



East Riding Club Accreditation Scheme (ERCAS)

“Recognising the standards set by local clubs in ensuring provision of safe, quality sporting opportunities for young people”

Introduction

The East Riding Club Accreditation Scheme (ERCAS) enables clubs to set and meet standards, which will lead to better quality sports provision for young people in the East Riding.

It has become increasingly important that the welfare and safety of young people at local clubs should be a high priority.

With this in mind ERCAS was set up to compliment National Governing Body's of Sport (NGB's) accreditation schemes to “recognise and accredit clubs that are committed to providing a safe, effective and child friendly environment for children and young people”.

It is a generic scheme designed more towards health and safety issues, rather than the ‘performance’ aspect of many NGB schemes, and to cater for the diversity of sports represented within junior sections at clubs across the East Riding

We have tried to ensure that the ERCAS scheme is appropriate for all local clubs to join, whatever their sport and/or club set up.

What are the benefits of the scheme?

The benefits of the scheme include:

- To highlight good practice within your club and to improve the profile of your club within the local community.
- To provide evidence to future members that your club has a child friendly, welcoming and safe environment.
- To be able to apply for Sport and Play Development facilities/improvement grants and rate relief.
- To receive discounts on training opportunities for club personnel, e.g. child protection, first aid, equity etc.

What is the process for applying?

There are three levels within the ERCAS process:

- Level 1
- Level 2 and
- Level 3

Clubs can work towards any of the levels and do not necessarily have to complete level 1 initially to gain accreditation. Clubs are also able to apply for the next level of accreditation at any stage.

To discuss which level of ERCAS your club should apply for, please contact a member of the Sport & Play Development Service for guidance or simply request the guidance notes for each level.

Clubs will need to complete the relevant level of accreditation by way of completing an application form and will need to provide supporting evidence for some of the criteria, such as copies of coaching certificates, sport and Play development plans, constitutions and health and safety forms.

Once you have submitted your application a member of the Sport & Play Development Team will assess your application within 28 days and will contact you for any further information required. Successful clubs will receive a certificate and be officially recognised by the Sport & Play Development Service on their website and in a range of publications as an “Accredited Club”.

Further information and support

If you have any queries or require support in putting your ERCAS application together, please contact a member of the Sport & Play Development Service on 01482 392524/25/26/28/33

Please note - Don't worry if your club doesn't meet all the criteria set out in each level, there is plenty of support on hand to help you work towards these.