

# The ABAE Clubmark scheme



## What is Clubmark?

Clubmark is a cross-sport quality accreditation that recognises clubs that provide sporting opportunities that are *safe, effective, and child-friendly*.

ABAE Clubmark indicates that a boxing club with a junior section meets ABAE quality standards that are based on Sport England criteria.

ABAE Clubmark will help clubs to become better organised and more sustainable. It requires clubs to meet specific criteria relating to:

- Duty of care and child protection
- The boxing programme
- Sports equity and ethics
- Club management

## What are the benefits of Clubmark?

Clubs from many sports have reported benefits including:

- Increased membership
- Support and training for coaches and volunteers
- Better, more efficient organisation
- Greater understanding of issues and responsibilities in the important areas of safeguarding children and equal opportunities
- Improved opportunities to create links with local schools
- Increased funding opportunities
- More positive perception of club amongst parents, participants and potential members.

### Clubs that register for the ABAE's Clubmark scheme will receive:

- A designated ABAE contact to support you through the process
- Quality resources to help you to meet the Clubmark criteria and to store your evidence

- A plaque to recognise your achievement upon achieving Clubmark
- Recognition of your club's achievement in achieving Clubmark on the ABAE website.

## Some frequently asked questions

### Is it compulsory for ABAE clubs to register for Clubmark?

Registering for Clubmark is not a mandatory requirement of the ABAE, although given the benefits it is to be strongly recommended. Clubmark provides a widely recognised quality standard that shows that your club has met recommended standards of good practice. Without it clubs may find it more difficult to demonstrate such standards, to funding agencies for instance.

### How long will it take to gain Clubmark?

This will depend how closely the club currently meets the criteria. It is advised that clubs should complete the process within 12 months of registration. A key factor is identifying an individual with responsibility for overseeing the implementation of Clubmark.



Lydney Amateur Boxing Club were the first ABAE club to gain Clubmark accreditation

# How to register

## How do I register?

Clubs can register for ABAE Clubmark by either:

- Downloading a registration from the ABAE website at [www.abae.org.uk](http://www.abae.org.uk)
- Requesting a copy of the form from [membership@abae.org.uk](mailto:membership@abae.org.uk) or
- Requesting a hard copy from the ABAE Office on 0114 223 5654

## Will it cost the club any money?

It is free to register for the ABAE Clubmark programme. There may be a cost incurred by the club in achieving criteria that involve attendance at workshops, although support is often available from organisations such as local authorities and County Sports Partnerships to minimise these costs.

## What happens after I have registered?

- You will receive your resource file and contact details of your designated ABAE support officer.
- The club collects evidence in accordance with ABAE guidance.
- Once all the evidence has been collected, the club informs the ABAE and requests submission for the next available Clubmark assessment panel (held 4 times per year); the club will receive an ABAE assessment file in which to place the evidence for submission.
- The club's evidence file will be assessed by the panel and a club visit will be held to ensure that the necessary standards are fully in place.
- Upon successfully meeting the criteria the club will receive a plaque, certificate and will have its achievement highlighted on the ABAE website.



## What additional support is available to help clubs to achieve Clubmark?

**ABAE website** – contains information to help you achieve Clubmark criteria, including templates to download.

**KKP** – are the license holders for Clubmark and their website provides further information on the scheme; visit [www.clubmark.org.uk](http://www.clubmark.org.uk).

**County Sports Partnerships (CSPs)** – every county has a CSP whose remit includes club, coach and volunteer development. Your CSP may be able to give advice, guidance and financial support.

**Local Authority Sports Development Team** – your local authority may be able to provide your club with additional support.

**Running Sports** - support sports volunteers and the people who manage them by offering a huge number of resources that can help sports clubs to save time, access funding, and attract more members; visit [www.runningsports.org](http://www.runningsports.org).

## What happens after accreditation?

- The club will have to complete an annual questionnaire to demonstrate that it is still meeting the required standards.
- After 3 years a full re-assessment will take place.

**For further information on Clubmark please contact your local boxing development officer. If you do not have a local BDO then please contact [membership@abae.org.uk](mailto:membership@abae.org.uk) or call the ABAE Office on 0114 223 5654.**