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### Open and Inclusive Club

An open and inclusive club is one that reflects the make up of the local community in terms of people from different backgrounds, for example race, gender, disability or those on low income. There would be no barriers to an individual wanting to join the club e.g. a disabled person or an Asian girl. However, it needs to be recognised that there may be less opportunities for some people to take part in every activity of the club, depending on their ability.

The only time when it is acceptable for a club to be open to a defined membership only, would be where its' main purpose is to provide a benefit to persons of a particular faith, nationality or culture but this cannot be on the grounds of colour.

### Open and Inclusive League

An open and inclusive league is one that reflects the local community in which it exists in terms of people from different backgrounds, for example race, gender, disability or those on low income.

It would:

- Identify barriers to participation and take action to address these
- Have clear and transparent policies and procedures and would work with clubs to encourage them to open up to all members of the community
- State that it adheres to an equality policy
- Be seen as stakeholders in the local community and actively seek partnerships with local groups to drive development.

A league can have defined membership where the league has the main object as being to enable the benefits of membership to be enjoyed by a person/s of a particular group, for example faith, nationality, culture but this cannot be on the grounds of colour.

**For further information on Inclusive Clubs and Leagues please contact your County Development Manager**

