

Bronze Award	Silver Award	Gold Award
<p>Within 6 months</p>	<p>Within 12 months</p>	<p>Within 24 months</p>
<p>a) Agree to be fully supportive of disabled people using your facilities and responsive to advise and adaptations that can be carried out to your facilities to make them more accessible.</p> <p>b) At least 1 member of club designated disability officer/contact (ideally this should be a person with a senior position in the club)</p> <p>c) At least 1 member of club attends disability awareness training carried out by a RBDSLFF approved provider.</p> <p>d) Club is a member of the Rochdale Borough Disability Sports & Leisure Forum</p> <p>e) Have an open constitution supporting access to the club regardless of sex, age, religion, race, sexuality and ability.</p> <p>f) Agree to have contact details on the RBDSLFF website.</p> <p>g) Agree to have a DDA audit carried out on the building by an accredited auditor</p> <p>h) Agree to keep activities up to date with regards the RBDSLFF website.</p>	<p>Bronze Award inclusive.</p> <p>a) Attend 2 meetings at the RBDSLFF a year.</p> <p>b) Host a taster session for disabled people (support from the RBDSLFF in organising this will be available)</p> <p>c) Further develop and update information on the RBDSLFF website</p>	<p>Silver Award Inclusive</p> <p>a) To have made disability provision part of your core planning.</p> <p>b) Attend additional training for example Moving and Handling, Visual Impairment awareness training, Hearing Impairment awareness training National Governing Body disability awards etc.</p> <p>c) Figures that demonstrate usage of facilities by disabled people.</p> <p>d) Promote disability access in own publicity material.</p> <p>e) Raise funds to support disability access. Depending on nature of club and access to small funds this may also require developing a Friends of Group if it is a commercial provider. Again the RBDSLFF can give support in carrying this out.</p> <p>f) A rolling training programme provided in house bringing new recruits up to speed.</p>



Bronze Award

sportingbuddy

Accredited to run activities for Disabled People

A time line of six months is given to achieve this award

- a) Agree to be fully supportive of disabled people using your facilities and responsive to advise and adaptations that can be carried out to your facilities to make them more accessible.**

Sports facilities haven't been built overnight they have been developed through the hard work of the membership so if another person comes along and starts telling you that you need to change it won't always be met with the warmest of response. What the above requirement is asking is that the club is prepared to work with developing access. The term disability is very, broad. People often associate disability with people using wheelchairs however a person who has got a moderate learning disability but is extremely fit is still classified as having a disability. So it is about being broad minded and developing an understanding of disability. Again adaptations cause concern. It may mean changing the activity environment. Again adaptations can be very simple and have absolutely no change on the built environment at all. A good example is ten-pin bowling where a ramp is used to role the ball rather than the person having to throw it. Opening your facilities to disabled people will not necessarily mean an immediate huge change to costs or activity environment.

- b) At least one member of club designated disability officer/contact (ideally this should a be a person with a senior position in the club)**

It is effective to identify one person within your organisation who can be a disability champion. Preferably it is somebody who is going to remain with the club for a reasonable amount of time and somebody who is going to have some influence on the club. Advantages are it is more cost effective. The disability champion can provide in house training. They are an accessible point of information. It may be somebody who is enthusiastic about receiving the training.

- c) At least 1 member of club attends disability awareness training carried out by a RADDAG/RBDSLIF approved provider.**

External training is essential. A lot can be gleaned from a one-day session. Most courses will be generic providing training on for example, how does disability occur, Terminology, Advice on the DDA, Understanding the social and medical model of disability. The training provides a real icebreaker for gaining confidence in working with disabled people.

d) Have an open constitution supporting access to the club regardless of sex, age, religion, race sexuality and ability.

It is a legal requirement for any club to have a non-discriminatory constitution. Basically the constitution formulises the actions of the club

e) Agree to have contact details on the RBDSLFL website.

The RBDSLFL is the single most effective organisation in the Borough at promoting sports and physical activities for disabled people. The website was visited over 85000 times in the month of august 2007. We want it to be the hub of information for disabled people. We have sports categories on the website and would like your club to have details on this site.

f) Agree to have a DDA audit carried out on the building by an accredited auditor

Rochdale District Disability Action Group can carry out an audit inline with the requirements of the 1995 Disability Discrimination Act and give practical and realistic advice on how to develop physical access to your building. It is not an audit that will land you in trouble. If you have the audit you are already making progress in developing access.

g) Agree to keep activities up to date with regards the RBDSLFL website.

We would like activities to be kept up to date so that information doesn't become stale. We like to keep the website looking fresh, exciting and interesting.





Silver Award

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Bronze Awards inclusive

a) Attend 2 meetings at the RBDSLFL a year.

The forum runs 4 meetings a year in the evening 6.30 at Rochdale Gateway Leisure Ltd. They last approximately 1½ hours

b) Host a taster session for disabled people (support from the RBDSLFL in organising this will be fully available)

Taster sessions are good for attracting new people along to activities. If these are provided with little or know charge it gives people the opportunity to come along and have a go. Again the forum can assist in running sessions like this for example providing assistance with moving and handling and personal care. Sessions like this can be run during the week or at weekends. There will always be potential customers for example young people who are on school holidays or adults who are in supported living.

c) Further develop and update information on the RBDSLFL website

As your skills develop and as you have taking more disabled people into your facilities you can build out your publicity material.





A time line of 24months is given to achieve this award

Silver Award Inclusive

a) To have made disability provision part of your core planning.

Often disability provision will be a small column in a brochure or an incidental piece of text. Disability training may also be a piece of training tacked onto the end of core training. Many disciplines also offer a disability awareness certificates at National Governing Body Award level. We are looking for providers that consider disability awareness training a core part of their training and activity delivery.

b) Attend additional training for example moving and Handling, Visual Impairment awareness training, Hearing Impairment Awareness training National Governing Body disability awards etc.

There are courses available to build out your disability knowledge base. There are also numerous disability awareness courses in the majority of sports disciplines. The latter of these courses can lead to nationally recognised awards. Further details on these can be gained from the governing bodies.

c) Figures that demonstrate usage of facilities by disabled people.

At this stage we would like to see booking of your facilities, which have been generated by yourselves, rather than bookings forwarded by the forum or through taster sessions. We do not expect you to demonstrate a flood of bookings. Sometimes it takes a long time for figures to build.

d) Promote disability access in own publicity material.

Promotional material that you have illustrates that you are supportive of disabled people using your facilities. This might be carried through images or text, but is not an incidental piece of text on the back page. It is important to repeat again that the word disability is very broad. There are few providers in the country that can accommodate every single type of disability. It can take many years of training and building up of resources to do this. An ideal way of promoting this is to request that the person with a disability contacts you before hand to make arrangements.

e) Raise funds to support disability access. Depending on nature of club and access to small funds this may also require developing a Friends of Group if it is a commercial provider. Again the RBDSLIF can give support in carrying this out.

For a voluntary organisation in particular small ones there are small pots of money available, which are more than willing to support under represented people into sports and physical activities. For a commercial organisation is it slightly more difficult, because they are profit driven. However a 'friends of' group could be created with the specific remit to provide funds for under represented groups.

f) A rolling training programme provided in house bringing new recruits up to speed.

Repeating what was said earlier about disability awareness training being part of your core training....if you have an organisation that employs seasonal staff these staff need to be brought up to speed on the policies of your organisation regarding disability provision. It may be impractical to put every person through full training but as long as you have got one or two people who are trained they can at least be a point of reference.