

Certify your sport event

A free, voluntary certification for one edition of a sport event: any sport, any size, any country.
Declare what you do and get a decision within 15 working days.

Why certify

Free

No fees at either level, for any event, in any country.

Light

3–5 hours of work for a small event. Only two uploads.

Credible

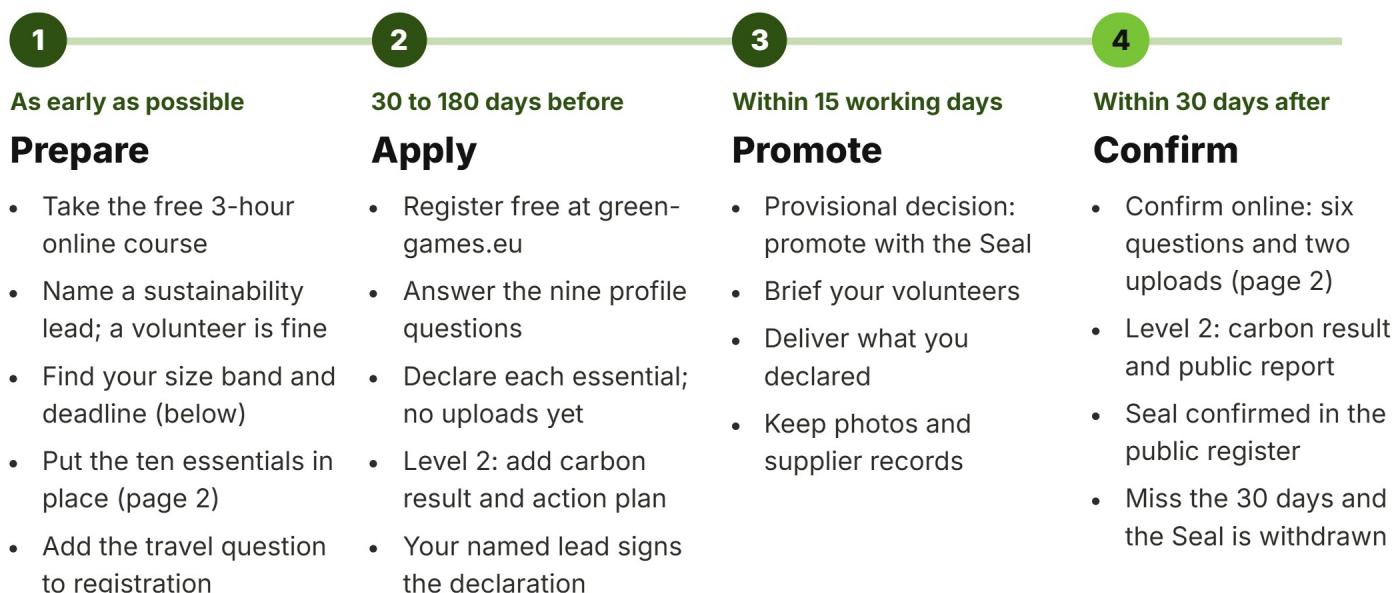
Published criteria, human review, a 1-in-10 audit, a public register.

Ready for the law

Built for the EU green-claims rules applying from 27 Sept 2026.

Your roadmap

Deadlines count from your event date



Event already held? You can still apply, whenever you want: there is no deadline. You declare what you delivered against the same ten essentials, so keep your photos and records to hand.

Choose your level

	Level 1 Recognised	Level 2 Certified
Effort	3–5 h small; up to 15 h larger	10–20 h
Open to	Every event	501+ participants
Lead	Named person; volunteer OK	Paid post at 5,001+

Level 2 adds five requirements: carbon footprint with the free Sport Go Green calculator and one reduction target; a one-page action plan; the accessibility checklist; a community-benefit statement; a public report of up to two pages.

Know your deadline

Band	Participants	Apply
Micro	Under 100	30 days
Small	100–500	30 days
Medium	501–5,000	60 days
Large	5,001–50,000	90 days
Very large	Over 50,000	180 days

Days before the event. Spectators are counted apart: over 5,000, the spectator parts of E2 and E3 apply. Budget never counts.

What to have ready

Most of this you already hold. Nothing needs to be created only for certification.

1 • Your event profile Nine questions that set your essentials, level and deadline

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| 1 Name, dates, venue or course | 2 First edition, or certified before? | 3 Expected participants |
| 4 Expected spectators (and basis) | 5 Volunteers and paid staff | 6 Indoor or outdoor; venue type |
| 7 Natural or protected area? Which? | 8 Where most people travel from | 9 The level you are applying for |

2 • The ten essentials Pass or fail, no scores. Two need an upload after the event (shaded).

Ref	Essential	What must be in place	Upload after the event
E1	Responsible person	A named lead with email and a one-line role. A volunteer is fine.	None
E2	Sustainable travel	Transport, cycling, walking and car-share options published before the event; the travel question in your registration form.	Link or screenshot of travel information
E3	Waste	Separate bins in public areas and behind the scenes; avoidable single-use plastic removed.	Two photographs
E4	Water	Free drinking-water refill points, signposted.	None
E5	Food if catering	Plant-based options wherever food is served.	None
E6	Materials	Reusable signage and kit, or a reuse, donation or recycling route identified in advance.	None; state the route
E7	Accessibility	Compliance with national accessibility law; a published accessibility contact.	None; describe your measures in the form
E8	Site protection if natural site	Site manager or authority consulted, mitigation agreed in writing, site restored afterwards.	None; agreement shown on audit
E9	Neighbours	A published contact for residents, with a named owner and a response commitment; concerns logged.	None; tick the box in the form
E10	Volunteers if any	A briefing on their sustainability role (the course counts), plus water, food, rest, shelter and safety information.	None; state how they were briefed

Then sign: it is true, you hold the records for 12 months, and the event may be audited.

3 • Within 30 days: confirm and upload

1. Actual participants and spectators
2. Was each essential delivered? If not, why
3. Full results of the travel question
4. Waste figures, if your venue provides them
5. Any community concern, and your response
6. One thing you will do better next time

4 • Using the Seal: say what you did

You can use it with level, event and year ("Green Games Certified — [Event] 2027") and state what you measured.

You can't claim "carbon neutral" based on offsets, make unproven "green" claims, present Level 1 as Level 2, or extend the Seal to sponsors, your club or other editions.



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