

Green Athletics

0.5 bonus points available

Rationale

This credit recognizes institutions that leverage the high profile of athletic programs and events to both improve campus sustainability performance and engage the broader community around sustainability challenges and solutions.

Criteria

Institution has an active green athletics program through which it engages the community around issues of sustainability. The program includes at least three of the following:

- Zero waste and/or carbon neutral athletic events
- A stadium or arena certified under a green building rating system
- A sustainable food and beverage purchasing program that includes athletic event vendors and concessions
- A program to minimize the sustainability impacts of turf management, e.g., by installing low input turfgrass or environmentally preferable artificial turf (e.g., 100 percent recyclable or Cradle to Cradle certified)
- A program to support more sustainable transportation options for athletic events
- Community engagement efforts, e.g., to educate students and fans/supporters about the institution's sustainability initiatives
- An athletic team certification program (i.e., an internal program to formally recognize sports teams that integrate sustainability into their culture and practices)

Scoring

An institution earns 0.5 bonus points when it meets six of the criteria listed. Partial points are available. An institution that meets at least three of the criteria earns 0.25 points.

Reporting Fields

Required

- ☐ Does the institution's green athletics program include the following?
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 - A stadium or arena certified under a green building rating system
 - A sustainable food and beverage purchasing program that includes athletic event vendors and concessions
 - A program to minimize the the sustainability impacts of turf management
 - A program to support more sustainable transportation options for athletic events
 - Community engagement efforts, e.g., to educate students and fans/supporters about the institution's sustainability initiatives
 - An athletic team certification program

- ☐ A brief description of the institution's green athletics program (Include the specific initiatives selected above.)
- ☐ Website URL where information about the green athletics program is available

Optional

- ☐ Additional documentation to support the submission (upload)
- ☐ Data source(s) and notes about the submission
- ☐ Contact information for a responsible party (an employee who can respond to questions regarding the data once it is submitted and available to the public)