

TRACKMARK 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, hard or slippery surfaces, water-retention and the build-up of vegetation.

To assess the condition of the track surface UKA requires that an independent track surface test is conducted by a SAPCA approved, World Athletics accredited laboratory at least every 3years - see below for accredited companies:

Unit 1 – Approved laboratories

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The above 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:** (Pass) - Meets World Athletics track surface standards.
- **Amber:** (Interim pass) - Falls outside the World Athletics track surface standards but meets the British Standard for outdoor synthetic surface shock absorbency: EN 14808:2005. Medium term remedial resurfacing/replacement work is likely to be required.
- **Red:** (Fail) - Falls outside both the World Athletics and EN 14808:2005 standards. The track or areas of the track are in a 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	Likely failure to meet minimum standards
	
	
	
	

TRACKMARK EVIDENCE REQUIRED: UNIT 1 - TRACK

Requirement 1	Notes
A track surface test conducted by a SAPCA approved, World Athletics accredited laboratory.	Contact an accredited laboratory to commission a track surface inspection.

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
A site plan (preferably CAD drawing) showing the layout of all track facilities.	A clear recent Google satellite image is acceptable if it shows an up to date layout of track facilities at the venue.

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