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GEO Certified® Report
Golfclub Entfelden

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GEO Foundation
Sustainability in and through golf

“Golf Entfelden demonstrates a strong commitment to responsible course management through practical biodiversity actions, careful water and pollution prevention measures and an active community role. The facility benefits from clear operational routines, a supportive member culture and continuous investments in modern infrastructure. With ongoing improvements in data tracking and communication, the club is well positioned to further strengthen transparency and long-term sustainability.”

Ludwig Gloecklhofer
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Introduction

GEO Foundation is pleased to confirm that Golfclub Entfelden has successfully achieved GEO Certified® status for its outstanding work to foster nature, conserve resources and support the community.

GEO Certified® is the most respected certification for golf, based on a credibly and transparently developed modern sustainability Standard of best practice.

Golfclub Entfelden has:

1. Met the required certification criteria for sustainable golf operations
2. Successfully completed the official third-party verification process
3. Successfully passed the final evaluation by GEO Certification Ltd. (autonomous subsidiary of GEO Foundation)

GEO agreed with the conclusions of the official verification report, that, having achieved all mandatory criteria; and with specific Continual Improvement Points (CIP) set for the future and Critical CIP's (CCIPs) to be reviewed at recertification, Golfclub Entfelden should be awarded GEO Certified® status.

For the certification period stated above, Golfclub Entfelden can therefore claim a position as a leader in advancing sustainability in golf – making important contributions in protecting nature, conserving resources and strengthening communities.

The GEO Certified® Report that follows comments on the actions undertaken against the criteria, as observed by the independent verifier during the assurance process.

Certification is nearly always the result of a dedicated team effort resulting in many practical and valuable social and environmental results around the golf course, maintenance facility and clubhouse. These dedication and leadership qualities are an important part of ensuring the resilience of the golf facility and the golf industry into the future and also as part of society's wider effort to pull together for people and planet.

We congratulate all involved.

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Verification and Certification

Verification

The official third-party audit was carried out by an independent verifier, accredited by GEO to undertake verifications of golf facilities applying for certification.

Verification involves reviewing practices and data, using the International Voluntary Standard for Sustainable Golf Operations as the guide to ensure comprehensive and consistent evaluation of performance. A detailed verification report is submitted for evaluation by GEO Certification Ltd, a subsidiary of GEO Foundation.

Certification

GEO Certification Ltd, an autonomous subsidiary of GEO Foundation [both not-for-profit entities], undertook a full review of all content submitted through the OnCourse® online platform and the report submitted by the verifier, ensuring:

- Comprehensiveness – activities undertaken touched on all elements of the Standard
- Consistency – that the verification approach was balanced, well weighted and with consistent depth of evaluation across each theme
- Accuracy - matching the verification report with evidence submitted by the golf facility to ensure statements and claims were accurate

GEO Foundation is an international not-for-profit founded to advocate, support and reward sustainability in and through golf. Over more than ten years, the group has worked collaboratively with dozens of golf industry associations and government and non-government organisations around the world, to help golf become a sustainability leader, striving for a net positive social and environmental impact. In addition to managing and assuring GEO Certified®, GEO Foundation also provides a suite of credible, practical programmes for golf facility management, new golf developments and golf tournaments called OnCourse®, often delivered in partnership with national golf bodies. Find out more at **www.sustainable.golf**

Credibility

GEO Certified® is part of the ISEAL Alliance, a group of the world's foremost credible certification systems including Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Forest Stewardship Council, Marine Stewardship Council and many others. GEO Foundation earned and retains full membership of the ISEAL Alliance global association following a rigorous evaluation against the ISEAL Codes of Credibility in Sustainability Standards and Certification. The ISEAL Codes cover standard-setting, assurance, and monitoring and evaluation. Find out more at **www.isealalliance.org**

The Sustainability Agenda for golf covers the following themes and action areas:

THEMES	ACTION AREAS
Nature	• Habitats & Biodiversity • Turfgrass management • Pollution prevention
Resources	• Water • Energy • Materials
Community	• Partnerships & Outreach • Golfing & Employment • Advocacy & Communications

Included below are the observations made by the Independent Verifier against each item in the Standard.

