance	From 2027	Sourcing Code: zero single-use tableware
T5	Divert at least 80% of event waste to recovery	% sorted waste	2028	Sourcing Code: 80% diversion
T6	At least 50% local products in catering	% local (by value)	2028	Sourcing Code: 50% local food
T7	At least 40% of participants arrive by public transport, shuttle or active travel; average car occupancy of at least 2.5	Registration form / survey	2028	Travel Policy; C&G
T8	Complete the sustainability checklist for every club event	% of events	Ongoing	IOF Checklists and Guidelines
T9	Hold at least one nature-contribution activity a year (planting, clean-up, nature education)	Number of activities	Every year	Sports for Nature
T10	Present an annual sustainability report to the General Assembly and publish it online	Published report	Every year	Measure, report, disclose

7. Roles and responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Board	Approves the policy, allocates resources, reviews targets annually and discusses sustainability at least twice a year.
Sustainability Officer (appointed by the Board)	Coordinates the action plan, collects checklists and measurement records, prepares the annual report, follows IOF and TOF developments.
Event director, course planner and arena manager	Apply the checklist at every event; plan permissions, sensitive areas, transport, waste and climate risk.
Treasurer	Applies sourcing principles in purchases and records local/certified catering and material spending.

Role	Responsibility
Communications	Publishes the policy, participant guidelines and results; announces transport and car-sharing options.
Coaches	Teach “leave no trace” and safe, healthy sport.
Members, athletes and participants	Follow participant guidelines, share cars, take their waste home and report observations.

8. Implementation tools

- **KOSK-PLN-01 Sustainability Action Plan and Implementation Guide** — action plan, IOF–Kanyon mapping, organiser and participant guidelines, extreme heat and wildfire protocol, sourcing and travel principles, measurement method.
- **KOSK-FRM-01 Event Checklist and Monitoring Workbook** — event checklist, transport and carbon record, indicator tracking.
- IOF “Checklists and Guidelines for the organisation of sustainable orienteering events” (reference).

9. Monitoring, reporting and review

- Checklist and transport data are entered in the monitoring workbook within 7 days after each event.
- Each January the Sustainability Officer prepares a short report on the previous year’s indicators; it is reviewed by the Board, presented to the General Assembly and published on the website.
- The policy is reviewed annually and whenever IOF or TOF policies change significantly.
- Members and the public may send suggestions through the club’s contact channels; every submission is recorded and answered.

10. Entry into force

This policy enters into force by decision of the Board and is published on the club website.

Approved by	Title	Date / Signature
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