

UK Athletics TrackMark Certification

TrackMark is UK Athletics' minimum standards scheme for Track & Field Athletics facilities. TrackMark was developed in consultation with track operators, track and field athletics clubs and National Sports Councils.

A venue that achieves TrackMark accreditation will be recognised by UK Athletics as having well managed, compliant facilities that are accessible to participants of all abilities.

TrackMark accreditation is made up of four main units. The core units for training venues and those that plan to host License Level 1 competitions are: Unit 1 (Track) & Unit 2 (Field).

Ref:	Accreditation	Assessment
Unit 1	Track	An independent track layout/track surface condition inspection carried out by an approved consultant.
Unit 2	Field	An Independent inspection of all field events at the venue including safety critical equipment: throws cages & landing beds and disability provision.

Venues seeking a license to host events after dusk will also require Unit 5 (Sports Lighting) accreditation:

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Unit 5	Sports Lighting	An independent inspection to establish both track circuit and infield lux level compliance.

Venues seeking to host license level 2 events will additionally require Unit 6 (Competition) accreditation:

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Unit 6	Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Track: A valid track measurement and levels survey carried out by a UKA approved surveyorField: A valid infield measurement and levels survey carried out by a UKA approved surveyor

How long does accreditation last?

TrackMark accreditation lasts for a period of 3years after which time facilities will need to go through a simple re-accreditation process.

What does the accreditation process involve?

Venue operators simply need to commission an approved company to carry out the relevant Unit inspections at their venue.

TrackMark inspection results

Once completed the inspection reports will be forwarded to UKAs Facilities Team for assessment each Unit assessed will receive one of the following ratings:

- PASS
 - PASS with advisories
 - FAIL
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PASS: This means that the inspection team noted no major issues and that the Unit requirements were all met satisfactorily.

PASS with advisories: Advisories are like warnings – whilst they are not likely to present an immediate risk, they will refer to an issue with an aspect of the facility or an item of equipment, that will need to be rectified in the short/medium term.

For example, a track surface that is reaching the lower end of shock absorbency requirements or an area of throws cage netting that is beginning to show signs that it is degrading/losing its tensile strength.

FAIL: A failure rating means that the inspection has revealed a significant area(s) of non-compliance that, if not rectified immediately, has the potential to result in an accident or injury to either a facility user (athlete) or bystander (coach, official, spectator).

For example: A throws cage with significant structural defects/holes in safety netting; or a track surface that has hardened over a period of time and now fails to meet minimum shock absorbency levels.

Note: If any aspects of the facility/equipment receive a FAIL rating, a member of UKAs Facilities Team will immediately contact the venue to discuss the issue and recommend a course of action to rectify the area(s) of failure.

Benefits of TrackMark

- TrackMark demonstrates that the track & field facilities and equipment at a venue meet the minimum standards of provision stipulated by the National Governing Body for Athletics in the UK
- TrackMark accreditation is a simple unit-based accreditation process that facility operators use to demonstrate to hirers, athletes, officials, coaches, and parents that their venue is well managed, well maintained, and accessible to all users
- TrackMark Unit inspections provide facility owners and operators with credible, independent condition reports that help avoid items of unplanned major expenditure and support the development of medium-long-term investment plans that maintain standards and protect the long-term future of track & field facilities in the UK.
- TrackMark Unit inspection reports have successfully been used to support both internal and external capital funding requests/applications.
- TrackMark accredited venues help to support athletics clubs to attract more members and support sustainable athletics clubs and facilities