



Special Event Report Card

Event Name: Ruggerfest
Event Date: September 18-21, 2014

Explanation of rating system:

- Excelled
- Met ZGreen Requirements
- Just missed requirements
- Did not meet requirements

Overall Effort: ●

Education	●
Waste Stations	●
Giveaways/Sponsors	●

Comments: Overall, 2014 Ruggerfest met the majority of ZGreen requirements and was an improvement on previous year's events. The food vendor "Street Food LLC" used compostable utensils and plates, and all vendor giveaways were recycled and/or compostable goods. It was reported that the overall recycle rate was 90%, including cans and cardboard boxes. This year Ruggerfest chose to compost which greatly reduces the amount of waste that reaches the landfill and closes the loop on our food system by helping to restore depleted soils and supporting local food production. No Styrofoam was distributed, no vehicles were observed idling, and all decorations were reusable. Finally, Sunny the Solar Roller was used to power the various electronics. Good job!

Opportunities for Improvement: Zgreen appreciates the low cost and ease of use of the white cardboard waste receptacles, but the trash and recycling containers look so similar that attendees are often confused about what to put where. Using different colored bins or putting more visible signage onto the bins would be helpful. Since this was the first year to collect compost materials, it would have improved the education of the attendees and minimized the contamination of the compost if there had been people stationed at these waste receptacles. The amount of compost, nor the level of contamination was not included in the report to ZGreen. Although Ruggerfest had a waste volunteer that prevented many of the previous years' issues, this person did not meet with ZGreen staff prior to the event as was requested. In order to continue to improve the green efforts of this traditional Aspen event, we would like to work more closely with the waste coordinator next year.

This report card will be kept on file and referenced for future events. It will also be made available to the public on our website. The Aspen ZGreen program is a joint program between the City of Aspen Environmental Health Department and the Canary Initiative. Please contact us at ZGreen@cityofaspen.com or (970) 429-1831.