



Sports for Climate Action Framework

Ensuring Transparency and Accountability in the Sports for Climate Action Framework: Reporting Methodology and Data Quality Assurance

The Sports for Climate Action Framework (S4CA) is committed to maintaining transparency and accountability in its data reporting processes. This document outlines the methodology and data quality assurance measures that S4CA employs to ensure the reliability and integrity of the data disclosed by its signatories. The following steps detail our comprehensive approach to questionnaire development, data collection, verification, quality checks, publication, and continuous improvement.

1. Questionnaire Development:

- S4CA collaborates with its signatories to develop and refine questionnaires, ensuring they are relevant and comprehensive.
- The questions are based on best practices disclosure methodologies, such as those used by CDP, which are developed in consultation with scientific and technical experts to align with the latest environmental science and reporting standards.

2. Data Collection:

- Signatories complete S4CA's questionnaires, providing self-reported data on their climate impacts, management strategies, and progress towards their goals.
- S4CA offers a guidance document to help respondents understand and accurately complete the questionnaires.
- Data submissions are made through S4CA's online questionnaire form, which is available at least four months before the submission deadline.

3. Data Verification:

- S4CA encourages third-party verification of submitted data, although it is not mandatory. Verification must be conducted by accredited providers according to recognized standards.
- Respondents are required to disclose whether their data has been verified.

4. Data Quality Checks:

- S4CA's data team conducts internal reviews of the submitted data to identify outliers and inconsistencies.
- When necessary, S4CA follows up with signatories to clarify or correct data entries.

5. Data Publication:

- Data is made available to the public through the Global Climate Action Portal, enabling stakeholders to access and utilize the data for research and decision-making.

6. Continuous Improvement:

- S4CA continuously seeks feedback from signatories and stakeholders to improve questionnaires and guidance.
- The questionnaire, methodology, and guidance are updated annually to incorporate feedback from the previous reporting cycle.