



Frequently Asked Questions and guidance

Why is TOP Club important?

TOP Club is there as a development tool for clubs to use and meet criteria along the way. It will help Clubs ensure that they are strong and sustainable and thinking towards their long term future.

What's changed?

Some of the criteria have changed to reflect the changes in cricket since TOP Club was launched in 2006. There is an increased focus on girls and women to reflect the growing demand for the game.

The programme is now an interactive resource developed by Tacklesport and this will ease the heavy paper burden of the previous edition. Each area of the programme is an editable pdf meaning that it can be constantly updated and the information shared between Club members and Development staff.

Why Change?

Cricket Scotland has listened to feedback from Clubs regarding the heavy use of paper, difficulty in transferring the information and turnaround time in decisions from us as the Governing Body. By creating an interactive resource that can be emailed the new version should help overcome these issues.

The priorities for the sport have changed over the last 6 years and therefore the criteria must also change. The criteria are a minimum standard and we do envisage clubs achieving far greater than those minimum standards..

What is the first thing we need to do as a Club?

Complete the 5 programme forms – then identify your vision and objectives and complete your development plan reflecting the areas identified.

How will we be assessed?

Submit your 5 forms along with your Vision & Objectives and your development plan to your regional cricket development officer who will measure you against the Minimum Standards. They will provide you with a decision within 14 days.

Who will assess our Club?

Submissions for Active, Approved and Bronze should be submitted to your regional cricket development officer.

For those Clubs wishing to achieve Silver you should submit to your regional cricket development office in the first instance intimating that you believe that you have achieved the minimum criteria for Silver. At that point the application will be forwarded Cricket Scotland centrally and assessed.

How are Cricket Scotland ensuring Clubs in different regions are being measured equally nationally?

We have in place an internal verification process that will randomly look at decisions made in each region to ensure that there is equality.

Regional staff are also not permitted to make a decision involving their own Club. In this case it will be relayed to another member of cricket development staff.



How long does accreditation last for?

12 months from issue of certificate. Each certificate will contain the dates of accreditation.

What happens to our current accreditation level?

This is a new scheme with new minimum standards. Therefore all Clubs start from the beginning, please remember that you already have much of the information already..

Will the programme and the Minimum Standards remain the same?

No, the minimum standards will be reviewed on an annual basis, including listening to feedback from Area Development Groups. There will be no change before January 2013.

Who can support our Club with our development?

Your regional cricket development officer, local authority sports development staff, Active Schools. Other key tools include:

www.helpforclubs.org.uk

www.sportscotland.org.uk