

## TRACKMARK PRE- APPLICATION GUIDANCE

The following guidance has been produced to help facility operators understand the minimum standards required to achieve TrackMark Unit 1 accreditation.

### UNIT 1 – TRACK

Track surfaces should be well maintained and well-presented including clear lines and track markings with any kerbing fixed and safe.

Areas of concern include: uneven surfaces, bobbling, moss growth, delamination, cracks, lack of texture, slippery surfaces, water-retention and the build-up of vegetation.

UKA requires that an independent track surface test is conducted by a [SAPCA](#) approved, IAAF accredited laboratory at least every 3years. Accredited laboratories follow a standard inspection regime that includes a four-point assessment of all synthetic areas including the running track, horizontal and vertical jump runways/take off areas, safety margins and any synthetic D areas.

1. **Visual Inspection:** Track cleanliness, General surface condition, inner and outer track edge / safe zones
2. **Thickness:** Minimum and maximum measurements of track thickness taken from several locations
3. **Shock absorption:** Minimum and maximum measurements of force reduction taken from several locations
4. **Slip test:** Minimum and maximum slip resistance measurements taken from several locations

Each of the four key tests will be given a green, amber or red rating.

- **Green:** Meets UKAs TrackMark standard
- **Amber:** The test findings fall within the tolerances of predetermined standards and are therefore acceptable for TrackMark accreditation. However, rectification work is required prior to reaccreditation in three years' time.
- **Red:** Does not meet UKAs TrackMark standard and falls outside acceptable tolerances. The track or areas of the track are in poor condition and present either a safety risk or the potential to cause long term costly damage to the track surface – immediate rectification is required.

The examples and illustrations contained in the following section are not exhaustive and are merely intended to provide facility operators with a better understanding of the rationale that accredited labs will apply when conducting visual inspections of synthetic surfaces.

# TRACK SURFACE

Good Practice – meets minimum standards	Fails to meet minimum standards
	
	
	
	
	

# TRACKMARK EVIDENCE REQUIRED: UNIT 1 - TRACK

Requirement 1	Notes
<b>A surface test conducted by a SAPCA approved, IAAF accredited laboratory.</b>	Contact <a href="#">UKA</a> for a list of approved laboratories.

*When an inspection has been carried out the resultant report must be uploaded to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal*

Requirement 2	Notes
<b>A site plan (preferably CAD drawing) showing the layout of all track facilities. Note: A clear recent Google satellite image is acceptable if it shows an up to date layout of track facilities at the venue.</b>	Contact <a href="#">UKA</a> for a list of surveyors who are accredited to produce CAD drawings.

*An up to date CAD drawing or Google Image must be uploaded to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal*