

Gold Accreditation Criteria

A summary of the criteria for Silver Accreditation are given below. Full details are given on the Submission Form. Please contact your Regional Development Officer to plan and discuss your submission. Your Regional Development Officer will conduct a brief review of your Club's submission every 2 years to ensure good governance and to assist with development planning for your club.

To apply for Gold Accreditation, the club must also have been awarded Silver Accreditation or demonstrate that they meet all the criteria of Silver Level Accreditation

Governance

- G1.1 Have a 2-4 year progressive development plan, with an annual progress check, that is reviewed regularly
- G1.2 Demonstrate that the club shows a commitment to the future and has thought about succession planning
- G1.3 Demonstrate that the club has a commitment to putting people into the right role for them by providing role descriptors, which are relevant to their club, for event officials
- G1.4 Demonstrate that the club works to support the values of the SOA (Respectful, Welcoming, Inclusive, Dynamic and Rewarding) and all members are actively encouraged to abide by the SOA Code of Conduct.
- G1.5 Demonstrate that the club collect and act on member feedback

Club Activities

- G2.1 Provide a strategic overview on an annual basis to all members highlighting pathways and events to allow them to develop to their full potential.
- G2.2 Demonstrate that there are frequent and regular activities (at least 30/year) which provide opportunities for all club members to develop. At least 12 should be skills based and 12 competition opportunities.
- G2.3 Provide opportunities for additional activities that reward commitment to the sport and motivates people to develop to their potential (e.g. support of talented athletes, guest speakers)
- G2.4 Demonstrate that the club coordinates entry for regional and national competitions (junior and senior) such as the Compass Sport Cup Heat, National Relays or Jamie Stevenson Trophy.
- G2.5 Demonstrate that the club holds at least 1 away day or weekend per year open to all members. This could be training or competitive and should also incorporate a social aspect.
- G2.6 Show that the club proactively encourages new members from the local community
- G2.7 The club has a commitment to maintaining their existing maps to appropriate standards, with up to date permissions and to extending their mapping portfolio as required.

G2.8 The club embraces new concepts, initiatives and innovative techniques to support club activities

People Development

- G3.1 Have at least 2 licenced coaches at UKCCL2 and sufficient active and qualified coaches (min. Foundation training) to support and sustain the coaching program providing regular training opportunities for members competing at all levels.
- G3.2 Demonstrate that the club has an ongoing process of recruiting coaches and Young Leaders and supporting their progression
- G3.3 Show that competitive opportunities have been planned by (at least) 12 different people
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- G3.5 Demonstrate that the club supports the progression and development of controllers at all levels providing sufficient support for club and SOA activities and actively encourages members to become involved with controlling. (The club should be aiming to have approximately 1 active controller per 30 members)
- G3.6 Have a club volunteer coordinator to help implement the mentoring network within the club.
- G3.7 Demonstrate a club ethos which welcomes new members and helps integrate them into the club
- G3.8 The club has a commitment to retaining people within the sport with retention and reward schemes

Profile

- G4.1 Demonstrate that as well as member communication on multiple platforms there is some targeted communication e.g. tailored emails to prospective members
- G4.2 Demonstrate that the club shows engagement with the wider community by having (at least 3 - one from each section) - of the following:
 - Regular contact with Local Authority Sports Development Officers, Active Schools Coordinators or Community Sports Hub Officers
 - Membership of a Community Sports Hub or Local Sports Council
 - A relationship with local Schools or Outdoor Learning or Local university club