NATURE

N1 Habitats and Biodiversity

Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
N1.1 Understand the site and surroundings	**N1.1.1 Sound understanding of the nature and landscape value of the site**	General knowledge of the wildlife and habitats on the site	The club understands the site's main ecological features and how operations can affect them (Suhre river, ponds, ditches/drainage lines, meadows and woodland). Habitat areas around the course provide a strong ecological footprint alongside maintained turf, meeting the one-third rule. Management is adapted by habitat type; for example, wildflower meadows are not fertilised and are cut less often. A public walking route crosses the site, so clear environmental care and good boundary management are important. **CCIP: Please consolidate existing habitat knowledge into a written biodiversity / habitat management plan ("Ökoplan / Biodiversity plan") with maps and annual actions, prepared by an external specialist.**
	N1.1.2 Knowledge of legal designations for protected areas, habitats and species	Identify rare, protected or endangered species found on the golf course; Understand legal responsibilities for landscape protection and special area designations, if applicable	The club understands the main legal sensitive areas on site, especially around the Suhre, ponds/biotopes, ditches and drainage outlets. No-spray/no-spread buffers are used, and notable species are recognised (e.g., hoopoe nest boxes). **CCIP: Please create a map or policy showing all key designations and rules (protected habitats/species and buffer zones around water bodies). Use this for daily planning and staff briefings.**
	N1.1.3 Sound understanding and respect for cultural heritage	Protect any archaeological, historical or cultural designations on the site, if applicable	No specific archaeological or cultural heritage restrictions on the site.
N1.2 Opportunities to naturalise the golf course	**N1.2.1 Measures taken to identify and minimise the required area of managed turfgrass**	Monitor patterns of play to identify underutilised areas of turfgrass	Measures taken to identify and minimise the required area of managed turfgrass. The course clearly separates intensively managed turf from lower-input areas. Wildflower meadows in roughs are not fertilised and are cut twice a year, with cuttings removed. Ruderal areas are cut once a year. Some

			areas, such as near the gravel pit at Hole 6, are left less managed to support wildlife. This shows a practical approach to naturalisation and reduced inputs. **CCIP: see CCIP 1.1.2**
N1.3 Actively create and manage habitats for wildlife	**N1.3.1 Projects to create and manage habitats in the best way for wildlife and golf**	Prioritise native species of varying size and structure when planting Prioritise native trees and shrubs when planting Prioritise native aquatic species of varying size and structure when planting Establish mowing buffer zones next to water bodies and wetlands	The facility maintains a mosaic of habitats (meadows, open sand areas, open water, woodland edges, stone piles and deadwood piles). Practical habitat measures were noted, including nest boxes for hoopoe (Wiedehopf) and other bird habitat structures. Neophyte management was noted (Erigeron annuus). Buffer concepts around water features are recognised (6 m in Annual Data; on-site confirmation required for marking/consistency). **CCIP: see CCIP: 1.1.1 and CCIP 1.1.2.**
N1.4 Conserve key species	**N1.4.1 Practical conservation measures for priority species**	Follow local best practice to protect or attract endangered, protected or rare species found on site	The facility maintains a varied habitat mosaic (meadows, open sand, open water and woodland edges). Practical measures are in place, including Upupa epops (Wiedehopf) nest boxes and other bird habitat structures. **CCIP: see CCIP 1.1.2** **CIP: Please monitor the population dynamics of Red List species with an expert in order to adjust management measures as needed.**
N2 Turfgrass			
N2.1 Maintain optimum turfgrass and soil health	**N2.1.1 Appropriate turfgrass varieties adapted to climatic and other geomorphological factors**	Select appropriate grass species for the climate	The course uses cool-season turfgrass species that are well suited to local climate and soil conditions. Greens, tees and fairways are established with resilient mixtures typical for pre-alpine sites, supporting reliable year-round performance and recovery. Species selection is reviewed regularly to ensure ongoing suitability for local moisture conditions, wear tolerance and maintenance requirements.
	N2.1.2 Practices to maintain good soil structure and condition	No specific international requirement, however, identify course management and agronomic activities and look for continual	The course applies a consistent programme of mechanical practices to maintain healthy soil conditions.

