

Overview

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 and is an accreditation process that utilises a simple web-based portal.

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

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

Figure 1.0 TrackMark Units - overview

Ref:	Accreditation	Assessment
Unit 1	Track	Track layout/track surface condition inspection
Unit 2	Field	Field event layout, throws and jumps facilities including safety equipment including throws cages & landing beds, disability provision (throws fixings)
Unit 3	Ancillary	Toilets, changing rooms, car parking, storage, clubroom/social areas, multi-purpose rooms. (All ancillary facilities must be accessible to all users)
Unit 4	Operations	Staff/volunteer training, maintenance/inspection regimes, safety management
Unit 5	Floodlighting	Track and infield floodlighting compliance
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 for the 2022 Outdoor season

Click [here](#) for more information on competition licencing

(2022 Outdoor Season) Licence Level 1 competitions: *Open Meetings, Local, County and Area Leagues, Trophy Meetings, County Championships, BMC Academy & Regional Events, Youth Development League, Inter County Individual & CE Meetings*

For clubs/competition providers organising competitions at [licence level 1](#) (examples above), the host venue should have achieved OR be classified as working towards TrackMark accreditation †.

† “Working towards” means that the venue has formally commissioned unit 1 (Track surface) and unit 2 (Field event) inspections.

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	•	•	•	•	• (see footnote)	N/A
Track only	•		•	•	• (see footnote)	N/A
Field only		•	•	•	• (see footnote)	N/A
Level 2 Competition Licence						
Track & Field	•	•	•	•	• (see footnote)	•
Track only	•		•	•	• (see footnote)	•
Field only		•	•	•	• (see footnote)	•

†Venues hosting competitions after dusk/darkness must pass Unit 5 of TrackMark – Floodlighting (track and infield), for a competition licence to be granted.

How do you register your facility for TrackMark?

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

What are the costs of accreditation?

Once you have completed the Unit assessments and uploaded your evidence the cost is £75 per unit.

Example 1:

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 units @ £75 per unit).

Example 2:

A Track and Field facility that wishes to apply for a [UKA Competition licence](#) for a local track & field medal meet (Level 1) held in hours of daylight, would need to accredit in Units 1 (Track), 2 (Field), 3 (Ancillary) & unit 4 (Operations).

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

Example 3:

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

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

How long will accreditation last?

Accreditation lasts for a period of 3 years after which time you will need to reaccredit your facility.

What does the process involve?

In working towards achieving accreditation in TrackMark units, you are required to answer simple online questions and upload supporting evidence. The submitted responses and evidence is then reviewed by UKAs Facilities Team who check that your venue has achieved minimum standards. *Note: In some cases, further information and a site visit may be required.*

Successful accreditation

Once a unit(s) has been assessed you will be notified by email as to whether the unit has been approved or rejected. Once all selected units have been approved and the unit accreditation fees have been paid you will be emailed an accreditation award letter and electronic TrackMark certificate.

All accredited venues will be given a primary listing on UKAs new TrackMark directory (to be launched in 2022).

Unsuccessful accreditation

If any submitted units are rejected, you will receive an email with detailed feedback about any deficiencies and will be given an opportunity to address these prior to resubmitting. *Note: Resubmission will not incur any additional cost if the revised unit is submitted within 6 months 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
- TrackMark demonstrates that your venue has met minimum standards of provision stipulated by the National Governing Body for Athletics in the UK
- TrackMark provides you with independent, professional condition surveys that help you to avoid shock areas of expenditure and plan medium and long term investment to protect the long-term future of your track and field facility.
- TrackMark adds critical supporting evidence to capital funding applications
- Receipt of an official UKA TrackMark certificate
- TrackMark accredited venues help to support athletics clubs to attract more members and support sustainable athletics clubs and facilities