



Membership Badge of the Krasnoye Znamya ("Red Banner") Sports Club, miniature version, circa late 1930s - late 1940s.

Brass, enamels; measures 11.6 mm in diameter. Very high quality, typical of the 1940s-50s period. In excellent condition. The enamel shows beautiful luster and is essentially perfect, has only a couple of microscopic contact marks that are not easy to find even under a 10x magnification. The screw post is slightly over 4.5 mm long, obviously reduced by a couple of mm for convenience but still long enough for proper functionality.

Includes period screw plate maker-marked "DSO Trud" which is of the period and believed to be original to the badge (interestingly, the Trud ("Labor") was one of the sports clubs of textile workers absorbed into the Krasnoye Znamya at some point probably in the late 30s or early 40s. The DSO Krasnoye Znamya was created in 1938 and originally belonged exclusively to the Trade Union of Workers of Cotton Textile Industry of Moscow, Leningrad and "New Regions". It was apparently expanded later to include most or all workers of textile industries of the USSR. The club was dissolved in 1957, although a DSO by the same name belonging to the Trade Unions of Russian Federation (RSFSR) continued to operate for decades afterwards.

/ [Sport Societies of the USSR, 1917 - 1941](#), Nikitov et al, C. 2005, page 68, fig. 25.b/

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