			improvements	Greens moisture is monitored by hand, with target TDR values. This supports more precise irrigation timing and reduced stress. Further detail on the full cultural programme (aeration/topdressing/verticutting, etc.) should be summarised in OnCourse evidence and linked to soil condition outcomes. **CIP: Please keep a short annual "key cultural practices" log and link to any soil test results.**
		N2.1.3 Careful and responsible fertiliser application throughout the year to avoid over-fertilisation	Test and monitor soil pH; Follow legal requirements when timing fertiliser applications Ensure staff are fully qualified to use fertilisers Ensure staff use appropriate protective equipment Regularly calibrate and test applicators	Soil tests for macro and micronutrients are done every two years. Annual nutrient totals are recorded. Rough wildflower meadows are noted as not fertilised, supporting lower nutrient loading in ecological zones. Intensively maintained turf is fertilised exclusively with mineral fertilisers. All work complies with legal timing restrictions and only trained and qualified staff handle fertilisers. Applicators are regularly calibrated, and appropriate protective equipment is used at all times. **CCIP: Please review whether rough areas need fertiliser. Reduce applications, where possible.** **CCIP: Please conduct water tests of open water bodies to ensure that fertiliser use does not contribute to eutrophication.** **CIP: Please use fertilizer responsibly based on annual soil tests.** **CIP: Please explore the feasibility of replacing mineral fertilisers with organic products to improve long-term microbiological activity in the rhizosphere.**
	N2.2 Prioritise mechanical maintenance	**N2.2.1 Non-chemical pest, disease and weed management**	Sharpen mowing blades; Remove surface moisture; Change hole locations frequently	The course applies proactive turf management by using moisture monitoring (TDR) and defined targets to help reduce disease pressure. Surface moisture is removed on all intensively managed turf areas. Hole locations are changed frequently.
	N2.3 Use chemicals responsibly	**N2.3.1 Application of chemicals only when necessary to prevent or**	Identify and track pest and disease hotspots, including sensitive areas	The team scouts the course daily and applies chemicals only when a turf issue is clearly identified. Pest and disease hotspots are known in practice.

	cure defined / identified turf health issues	Scout the course daily for early signs and symptoms Accurately diagnose to determine the cause of weeds, pests and diseases	**CCIP: Sensitive areas (Suhre banks, biotopes, ditches, drainage outlets) are recognised and should be shown on a clear sensitive-area map used for planning and spraying. (see CCIP 1.1.2)** **CIP: Please keep a simple hotspot log to improve tracking.**
	N2.3.2 Application of chemicals with full safety precautions	Use legally registered and approved products; Prefer products for the specific weed, pest or disease; Follow legal requirements; Ensure staff are fully qualified to use pesticides; Ensure staff use appropriate protective equipment; Regularly calibrate and test applicators; Dilute and dispose of leftover product on untreated areas of amenity turfgrass	Chemical products used on the course. Only approved and legally registered products are used, selected for the specific target problem and applied according to label and legal requirements. Staff handling pesticides are trained and qualified. Appropriate PPE is used. Sprayers are checked and calibrated regularly. Product inventory and safety information are maintained, and leftover spray mix is diluted and disposed of safely on suitable untreated amenity turf areas, following good practice and legal guidance.
N3 Pollution Prevention			
N3.1 Prevent pollution across the entire site	**N3.1.1 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from golf course operations**	Document procedures for emergency spill responses ; Retain no-spray/no-spread buffer areas next to water bodies and wetlands; Retain no-spray/no-spread buffer zones in and around ecologically sensitive areas	Pollution prevention is managed through practical controls and clear awareness of sensitive areas. The club maintains no-spray/no-spread buffers next to water and ecologically sensitive zones (e.g., Suhre banks, ponds/biotopes, ditches and drainage outlets). An emergency response plan is in place. **CCIP: Please ensure that the spill response procedure and plan is clearly documented and easy to access for staff (contacts, actions, spill kit location).** **CCIP: Please create a map with buffer zones (see CCIP 1.1.2)**

