Club Accreditation 2027

Requirements Checklist

This checklist sets out who the 2027 accreditation process applies to, when it runs, and exactly what your club will need to evidence. Use it to identify what you already have in place and what needs attention before you submit.

Eligibility

The 2027 accreditation window will be open to clubs that held Clubmark accreditation between 2022 and 2025. If your club was accredited through the 2026 Accreditation Pilot, you do not need to complete this process — you'll instead be asked to complete a short self-assessment and development plan.

Key Dates

Sept – Dec 2026	Preparation phase — review and update your documentation ahead of the window opening. Use this checklist to get organised now.
Jan 2027	Accreditation window opens — applications can be submitted.
30 Apr 2027	Accreditation window closes.

> **Why prepare now?**
> Several of the items below — your constitution, Safe Hands Policy Statement, and committee records — are natural fits for your club's AGM. Getting these reviewed, signed off, and uploaded during the off-season means you can submit as soon as the window opens, rather than starting from scratch in the new year.

What You Need to Evidence

Governance		
Requirement	**Evidenced by**	**✓**
Open constitution adopting key ECB regulations, signed and dated (see constitution checklist for details and further guidance)	*Upload to portal*	☐
Safeguarding Policy Statement, signed and dated, up to date with current safeguarding regulations (see updated ECB 2026 SHPS template for guidance)	*Upload to portal*	☐
Committee structure in place — including Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO)	*Updated and reflected on Play-Cricket club website*	☐
AGM minutes, dated within the last 12 months	*Upload to portal*	☐
Club bank statement (last 6 months)	*Upload to portal*	☐

Safeguarding		
Requirement	**Evidenced by**	✓
Safe Hands Management System (SHMS) club profile fully up to date and compliant, with key roles added	*Club SHMS*	☐
Club Safeguarding Officer holds a valid DBS check and safeguarding qualification	*SHMS compliance*	☐
Captains, coaches and managers all DBS-checked and cleared	*SHMS compliance*	☐
Operations		
Requirement	**Evidenced by**	✓
Club insurance certificate/schedule — Public Liability (£5 million) and Employers' Liability (£10 million)	*Upload to portal*	☐
Active teams and sections updated on Play-Cricket and SHMS	*Play-Cricket data based on the last completed season*	☐

Need Help?

Visit the Club Affiliation Toolkit for useful resources and templates. You can also contact your Recreational Cricket Board (RCB), or email club-accreditation@ecb.co.uk.