



# Special Event Report Card

Event Name: World Snow Polo Championships  
Event Date: December 8-9, 2012

## Explanation of rating system:

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

**Overall Effort:** ●

Education	●
Waste Stations	●
Giveaways/Sponsors	●

## Comments:

The 2012 Snow Polo Championship was a relatively low waste event, but there are still areas that could be improved. The giveaways were minimal with only a small amount of flyers being given away by the sponsor, Tempus Jets. ZGreen staff could not ascertain whether these were printed on at least 30% post-consumer recycled paper. The event used all reusable signage and table cloths. Three of the four trash bins were paired with recycling bins; however, the bin that was provided for people standing outside did not have a recycling bin next to it. ZGreen requires that all trash bins be paired with recycling bins in all areas of the event. Since the food was catered by L'Hostaria, there was no packaging that came from single serving food items.

## Opportunities for Improvement:

The Snow Polo Championships could have very easily reduced the amount of trash that they produced by providing composting or by using reusable plates and cutlery. Plates and napkins at the event were compostable, but since there were no compost bins, these went into the trash. Also, bottled water was being provided at the event which created unnecessary waste. If water is necessary at this event, ZGreen recommends offering water in glass or refillable (and recyclable) plastic cups at the bar. During the time Environmental Health Staff was at the event there were no announcements or written material to educate visitors about the Snow Polo Championship's green efforts.

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](mailto:ZGreen@cityofaspen.com) or (970)429-1798