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THE SPORT ECOLOGY GROUP

The Sport Ecology Group was founded in 2019 as an international, non-profit consortium of sport scholars who aim to make academic research and knowledge on sport ecology topics accessible to a broad audience.

The SEG acknowledges the climate crisis and recognizes the unique potential for academics to participate in the public discourse on this topic in meaningful ways. Specifically, our membership sees opportunities for academics to share research with the public via lectures, webinars, social media, podcasts, and other creative means. Further, we believe that sport's unique global platform can and should be leveraged as an environmental education vehicle for everyday fans.

OUR MISSION

To produce **high-quality research** in sport ecology, catalyze **industry-academy knowledge exchange**, raise **public awareness** of sport ecology-related topics, and **create opportunities for students** to learn and grow as professionals.

The SEG's operations fall into four programmatic pillars: research, teaching, industry-liaison, and public education.

OUR READING LISTS

The SEG annual reading lists are a collection of academic articles that are shared with the public each summer. Each article on this list has been chosen by the SEG membership for its scope, rigor, approach, or unique insights. Upon request, PDFs of articles in this list can be shared with partners of the SEG and the academic community.

For more information on this list or its contents, please email research@sportecology.com.

This year's reading list was curated by Kyle Bunds (SEG Teaching Lead) with input from the SEG membership and GSMI participants.

PART 1 - SPECIAL TOPIC

SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING: INSIGHTS FROM THE CSR LITERATURE

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