

Does your organization have what it takes to be a Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider?

Use the checklist below to find out.



Requirement 1: *Written Policies and Procedures*

Yes No Not sure

- A) Do written policies include a recreational focused philosophy statement?
- B) Do written policies address athlete playing time?
- C) Are written policies and procedures available to all parents, coaches and volunteers?
- D) Are code of ethics/conduct pledges for coaches and parents required?
- E) Do written procedures include action plans to address medical, weather and violence related emergencies?

Requirement 2: *Volunteer Screening*

Yes No Not sure

- A) Are volunteers with direct involvement with athletes required to complete an application form?
- B) Are applicants subject to a background check that includes name, address, and social security number verification?
- C) Does the volunteer background check include sex offender registry search and criminal database search?

Requirement 3: *Coach Training*

Yes No Not sure

- A) Are coaches required to complete formal training that includes recreational coaching philosophy, tactics to promote athlete skill development, basic first aid and injury identification?
- B) Does organization disseminate concussion awareness information to coaches?
- C) Does organization provide rules and regulations of the sport to coaches?

Requirement 4: *Parent Education*

Yes No Not sure

- A) Are parents informed about their roles and responsibilities?
- B) Does organization disseminate concussion awareness information to parents

Requirement 5: *Accountability*

Yes No Not sure

- A) Does organization have leadership contact information readily available?
- B) Does organization have a process to ensure appropriate program supervision?
- C) Does organization solicit feedback to evaluate programs?
- D) Does organization have a system for receiving and responding to complaints?
- E) Does organization have an equipment and facility inspection process?

To earn the designation, an organization must have all "Yes" responses.

Parents

Demand better sports for kids. Share this checklist with your child's program provider and ask for answers to the questions.

Your children deserve to learn and improve upon their sports skills in an environment that puts their needs first. Many organizations do but there is no consistency from program to program. Too many organizations cut corners, make excuses and operate with unnecessary risk. It can be hard to predict if a sports provider is a quality choice for your family. Ask the tough questions - you deserve to have confidence when you choose a program since all programs are not alike.

Learn more at nays.org/quality.



Organizations

Show your commitment to quality.

You know your program stands out among the rest. Tell your community by applying for the Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider designation. Earning the designation means that you have taken the steps to ensure a safe quality playing environment for children. Proudly displaying the designation seal will help build trust in your organization. It shows parents that you truly care.

Apply today at nays.org/quality.

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*The **Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider** designation has been developed around the National Standards for Youth Sports as a way to recognize and promote youth sports organizations that make quality a priority. The program is spearheaded by the Certified Youth Sports Administrator community with parents in mind.*



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