THE HIDDEN IMPACT OF SPORTS

How Events Can Affect Nature and Climate

High carbon emissions from athlete, staff, and spectator travel contribute to global warming.

Deforestation for event spaces can reduce nature's ability to absorb carbon, worsening climate change effects.

Light and noise pollution can disturb local wildlife, altering their behavior and breeding patterns.

Habitat destruction from permanent and/or temporary venue construction and event infrastructure can displace local wildlife populations.

Waste and pollution from food packaging, plastic bottles, and chemical runoff can harm ecosystems in and around sports venues.

Event timing can clash with nature sports events held during key wildlife seasons, like breeding or migration, can cause major disruptions.

Energy-intensive venues require substantial electricity for lighting, heating, and cooling, often relying on fossil fuels.

Disrupting wildlife migration Large events and crowds can block or interfere with natural migration paths.

Invasive species introduction through imported turf, plants, or accidental transport can threaten native ecosystems.

Agricultural emissions from food supply chains contribute to greenhouse gases and deforestation.

Sports for Nature