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Hi Scott-

Here is the information I received from NAYS regarding programs and customization.

Happy Monday,  
Lauren

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**From:** Andy Parker <[aparker@nays.org](mailto:aparker@nays.org)>  
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Hi Lauren,

I'll try to give you a short overview of what NAYS has to offer, but it might be easier to give me a call if you have more specific questions. The biggest thing to keep in mind is that nearly everything in our system is customizable (organization pay or the user pay, what trainings you would like to require, how often you require them to retake the trainings, etc.). If the time comes, our staff would be happy to give you a tutorial of our management platform.

It is completely free for your organization to get set-up in our system and to use/explore our platform. Fees only come in for the trainings being taken by the users.

### **NAYS Coaches**

NAYS Coach Membership is \$20 per coach annually. The training includes 3 trainings (most organizations will have their coaches go through the training online, but we can send you materials if you want to host it live). The trainings are: 1) Coaching Youth Sports, 2) Basic Youth Sports Safety and First Aid and 3) One sport specific training (for the sport they are coaching).

Each coach with an active membership will receive a \$2,000,000 excess liability insurance policy in addition to other benefits: <https://www.nays.org/coaches#coach-membership-benefits>

### **Background Checks**

NAYS partners with Sterling Volunteers for background screenings. Those checks are optional and are \$15 per coach for one year:

#### **Sterling Volunteers Advanced Level background check includes:**

- Social Security Trace (name/address history)
- Government Watch List Search (OFAC)
- DOJ National Sex Offender Registry (NSOPW)
- Nationwide Criminal Database Search
- Current county/state of residence criminal record search
- Monthly updates. Volunteer information is updated for you free of charge each month for the first year so you have the added security of monitoring your volunteers for new criminal records.

### **Start Smart**

Start Smart is set-up as 6 sessions (each lasting 1 hour in length). Most organizations run the program 1 day a week for 6 consecutive weeks. The program is designed to give children the necessary sports skills they need prior to entering a league or competitive format. For example, we want to make sure the participants can throw a baseball before we put them in tee-ball. This helps with their overall success and enjoyment! The program also stresses the importance of a parent participating with their child. This helps to educate the parents and provides them with quality one-on-one time with their child.

Start Smart was developed in 1994 and has been successfully introducing parents and children to the world of youth sports ever since. The program is currently offered in over 400 communities nationwide and has been implemented worldwide on United States Army, Navy and Air Force bases.

I hope this little bit of information helps you out. Everybody seems to have different questions about the program, so please don't hesitate to ask! Here is a link to our online store which will let you look at the different sports as well as the equipment and pricing. Most organizations will purchase 1 Starter Kit per sport they offer and then hold a registration - - if they have 10 kids register they will then purchase 10 participant kits (ideally the participant will keep the materials at the end of the program):

<https://shop.nays.org/pages/start-smart>

Thank you,



**Andy Parker**

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