		N3.1.2 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from clubhouse operations	Formal wastewater discharge agreement, if applicable	Wastewater and hazardous substances from the clubhouse are managed in accordance with Swiss requirements.
		N3.1.3 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from maintenance facility operations	Wash machinery over an impermeable, leak-free surface; Mix and load pesticides and fertilisers over an impermeable, leak-free surface; Triple rinse pesticide containers and applicators	Machinery is washed and pesticides/fertilisers are mixed and loaded on a controlled, hard, leak-free surface. Wastewater from the wash area is collected in a septic tank/pit on the neighbouring property. Rinse water is managed and an oil separator and clipping filter are in place. Pesticide containers and sprayers are triple-rinsed, and waste is disposed of correctly. The May 2024 cantonal inspection confirms good practice, according to Swiss law.
	N3.2 Safely manage hazardous substances	**N3.2.1 Legal compliance in the storage, handling, application and safe disposal of all hazardous substances**	List of hazardous substances, made available to authorised staff; Product and material data safety sheets; Well ventilated concrete or metal building; Impermeable, leak-free flooring; Sufficient storage capacity; Spill containment kits; Secondary containment e.g., bunds or drip trays; Emergency wash area, as per local requirements (body shower and / or eye wash station); Hazardous substances safely collected by a registered company or body ; Follow any additional legal requirements	A hazardous materials register is kept and available for staff and authorities. Hazardous substances are stored in a ventilated room with an impermeable floor and secondary containment. Spill kits and an emergency wash station are in place. Hazardous waste is collected by an authorised contractor in line with Swiss requirements. Emergency and first-aid procedures are documented and staff are trained. Key infrastructure and documents were checked and found to be compliant.
		N3.2.2 Legal compliance in the storage and handling of fuels and	Tank secured to a horizontal, flat, non-combustible surface;	Fuel tanks are installed on flat, non-combustible surfaces with suitable secondary containment (bunds/drip trays).

	gases	Secondary containment of fuel in the event of spills e.g. bunds and drip trays; Inspection of storage tank(s) at least quarterly, if required; Fire extinguisher in the immediate area	The tanks are inspected regularly as required and the infrastructure is in good condition. Fuel is managed in line with Swiss requirements, and any hazardous waste is collected by authorised contractors. Fire extinguishers are available nearby to meet safety needs.
N3.3 Responsibly manage waste / storm water	**N3.3.1 Appropriate wastewater usage, treatment and discharge**	Impermeable, leak-free surface; Treatment as per local requirements (oil, grease and / or clipping separation; Formal discharge agreement, if applicable	Wastewater discharge is managed in line with Swiss requirements. The wash bay has an impermeable surface as required. An oil separator and a clipping filter are installed and operated according to local standards.

RESOURCES

R1 Water

Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
R1.1 Minimise water demand	**R1.1.1 Measures to reduce the need to consume water**	Select appropriate grass species for the climate e.g., drought and disease tolerance; Target irrigation to essential playing surfaces; Prioritise native, drought tolerant species for landscaping and planting	The course uses cool-season turfgrass species that are well suited to the local climate, supporting drought and disease tolerance. Irrigation is limited to essential playing surfaces, while roughs and extensive areas remain unirrigated. Localised dry spots on greens are managed with targeted hand-watering using a hose.
R1.2 Maximise water efficiency	**R1.2.1 Practical measures to use water more efficiently on the golf course**	Schedule irrigation based on informed assessment of soil moisture and weather forecasts; Evaluate new irrigation technologies e.g., central control, precision sprinklers etc.; Provide staff training on efficient irrigation practices;	Irrigation is scheduled based on soil moisture checks and weather forecasts, so water is applied only when needed. Sprinklers are adjusted to target playing surfaces accurately and the system is maintained and calibrated regularly to improve efficiency. Staff are trained in efficient irrigation practices and new technologies and control options are reviewed as part of ongoing improvements.

