Making the case for nature - cheat sheet

Strategy	What to do	Why it works	What I will do (gameplan)
Know your audience	 Tailor your message to each stakeholder group: Club owners: Cost savings, compliance Athletes: Performance, air quality, faster recovery Sponsors: Brand value, ESG impact 	Aligns the case with what matters most to them.	
Lead with success stories	Share relatable case studies from similar clubs or venues.	Builds credibility and makes the vision tangible.	
Address concerns proactively	 Cost? Point to grants, tax breaks, and long-term savings. Space? Suggest vertical greening or modular interventions. 	Pre-empts resistance.	
Back it up with numbers	 Use credible stats: Trees can reduce local temps by up to 8°C (source). Green roofs cut cooling costs by 8% (source). Green spaces around venues increase property values by up to 20% (source). Nature-based solutions are ~50% cheaper and 28% more valuable than grey infrastructure (source). Every \$1 spent on nature restoration can return up to \$6.63 in social value (source). 	Quantifies the return on investment.	
Frame it as a competitive edge	 Highlight how nature enhances venue appeal, resilience, and reputation. Sustainability is a key factor in sponsorship decisions for over 60% of sponsors with over 82% believing its importance is growing (source). 	Strengthens the business case with competitive advantages e.g., sponsor appeal, ticket sales, and climate adaptation.	

