

## What is Abbey Gold?

Abbey Gold is a local scheme which provides sportspeople of a County or National level with free access to sports facilities at Abbey Stadium, Redditch.

Members of the scheme may come from a wide range of sports including athletics, canoeing, trampolining, triathlon, mountain biking, skiing, sailing, gymnastics, badminton, and many more.

Membership on the scheme is restricted to 5 places per sports club.

Abbey Gold is administered by the Council's Sports Development Team and is supported by the Abbey Stadium.

The scheme includes use of the fitness gym and swimming facilities at Abbey Stadium during off peak times.

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# How to become an Abbey Gold member

## Who can become an Abbey Gold member?

Abbey Gold aims to help sportspeople of all ages who compete at a national or county level.

To be eligible for the scheme you must:

- Attend school or college, work or reside within the district and;  
Currently compete at county, regional, national or international level in a Sport England recognised sport, in any age group

\*National is deemed as either being a member of a national team/squad or currently being ranked in the top 10.

\*County is deemed as someone who has been invited to compete for Worcestershire in the last year in any Sports England recognised sport.

- Agree to take part in Council organised or sponsored promotional events for which only travelling expenses will be paid during membership of the scheme and for two years afterwards and;
- Agree to become a local Sporting Ambassador during your membership of the scheme and support the work of the Sports Development Team on up to 3 occasions per year.

Supporting evidence from your governing body will be required upon application (e.g. a letter from your Governing Body confirming that you are currently representing the sport at a county or national level). We are not able to accept copies of sport rankings, team selection lists or newspaper clippings.

## How to apply

If you are interested in becoming an Abbey Gold member, you will need to complete the attached application form.

Once your membership has been confirmed, Abbey Stadium will be informed of your membership and will be able to arrange your induction.

## **Using your Abbey Gold membership**

The facilities must be used in accordance with Abbey Gold conditions. Facilities may only be used during off peak times; Monday-Friday 7am-5pm, Saturday 8am-8pm and Sundays 8am-6pm. Centres cannot be used at times when the centre is not normally open; neither can training incur any extra costs (such as flood lighting).

In return for the benefits of an Abbey Gold membership, the Council's Sports Development Team and participating facilities and services can use the scheme as a promotional tool. Abbey Gold members are expected to assist in promotional activity and events whenever possible and appropriate, including up to two years after membership has ceased, and are expected to attend at least one event per year.

Redditch Sports Development Team is keen to keep up to date with members' recent competition results, national representation and ranking so you are required to inform the Sports Development Team of your progress and successes throughout the year.

The Sports Development Team will also monitor how the scheme benefits its members in terms of how often facilities and services are used, and a questionnaire will be circulated each year to ascertain usage of the facilities, and the perceived benefits.

You can renew your Abbey Gold membership each year pending evidence of your continued participation at a national level.