

TRACKMARK PRE- APPLICATION GUIDANCE

The following guidance has been produced to help facility operators understand the minimum standards required to achieve TrackMark Unit 2 accreditation.

UNIT 2 – FIELD

All field event (throws and jumps) facilities should be well maintained and presented.

- Hammer/Discus cage: Compliant specification, no holes in netting, netting secured at base level and steel structure and circle(s) in good condition
- Pole vault and high jump landing beds: Compliant specification, well maintained and in good condition
- Horizontal jumps: Protected edges in landing areas, well maintained sand condition/levels
- All field event runways are well maintained, clean and level

For *throws cages and †high jump/pole vault landing beds UKA requires that an independent inspection is conducted by an approved member of [SAPCA's](#) Track and Field division.

*For throws cages an additional loading test is required in addition to the standard visual inspection – this must be carried out by [RoSPA](#)
†HJ/PV Landing bed safety inspection protocols are currently being finalised

Following the safety inspection, the cage and/or landing bed(s) 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 standards. Elements of field event provision are in poor condition and present a safety risk – 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 TrackMark assessors will apply when reviewing inspection reports.

THROWS [1]

Good Practice – meets minimum standards	Fails to meet minimum standards
	
	
	
	

JUMPS [1]

Good Practice – meets minimum standards	Fails to meet minimum standards
	
	
	
	
	

TRACKMARK EVIDENCE REQUIRED: UNIT 2 - FIELD

Requirement 1	Notes
For venues with a cage(s) a recent throws cage inspection report must have been carried out by an approved member of SAPCA's Track and Field division.	Contact UKA for a list of cage inspection companies.

When an inspection has been completed the resulting report must be uploaded to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal

Requirement 2	Notes
In addition to the above visual inspection a cage load test must also be conducted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).	Contact UKA to book your RoSPA cage load test.

When an inspection has been completed the resulting report must be uploaded to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal

Requirement 3	Notes
Upload images of throws cage(s) set up	Ensure that pictures clearly show the front and rear of the cage, circle area, disabled fixings, UKA CageTag and cage safety sign.

Upload all required images to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal

Requirement 4	Notes
Upload images of shot circle set up	Ensure that pictures clearly show the shot circle and any disabled fixings.

Upload all required images to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal

Requirement 5	Notes
For venues with a Pole Vault facility a recent landing bed inspection report must have been carried out. <i>Note: Landing bed testing protocols are still being finalised. Note: You can submit your Unit 2 application pending a landing bed test).</i>	Testing protocol / list of approved companies to be confirmed.

When an inspection has been completed the resulting report must be uploaded to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal

Requirement 5	Notes
Upload images of Pole Vault set up	Ensure that pictures clearly show both uprights, the front, both sides and rear of the landing area and the pole vault plant box.

Upload all required images to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal

Requirement 6	Notes
<p>For venues with a High Jump facility a recent landing bed inspection report must have been carried out.</p> <p><i>Note: Landing bed testing protocols are still being finalised. Note: You can submit your Unit 2 application pending a landing bed test).</i></p>	Testing protocol / list of approved companies to be confirmed.

When an inspection has been completed the resulting report must be uploaded to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal

Requirement 7	Notes
Upload images of High Jump set up	Ensure that pictures clearly show both uprights, the front, both sides and rear of the landing bed.

Upload all required images to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal

Requirement 8	Notes
<p>For venues with a Long /Triple jump facility a recent safety inspection report must have been carried out by an approved member of SAPCA's Track and Field division.</p>	Contact UKA for a list of approved Long/Triple Jump landing area inspection companies.

When an inspection has been completed the resulting report must be uploaded to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal

Requirement 9	Notes
Upload images of Long/Triple Jump set up	Ensure that pictures clearly show a wide-angle image of the long jump facility plus close ups of all runway surfaces, take off boards and landing pit(s).

Upload all required images to the relevant section of the TrackMark self-assessment portal

Requirement 10	Notes
A site plan (preferably CAD drawing) showing the layout of all field facilities. Note: A clear recent Google satellite image is acceptable if it shows an up to date layout of field events at the venue.	Contact UKA 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