		Adjust sprinklers to playing surfaces only	
	R1.2.2 Practical measures to use water more efficiently in buildings	Monitor and record water consumption (bills, flow meter etc.); Encourage water conservation practices amongst players and staff	Water consumption in the clubhouse and maintenance facility is monitored through utility bills and meter readings. Efficient fixtures and appliances are used where possible, and staff are encouraged to follow water-saving practices. Awareness is supported through internal communication and signage, helping to reduce overall demand. In the newly built clubhouse, the public sanitary facilities have been installed to the latest water-efficiency standards.
R1.3 Source water responsibly	**R1.3.1 Measures towards alternative, lower quality sources of water**	Water abstraction permit, if required; Report water consumption to environment agency, if required	A valid water abstraction permit is in place for drawing water from the Suhre River (fixed pump; permit period 01.02.2023–31.12.2032). **CIP: Where reporting of abstraction or irrigation volumes is required by the authority, please maintain annual records and submit them accordingly.**
R2 Energy			
R2.1 Reduce energy demand	**R2.1.1 Measures to reduce the amount of energy consumed in golf course maintenance**	Naturalise non-playing areas to reduce mowing and other energy intensive inputs	Non-playing areas are managed at lower intensity to reduce mowing and fuel use. Wildflower meadows are typically cut 2x/year (some areas left as meadow, e.g., near the gravel pit at Hole 6) and ruderal areas are cut 1x/year. The site has a strong habitat share (incl. meadows, woodland, water, open sand and micro habitats), supporting reduced machine hours. **CIP: Please review further rough areas for reduced-cut/meadow management and document mowing regimes.**
R2.2 Maximise energy efficiency	**R2.2.1 Measures to use energy and fuels more efficiently in buildings**	Monitor and record energy consumption (bills, meters etc.)	Energy use is monitored and recorded through utility bills and internal records (electricity consumption is reported in Annual Data). The new clubhouse provides an opportunity to embed efficient systems and long-term monitoring. Practical efficiency measures are in place, including LED lighting and motion sensors in relevant areas. **CIP: Please track building energy use each year (e.g., bills or a simple spreadsheet) and encourage saving energy with basic measures such as signs and good routines.**

R2.3 Source energy responsibly	**R2.3.1 Measures to source alternative, renewable forms of energy**	Understand the energy mix of your electricity supplier; Explore possible greener energy providers	The club is aware of the electricity mix provided by its supplier and reviews energy use as part of ongoing management. On-site solar generation already covers part of the facility's electricity demand. **CCIP: Please review opportunities to further increase renewable energy use, either through on-site measures or by selecting greener electricity supply options.**
R3 Materials			
R3.1 Reduce materials demand	**R3.1.1 Products and materials selection based on necessity, including opportunities for recycled, reused and locally sourced alternatives**	No specific international requirement, however, identify activities to reduce the demand for materials and look for continual improvements	The club works with a local waste management company to ensure recycling and all waste is stored in line with legal requirements. Materials are purchased based on need, with basic stock control for key consumables (including hazardous substances). Where possible, local sourcing and practical alternatives are used to reduce waste. **CIP: Please carry out an annual review of key material consumption and identify reduction actions.**
R3.2 Purchase responsibly	**R3.2.1 Commit to sustainable purchasing practices**	Favour responsible, lower impact products	The club favours responsible, lower-impact products where practical. Local and seasonal sourcing is prioritised for clubhouse operations, reducing transport impacts and supporting regional suppliers. Procurement decisions also consider product suitability, durability and opportunities to reduce waste. **CCIP: Please develop a short sustainable procurement statement (local/seasonal preference, certified products where relevant, reduced packaging) and keep simple examples/records to demonstrate progress.**
R3.3 Reuse and recycle	**R3.3.1 Waste stream separation for maximum recycling and re-use opportunity**	Put in place a recycling separation system, according to local rules and availability; Clear, simple and visible bin signage; Monitor and record weight of waste for each stream e.g. invoices, bills etc.	A recycling separation system is in place in line with local rules, supported by clearly labelled bins and designated collection areas. Waste streams are managed with a local waste contractor and weights can be tracked through invoices/records to support annual reporting and continuous improvement. Simple and visible signage helps staff and visitors to separate waste correctly and supports high recycling rates.

R3.4 Demonstrate legal compliance	**R3.4.1 Compliance with all local and regional waste management regulations**	Authorised waste collector for general, hazardous, industrial and green waste, if required	The club meets all local and regional waste management requirements. General waste, green waste and hazardous materials are collected by authorised contractors and storage and disposal follow the relevant regulations.

