

UK Athletics TrackMark Accreditation Guide

What is TrackMark?

TrackMark is UK Athletics' accreditation scheme for athletics facilities.

If you are applying for TrackMark for the first time, you must complete the initial accreditation process. This confirms that your facility meets the standards needed to host licensed athletics competitions.

What do I need for initial accreditation?

All venues must complete:

- **Unit 1 – Track Surface**
- **Unit 2 – Field Events**

You may also need:

- **Unit 5 – Sports Lighting** if you want to hold competitions under floodlights.
- **Unit 6 – Competition** if you want to host competitions at **Licence Level 2 or above**.

Each unit is inspected by an independent testing company certified by World Athletics and endorsed by UK Athletics & SAPCA via membership of SAPCAs Track & Field division. Your facility is assessed against national governing body and industry standards.

How does the process work?

Step 1 – Choose an approved inspection company

Contact one of the UK Athletics approved TrackMark inspection companies.





Step 2 – Book your inspections

Arrange for the required inspections to be carried out.

The inspection cost includes the relevant UK Athletics TrackMark fee (currently **£75 per unit**).

Club exemption: If your venue is managed by an affiliated athletics club, you do not have to pay the UK Athletics unit fees. Tell the inspection company when you book, as you may need to provide evidence that your club manages the venue.

Step 3 – Receive your inspection results

After the inspection, the consultant will review the findings and upload all documents to your venue's online TrackMark portal.

You will be told:

- which units have passed or failed
- any advisory comments
- any actions you need to complete

Please note that results are **not available immediately**. Consultants usually need **2–3 weeks** to finalise reports, so book inspections well in advance of any licensed competitions.

Step 4 – Accreditation is updated

Once everything has been processed, UK Athletics will update your venue's status on the online Track & Field directory.

Possible inspection results

Each unit will receive one of the following outcomes.

PASS

The unit meets all required standards.

INTERIM PASS

The unit currently meets the required standard, but the inspector believes it is unlikely to remain compliant for the full three-year accreditation period. A shorter-term accreditation is issued.

PASS WITH ACTIONS OR ADVISORIES

The unit meets the minimum standard, but some work or maintenance is needed. This may require immediate action or work during the accreditation period.

FAIL WITH ACTIONS

The unit does not meet the required standard. Repairs or replacement work must be completed before accreditation can be granted. Evidence of the completed work may be required.

How do I check my venue's accreditation status?

UK Athletics no longer issues paper certificates because a venue's status can change during the accreditation period.

Instead, your current accreditation status is always available on the UK Athletics online TrackMark directory.

- [UK Track & Field venues – TrackMark status map](#)

Standard TrackMark accreditation lasts **three years**. Your expiry date is shown on the online portal.

Reaccreditation

When should I apply?

You can arrange your reaccreditation inspection:

- **Up to six months before** your current accreditation expires.
- **Up to three months after** the expiry date.

This gives you a **nine-month inspection window** while keeping the same accreditation anniversary date.

How do I keep my accreditation?

To avoid a break in your TrackMark status:

- Complete all required inspections within the nine-month window.
- Achieve a **PASS** for all required units.

If you do not complete the inspections within this period, your accreditation will expire and your venue will no longer be able to host licensed athletics competitions.

Book early

There are only a small number of approved inspection companies, so UK Athletics strongly recommends booking your reaccreditation inspection as early as possible (up to six months before expiry). This helps avoid delays that could leave your venue without accreditation.

What happens if a unit fails?

If a unit, or part of a unit, does not meet the required standard, it may:

- receive a **failed** result, or
- have a **restriction** placed on it.

Your inspection report will explain:

- why the unit did not pass
- what work is needed to achieve a pass

Once the required work has been completed, the restriction can be removed. You may need to provide evidence that the work has been carried out, and in some cases a further inspection may be required.