

Overview

Launched in October 2018, TrackMark is UK Athletics' quality assurance scheme for Track & Field Athletics facilities. TrackMark was developed in consultation with track operators, track and field athletics clubs and National Sports Councils and is a low-cost accreditation process that utilises a simple web-based portal.

A venue that achieves TrackMark will be recognised by UKA as having well managed, well maintained facilities that are accessible to participants of all abilities.

TrackMark accreditation is broken down into six units and is open to any facility that has a track and/or field facility. (see Fig 1.0)

Figure 1.0 TrackMark Units - overview

Ref:	Accreditation	Assessment
Unit 1	Track	Track layout/track surface condition
Unit 2	Field	Throws and jumps facilities, field layout, safety equipment, disability provision <i>(Note: New landing bed testing criteria will be introduced in Jan 2019)</i>
Unit 3	Ancillary	Disability access, toilets, changing rooms, car parking, storage, clubroom/social areas, multi-purpose rooms.
Unit 4	Operations	Staff/volunteer training, maintenance/inspection regimes
Unit 5	Floodlighting	Track and/or field lighting plan and lux levels
Unit 6	Competition	Track: Valid measurement and levels survey for all track events Field: Valid measurement and levels survey for all field events

TrackMark and Track & Field competition licensing

- From **April 1st, 2019** the achievement of event relevant TrackMark accreditation units will be a prerequisite **for ALL UKA License Level 2 applications** (see Fig. 2.0)
- From **April 1st, 2020** the achievement of event relevant TrackMark accreditation units will be a prerequisite **for ALL UKA License Level 1 applications** (see Fig. 2.0)

Figure 2.0 TrackMark units required to apply for a Track & Field competition licence

Event type	Unit 1: Track	Unit 2: Field	Unit 3: Ancillary	Unit 4: Operations	Unit 5: †Floodlighting	Unit 6: Competition
Level 1 Competition Licence						
Track & Field	•	•	•	•	• (evening events)	N/A
Track only	•		•	•	• (evening events)	N/A
Field only		•	•	•	• (evening events)	N/A
Level 2 Competition Licence						
Track & Field	•	•	•	•	• (evening events)	•
Track only	•		•	•	• (evening events)	•
Field only		•	•	•	• (evening events)	•

†For competitions to be held in hours of dusk/darkness the venue must also achieve Unit 5 – Floodlighting accreditation for a licence to be granted.

How do you register your facility for TrackMark?

To receive a unique TrackMark login for your facility simply email TrackMark@uka.org.uk with the name of our venue and a main contact. *Note: The TrackMark applicant MUST be the facility owner or operator.*

What are the costs?

The cost of accreditation is £75 per unit.

Example 1:

A standard Track & Field facility that has no ambition to host competitions but wishes to demonstrate the achievement of National Governing Body minimum standards should seek accreditation in Unit 1 (Track), Unit 2 (Field), Unit 3 (Ancillary), and Unit 4 (Operations).

†Cost of accreditation: £300 (4x units @ £75 per unit).

Example 2:

A Track and Field facility that wishes to apply for a [UKA Competition licence](#) for a National Championships (Level 2) held in hours of dusk/darkness, would need to accredit in Units 1 (Track), 2 (Field), 3 (Ancillary), 4 (Operations), 5 (Floodlighting) and 6 (Competition).

†Cost of accreditation: £450 (6x modules @ £75 per module).

How long will accreditation last?

†Unit accreditation last for a period of 3years after which time the facility operator will be required to reaccredit.

What does working towards TrackMark accreditation involve?

In working towards achieving accreditation in TrackMark units, Facility operators are required to answer online questions about facility provision and management at their venue and upload supporting evidence e.g. independent throws cage safety inspection, examples of completed facility checklists, images of track and field equipment etc.

Submitted answers and evidence will then be reviewed by a UKA TrackMark assessor and in some cases further information and a site visit may be required to ensure the achievement of minimum standards.

Successful accreditation: Once a unit(s) has been assessed the venue contact will be notified by email as to the status of the application and, if successful, the venue will be emailed an electronic UKA TrackMark certificate acknowledging the unit(s) that have been accredited. In addition, the venue will be formally recognised as a TrackMark accredited facility on UKA's website.

Unsuccessful accreditation: If any submitted units are unsuccessful the venue will receive detailed feedback about any deficiencies and will be given the opportunity to address these prior to resubmission. *Note: Resubmission will not incur any additional cost if a revised assessment is submitted within 6months of the original submission.*

Benefits of TrackMark

- TrackMark accreditation is a simple unit-based accreditation process that facility operators can use to demonstrate to hirers, athletes, officials, coaches and parents that their venue is well managed, well maintained and accessible to all users
- Shows that a venue has met the minimum standards of provision stipulated by the National Governing Body for Athletics in the UK
- After April 4th, 2020 only TrackMark accredited venues will be able to apply to host UKA licenced Track & Field competitions
- Adds weight to future funding applications
- Receipt of an official UKA TrackMark certificate
- TrackMark accredited venues help to support athletics clubs to attract more members and build a sustainable future