COMMUNITY

C1 Health & Wellbeing

Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
C1.1 Improve health and wellbeing	**C1.1.1 Benefits to human physical and mental health from golf and facility activities**	Plans in place to respond to incidents and emergencies	The facility offers a safe and accessible outdoor setting that supports physical activity and mental wellbeing for golfers, visitors and the local community. Health and safety policies and risk assessments are in place. Regular inspections help maintain safe playing conditions, well-kept paths and a secure working environment for staff.
C1.2 Be open and inclusive	**C1.2.1 Inclusivity and diversity in membership and visitor policies**	Membership policies free from discrimination across age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and ethnic background	The facility operates on an open and inclusive basis, welcoming golfers and visitors of all ages, genders, backgrounds and abilities. Non-discrimination principles are applied and access to services—including the course, clubhouse and public areas—is provided on equal terms. As a pay-and-play facility, Golf Entfelden provides low-barrier access for the wider community and promotes an inclusive atmosphere for all guests.
C1.3 Employ fairly, safely and provide career opportunities	**C1.3.1 Ethical and legal employment, working conditions and professional development**	Adopt an equal opportunity recruitment and hiring policy; Follow all relevant legislation and best practice for hiring and employment; Follow all relevant legislation and best practice for worker safety	The club follows relevant employment requirements and provides safe working conditions supported by clear procedures and appropriate personal protective equipment. Recruitment and employment are handled on an equal-opportunity basis and staff receive induction and role-specific training, including for tasks involving hazardous substances.

C2 Outreach & Inclusion

C2.1 Diversify access and provide multifunctionality	**C2.1.1 Social and recreational activities at the facility**	No specific international requirement, however, identify multifunctional activities and look for continual improvements	The facility provides multifunctional value beyond golf. Public walking paths along the Suhre River and seating areas offer local recreation and nature enjoyment. The clubhouse restaurant is open to visitors and seminar/meeting facilities support community use. These functions broaden access and strengthen the site's role as a local leisure area.
C2.2 Provide for volunteering and charity	**C2.2.1 Opportunities available for volunteering and support of charities and good causes**	No specific international requirement, however, identify activities to support volunteering and charity and look for continual improvements	The club supports volunteering through active member involvement in course maintenance. Golf members regularly assist the greenkeeping team on a voluntary basis, driven by interest in greenkeeping and strong ownership of the course. This strengthens community engagement and supports the club's operations. **CIP: Please keep a simple record of volunteer activities (dates, tasks, participants) to recognise contributions and support continual improvement.**
C2.3 Establish active community partnerships	**C2.3.1 Positive and constructive engagement with neighbours, the local community and other groups**	No specific international requirement, however, identify partnerships and community activities and look for continual improvements	The club engages with the local community through open days, junior programmes and local sourcing for clubhouse operations. Links with schools are planned (school sport from 2027), supporting ongoing community partnership.
C3 Communications & Advocacy			
C3.1 Engage staff and golfers	**C3.1.1 Communications activities that raise awareness and understanding amongst members and visitors**	Involve staff and committees in sustainability efforts; Involve golfers in sustainability efforts; Post sustainability information in the clubhouse and / or on the golf course	Sustainability is part of day-to-day management and is discussed within the team. Further improvement is to make sustainability actions more visible to members and visitors through clear clubhouse and on-course communication. **CIP: Please actively communicate to golfers and non-golfers what the course is doing for nature and the environment (e.g., noticeboard, short factsheets, website updates, social media, signage on course).**
C3.2 Celebrate and promote sustainability	**C3.2.1 Activities that raise awareness and engage people in the wider community**	Share at least 3 Highlights on sustainable.golf	The facility has clear sustainability achievements that can be shared with the wider community (biodiversity actions, water protection, responsible chemical management, renewable energy).
C3.3 Follow a journey of continuous improvement	**C3.3.1 Measures to help track, review and**	Put measures in place to ensure that OnCourse can be updated annually	The club uses OnCourse to record and report sustainability data and practices. Key information is available through annual records (e.g., energy, waste, inputs) and supporting documents. Continued improvement

		improve sustainability and climate action		will depend on keeping data complete and consistent each year and uploading the most relevant evidence.

Golf and Sustainability

Among all sports, golf has a particularly close relationship with the environment and communities, golf facilities can bring many benefits to people and nature - from the protection of greenspace and conservation of biodiversity; healthy recreation for all ages; local supply chains; and jobs, tourism and other forms of economic value.

Adopting a more sustainable approach is also good for golf. It's about presenting a high-quality golf course and providing a memorable experience in natural surroundings. It's about being as efficient as possible. And it's about supporting the community in a range of ways that bring increased recognition, respect and contact.

At a broader level, it's important that golf credibly demonstrates its commitment, and its social and environmental value – strengthening the sport's image and reputation for the long term.

Golf facilities that participate in OnCourse®, an international sustainability initiative assured by the non-profit GEO Foundation, are taking a comprehensive approach and striving to be leaders in the community.

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