

Sports Club Accessibility Checklist

Issued by: WORLD DISABILITY UNION (WDU)

1. Purpose of the Checklist

This checklist is designed to ensure that **sports clubs and fitness facilities are fully accessible and inclusive** for persons with physical disabilities, sensory disabilities, , allowing **safe, independent, and dignified access** to all sports, recreational, and support facilities in accordance with:

- International Accessibility Codes
- Universal Design Principles
- Equality and inclusion standards

2. Five-Point Evaluation System

Each item shall be evaluated using the following rating scale:

Score	Description
1	Not available
2	Available but not compliant
3	Partially available
4	Available and compliant with minor remarks
5	Fully available and fully compliant

3. Detailed Accessibility Checklist

1. Accessible Parking

- Minimum 5% designated accessible parking spaces
- Parking spaces located near main entrance
- Van Accessible parking provided
- Compliant dimensions and access aisles
- Clear vertical and ground signage

Score: /5

2. Curb Ramps and External Routes

- Curb ramps provided at all pedestrian routes
- Maximum slope 1:12

- Minimum clear width 120 cm
- Slip-resistant surfaces
- Continuous, obstacle-free routes

Score: /5

3. Entrance Ramps

- Step-free main entrance
- Code-compliant ramps where required
- Handrails on both sides
- Adequate wheelchair turning space

Score: /5

4. Doors

- Minimum clear door width 90 cm
- Easy-to-open or automatic doors
- Accessible handles and hardware
- No raised thresholds

Score: /5

5. Internal Corridors

- Minimum corridor width 150 cm
- Obstacle-free circulation paths
- Slip-resistant flooring
- Adequate wheelchair maneuvering areas

Score: /5

6. Elevators (if applicable)

- Wheelchair-accessible elevator cab
- Control buttons at accessible height
- Braille and tactile markings
- Audible and visual floor indicators

Score: /5

7. Stairs

- Handrails on both sides
- Non-slip stair surfaces
- Visual contrast on step edges
- Warning strips at top and bottom

Score: /5

8. Emergency Exits and Exit Ramps

- Accessible emergency exits available
- Ramps provided at emergency exits
- Illuminated and clearly marked exit signage
- Accessible evacuation routes free of obstacles

Score: /5

9. Evacuation Chairs for Persons with Disabilities

- Evacuation chairs provided near staircases
- Clearly marked and easily accessible
- Staff trained in use of evacuation chairs
- Regular inspection and maintenance

Score: /5

10. Alarm Systems (Audible and Visual)

- Audible alarm system installed
- Visual alarm system for persons with hearing disabilities
- Coverage in all public and service areas
- Regular testing and maintenance

Score: /5

11. Availability of Wheelchairs

- Wheelchair available on site
- Easy access and request procedures
- Regular maintenance and hygiene

Score: /5

12. Accessible Restrooms and Shower Facilities

- Step-free access to restrooms and showers
- Adequate wheelchair turning space
- Grab bars and accessible fixtures
- Non-slip flooring
- Emergency call system installed

Score: /5

13. Sports Halls and Fitness Areas

- Step-free access to all sports halls
- Adequate circulation space for wheelchair users
- Accessible fitness equipment available
- Clear safety zones around equipment

Score: /5

14. Playgrounds, Courts, and Fields

- Accessible routes to courts and fields
- Smooth, firm, and stable surfaces
- Accessible player and spectator areas

Score: /5

15. Spectator Stands and Seating Areas

- Designated wheelchair seating areas
- Companion seating provided
- Clear sightlines
- Accessible routes to seating

Score: /5

16. Swimming Pool

- Step-free access to pool area
- Pool lift or ramp entry provided
- Slip-resistant pool deck
- Accessible changing and shower facilities

Score: /5

17. Changing Rooms and Lockers

- Accessible changing rooms provided
- Adequate maneuvering space
- Accessible lockers and benches
- Non-slip flooring

Score: /5

18. Cafeteria

- Step-free access
- Accessible tables and seating
- Adequate aisle width
- Service counters at accessible height

Score: /5

19. Prayer Room

- Accessible route to prayer room
- Designated wheelchair space
- Quiet and low-stimulation environment

Score: /5

20. Service Counters

- Lowered counter section for wheelchair users
- Clear floor space in front of counters
- Accessible queuing systems

Score: /5

21. Rest Areas

- Accessible seating options
- Adequate maneuvering space
- Safe and comfortable environment

Score: /5

22. Autism-Friendly Area

- Quiet, low-sensory stimulation space
- Calm lighting and colors
- Visual supports and clear communication
- Access for caregivers

Score: /5

23. Wayfinding and Signage

- International accessibility symbols used
- High-contrast colors and clear fonts
- Directional signage to all facilities
- Tactile or Braille signage where applicable

Score: /5

24. Additional Support Services

- Written accessibility and inclusion policy
- Staff trained to assist persons with disabilities
- Complaint and feedback mechanism
- Regular maintenance of accessibility features

Score: /5

4. Final Assessment

- Total Score: / 120
- Percentage: %

Accreditation Level

- Below 60%: Not Accessible
- 60–79%: Partially Accessible
- 80–89%: Disability-Friendly Sports Club
- 90–100%: Fully Accredited Accessible Sports Club

5. Accreditation

Facilities meeting the requirements are entitled to:

- Official Accessibility Certificate issued by WDU
- Accreditation plaque displayed at the main entrance

- Use of the designation: **“Accessible Sports Club – WDU Certified”**

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Sports Club Accessibility Inspection Form

Issuing Authority: WORLD DISABILITY UNION (WDU)

General Information

- Sports Club Name:
- Address:
- City / Country:
- Type of Facility (Gym / Sports Complex / Club):
- Inspection Date: / /
- Inspector Name:
- Inspecting Authority:

Evaluation Method

Each item shall be assessed using the following five-point rating system:

Score	Description
1	Not available
2	Available but non-compliant
3	Partially available
4	Available and compliant with minor remarks
5	Fully available and fully compliant

All observations and recommendations must be recorded in the **Remarks** column.

