

Recognising independent schools that help remove financial barriers to sport for young people.

How accreditation works

All criteria within a level must be met to achieve that level. Bronze is the entry point.

Silver requires all of Bronze plus Silver. Gold requires all of Silver plus Gold.

Submit evidence for each criterion. Annual resubmission is required.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name		Phone Number	
Primary Contact		Job Title / Role	
Email Address		School Website	
School Location		Number of Pupils	
No. of Sixth Formers		Head Teacher / Principal	

Level applying for: ☐ Bronze ☐ Silver ☐ Gold ☐ Founding Member

BRONZE — Entry Level

All five criteria below must be met to achieve Bronze accreditation.

1

Kit & Equipment Donation

☐ Yes ☐ No

Donate team kits, PE wear, boots and sports equipment termly. Release surplus and end-of-season items from PE departments. Release unclaimed lost property after appropriate notice periods.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

2

Termly Kit Collection Points

☐ Yes ☐ No

Create and maintain ongoing termly kit collection points accessible to pupils and parents.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

3

Student-Led Fundraising

☐ Yes ☐ No

Nominate Sports Bank as Charity of the Term or Year, or organise at least one sports-based fundraising event annually — tournament, kit recycling day or non-uniform day.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

4

Sports Bank Communications

☐ Yes ☐ No

Feature Sports Bank in at least one school communication per term — newsletters, parent portals, assemblies or equivalent.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

5

Display Accreditation Badge

☐ Yes ☐ No

Prominently display the Sports Bank Independent Schools Partnership badge on your school website and in relevant communications.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

SILVER — Requires all of Bronze

All five criteria below must be met in addition to all Bronze criteria.

1

Support for Girls in Sport

☐ Yes ☐ No

Host sports bra fitting days and educational sessions. Provide access to appropriate sports kit for girls. Deliver at least one confidence workshop per year.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

2

Period-Positive Club

☐ Yes ☐ No

Help distribute period products and educational materials to girls in local clubs or schools. Promote period-positive messaging within your school's sport programme.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

3

SEND & Inclusive Sport

☐ Yes ☐ No

Host at least one inclusive sport day per year for SEND pupils or local SEND clubs. Partner with at least one local disability sport organisation.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

4

Raise Profile of Disability Sport

☐ Yes ☐ No

Actively raise the profile of disability sport within your school — through assemblies, events, communications or curriculum.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

5

Facility Access

☐ Yes ☐ No

Offer free or subsidised access to pitches, courts, sports halls or gyms at off-peak times for community clubs or talented young athletes.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

GOLD — Requires all of Bronze and Silver

All five criteria below must be met in addition to all Bronze and Silver criteria.

1

Host Competitive Events

☐ Yes ☐ No

Organise at least one tournament per year using school facilities, open to local state schools or grassroots clubs. Provide referees, equipment and recognition.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

2

Winter Indoor Access

☐ Yes ☐ No

Offer indoor space during winter months for community clubs or grassroots teams lacking covered training facilities.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

3

Gym & Fitness Suite Access

☐ Yes ☐ No

Provide access to your gym or fitness suite for talented young athletes from low-income backgrounds.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

4

Coaching Clinics & Community Sessions

☐ Yes ☐ No

Offer coaching clinics in local state schools or community outreach sessions. Provide mentoring for talented young athletes from low-income backgrounds.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

5

Participation Cost Support

☐ Yes ☐ No

Fund membership fees, match subs, travel or equipment for at least one young person in hardship per term. Create a school-branded Sports Bank Participation Bursary.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

FOUNDING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL MEMBER

Schools applying now become Founding Members of the first national network of Independent School Sports Bank Partners — recognised as sector leaders and contributors to the first annual Independent Schools Sports Access Report.

1

Commit to National Network Membership

☐ Yes ☐ No

Commit to joining the first national network of Independent School Sports Bank Partners and support its development.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

2

Contribute to the Annual Report

☐ Yes ☐ No

Provide data and examples for the first annual Independent Schools Sports Access Report, published publicly by SLA.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

3

Help Shape the National Model

☐ Yes ☐ No

Participate in at least one annual Founding Members meeting to share learnings and help develop the programme nationally.

Evidence / comments (attach additional documents if needed):

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS — OPTIONAL

Note any further ways your school contributes that aren't covered above.

ALUMNI, CORPORATE & NETWORK CONNECTIONS — OPTIONAL

Alumni, parent networks or corporate connections that could support Sports Bank:

PURPOSE-LED PURCHASING — OPTIONAL

Sports Bank partners include BoobyDoo, WUKA Wear and Fab Little Bag. Would your school consider hosting a Buy One Give One campaign?

☐ Yes — we'd like to find out more

☐ Not at this time

PROGRESS REPORTING

Are any criteria still being worked on?

☐ Yes — please specify below

☐ No

Criteria in progress and planned completion dates:

SIGNATORY

Full Name

Position / Role

Signature

Date

Supporting evidence:

Attach photos, policies, communications or financial records alongside this form.

DECLARATION

By submitting this form, I confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Sport Local Action will review the submission and confirm the school's accreditation level. We commit to maintaining the criteria for our level. Annual resubmission is required and Sport Local Action may conduct verification checks to ensure standards are maintained.

Submit completed form to:
news@sportlocalaction.org

sportlocalaction.org/independent-schools