

Overview

TrackMark is UK Athletics' new quality assurance scheme for outdoor 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 will be recognised by UKA as having well managed, compliant 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 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	Throws and jumps facilities, field layout, safety equipment, disability provision <i>(Note: New landing bed testing criteria will be introduced in 2020)</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, safety management
Unit 5	Floodlighting	Track and field lighting plans 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

(2019 Outdoor Season) Licence Level 2 competitions: *Area Championships, Scottish District Championships, BUCS Championships, BMC Elite & Grand Prix, Celtic Cup, HC Championships, CAU Championships, HC Age Group Championships, LEAP, Loughborough Match, National School Championships, Schools International, UK School Games, Celtic International*

For clubs/competition providers organising competitions at [licence level 2](#) (examples above), the host venue must have achieved OR demonstrated a committed to working towards TrackMark accreditation at the time of licence application†.

† "Working towards" means that the venue has registered for TrackMark AND has formally commissioned both unit 1 (Track) and unit 2 (Field) inspections.

(2020 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 committed to working towards TrackMark accreditation for the 2020 outdoor season†.

† "Working towards" means that the venue has registered for TrackMark AND has formally commissioned both unit 1 (Track) and unit 2 (Field) 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)	•

†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 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) and 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 can 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).

How long will accreditation last?

†Unit accreditation lasts for a period of 3years after which time the facility operator is required to reaccredit.

What does working towards TrackMark accreditation involve?

In working towards achieving accreditation in TrackMark units, facility operators are required to answer simple online questions about facility provision and management at their venue and upload supporting evidence. Submitted answers and uploaded evidence is then reviewed by UKAs TrackMark assessment panel who then decide whether the 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 the main venue contact 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 the venue will be emailed an electronic UKA TrackMark certificate. In addition, accredited venues will be formally recognised as a TrackMark accredited facilities on UKA's new TrackMark directory (to be launched in 2020).

Unsuccessful accreditation: If any submitted units are rejected the venue contact will receive an email with detailed feedback about the 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 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
- Demonstrates that a venue has met minimum standards of provision stipulated by the National Governing Body for Athletics in the UK
- Provides operators with independent, professional condition surveys that helps avoid shock areas of expenditure and facilitates prudent medium and long term investment planning aimed at protecting the long-term future of track and field facilities.
- 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