1. Accessible Parking

Item	Score	Remarks
Minimum 5% accessible parking spaces		
Parking near main entrance		
Van Accessible spaces		
Proper dimensions and access aisle		
Clear signage		

Section Score: /5

2. Curb Ramps and External Routes

Item	Score	Remarks
Curb ramps at all pedestrian routes		
Slope \leq 1:12		
Width \geq 120 cm		
Slip-resistant surface		
Obstacle-free route		

Section Score: /5

3. Entrance Ramps

Item	Score	Remarks
Step-free main entrance		
Accessible ramps provided		
Handrails on both sides		
Wheelchair turning space		
Entrance clearly identified		

Section Score: /5

4. Doors

Item	Score	Remarks
Clear door width \geq 90 cm		
Easy-to-open or automatic doors		
Accessible door handles		
No raised thresholds		
Door opening force compliant		

Section Score: /5

5. Internal Corridors

Item	Score	Remarks
Corridor width \geq 150 cm		
Obstacle-free circulation		
Slip-resistant flooring		
Adequate maneuvering areas		
Clear wayfinding		

Section Score: /5

6. Elevators (if applicable)

Item	Score	Remarks
Wheelchair-accessible elevator		
Buttons at accessible height		
Braille/tactile markings		
Audible & visual indicators		
Door timing adequate		

Section Score: /5

7. Stairs

Item	Score	Remarks
Handrails on both sides		
Non-slip surfaces		
Visual contrast on edges		
Warning strips		
Adequate lighting		

Section Score: /5

8. Emergency Exits and Exit Ramps

Item	Score	Remarks
Accessible emergency exits		
Ramps at exits		
Illuminated exit signage		
Clear evacuation routes		
Routes free of obstacles		

Section Score: /5

9. Evacuation Chairs

Item	Score	Remarks
Evacuation chairs available		
Clearly marked location		
Staff trained to use chairs		
Regular maintenance		
Evacuation procedures posted		

Section Score: /5

10. Alarm Systems (Audible & Visual)

Item	Score	Remarks
Audible alarm system		
Visual alarm system		
Coverage in all areas		
Connected to emergency systems		
Regular testing		

Section Score: /5

11. Wheelchair Availability

Item	Score	Remarks
Wheelchairs available		
Easy access and request		
Good condition and hygiene		
Staff awareness		
Storage location accessible		

Section Score: /5

12. Accessible Restrooms and Showers

Item	Score	Remarks
Step-free access		
Adequate turning space		
Grab bars installed		
Non-slip flooring		
Emergency call system		

Section Score: /5

13. Sports Halls and Fitness Areas

Item	Score	Remarks
Step-free access		
Wheelchair circulation space		
Accessible fitness equipment		
Safety zones around equipment		
Clear instructions/signage		

Section Score: /5

14. Courts, Fields, and Play Areas

Item	Score	Remarks
Accessible routes		
Firm and stable surfaces		
Accessible participant areas		
Accessible spectator areas		
Safety measures		

Section Score: /5

15. Spectator Stands

Item	Score	Remarks
Wheelchair seating provided		
Companion seating available		
Clear sightlines		
Accessible routes		
Handrails and safety barriers		

Section Score: /5

16. Swimming Pool

Item	Score	Remarks
Step-free pool access		
Pool lift or ramp entry		
Non-slip pool deck		
Accessible showers/changing		
Safety signage		

Section Score: /5

17. Changing Rooms

Item	Score	Remarks
Accessible changing rooms		
Adequate maneuvering space		
Accessible lockers		
Non-slip flooring		
Benches and supports		

Section Score: /5

18. Cafeteria

Item	Score	Remarks
Step-free access		
Accessible tables		
Adequate aisle width		
Accessible counters		
Clear menus/signage		

Section Score: /5

19. Prayer Room

Item	Score	Remarks
Accessible route		
Wheelchair space		
Quiet environment		
Clear internal circulation		
Respectful signage		

Section Score: /5

20. Service Counters

Item	Score	Remarks
Lowered counter provided		
Clear front space		
Accessible queuing system		
Staff assistance available		
Visual/auditory support		

Section Score: /5

21. Rest Areas

Item	Score	Remarks
Accessible seating		
Adequate circulation		
Safe and comfortable		
Close to facilities		
Clear signage		

Section Score: /5

22. Autism-Friendly Area

Item	Score	Remarks
Quiet, low-stimulation space		
Calm lighting and colors		
Visual communication supports		
Caregiver access		
Clear usage guidelines		

Section Score: /5

23. Wayfinding and Signage

Item	Score	Remarks
Accessibility symbols		
High-contrast colors		
Clear fonts		
Directional signage		
Tactile/Braille signs		

Section Score: /5

24. Additional Support Services

Item	Score	Remarks
Accessibility policy available		
Staff disability-awareness training		
Complaint/feedback mechanism		
Regular maintenance		
Continuous improvement actions		

Section Score: /5

Final Assessment

- Total Score: / 120
- Percentage: %

Accreditation Result

- Not Accessible (Below 60%)
- Partially Accessible (60–79%)
- Disability-Friendly Sports Club (80–89%)
- Fully Accredited Accessible Sports Club (90–100%)

Signatures

- Inspector Name & Signature:
- Club Representative Name & Signature:
- Official Stamp:



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