

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?

What is the Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider designation?

Like the Good Housekeeping Seal given to household products that meet high standards, the Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider designation recognizes organizations that have met an equally high standard when it comes to administering youth sports programs. Any organization can apply to be evaluated for the designation.



The importance of showing your commitment to Quality

You may know that your program stands out among the rest, but how do you let your community know? Tell your community by earning the Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider designation. Proudly displaying the designation seal will help build trust in your organization. It shows parents that you truly care because you have taken the required steps to ensure a safe quality playing environment for all children. This low-cost evaluation solidifies the safety of your programs and gives parents an added sense of ease.

How does an organization earn the Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider designation?

Review the Quality Program Provider application checklist (see checklist on other side). If your organization can answer "yes" for each requirement, then visit nays.org/quality to submit the application for the Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider designation along with the \$250 application fee (no charge for military installations). This fee includes a full review of your organization's policies and procedures as well as the opportunity to receive a follow-up consultation, if necessary. Organizations that meet the benchmarks are designated as a Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Provider.

Be recognized for earning the Quality designation

Display the designation at your facilities, on your promotional materials, in your written communications and on social media to set your program apart! Better Sports for Kids Quality Program Providers are also listed on the NAYS webpage nays.org/quality/recipients/.

As a bonus, only organizations that have earned the Quality designation are invited to apply for the prestigious Excellence in Youth Sports Award - a national honor awarded annually to top organizations that have a unique and innovative initiative that makes their program excellent.

**Does your organization have what it takes?
APPLY NOW at nays.org/quality.**

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.

Contact us at quality@nays.org or 1-800-688-KIDS for more information.

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