



### **Our vision for the future...**

Boca Hawaii realizes the importance of making good decisions. We take into consideration the environmental impact our events may have on our islands. We want to be an encouraging model addressing environmental and social concerns that affect the racing community. In turn, responsible event production can build value in our events, which improves awareness of participants and host communities. We need everyone's participation to achieve these goals.

## **RACE PRODUCTION WHAT IS BOCA CURRENTLY DOING...**

### **SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES**

- We purchase race food from Honolulu and Kailua owned bakeries
- We order fresh fruits from local produce sources
- We sometimes donate to local groups (schools, clubs) for aid station assistance

### **REDUCE & REUSE MATERIALS OUR SHOP/OFFICE**

- Minimize and eventually eliminate the use of plastic bags
- Reuse office papers, using both sides; print less
- Recycle cardboard, glass, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and metal and office paper in our shop, office and races

### **PRE RACE:**

- Use paper envelopes instead of plastic bags for packet pick-up
- Encourage athletes to check race info in our website: [www.bocahawaii.com](http://www.bocahawaii.com) instead of printing race info for each athlete
- Encourage athletes to sign up online

### **DURING RACE:**

- Keep excellent maintenance of race equipment in order to use and reuse: signs, cones, banners, table cloths, flags...everything that you see and don't see during race day.
- We also rent, borrow, and/or lend to others events
- Coaches and volunteers for events try to carpool when possible
- Provide temporary recycle bins at race site
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### **RECREATE & REDUCE**

- Instead of participant t-shirts, give away attractive sponsor decorated reusable bags, water bottles, race towels, etc...
- Create "green" awards for races instead of regular medals and trophies (Flat tires tubes: for a cycling race one year, we created medals out of old bike tubes and chain rings—athletes were very supportive and enjoyed the creativity); Give plants and fruits as prizes
- Encourage online sign up for races and clinics
- Check race info at [www.bocahawaii.com](http://www.bocahawaii.com)

### **ENCOURAGE ATHLETES AT OUR EVENTS**

- To be open to bringing own swim cap during races in order to reduce the need to produce more each event
- Invest in a race belt to avoid unnecessary pins discarded in the environment
- Dispose of race food wrappers responsibly on race course
- When possible, use own water bottle instead of disposable cups
- When possible, carpool to race site



## **GENERAL PURCHASING POLICY**

We will do our best, where achievable, to purchase environmentally preferable products and services that meet our needs. Where possible, our purchasing decisions will favor:

1. Products that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or are made with renewable energy
2. Products that reduce the use of chemicals that are hazardous to the environment and employee and public health
3. Products that contain the highest possible percentage of postconsumer recycled content
4. Products that reduce air and water pollution
5. Products that reduce waste
6. Suppliers who strive to improve their environmental performance and provide environmentally preferable products, and who can document the supply-chain impacts of their efforts
7. Reusable products
8. Products that serve several functions (e.g. copiers/printers, multi-purpose cleaners) and reduce the overall number of products purchased
9. Products that are recyclable or compostable

Environmentally preferable products and services comparable to their standard counterparts in quality and price should receive purchasing preference. In situations where environmentally preferable products are unavailable or impractical, secondary considerations should include the environmental management practices of suppliers and producers.

The purchase of environmentally preferable products is part of our long-term commitment to the environment. By sending a clear signal to producers and suppliers about this commitment, we hope to support wider adoption of environmentally preferable products and practices.

## **ENERGY STAR PURCHASING POLICY**

When purchasing appliances and electronics, we are to purchase Energy Star labeled models unless it can be shown to be financially unfeasible. The Energy Star label is a program of the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy that identifies energy-efficient models of most electronics and appliances.

This policy includes, but is not exclusive to computers, appliances, electronic equipment and food service equipment. The Energy Star website lists types of appliances and models that are Energy Star labeled, and it has a calculator tool that can be used to calculate the savings in energy costs from a particular Energy Star labeled appliance.

Particular attention should be paid to choosing Energy Star models when purchasing desktop computers, computer monitors, printers and refrigerators. This policy also requires that the purchase of new incandescent light bulbs be discontinued, and that as bulbs are replaced, Energy Star labeled options such as compact fluorescent lamps be used when appropriate models are available.

This policy is implemented as part of an effort to reduce energy costs and environmental impact. When multiplied across the hundreds of purchases across by this establishment, the savings of each energy efficient purchase helps reduce current energy use and protects against future increases in energy costs.

## **WATER EFFICIENCY (WATERSENSE)**

We will, consistent with other procurement policies, and with considerations of cost, quality and feasibility, give preference to products and services that are water efficient, as well as to contractors who promote the efficient use of water.