

Community Dodgeball Club Accreditation



Introduction

The UK Dodgeball Association recognises that club development is a very high priority for the future of the sport.

The UK Dodgeball Association has established its own Club Accreditation criteria to improve the process for development and to work with the County Sports Partnerships in order to:

1. Increase the number of accredited community clubs
2. Increase the number of outstanding community clubs
3. Increase the number of registered players
4. Increase the number and quality of school-club links

All of our affiliated community clubs have the opportunity to become outstanding community clubs. We are here to assist and support them on their journey.

Affiliated Community Club

Criteria:

1. The club has affiliated to the UK Dodgeball Association
2. The club has at least 10 registered players
3. The club has a recognised organiser and available contact
4. The club has a home venue and training at least once per week during the regular season



Accredited Community Club

Criteria:



1. The club has achieved the requirements to become an affiliated community club
2. The club has a written constitution
3. The club has a bank account
4. The club has a committee consisting of at least 3 members. At least one of these is a female member.
5. The club has a female ambassador
6. The club has an equality policy
7. The club has at least 25 registered players
8. The club has at least 10 UK Dodgeball Association registered juniors participating in club activities
9. The club has a UK Dodgeball Association level 2 registered coach
10. The club has a UK Dodgeball Association level 1 registered referee
11. The club has a basic development/outreach plan in place to increase membership and develop members (e.g. coach development, junior development, technical development). The development/outreach plan is also working towards Clubmark status
12. The club has DBS checks for all coaches and officials working with junior players
13. The club has safeguarding qualifications for all coaches and officials working with junior players
14. The club plays regularly in UK Dodgeball Association leagues and tournaments
15. The club can demonstrate support from their Local Authority and/or County Sports Partnership
16. The club can demonstrate that it has direct links with local schools – with at least one formal partnership agreement in place
17. The club adheres to the following coach to player ratios:
 - Mini (aged 8 and below) = 1:12
 - Junior (aged 16 and below) = 1:18
 - Adult (over 16) = 1:24

Outstanding Community Club



Criteria:

1. The club has achieved Accredited Community Club status
2. The club has at least 60 UK Dodgeball Association registered players, of which at least 20 are female
3. The club has at least 20 UK Dodgeball Association registered juniors participating in club activities
4. The club has at least 4 registered level 2 coaches
5. The club has at least 4 UK Dodgeball Association Level 1 registered referees
6. The club has a UK Dodgeball Association Level 2 registered referee
7. The club has at least 8 registered Dodgeball leaders
8. The club has a prepared and published development plan for the duration of at least one year. This must include sections on coach and technical development, junior development, volunteer recruitment, increasing registered membership, provision of equitable opportunity (black and ethnic minorities, women, young people and disability) and child protection.
9. The club plan relates to the UK Dodgeball Association's national plan
10. The club demonstrates clear evidence of partnership with the local authority and/or local schools in the construction and implementation of the club plan. The club must have at least three formal partnership agreements in place with local schools.
11. The club has a Club Coaching Co-ordinator in place as part of their committee, who is responsible for the general development and management of all of the club's coaches.
12. The club competes in recognised UK Dodgeball Association competition (local or national) at junior and senior level, with at least one female team. There must also be at least one team competing in national league.
13. The club has a competitive structure containing opportunity for both male and female at junior and senior levels within UK Dodgeball Association recognised competition
14. The club has identified and utilises clear pathways for young people to enter and exit the club.
15. The club has achieved Clubmark status

The application process

Download application forms from the club section of the UK Dodgeball Association website www.ukdba.org

Complete the application form and email to info@ukdba.org or post to:
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For any further information or advice on how to obtain affiliation, accreditation or outstanding status please contact ben.hoyle@ukdba.org