



SUSTAINABILITY CASE STUDIES

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Objectives

- To develop an improved match schedule for the FIH global home and away league, Pro League, to reduce the carbon footprint of participating teams and officials



Results

- Following this success, further reduction in travel has been looked at and a new format for Season 4 has been introduced
- Teams will now play in 3-way mini tournaments, further reducing travel by a third across the League season

Description

The 2019 Pro League season was the first in this competition, involving 18 teams (9 mens and 9 womens) playing against each other at home and away from home, during the season.

144 matches with a huge amount of travel for all participants, placing big costs on all teams and the FIH, leaving a significant carbon footprint and having a negative impact on athlete welfare and domestic competitions around the world.

Following a review of the situation, a new structure for the match schedule was developed to reduce all of these areas for the second season of Pro League with each team playing the other twice at home OR away, halving the international travel and therefore carbon footprint of the League

