OnCourse Re-certification Criteria

Approved Revisions during Consultation 2012-2013

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Official Language: English

(In case of inconsistency between translated versions, reference shall default to the official language version)
Overview

The development of the Re-certification Criteria was undertaken during the end of 2012 through the beginning of 2013 through the use of consultations to solicit input for stakeholders. The Re-certification Criteria have been accepted and approved by the GEO Board. This document provides an overview of changes and a timescale for adoption.

Summary of Key Changes

- The criteria have been developed based on the GEO Certified Evaluation Criteria used for the initial certification.
- The names of five of the six themes have been updated to reflect the current naming convention for each section.
  - Landscape & Ecosystems is now Nature
  - Energy & Resources is now Energy
  - Products & Supply Chains is now Supply Chain
  - Environmental Quality is now Pollution Control
  - People & Communities is now Community
- Various criteria requirements have been adjusted from Evaluation Criteria listing of ‘should’ to a listing of ‘must’ within the Re-certification Criteria as key areas for continual improvement by facilities.
- Addition of criteria for Re-certification that does not appear in the Evaluation Criteria:
  - Nature: Golf facility must demonstrate evidence of how they are communicating in order to manage the playing quality expectations of members and visitors.
  - Supply Chain: Facility must have undertaken a waste management audit detailing opportunities for reductions in consumption of materials, reuse and recycling and setting future targets.

Timescale for Adoption

Dissemination of guidance for clubs in September-October 2013

Dissemination of guidance to the GEOSA Network in September-October 2013

Re-certification criteria to come into effect on 1st January 2014